

# MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 1 Week 3

Friday 16th February, 2018

## 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

**Weekly Assembly**

**Monday 19th Feb**

**8:45am**

## EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Yaama!

It's great to be back to a new year of learning. Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to our new parents, carers, students and families. We hope you had a restful holiday break and are ready to enjoy a new year of exciting things planned. Holidays are often a time of joy, but for some of our school community it was a time of sorrow. To those families, we sincerely extend our thoughts and wishes to you.

Our teachers and staff enjoyed a full day of learning for our Staff Development Day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and a staff meeting yesterday. We updated our knowledge and skills in keeping your children safe. We had CPR, anaphylaxis, child protection and MAPA training. We have also been looking at the new Literacy and numeracy progressions which will help us to plan for each child's learning in a new way. We will be having more learning around these throughout the year.

We invite our parents/carers and community to a school planning afternoon on 15<sup>th</sup> March to work together to plan future initiatives for our school for the next 3 years. We hope you can make it. We will be placing reminders and more information as the date approaches.

### Good news!

This year we have had a wonderful increase in overall enrolments, with 150 students returning to school as of Wednesday. This included 32 kindergarten students who have formed 2 classes. You may have seen some of their photos in the Moree Champion and we think they are very very cute. Our youngest students have begun their formal education journey and have settled in very well. They have been making friends, creating artworks and even joining in yoga classes. Congratulations on a wonderful effort Kindergarten.

We have formed the following classes:

KA	Mrs Holly Acorn
KHM	Mrs Jane Humphries and Miss Courtney Malone (Mondays)
1-2A	Miss Holly Andrews (welcome to MEPS)
2G	Miss Danni-Elle Greenham (welcome to MEPS)
2-4A	Mr Alex Ford
3H	Mrs Peem Henley
4C	Miss Brooke Chudleigh (Welcome back!)
5R	Miss Harriett Roberts (Welcome to the role of teacher at MEPS)
6MC	Mrs Kirsty McDonnell and Mrs Nona Collier

Congratulations to Mr Ford and Mrs Ford on the safe delivery of their healthy baby girl. Mrs Cutmore has been taking Mr Ford's class this week and has enjoyed working with the students. I know everyone is very excited about the news.

### What's been happening this fortnight:

Last Thursday, we welcomed a visit from our local police and fire brigade for Year 3 – Year 6. They shared information on how to be safe in our community. The boys and girls showed great respect and offered wonderful ideas. A visit is coming for K-2 during week 4. We look forward to this continued partnership.

Look out for information coming up about our after school activities. Notes will be sent home for T20 Cricket Bash (Thursdays); PCYC activities (Monday – Friday). Numbers are limited so you will need to get your request forms returned quickly to ensure you do not miss out.

We have already started a swim squad after school with Mrs McDonnell, Mr Ford and Miss Malone. The students are enjoying improving their stroke techniques and a nice, refreshing way to end the day.



Also, we have started our yoga lessons again this year and welcome Miss Taz back to MEPS. Miss Taz is helping to train our staff and students in mindful practice and yoga skills. The photos of Kindergarten say it all! We will be starting Parent/community yoga with staff after school on Thursdays. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further details.

Cooking classes for parents/carers has started again on Mondays and has already shown to be another success this year. Some yummy recipes and taste testing has occurred and it is so pleasing to see the smile on student's faces when they talk about their

parents joining in at school. Keep up the great master chef skills! For further information, please contact Mrs Peony Daniels our SaCC facilitator.



We now have Family Referral Service visiting our school on Thursdays 8:30 - 3:30pm. This is an important partnership for our families/community. FRS help with all aspects of support available in our local community. We hope you will value the benefits of this service.

It's been a hot fortnight and we have welcomed our air conditioning to keep us all cool and ready for learning. We have been monitoring the weather when considering our lunch breaks and fortunately, the strong heat has occurred after our 11am lunch break.



### Quote of the Week:

*When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new.*

Dalai Lama

:) Lorinda Potter  
Executive Principal

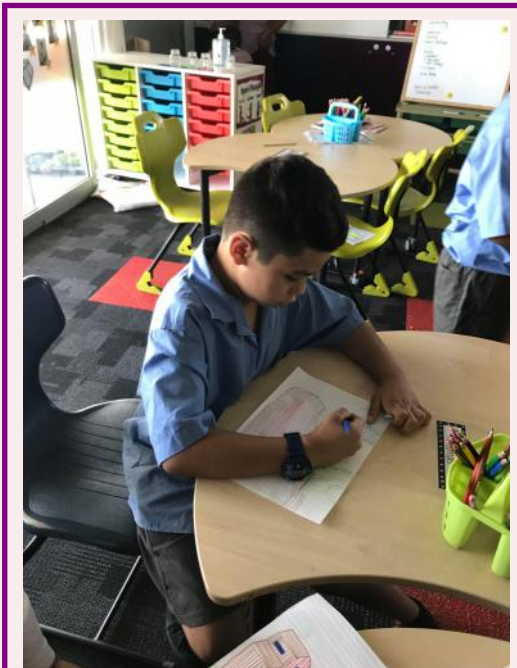




Relaxing with Yoga—thanks to Miss Taz



First day back at school—students are happy to be back!



Thomas working hard on his drawing.



Past students who are now parents of students starting Kindergarten all taught by Mrs Cutmore.

# Class Awards

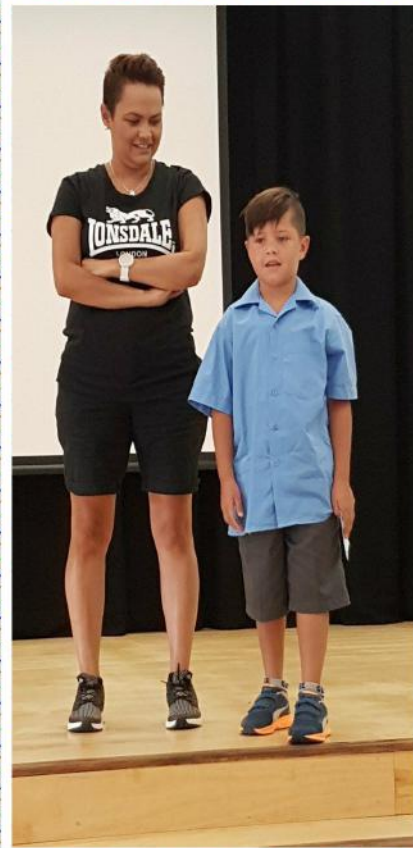


K-2



3-6

## Happy Birthday

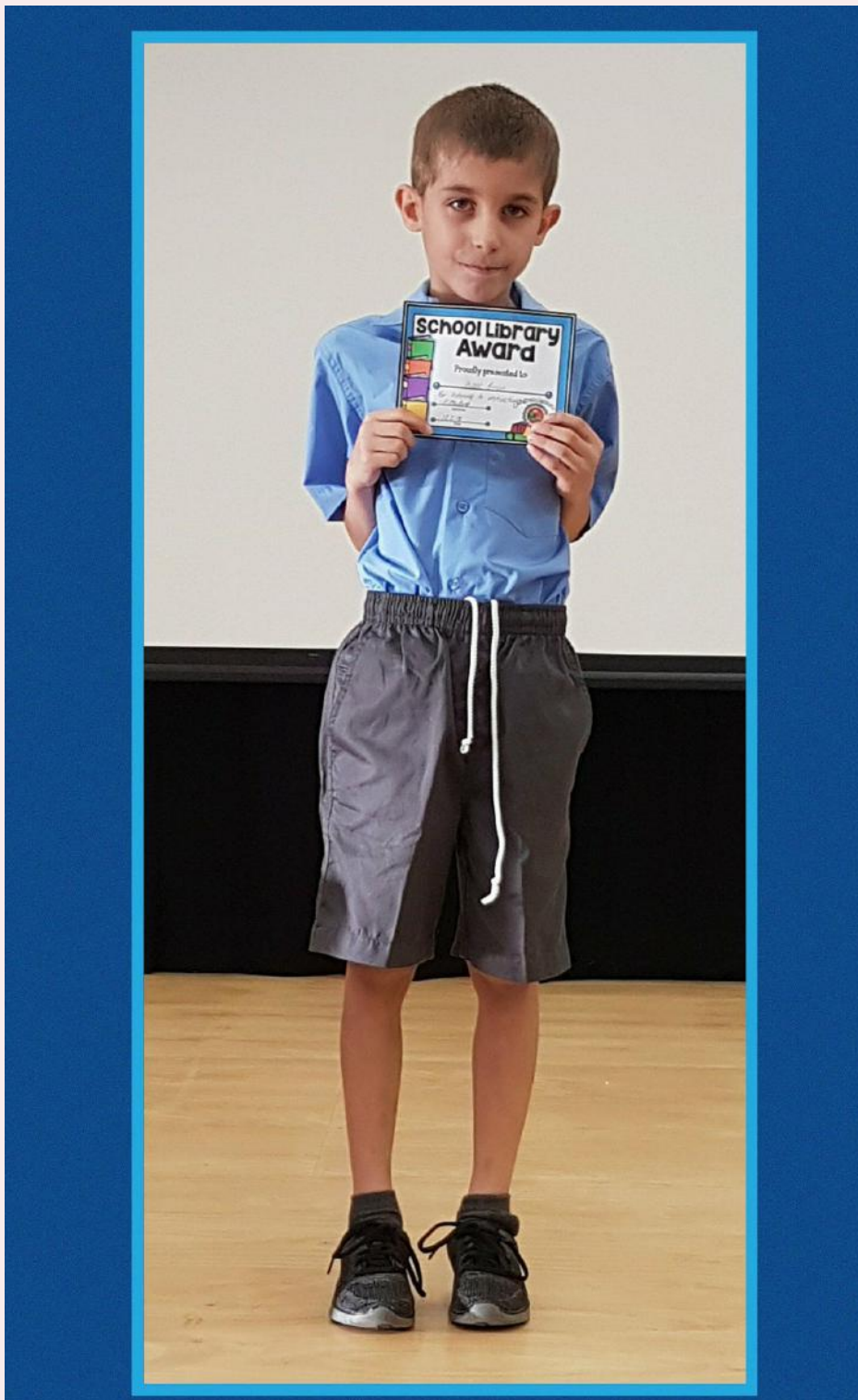


# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

# Library News

A big congratulations to Iszac Binion in 3H for receiving the first library award for 2018! Well done Iszac, what a great start to the year!

Miss Malone



# Shining stars Kinder



# of the future garden



Kindergarten reading books during their first library session with Miss Malone.

## Out & About in 2G

This week in 2G we started STEAM lessons. We were challenged to build the tallest, strongest tower using just buttons and play dough. We all show fabulous teamwork and created wonderful towers, the tallest being 12cm high. These lessons will continue each week.

Miss Greenham

Classroom Teacher





# LEARNING CLASSROOM ROUTINE

I am so excited to be working with 3H this year. This is only the second week of school but so many of them learned to settle into our school routine already! They are a fabulous bunch of students and I am looking forward to having lots of fun while learning this year.

Go 3H and keep up the awesome work!!!!

Peem Henley

Classroom Teacher



3H lining up for Yoga with Miss Taz



3H literacy groups

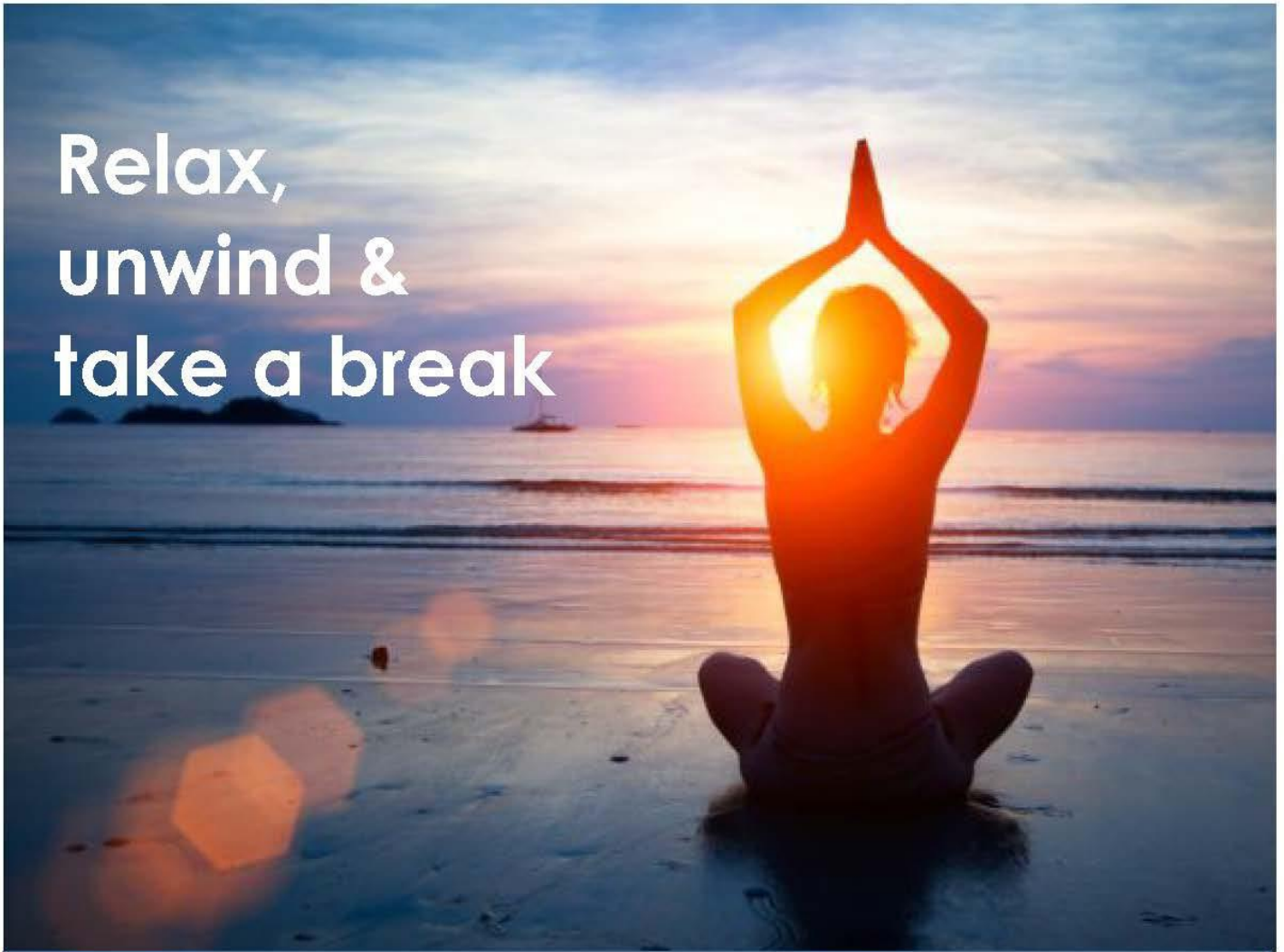


If you shop at Coles please start collecting the 'Coles Sports for Schools' vouchers. For every \$10 you spend, you will receive a voucher that helps our school purchase sports equipment.

Please bring in these vouchers to the office as we are waiting for our voucher collection box to arrive.

Thank you to all the families who have already started to collect vouchers!

**Relax,  
unwind &  
take a break**



## **COMMUNITY YOGA & WELLBEING**

**Moree East Public School would like to invite you to our Community Yoga/Wellbeing classes, starting on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2018.**

**When: Every Thursday**

**Time: 2.00-2.45pm**

**Who: Community members ages 17 years & over**

**Where: Assembly Hall at Moree East P/S**

**Cost: Gold coin donation**

**What to wear: Comfortable sports clothing**





# 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.





**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.**

**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.

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

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Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

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**FUN, SAFE & ACTIVE**  
**IT'S CRICKET & IT'S A BLAST!**

**Moree East Public School - After School CRICKET T20 Blast**

Open to Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 students -Mixed Teams for Boys and Girls  
*Starts -Thursday 22nd February 2018 at school oval for 8 weeks*

*Time 2.00pm to 3.30pm* Qualified cricket instructors & all cricket equipment supplied  
**Registrations - Moree East Public School Office Note: Limited spaces available**

*All participants receive a participant pack: 6er's Shirt, Hat and Bag.*

For more information - See Moree East PS Office staff or call CNSW (M) 0425 297 722

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