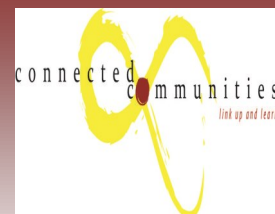




MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 3 Week 6

Thursday ,24th August 2017

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:10am to 1:45pm

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SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30am-1:45pm

UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesday & Thursday

11:30am to 12:00pm

- Cash Only
- Layby available
- Sorry no Centrepay

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st September

Father's Day Stall

8th September 2017

White Balloon day

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Yamma

I begin with an apology. Our last fortnight's newsletter was incorrectly dated the 11th September instead of the 11th August. I think we were feeling like we were closer to Christmas than we were!

This week we have been having fun with our Book Week activities. Students and teachers enjoyed "jeep rides" to the library with Miss Malone and classes have been enjoying a variety of special new texts. Our Book Fair has been highly successful so far and we expect to have further sales tomorrow.

Every contribution helps our school get more books for our library and classes. So thank you for your purchases and support.

Tomorrow we finish the week's celebrations with our Book Week Parade. I hope many parents/carers, family and friends will join us 1:00pm in the hall to watch our students and teachers parade their special costumes.

We are a Connected Communities School and a team of evaluators will be visiting our school next week to ask our staff, parents/carers and wider community their views on our school and how we have included our community in our students' education at Moree East PS. We encourage as many parents as possible to be involved and have your say. We have a special time allocated on **Monday afternoon (28th August) between 1:00pm and 2:00pm** for parents/carers to meet and hold this discussion. We will also provide a light afternoon tea to show our thanks for your support. This information will be used to help determine further direction of the Connected Communities strategy.

Each year Dymocks donate books to selected schools as part of their campaign to promote literacy for young students. We were very fortunate to be selected this year and were overwhelmed to learn that we have over \$4000 to spend. Miss Malone and teachers have been busy selecting a variety of quality texts for our school library. We thank Dymocks for their generosity. When the books arrive we will invite our community to come and have a look and share in some reading time with your children.

This week I attended a special conference in Sydney with Aunt Paula and Mrs Barwick. We met one of our partner Sydney schools, Hilltop Road Public School. We will be working together throughout the year, looking at ways to help improve our transition to school initiatives with our community. We look forward to working closely alongside our parent/carer and wider community to generate ideas and make decisions together to support our students. We will keep you posted on our progress and hope that many of you will join us in this partnership.

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Our regional athletics team will be representing Moree East Public School at Tamworth next Friday, with Mr Mawby, Aunt Jackie and a team of parents/carers supporting them on this day. On behalf of the school community, we know our students will try their best and represent our school proudly. Good luck to the team and safe travels.

On a final note, during Week 8 – 10, Moree East Public school will be beginning our yoga and mindfulness program K-6. We will also be offering sessions for staff and our parent/carers. We hope you will come along and enjoy these sessions with us. We will be finalising our timetable next week and will advertise this to you as soon as possible. This initiative is part of our health and wellbeing strategy to support our whole school now and also for the future. Our students will have weekly sessions and learn important ways to be calm, to learn relaxation techniques and ways to positively deal with problems and 'big' emotions. We look forward to enjoying these sessions together and having some fun in the process.

Quote of the week!

"When our little people are overwhelmed by big emotions, it's our job to share our calm, not join their chaos." L.R. Knost

Mrs Lorinda Potter
Executive Principal.

***Tell Them From Me* student and parent feedback survey (Term 3, 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 and parent feedback surveys. The surveys measure factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide surveys is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the surveys is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>
The surveys are a great opportunity for our students and parents to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about the school and how engaged they are with school. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* surveys to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that both the parent and student surveys are confidential. The surveys typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. The surveys will be administered between 28 August and 5 September 2017. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Information on the parent survey was in the previous newsletter and we will be contacting parents from Week 7 to see if they would like to participate in the survey this year. Students in Years 4-6 have already completed one survey this year and will complete another survey this term. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please contact us and 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>.



Moree East Public School

Transition to School Program



Is your child starting school in 2018?

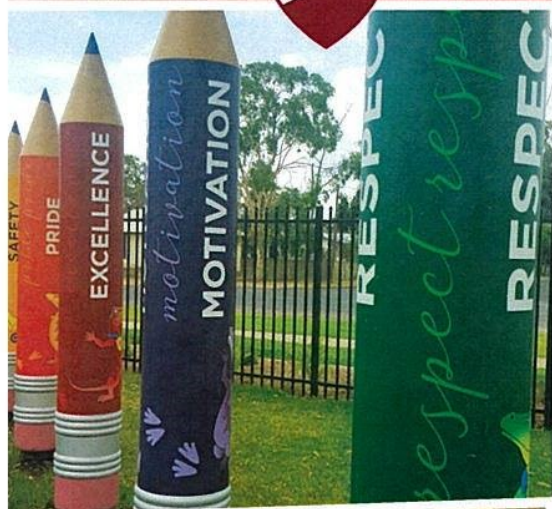
We offer a highly effective program with a qualified Early Childhood Teacher

Starts Wednesday 26th July

NO COST

For more information contact 6752 1733

We look forward to meeting you and your child.



TERM 3 Wednesday		TERM 4 Wednesday	
26 July	9-11am	18 October	9 - 1.30pm
2 August	9-11am	25 October	9 - 1.30pm
9 August	9-11am	1 November	9 - 1.30pm
16 August	9-11am	8 November	9 - 1.30pm
23 August	9-11am	15 November	9 - 1.30pm
30 August	9-11am	22 November	9 - 1.30pm
6 September	9-11am	29 November	9am GRADUATION

BOOK WEEK RAINFOREST BOOK FAIR

Book Week is a very special week of the year for schools and public libraries. It is about celebrating the wonderful authors and illustrators we have here in Australia. This year the theme is:

“Escape to Everywhere”

Moree East Public School has been celebrating Book Week so far with a rainforest Book Fair. Students have had the chance to purchase books and stationery from the fair during their library sessions this week.

The Book Fair will be open for parents/carers to visit the school library.

THIS FRIDAY, 25 August

1:45pm - 2:45pm

Miss Malone has had a blast celebrating her first Book Week at MEPS!





Fun-tastic Science Fair!!!!

I want to say a big thank you to all the staff at MEPS for making 2017 Science Fair another successful event. I truly feel privileged to work with the vibrant and dedicated staff. We also extend our thanks to Mr Henley who volunteered to do an experiment with our students.

Our Science Fair was held on Friday afternoon, August 18 and ran from 12:30pm to 1:30 pm. The students from K-6 were divided into 9 groups doing 5 different experiments.

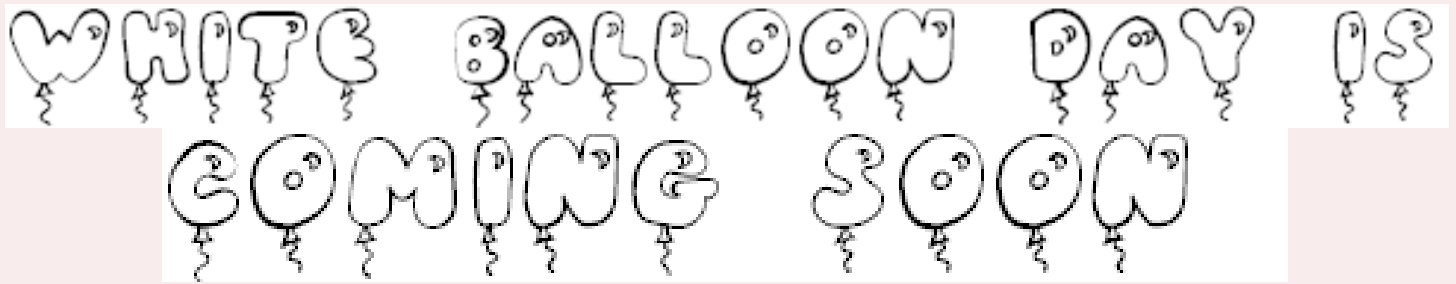
There were rain cloud making, testing water surface tension with window mesh and corks, putty making, slime making and Tesla coil experiment.

We are so proud to see our primary students looking after the younger ones. It was rewarding to see some very excited students and many happy faces.

Peem Henley

Event organiser





Friday 8th September

White Balloon day is a day for our kids to take part in fun activities where they will learn about safety awareness and educate and empower themselves about keeping safe. Moree East Public School will be holding White Balloon Day on Friday, 8th September which is in Week 8. On this day, we ask that the students wear a white T-shirt and bring a gold coin donation for this great cause.

We will also be selling homemade cupcakes, made by the Sisters, at the school canteen every Thursday and Friday starting from this week until White Balloon Day. They will cost \$1 and all money raised will be given to the Bravehearts Foundation which is responsible for White Balloon Day. Thanks in advance for all your support.

Thanks,

Mrs Collier





Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

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Week 5

Class of the Week



1st
1/20

2nd
5/6C



Class Awards



Week 5

Week 5



K-2 PBL Awards



3-6



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

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



Week 6



Class Awards

Class of Assembly



2nd
K-3

1st
124

Week 6



PBL: Awards



3-6

Wow!



awesome job!



100% Weekly Attendance



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

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

Education Week Awards



KA—Thomas Ross

KA— Ellymae Briggs

1H—Tahia Hicks

1H—Kaylee Picker

1/2O—Nekarri Weatherall

1/2O— Oaklee Smith-Brown

2/3C— Jamaya Fernando

2/3C— Mayesha Brown

4/5H—Issabelle Lysaght

4/5H—Talika Brady

5/6C—Jakeob Lysaght

Heferen Shield

Moree East Public School (MEPS) students proudly represented our school at the Heferen Shield on Friday the 28th July. 21 students from MEPS competed in the 100m, 200m, 800m and shot putt. We had an outstanding result with 5 of those students qualifying for the North West Regional Athletics Carnival which will be held in Tamworth later this term. Kyleika Haines, Norman Roberts, Nathaniel Sharpley and Marsha Tighe qualified for the regional 100m sprint, and Shaquil Smith qualified for the regional shot putt. Congratulations to all students from MEPS who participated with a high level of respect and determination at this year's Heferen Shield.



Play Groups

Guuma-Li

Tuesdays- 11am to 1pm

Morning Tea Provided

Transport Available



Benevolent Society Wednesday– 10:30am to 12:30pm

Morning Tea Provided

Transport Available

Mainly Music

Thursdays- 10am to 12pm

Morning Tea Provided

Transport Available



Nutrition Cooking Program

conducted by Pollyemma Antee

WHEN: 4 September (*10 week program*)

TIME: 11:00am til 1:00pm

FOR: Parent/carer/Grandparents

Currently at capacity however if you wished to be placed on a waiting list please contact **Peony Daniels** on 67521733.

Paper Planet Workshop

Conducted by Beyond Empathy



WHEN: 22 September 2017

TIME: 11:40am til 1:40 pm

FOR Children aged 2-5 (with parent/carers attending)

Contact **Peony Daniels** on 67521733 for more information.

PBL Breakfast Club Friday

Hot Meal

Minced Meat on Toast

Breakfast finishes at 8:20am no exceptions

Notes/ Reminders

Go4Fun program Monday afternoons after school.



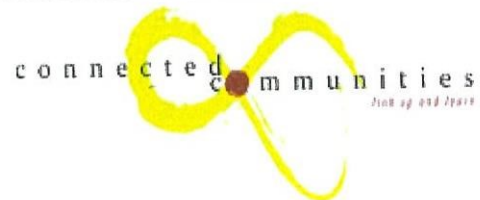
Golf Clinic Thursday Afternoons after school

SAVE THE DATE

Father's Day Stall will be held on 1st September.



Education



Parents and carers of students attending Moree East Public School are invited to attend a Connected Communities discussion forum

Monday 28 August 2017

1:00 – 2:00pm

in the Community Room at Moree East Public School

Tea, Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

