Principals Desk  by Bonita Broughton

WHAT IMPRESSED ME THIS WEEK
This week I was impressed by the staff for their enthusiasm and commitment towards the school planning and development for this year.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK
Determination- Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Celebrating our successes

Congratulations to those who competed at zone swimming on Friday.
Big congratulations to Kaydee who will be swimming at Regionals in Armidale.

SRC Fundraising
Hot weather and icy poles, what a great combination! Once again our SRC will be raising funds by selling icy poles at lunch times Monday – Thursday. 50c per icy pole.

NAPLAN
Dates for this year’s NAPLAN are as follows:
10 May – Language/Writing
11 May – Reading
12 May – Numeracy

Any parent/carers wishing to apply for exemption, withdrawal and/or disability adjustments should collect a form from the school office and submit before 2 May 2016.

CANBERRA EXCURSION
This year the senior excursion will be in week 10 term 2 (27 June - 1 July). An expression of interest letter will be sent home next week. Please fill this out and return to the office as soon as possible with the non refundable deposit.

Leader Photographs
Following up on the Northern Daily Leader visiting our school earlier this term, please note that our captains will be published in the Northern Daily Leader next Tuesday 8 March and our Kindergarten students on Thursday 10 March.
Kindergarten’s writing sample. Shayla

It has been a very hot week, with tomorrow promising to be even warmer!

As a reward option for students that have not received orange slips this week, we are offering some water fight fun at 2nd lunch Friday 4 March. This will be a supervised activity.

Students can bring their swimmers (personal choice) or water play in their sports uniform. Water pistols are permitted but NO WATER BOMB BALLOONS. It is recommended that all participating students bring a towel.

A second reward option will be board games in the library. Children permitted to participate may choose their reward.

School Mornings
Active playground supervision commences at 8.45am, students should not be at school prior to this.

Teachers and staff are in meetings or doing class preparation work before this time. Students should only be at school before this time under extraordinary circumstances (the office to be contacted to arrange) These students are asked to put away their bags and then sit quietly on the veranda until 8.45am. Parents are asked to be mindful of the time when dropping their children to school. Thank you.

Moonbi Explorers Points Score

FLINDERS 16
OXLEY 19
MITCHELL 19

Netball training will start this Friday after school from 3-4pm for girls in years 3-6. If you are interested in playing please make sure you have the correct footwear and a drink bottle.

We are starting to get hockey up and going so please remember your mouth guards on Fridays.

There will be a soccer clinic during sport this week, run by the Kootingal Soccer club. Their sign up day is coming up soon and they are hoping to drum up some new players.

We are also hoping to start Rugby league and Oztag training soon.

Miss Cornish

Munch and Crunch March
Healthy eating is not about just being a healthy weight. What children eat effects how the brain grows and works. If you put dirty fuel in your car it won’t work very well. The same applies to our body. Research has shown direct links between our ability to focus and how we behave. With ‘dirty fuel’ students are unable to focus, learn and are more irritable and more likely to make poor behaviour choices.

So throughout March, we will work to raise the awareness of students about the quality of fuels they are feeding their bodies. The SRC have organized Mufti Days & Competitions and teachers will be working with students to diarise, graph and analyse fuel consumption.
P&C News
by Jen Hernando (President)

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on **Wednesday, 16 March 2016, at 6:00 pm** in the old staff room (followed by our regular monthly meeting). We have moved the time so all members can attend.

The following positions will be declared vacant at the AGM: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Clothing Pool Supervisor, Clothing Pool Assistant, Canteen Committee, Canteen Supervisor, Student Banking Officer, Student Banking Assistant, Fundraising Committee.

If you wish to nominate for any of the above positions, please attend the AGM in person or alternatively put your nomination and your position forward, along with completed form, to the office. Your $2.00 membership fee can be paid to the office.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jen Hernando

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Student Banking by Lisa Madden

Hi bankers. I am still running a colouring in Competition open to all students over the next 2 weeks. **Pictures are available at the office.** There will be prizes for the best one in each class. The pictures need to be returned to the office no later than 18 March. If you would like to open a new account for your child, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school Friday mornings. This term with your tokens you can claim a Flying Snake and a Wildlife Writer Set.

This year we're giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals. Find out more at [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Lisa Madden - School Banking Coordinator

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Busy Bee Canteen
by Jackie Robertson

We are still looking for volunteers for this term so please come and see me if you are interested.

Don't forget on these hot days to order your children an Ice-pole to keep them cool. We have Fruit stick, Paddle pops, Ice cream cups and Calippo's. Also give them plenty of water.

**This week's volunteers are: Katie Abbott**

Our canteen menu is also available through the school website.

Jackie Robertson – Canteen Supervisor 0458201127

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THANK YOU

The staff and students would like to thank the P&C for their generosity, making it possible for students to participate in the Healthy Harold Life Education Program for FREE last Monday. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Clothing Pool

I am available at school Thursday morning or by appointment only Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons. You can contact me on 67605218 or 0429445253. Clothing Pool Supervisor - Penny Foster

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Mother's Day Stall

We will be running a Mother's Day Stall again this year. We will be running it on the 5th May in Term 2. If anyone would like to donate any gifts or homemade gifts please come and see me or give me a call. Just remember, all money we raise goes back to improving our kids’ education and resources.

Thank You Jackie Robertson (0458201127)
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Budgies
Healthy Harold was a huge success on Monday, the kids loved it!

We are learning the letter T this week. I hope everyone is practicing their green sight words.

Rosellas
This week students had a visit from Healthy Harold. Healthy Harold discussed the importance of healthy eating and the different roles parts of the body have. I have been very impressed with the effort from students in completing their homework this term and am enjoying reading the fantastic writing from students each week! Well done!

Hawkes
In LOTE we have been learning the names of family members and have drawn a picture of our family and labelled them in Gamilaraay with the correct terminology.

Library News
by Bonita Broughton

2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge
The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge will open on the 7th March 2016. It closes on the 19th August for students.

Commotion in the ocean
GILES ANDREAE

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge - Challenge K-2  ID #18387

The sequel to the best-selling ‘Rumble in the Jungle’ is a delightful new collection of poems about creatures who live in and around the ocean.

Yaama, yaamandaay
Hello, welcome

Moonbi Public School would like to invite you to join us for an afternoon tea gathering on
Friday 4 March 2016 at 2pm
Please RSVP by Wednesday 2 March by contacting the school

Our hope is to further develop our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education Committee. In consultation with our indigenous student representatives and interested community members we would like to plan and prioritise sharing cultural education and experience with the school community. In particular we would like to address the needs of our student group and what their culture means to them. What do our students want? What do they need? How can we get help? How can the community be represented at school? How can we best promote indigenous culture within our school?

Following our recent ATSEC meeting we would like to share our ideas and plans for this year and get your feedback.

You are welcome to bring your other children as well as friends, family and community members that may be interested.

Thank you to Ethan Hanigan for his hard work volunteering at the school this week.

Friday Reminder: Gardening Smock, Boots & Gloves, Sport Uniform, Library Books & Bag, Lunch orders.
**What’s Growing?**

This week we are entering some of our fresh produce into the Tamworth Show Garden Competition. The judging will commence at 9.30am on Friday the 4th of March. Keep an eye out for Moonbi Public Schools produce. We look forward to hearing the results.

Students were very excited to see fresh, delicious looking strawberries growing in the garden this week. Growing strawberries is easy to achieve with the right approach. Strawberries need plenty of space to grow. Suggested spacing is in rows about 75 cm apart, with about 30 cm between plants. Strawberries grow very well in planter boxes, barrels, hanging baskets and pots. Ensure to eat strawberries as soon as you can to beat the birds and slugs.

**What’s Cooking?**

**Our group cooked Greek Vegetable Kebabs.**

I learnt how to grate lemon peel (Sophie).

It was good fun (Aiden).

*Thanks again to Cheryl for assisting in the kitchen.*

Mrs Harris – Kitchen Coordinator

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**Book of the Week**

*The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin.*

A girl is disappointed because her mother’s Chinese vegetables make for an ugly garden, unlike her neighbors’ flowers. But they harvest the ugly vegetables into a delicious soup that all the neighbors love. This book has colorful illustrations and great messages about how appearances can be deceiving, gardening, and multiculturalism.
Upcoming Events

**ATSEC meeting**
Friday 4 March 2016 at 2pm

**Assembly**
Monday 7 March, 9am.

**Kinder – Teddy Bear Hospital**
Monday 14 March

**Harmony Day**
Monday 21 March

**Assembly**
Monday 21 March, 9am

**Anti Bullying Performance**
Tuesday 22 March

**Good Friday**
Friday 25 March

**Easter Monday**
Monday 28 March

**Year 5-6 Canberra Excursion**
Week 10, Term 2

**Year 3-4 Tea Gardens Excursion**
Week 8, Term 3

**SCHOOL MISSION**

Our motto is to ‘STRIVE FOR PERFECTION’ and our students are expected to strive for the highest standards academically, socially, physically, emotionally and culturally.

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**Moonbi Horse Sports Team Events**

Willow Tree Public School - Friday 18 March 2016
(Entries close Friday 4/3/16)
Forms available at the office

Moonbi Public School
September 2016
Entry forms will be available soon.