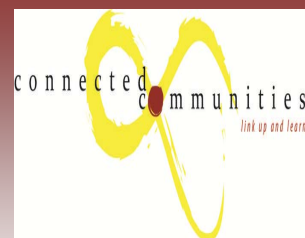




MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 1 Week 8

Friday 17th March, 2017

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:10am-2pm

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Moree NSW 2400

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SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:10am-1:45pm

UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesday & Thursday

11:30am to 12pm

- Cash Only
- Layby available
- Sorry no Centrepay

Principal's Message - Yaama!

Project Based Professional Learning

I am pleased to report that our trip to Sydney as part of a Connected Communities professional learning initiative was a great success. We joined with our 15 Connected Community school colleagues to learn together about Project Based learning. Our MEPS team, Mrs Henley, Mr Raymond and Miss McDonnell and myself began the planning process to focus on a project to build enthusiasm and lively discussion in learning, as staff and students develop mini 'real life' projects. Mrs Jane Humphries will also be leading our teachers with this project. We look forward to sharing this learning journey with parents and community, beginning Term 2 as we are all a community of learners.

Celebrations:

We have some fantastic writers at our school. Please take a moment to read some of their stories on display in our front office area. Their work showcases their effort and learning as real authors.

Congratulations to all of our teachers, support staff and students. It was wonderful to be able to invite Mrs Robyn Stewart, Principal Inverell PS to our school today. After a tour of our school and visiting classes during learning time, Mrs Stewart commented that she was very impressed with the commitment to learning of students, enthusiasm for teaching by staff and the warm, learning focused feel to our school. I look forward to building strong relationships with the schools in our Barwon network as we learn together.

Thank you to our parents/carers:

Thank you for a great start to the year. Term 1 has proven very busy and yet, productive. I am grateful to the parent community for your support of our school and interest in your child's/children's education. More students are coming to school on time and ready to learn; they are proudly wearing their full school uniform and there have been many offers of support from parents. I am proud to be part of the Moree East Public School community and look forward to continuing to work closely with you.

Quote for the week:

"If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.."

Lorinda Potter

School Photos
28th March,
2017



Photo Day

Week 5 Assembly



CLASS AWARDS

100% Attendance Draw



Well done Mika on the 100% weekly attendance draw. Mika has received a \$5 voucher to spend at the school canteen.



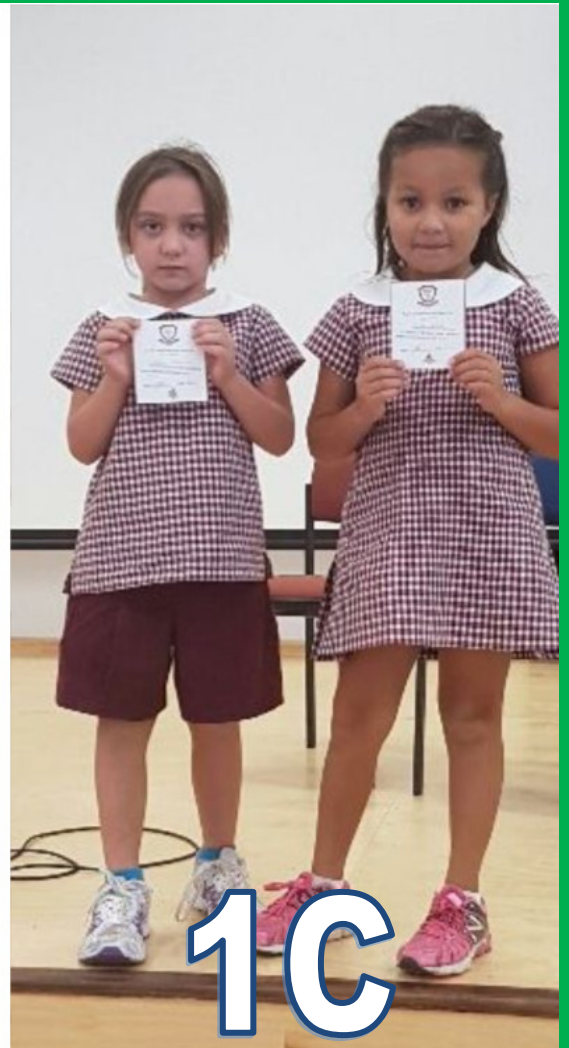
PBL AWARDS



KA



1/20



1C



5/6R



4/5M



3C



4/5H

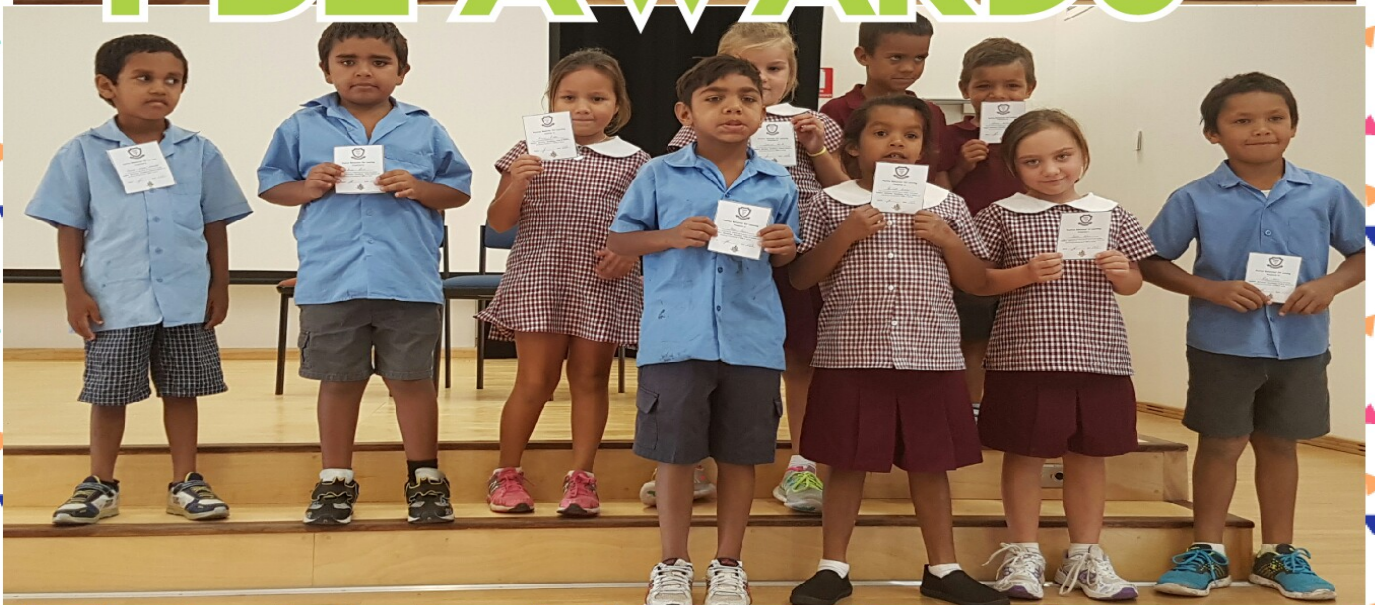
Week 6 Assembly



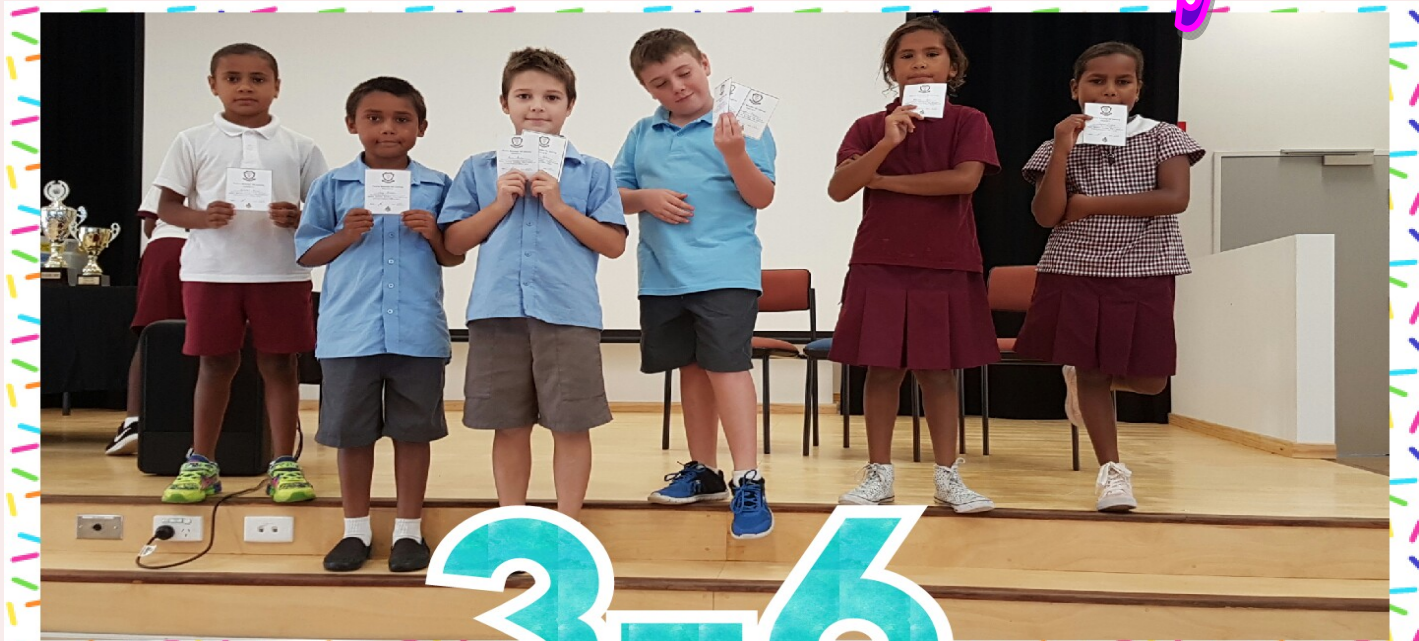
K-2



PBL AWARDS



Week 6 Assembly



Week 6 Assembly

WEEK 6



CLASS AWARDS



Mrs Janet

Mrs Henly

Chase



Happy Birthday

Week 6 Assembly

100% attendance draw



Awarded to a student who has been at School on time and everyday for the week.

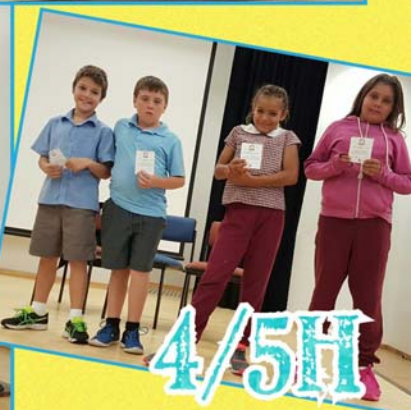
Olivia has recieved a \$5 voucher to the canteen.

Week 7 Assembly

PBL AWARDS



PBL AWARDS



Week 7 Assembly

CLASS AWARDS



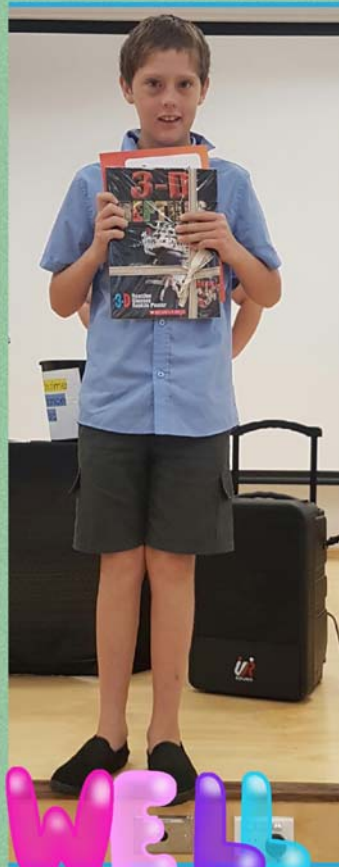
100% Attendance



Awarded to a student who has been to school everyday on time for the week.

Eva has recieved a \$5 voucher to be used at the school canteen.

LIBRARY AWARDS



WELL DONE

MALACHI & DWIGHT

Each student recieves a book to take home
Kindly donated by Books in Homes

Tell Them From Me student feedback survey (Term 1, 2017)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

The first survey is for students in Years 4-6. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers has been provided to parents. Later in the year there will be other *Tell Them From Me* surveys conducted within the school. Parents will be notified when these are occurring and if you **do not** want your child or children to participate we will provide you with a form to complete and return to the school. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.



Tell Them From Me student survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the *Tell Them From Me* student survey?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions relate to the following 18 measures for **primary schools**:

Participation in sports	Behaviour at school	Effective learning time
Participation in extra-curricular activities	Homework behaviour	Teaching relevance
Sense of belonging	Interest and motivation	Teaching rigour
Positive relationships	Effort	Experience of being bullied
Valuing school outcomes	Skills and learning challenge	Advocacy at school
Positive teacher-student relations	Expectations for success	Positive learning climate

The survey questions relate to the following 22 measures for **secondary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Homework behaviour	Expectations for success
Feeling challenged in class	Academic self-concept	Behaviour at school
Experience of being bullied	Truancy	Sense of belonging
Interest and motivation	Effective learning time	Aspirations: finishing Year 12, University, TAFE
Positive relationships	Effort	Teaching relevance
Wellness	Valuing school outcomes	Positive learning climate
Teaching rigour	Advocacy at school	Advocacy outside school
Positive teacher-student relations	—	—

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your child's school has decided to participate.

4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

5. What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

6. Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped. Parents/students have a right to apply for access to, and correction of, a student's information.

7. Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

A small number of staff in the department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will have access to individual student responses for the purpose of state-wide

analysis. Individual students' data will be held on a secure server with access strictly limited to CESE researchers. The researchers are interested in trends only – not in individual student responses. No student will be identified in any publication. No school will be identified unless they have given permission.

8. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of students at their school. CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data.

The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

9. Can all school students participate in the survey?

The primary school survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in these Year groups to participate. Secondary schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in Years 7 to 12 to participate.

10. When will the *Tell Them From Me* survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools at the end of Term 1 and (optionally) Term 3/4.

What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales. CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

What is *The Learning Bar*?

The Learning Bar specialises in research-based design and facilitation of student assessments and survey solutions for both primary and secondary students. The in-house research team led by the President, Dr J Douglas Willms, undertakes extensive projects used in the school system to effect national policy. It is against this research that the survey, *Tell Them From Me*, has become the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of the ten provinces. More than 4,500 schools and 3.5 million Canadian students have participated in the survey over the last twelve years.

Dr Willms holds the Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development and played a lead role in the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

For purely administrative purposes, *The Learning Bar* will also have temporary access to identifiable student responses to the survey questions. Other than *The Learning Bar* and CESE researchers within the department, identifiable student responses will not be disclosed to any other person or body other than as required by law.

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: www.thelearningbar.com



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HaRMONY DAY



Moree East Public School

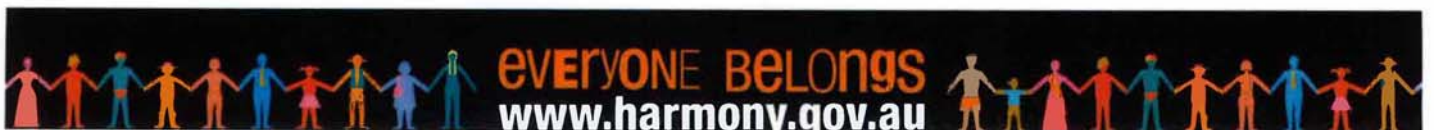
Tuesday 21 March 2017

- **Wear orange**

to celebrate cultural diversity

- **Buy a cupcake 50c**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6 April 2017



9:00am — Plaque unveil Time Capsule

9:30am — Library Openings

10:00am — Easter Hat Parade



Health Screening & Dental Visits 2017

Throughout the year Moree East Public School offers to parents/families access to health and dental services at school, during school hours.

Over the past couple of weeks MEPS staff have been visiting families to get permission forms signed so that students can access the Dentist (POCHE Health) and Health Screenings by PIUS X. Health screening, which includes checks such as: vision, hearing, height, weight, heart rate, blood pressure and blood sugar will occur later in the year and a notice will be placed in the newsletter to let you know when this is happening.

Parents are not required to be at these appointments, however, if you would like to attend with your child, please contact Mrs Brennan on 6752 1733 so she can arrange an appointment time to suit you.

The dates for the POCHÉ dental van are:

**27th and 28th of March
15th and 16th of May
13th of June
24th and 25th of July
21st and 22nd of August
18th and 19th of September
30th and 31st of October
27th and 28th of November**

SCHOOL PHOTOS



MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



School Photography Date:

28/03/2017

ONLINE ORDER CODE
KPQ Q2B 4RZ

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

Important Information:

- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school's **advancedlife** & your **advancedyou** photo sites (follow the link above)

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at-

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PHOTO ENVELOPES

HAVE BEEN SENT HOME

**SIBLING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM
THE FRONT OFFICE**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

ORDER ONLINE NOW

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CONDITIONS OF SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

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SEPARATED FAMILIES

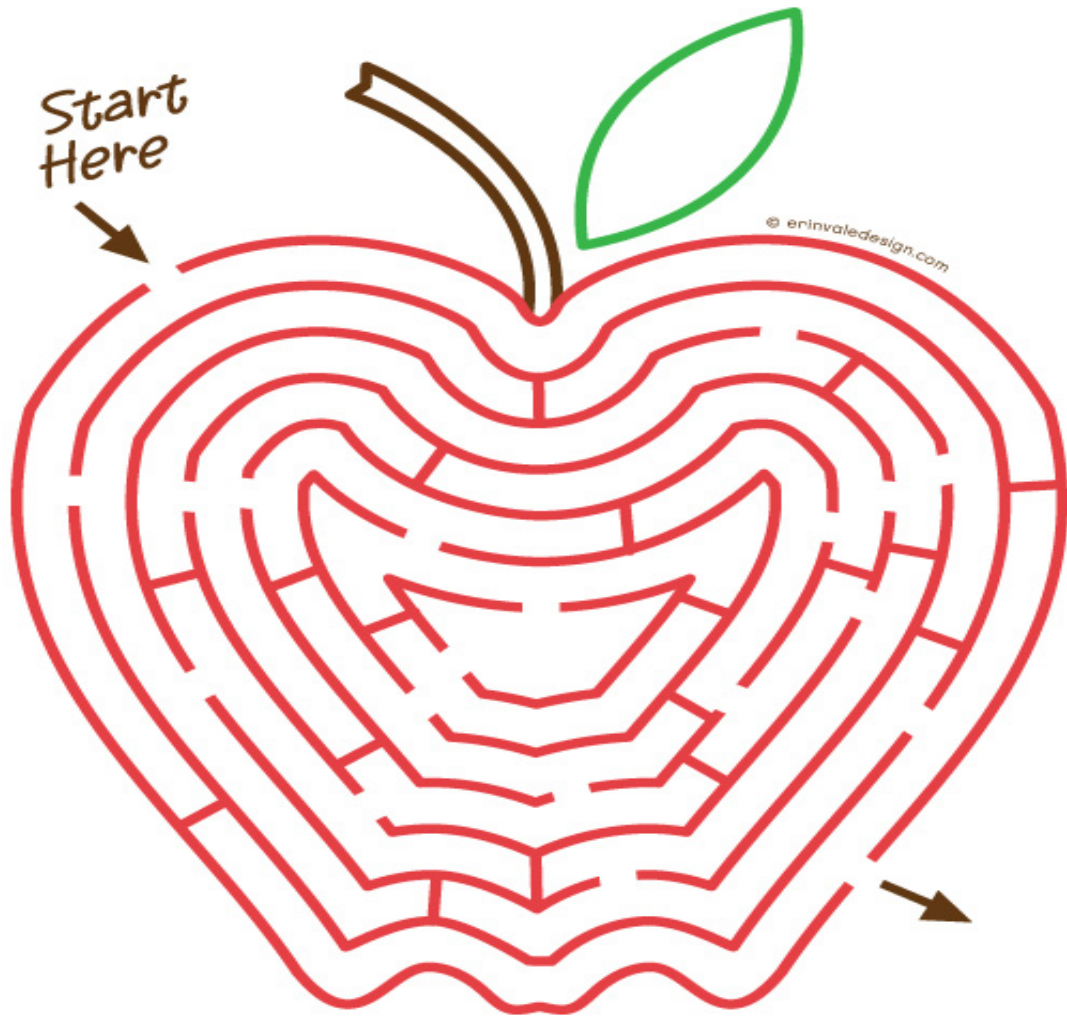
Please order online and let us know if you would like to collect your package from the school office



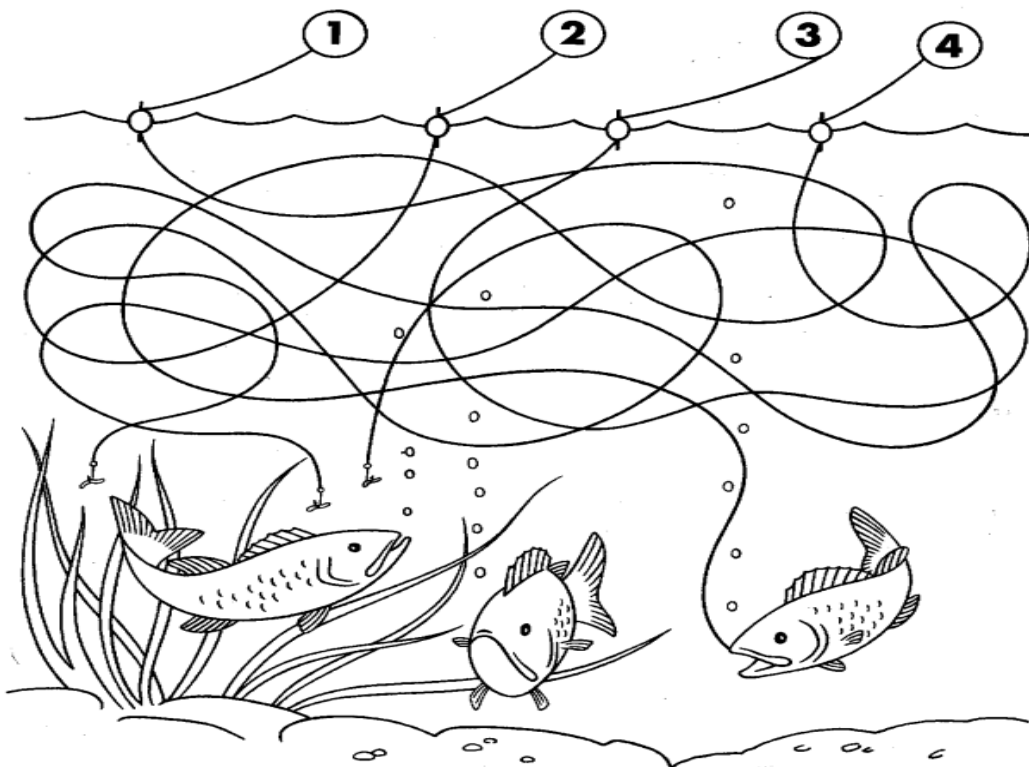
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FUN ACTIVITIES



CATCH A FISH



WHICH LINE WOULD YOU PULL IN TO CATCH THE FISH?