

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING YEAR 6 STUDENTS.



# MPS Eggstra



## Week 10 Term 4

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### 2016 Principal's Speech Night Address

Distinguished guests, members of staff, parents, grandparents, friends and especially students of Moonbi Public School, it is my pleasure to address you this evening at this wonderful event that reflects upon and celebrates our 2016 school year.

Speech Night affords us the opportunity to focus our attention on the many achievements of our students, our staff and our community. It is also an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to all who have contributed to Moonbi's success over the last 12 months. It would be near impossible to condense a whole year of creativity, learning, growth and accomplishments within an hour but I am confident that through the awards, prizes, presentations and performances you will witness this evening, you will experience the essence of all that makes our School such a vibrant place to be.

In 2016 we have worked hard to make it a year of consultation with all who are connected with our community. The views, ideas and opinions we have received through surveys have identified and affirmed the School's clear strengths and also highlighted key areas for desired improvement and development. These multiple sources of data have all been considered in the development of the new strategic plan. There is much that we are proud of but there's always room for improvement and I thank each and every one of our students, staff, parents and community members who have provided open and constructive criticism.

The staff and the P and C continue to work closely together to develop and review a school plan that has learning at its core. That focuses on the needs of our students of today and the future, within a framework that respects the School's past, its traditions and its values.



## Enrolments K – 6 for 2017 now open

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There is an old Chinese proverb that states: The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now.

What we do at Moonbi, every day, is make decisions to create opportunities for our school community, now and into the future. Who and what we are today are the result of countless choices that have been made, or weren't made, in the past. Our School's future will be determined by what we do now. Sometimes, we may not even witness the results of our actions; some of the trees that we plant today will take many years to grow to full size and we may not see the impact of those decisions. Nevertheless, throughout the development phase of our new strategic plan, we have questioned our school's mission, values and priorities and asked "what kind of school do we want to leave to our descendants"? What opportunities do we want to make possible for our children and community? And what kind of trees do we need to plant in that case?

*We are Moonbi. We... are... Moonbi. We are like no other school.*

*At the heart of our Strategic Plan is Moonbi's students. We put our students at the heart of everything we do.*

Staff have worked collaboratively and with great energy to develop our vision clearly. It focuses on three key areas: Learning, Wellbeing and Community

**Learning:** We seek to inspire a passion for learning. We achieve this through fostering a mindset of growth and resilience. We use assessment in ways that fosters growth and understanding rather than just measuring recall of content knowledge. We underpin innovation with evidence and data and we pursue improvement and celebrate personal bests.

**Wellbeing:** We do this through fostering personalised growth, seeking and creating ways to enhance student learning across their individual talents and passions. We are proactive, responsive and collaborative.

**Community:** We honour and enhance our unique community values and relationships. We form strong and effective partnerships with students, staff, parents, old scholars and the wider community. We share our insights, practices and research with local, national and global partners. We value diversity and are committed to nurturing the heart and wellbeing of the entire school community.

At Moonbi we will continue to inspire, challenge and empower our students through our holistic approach to learning and teaching. We will focus on service, a well-rounded subject and co-curricular offering, developing leadership capacity and furthering our skills in personalising and differentiating curriculum and assessment so that every child's needs are met. We want to make learning as engaging and stimulating as possible. We want our students to question, be curious and be able to critically evaluate and meaningfully participate in our global community. We also want to promote the wellbeing of the young people in our care and foster in them resilience, empathy and a capacity for reflective calm.

I take this opportunity this evening to give thanks to all who have contributed to our School community:

The Moonbi P&C Association; we are incredibly proud of the significant, ongoing involvement of our P&C in the life of our school.

To the Friends of Moonbi, thank you for your steadfast commitment to furthering the many ways in which our community connects.

I now turn to my Year 6 students. I would like to take a moment to focus on the many life lessons one can learn from Winnie the Pooh. Pooh, like our Year 6 students sitting here this evening, is a sociable bear. He has a big network of friends. He is interested in their welfare and them in his. He doesn't have Rabbit's large number of relatives, but his social network is more effective than Rabbit's and that means a lot, because the bigger your social network, the longer, happier and healthier your life is likely to be. And by social network I don't mean the number of so-called friends you have on Facebook. I mean real friends like Piglet and Kanga and Roo. And a real network like Moonbi. Think of your school as the Hundred Acre Wood – pop back as frequently as you can because it is a place in which friendship, traditions, memories, sharing and caring, for yourself and others are the most important things.

Our door will always be open to you – stay connected.

Students who have clearly embodied this statement are our School Captains, Kaydee Hernando and Cade Forsyth. They have been creative, collaborative team members, responsive to the needs of so many. These student leaders should be proud of all they have achieved this year. They have led by example, explored new opportunities and contributed to the strength of community both in their school and out in the community. I am sure, I speak on behalf of the majority of the School community, in saying how deeply grateful we are for your efforts and the legacy you will leave behind. A legacy that has aimed to lift others up, a legacy that serves a higher purpose than themselves as individuals. Your school thanks you for your service.

And now to the staff.

"Education has a ripple effect. One drop can initiate a cascade of possibility, each concentric circle gaining in size and travelling further." [1] Our School's exceptional teachers create these ripple effects every day – helping students to develop a sense of self, helping them to seek understanding, not just knowledge. I know I speak on behalf of all students when I express our gratitude and sincere thanks to all staff across the school for your dedication, inspiration and sheer hard work.

I thank the teaching staff for a year of extraordinary effort. To Kathleen Harris, Chloe Begley and Kristin Reilly – thank you for your outstanding work. The way in which you have collaborated and gelled has been inspiring – I cannot ask for a more dedicated collegial group of people to lead our fine school.

I also extend my sincere thanks to my School Administration Manager Michelle Nash and to all her wonderful staff Lisa Madden, Stewart Robertson, Charmaine Hill helping with the finance, reception, community relations, student services, learning support, student welfare, ICT, grounds and maintenance teams.

Our school is blessed to have a dedicated group of parents, grandparents and community members and even casual teachers who regularly volunteer. We cannot express greatly enough our appreciation or the difference you make in our students lives.

To all parents and caregivers, I thank you for your wonderful support of our school and for entrusting Moonbi with the gift of educating your children. For everything you have done to support your own child's education and also all the many contributions you have given to support the Moonbi community, through social activities, fund and friend raising, co-curricular support, and coaching.

And finally, I take this opportunity to extend to all members of our School community my very best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas break.



Thank you to everyone that joined us for Merry Monday. We all hope that you had fun. See you again next year. 😊





# 2016 SRC Presentation Night Address

Hello, my name is Claudia Constable and I am a member of this years' Student Representative Council. I am also accompanied on stage by fellow SRC members Liam Hanigan (president), Kaydee Hernando, Cade Forsyth, Jack Casey, Seth Casey and Bella Radmore. This evening I will be outlining the role of the SRC this year.

The SRC held several fundraisers for charity.

This year we decided to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation which helps kids recognise stranger danger. We held a Day for Daniel and students were invited to come to school dressed in red and were asked to bring a gold coin donation. We showed them a few videos provided by the foundation on how to keep safe in dangerous situations. We also sold red ice sticks, held a disco and gave each student a red balloon. We raised \$137 to send to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

On Footy colours day we raised money by holding a Jelly bean guessing competition. We raised this money to help fund the fight for cancer sufferers in hope to save some children's lives. We raised \$35.50.

The SRC also raised funds to put towards purchasing some equipment for students to use during their lunch times. This equipment will be purchased soon and ready to use next year. To raise these funds we sold boys and girl lucky dips on our school cross country day. They were very popular and we sold out. Also, during the cooler months we sold hot milos and during the warmer months we sold ice sticks at lunch times. We have raised \$450 this way.

## Supporting school initiatives

This year the SRC decided to support our school's proactive healthy eating policy by holding a Healthy food day. The aim was to encourage kids to eat healthy lunches at school to have more energy to learn and focus. We asked students to dress up in their favourite fruit and vegetable colour. We encouraged them to bring a healthy lunch box and we judged each lunch box and awarded prizes to the healthiest lunch box in each class.

# New School Leaders – 2017

Congratulations to our new student leadership team that was inducted at our Awards Al Fresco, School Captains Sophie Garland and Hermarni Madden and Vice Captains Liam Hanigan and Chelsea McDonald.



Yaama, yaamanday. Hello and welcome.

Over the last few years our identifying indigenous student numbers have increased, and as a school we recognise the need to plan and prioritise sharing cultural education and experience with the school and the community. It has been a very eventful year for our ATSI students and committee. In our committee we have 14 students, 4 staff members and some community representatives. This year with the dedication of some of our staff and community members, we have had great support and involvement which has enabled us to get the committee up and running. We have achieved quite a bit throughout the year and have been able to tick some things off our long wish list.

In term 1 - 24th March the student committee ran a chocolate wheel at the Easter Bunny Bazaar. With lots of prizes and loads of fun they raised \$146. With these funds we are concentrating on purchasing more Indigenous resources for the school.

On the 29th March the whole school had the pleasure in joining Blackville, Spring Ridge and Premer at Walhallow Public School for their 'Celebration of Respect' day. We were told 'we were the BIG school!' The school dance groups 'Song Birds' performed two dances. The girls dance was a story about the 'Brolga and Snake' and the boys dance was about the 'Water Hole'. These dances were choreographed by the students. Lunch was then served to the students, staff and helpers. We had tasty kangaroo stew, a mild curried kangaroo and some delicious damper. Then came the fun, the activities the students got to experience included traditional games, boomerang throwing, making Johnny cakes, learning about Aboriginal artefacts, listening to dreamtime stories, drawing and reading symbols in the sand and learning a song in the Gamilaroi language.

Term 2 Mr Bob Faulkner joined us in our commemoration for Reconciliation Week with the message 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future!' As our local Elder, we would like to thank Mr Bob Faulkner for his ongoing involvement with our school.

Term 3 was our turn to host NAIDOC week for our school, community members and their families. To everyone that came and shared our day we thank you. I'm sure you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Mr Len Waters opened with a traditional smoking ceremony while Mr Mark Atkins playing the didgeridoo. What an experience and an amazing opportunity for the students to take part in that. We had rotation groups in which the students had the chance to do some cooking, learning traditional dance, decorating boomerangs, face painting and hearing traditional stories. McCarthy Catholic College's dance group 'Deadly Xpressions' performed a memorable dance number. Mr Waters also got the group to do an impromptu dance based on one of the dreamtime stories which was enjoyed by all.

We now have an amazing mural of the Rainbow Serpent on the Rosellas classroom wall. Thank you to Anita Bullock and Aunty Pearl for drawing the outline of this so all the students could do their own dot paintings within the serpent. Our future plans involve extending the mural around the building.

Also during Term 3 we had our 'Taste of Moonbi' week. Mr Len Waters has been working with our committee to plan a Bush Tucker Garden. It will be behind the Anne Knee Library. We have the Totem Poles ready for painting and a list of native bush tucker plants we can use to create a gathering place within the garden.

Term 4 was going to be the 'breaking ground' for the Bush Tucker Garden but has had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We look forward to opening this meeting place next year.

Our aim for our school committee will be to continue with our school wide recognition and incorporation of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

The ATSIC Committee would like to thank everyone for all their ongoing support and commitment throughout the year. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.





In the 4 years that I have been here, it has been my honour to serve as your sports coordinator. Each year has seen vast improvements to our sporting culture, participation and resources. We are working hard to give Moonbi a reputation that we can be proud of in the sporting community.

This year has seen a record number of students be nominated for the Tamworth Regional Sports Awards, an honour that is often only associated with larger schools. When I'm meeting with other sporting organisers or I'm just in the community, people are talking about how great it is to see Moonbi doing so well and that we have done our school proud. If you are someone who participated in a PSSA sport this year, congratulations because that is you!



Our sports this year have been no exception to the past. Our swimming, athletics and cross country all had great participation numbers. We even had a northwest team for athletics again, and of course I couldn't forget a third time state competitor. It's one thing for a person to be the best in their school but to then be the best shot putter in the zone and northwest is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations to Hannah on another great year and I hope you continue to work hard for what you want.



We also had our knockouts this year which consisted of hockey, netball and soccer. I was very proud to see the level of commitment and sportsmanship that was shown at these events.







I hope next year we can entice those students who are still on the fence about sports to give them a go. They really are a great way to keep fit, have fun, make new friends and learn something new. You never know, we could have a future Olympian in our school or a future footy player. Where we can, we are always trying to broaden the availability of sports and the types of sports our kids have access to.

This reminds me to say a huge congratulations to the students who participate in sports in town. Wow, haven't we seen a huge increase in the amount of students and parents who are willing to drive in town to play sport, usually on a days that's sweltering hot or freezing cold. I know the kids really appreciate all the effort you parents put in, its all they talk about at school.



I would also like to thank the parents and community members who supported their kids in some way for Footy Colours Day. Having a sick child is something no one wants to ever encounter but its comforting knowing that there are people out there who help these families. So far Moonbi has raised \$5,000 for the Fight Cancer Foundation, which is amazing. It says a lot about the Moonbi school community, we are always willing to lend a hand to someone in need and I know the families of these kids thank you.

Before I finish up I would like to say a huge thank you to Ian and Stew for the coaching that they did this year. We literally wouldn't be able to run sport without the help of volunteer coaches. You made it a lot easier on me, because I don't always have the time or the expertise to coach every sport.

I'm really looking forward to seeing the talent of this school develop more over the coming years.

Chloe Begley – Sport Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Sports Presentation Afternoon on Wednesday 7 December. Our decision to host two separate ceremonies, one for sport and one for speeches, awards and a performance was well received by our school and local community. The feedback received was positive and encouraging.

"It was nice to have the children introduce themselves and thank the guests for coming." "The sports presentation today was organized very well and the children's behavior was excellent." "I really like this way of splitting up so its not as long." "Today was great. Thanks to all who make the sporting program so good!" "I thought that the afternoon worked well." "The whole thing was very well organized and children's 'running of the show' great to see – their confidence and ability is improving all the time. The musical interval – magical!"

## Sports Awards Presentation Afternoon (2016)

House Swimming (perpetual shield) – Carragundi

House Athletics (perpetual shield) – Bullimballa

Champion House - Bullimballa

Most Outstanding Boy Athlete – Seth Lancaster

Most Outstanding Girl Athlete – Kaydee Hernando

Ribbons presented to all students who participated in PSSA and school knockout competitions this year.

PSSA medallions; PSSA NorthWest 2016 -

Hannah Milgate , Indi Bell, Coady Kelly and Kaydee Hernando

PSSA trophy; State Shotput 2016 - Hannah Milgate

Premiers Sporting Medal – Coady Kelly

Begley Bash Trophy – Student team was victorious this year over the parents.

Congratulations everyone.

Thank you to our special guests for attending and presenting;

Mrs Joy Ballard, Mrs Ann Coleman, Mrs Jill Emmanuel, Mrs Robin Maher, Mrs Karin Thompson, Mrs Dorothea Vaux and Mr Ian Casey

## Awards Al Fresco – Speech, Awards and Performance Evening

After a very wet day and some anxious moments, the rain held off just long enough for us to hold our Awards Al Fresco – Speech, Awards and Performance evening. Our awards recipients were as follows;

### Literacy Achievements

Sapphires Most Outstanding – Joshua Corbett

Pearls Most Outstanding – Rory Madden

Diamonds Most Outstanding – Corie Forsyth

Opals Most Outstanding – Hermarni Madden

Sapphires Most Improved – Xavier Oliphant

Pearls Most Improved – Joshua Robertson

Diamonds Most Improved – Coady Kelly

Opals Most Improved – Chelsea McDonald

### Numeracy Achievements

Budgies Most Outstanding – Faith McManus

Rosellas Most Outstanding – Lauren Robertson

Hawks Most Outstanding – Hermarni Madden

Budgies Most Improved – Riley Coulter

Rosellas Most Improved – Shaun Eccleston

Hawks Most Improved – Cade Forsyth

### Class Awards

#### Budgies

Attitude to Learning –Ruby Hunt

#### Rosellas

Attitude to Learning – Seth Casey

#### Hawks

Attitude to Learning – Claudia Constable

Citizenship – Taylah Coulter

Citizenship – Tahlia Sullivan

Citizenship – Olivia Robertson



Learning Assistance Award – Mikayla Foster

Summers Creative Arts Award - Corie Forsyth

Anne Knee Library Award – Claudia Constable

Outstanding Attendance Award – Malcolm Golledge

Leadership Award – Kaydee Hernando

CWA Learning and Caring Award– Emily McDonald

Logan Coleman Memorial 'Have A Go' Award- Coady Kelly

2016 MPS Reading Challenge

Bronze Medallions - Jack Casey, Lauren Robertson, Emily McDonald, Lachlan Deweger

Silver Medallions – Giselle Slater, Seth Casey, Riley Smith, Cade Forsyth

Gold Medallions – Olivia Robertson, Jacob Taaffe, Chloe Johnson, Kaydee Hernando

Star Student – Hermarni Madden

Most Outstanding Sportsperson– Hannah Milgate

Thank you to our special guests for attending and presenting:

Mrs Joy Ballard, Mrs Karen Coleman, Mrs Marion O'Neill, Mrs Jill Emmanuel, Mrs Robin Maher, Mrs Mary Platt, Mrs Karin Thompson, Mrs Jennifer Hernando, Mrs Dorothea Vaux, Mrs Robyn Ison, Mrs Anne Knee, Mrs Sue Harris, Mr Shaun Betts, Mr David Emmanuel, Mr Peter Summers, Mr Russell Coleman

Again the feedback was very positive about our changes with many parents expressing the preference for an evening at school. Our Rio performance was a hit. Students are to be commended on the wonderful job that they did with their costumes. Special thanks to Miss Abra, Mrs Poole and Mrs Broughton for their hard work creating, coordinating and occasionally whip cracking. Our teachers did a marvelous job with the dancing. It was a great ending to a great ceremony.



# P&C News

by Jen Hernando (President)

The P&C is an organization that exists in almost every public school in NSW. They bring the school and the community into close cooperation. The P&C is important to the school and is involved in lots of activities throughout the year. The P&C runs canteen for all our sporting events, closing pool and school canteen every Friday, which directly benefits the school. We act as a channel for communication, discussion and resolution of issues relation to the school and educational matters.

Every year the P&C has run Mothers and Fathers Day stalls. We feel it helps the kids learn how to use money and make decisions on their very own. Watching the children put a lot of thought in what they buy makes us want to keep providing these days. Thank you to everyone that donated wrapping paper and their time.

The Federal Election saw many P&C members cooking and selling sausages. Thank you to all the ladies that also cooked home baked goods. We appreciate it. Thank you to everyone that helped that day, I was away horsing around with the girls and was unable to help, thank you.

Our Bunnings BBQ was a record breaking event for the P&C this year. We purchased 22 kg of sausages from Nemingha Butchery and we sold out before lunch. After a further 2 trips to Coles, we ended up selling over 40kg of sausages. Thank you to the school staff for also coming along and helping.

Footy Colours Day – The P&C love when this day comes around. We provide a healthy canteen for the students and staff who are trying to raise money to help Mrs Begley reach her goal for the day. Thank you for asking the P&C to run the canteen.

Sporting events are one of our main annual events. This includes cross country, athletics and swimming. This year's athletics carnival we saw many new families come and help in the canteen. Thank you so so much. Also once again for all the baked goods donated.

The school canteen runs every Friday and solely relies on volunteers to run the day. Our canteen is a healthy canteen and we have a wonderful range of amber and green options. The funds we raise from these Fridays goes back into the school. This year canteen donated \$500 to the kitchen program and 500 to the garden program to help the teachers to purchase items needed. Also canteen donated a weather shelter to go along the stair rail of the canteen stairs to protect kids from getting wet or standing in the sun. Thank you Jackie for your hard work making sure that students have a canteen day. Thank you to everyone that helped Jackie throughout the year.

Clothing Pool is also P&C run. We try and stock a good range of new and second hand uniforms. Jess Freeman has done an amazing job this year and if you have any questions please go to see her. Thank you Jess for your commitment this year.

The treasurer is the soul of the P&C. Lisa Madden has been the 'go to' lady when I needed something. She has worked really hard with Jackie to keep the canteen menu pricing as low as we can so families can afford canteen on Fridays. Lisa spends many late nights and early mornings and many phone calls making sure our finances are up to date and funds available. It has been a joy working beside you and with you.

Kellie Constable has kept the secretaries position, quite the laughing matter at times in our monthly meetings. She has embraced this role and has done a wonderful job. She is never ever short to have a say and share her thoughts. We need more people to come on board like Kellie. Thank you Kellie for the year.

Thank you also to our life member Kim Kelly. Although Kim isn't has 'hands on' anymore, she is always there ready to keep us on track or steer us in the right direction.

If you are interested in joining the P&C or just assisting with any of our events you are more than welcome to come along to a meeting. The dates are advertised in the school newsletter, or you can contact the secretary or myself with any enquiries. New members are always welcome and encouraged. We hope to attract a cross section of the school community with the idea that different people are able to contribute in different ways. It is here that we make decisions about funding priorities, activities and operations for the year. The school Principal gives an update on school matters that concern the school community.

Actively participating in the P&C is great for meeting other parents, finding out what's going on within the school and providing input into your child's future at Moonbi Public School. We have a great little school and I am proud to be part of it.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year. May the rain keep coming after presentation. Thank you everyone.

Jen Hernando

(Our first meeting next year will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2017)

## 21st Century Communication - SCHOOL STREAM APP.

Have you checked out School Stream? This FREE application will be a direct link to school. All the usual communications from school i.e; newsletters, notes and permissions will be able to be handled instantly. You will be able to notify the school of student's absences and complete permission notes all with the touchscreen on your mobile phone. The school will be able to keep you up to date with bulletins or urgent matters. We are in the early days of developing our site, however it promises to grow with us.



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2. Tap the FREE/GET button to the right of the School Stream listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Enter your Apple ID and password & tap OK
5. Wait for the install icon to change to OPEN
6. Tap the OPEN button
7. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK
8. Start typing Moonbi Public School into the search then SELECT Moonbi Public School

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4. Tap the ACCEPT button
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7. Tap the DONE button in the top left



Please call Sarah on 0421 140 711  
or the office on 02 6765 4599  
for more information.

## Vacancies in Moonbi Registered Educator of Tamworth Family Day Care

Hi! My family and I have just moved to the beautiful area of Moonbi and I am starting Family Day Care in the coming weeks.

I will provide high quality care for your child in a safe, secure home-based environment. I am a qualified and nurturing educator and have limited vacancies available. I offer care Monday - Friday and cater for children aged 6 weeks to 6 years, plus before and after school care and vacation care up to 13 years.

Family Day Care is a flexible and affordable option in a small group environment. Fees attract Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.



## 2017

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## Moonbi Sports House Points Score

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## SCHOOL MISSION

Our motto is to  
***'STRIVE FOR PERFECTION'***  
and our students are expected to strive for the highest standard academically, socially, physically, emotionally and culturally.

