On Thursday, 18 February, Taneisha, Stephen, Neitayah and Tess travelled to Moree to compete in the Primary Moree Zone Tennis Trials. Yetman, Gravesend, North Star & Moree Public School all had representatives at the trials. There were 12 boys and 11 girls competing for an opportunity to represent Moree Zone at the Regional tournament in Tamworth on Friday March 4, 2016.

The tournament was hosted by Moree Primary School and parents from the school and members of the Moree Tennis Club provided delicious sandwiches, cakes and slices for us to enjoy in between games.

In the scorching heat, our incredible tennis stars of the future each played five round games. Tess, Taneisha and Stephen progressed to the finals, where they played a further 3 games each. The girls’ competition was very close with only 3 points between 1st and 4th place. Tess’s final game was monumental – after going to a tiebreaker, she held off the opposition resulting in Taneisha placing in the top three.

Taneisha and Stephen both finished in third position and now have the opportunity to travel to Tamworth as members of the Moree Zone Primary Schools Tennis Team.

Mrs Virginia Hunt
Primary Sports Coordinator
Positive start to the year for NBSA

It has been a great start to 2016 for Northern Borders Seniors Access. With 19 HSC students including Jasmine Ellis, Stephanie Prince and Tracey Jeffreys along with Deanna Prince in Year 13, and 23 Preliminary students including Crystal Beatty, Christian Prince, Liam Hill, Dana Jeffreys, Lorraine Prince, Brittany Brown and Tiarla Kennedy, it is certainly shaping up to be a big year.

The NBSA students from across the four schools will meet this week in Mungindi, Tuesday and Wednesday February 23 and 24 for their first Student Get Together. This will allow students to catch up with their fellow peers as well touch base with their current teachers.

Ms Shelley Riddell
Head Teacher Northern Border Senior Access

NBSA students all smiles as they begin another huge week.

Lorraine, Dana and Jasmine enjoyed their first day at their TAFE delivered course for Beauty Therapy, held every Thursday in Moree.
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HURRY!
Taking orders until
Monday, February 29
*Orders for Year 11 and 12 and staff only

ONLY $80!

INCLUDES:
* NBSA logo
* Number 22 on back
* Name up to 12 letters long on back
On Friday, a contingent of 15 students travelled to Moree Aquatic Centre to represent our school at the
McKechnie Swimming Carnival, where they competed against students from 11 other schools in the
area. At all times, the students demonstrated sportsmanship and determination and were a credit to
their school, families and community.

This is the fourth year I have had the pleasure of accompanying our students to the swimming carnival,
and the first time we had more supporters than competitors. Thankyou to all the mothers, fathers,
grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and friends who turned up and cheered our swimmers
on.

Every student tried their best in every event they went in. Congratulations to Felicity, Taneisha, Storm
and Neitayah – they will be travelling to Armidale to represent our school in the Small School’s relay as
well as the Senior Girl’s relay. Additionally, a number of students will have the opportunity to represent
Moree Zone at the Regional Carnival in Armidale. They are:

- Kimesha Ellis – 8 years Girls Freestyle
- Jack Picton – Junior Boys Backstroke
- Lachlan Brymer – 10 years Boys Freestyle
- Storm Egel – 11 years Girls Butterfly
- Neitayah Prince – 11 years Girls Breaststroke
- Felicity Hodges – Senior Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley
- Taneisha Prince – 12 years Girls Freestyle

Every student had a great day because of the contributions of so many people, including:

- Judy Brymer – for doing our time keeping duties, the bottles of water and cheering so loudly.
- Shelly Graham – for doing our time keeping duties and pacing up and down the pool during the relays
to cheer and encourage the girls.
- Andrea Egel – for doing our time keeping duties
- Charlett McGrady – for trying to stop her daughter swimming in the Junior Girls Backstroke - but
cheered her on with pride as Kimesha put in an amazing swim (she still has another 2 years in this age
division)
- Sloane Woodbridge – for stepping up and swimming in the Junior Girls relay (and to mum for buying
her the swimmers to do so)
- Aunty Jenny - for driving us safely to and from the event.
- And to all the supporters who turned up and made the day extra special for the swimmers - Thankyou.

Mungindi Central School Swim Team 2016:

- Darcy Hodges, Maison Egel, Kimesha Ellis, Sloane Woodbridge, Tyra Prince, Shanice Prince, Flynn
Brymer, Lachlan Brymer, Jack Picton, Nash Woodbridge, Kayleb Szokil, Neitayah Prince, Storm Egel,
Taneisha Prince and Felicity Hodges.

Mrs Virginia Hunt
Primary Sports Coordinator
We have been very busy in Preschool since the start of the year. We get to show off and develop our skills on the obstacle course every morning, build and construct cities, train tracks and towers, strengthen our friendships and explore the Preschool and ‘Big School’ playground!

Last week we explored the Letter A! We practiced how to write a capital A, identify words and objects starting with A, learnt that we live in the country of Australia and built a ginormous anaconda that was 30 steps long!!

This week will see us exploring the Letter B!

We also went on a combined excursion to the community library on Thursday 18 February with the Community Preschool and Family Day-Cares. At the library Kristy (from Moree) read us Too Many Pears and The Very Hungry Caterpillar before we got creative with some pencils and crayons. We really liked walking all the way to the library and back to our Preschool – some of our friends thought they saw ghosts living in the abandoned building!

Miss Bec Vanke, Miss Tara Williams & Miss Nat Prince

Preschool Staff
Students in Stage 5 and 6 need to apply for a USI (Unique Student Identifier) Number and will require the following two of the following forms of identification:

* Driver’s Licence
* Medicare Card
* Australian Passport
* Non-Australian Passport (with Australian Visa)
* Birth Certificate (Australian)
* Certificate Of Registration By Descent
* Citizenship Certificate
* Immigration Card

The USI number is required for any TAFE course, including First Aid Certificate, which students may complete at school or after school.

Notes will be sent home with students and a copy of the identification can be sent to school with the student or you may wish to complete the application online at home and send in the students number.

Please visit this link to find more information or phone the school on 0267 532 207: https://www.usi.gov.au/system/files/documents/usi-factsheet-student-information-for-usi_2.pdf

Mrs Belinda Brosnan
Careers Coordinator

Firstly, thank you to everyone that supported the barbeque at school swimming.

Our first meeting will be Monday 14 March, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the School Hall.

Usually by this time of the year our fundraiser is decided, sponsor letters out and a president that lives in town!

But all the above hasn’t happened! So we would appreciate as many parents as possible to make all the fun stuff happen.

We hope to see you there.
Welcome back everyone to Week 5 of Term 1. Last week saw our students take part in the annual McKechnie Shield event in Moree. While we had some excellent results in the various stroke events, other schools prevailed in the freestyle events. From all reports everyone had a great time and did the school very proud. Once the final results are confirmed we will probably have the task of passing on the Shield that we have proudly held for a year to the winning school. Our four adventurers are from all accounts having a great time at Stewart House, they will return on Friday with many exciting stories to tell. They will be picked up from the train station late on Friday after travelling all day from South Curl Curl.

My ongoing message will be reinforcing the schools processes regarding uniform and attendance. In terms of attendance it is vital that all absences are explained. This can be done in a number of ways, a phone call to the school, a written note or using the proforma sheets the school sends home each week in the newsletter. If absences are not explained then at the end of each week the school will send home a letter asking for notes for any unexplained days. As much as some parents dislike the letters this is a part of the process we must follow. If these steps are not done then any external follow up is not possible. So make a phone call, send a note either a written one or the fill in form and the letters will stop. If all absences are explained then any further follow up is not required. So can I set the target for this term as everyone explaining all absences for the students.

Can I also make a point of thanking all parents for their fantastic support with students in uniform. This has been an outstanding effort on everyone’s part. The impact on how the students look is amazingly positive across the whole school.

Over the first few weeks of school we have seen the return of a significant problem within the school. Unfortunately a number of dogs have been following students to school and managing to get into the school grounds. This is a serious issue as these animals have not been able to be removed from the site and some students have been feeding them. If this continues the school will attempt to remove the dogs and inform the owners where possible. If this does not work from the start of next week we will be forced to contact the Moree rangers to deal with the issue. As a school we have a ‘Duty of Care’ for all the students on site. I cannot exercise this if there are unleashed dogs on the school grounds. I realise that this may cause a level of upset if it results in the forfeiting of family pets, but it would cause even greater consternation if one of our students were bitten by the dogs. Plus the raised concern regarding these dogs causing Work, Health and Safety issues with their random soiling on the grounds where students need to play.

In the hotter months of the year there are times when we all need to be aware of the importance of maintaining our personal hygiene. As young people grow they reach critical points in their development where the body is changing. With these changes come a range of issues that may need to be addressed. With the PDHPE curriculum, this covers many aspects of hygiene and this may be an opportunity to reinforce just how important this can be. This can impact on all ages of children throughout their development. Could I ask parents and carers to support the school and make this as managed a process as possible for all our children.

This Wednesday I will be waiting with a sense of anticipation to find out what our staffing entitlement will be for the year. The outcome has been that our student numbers this year has seen a pleasing increase in both primary and secondary enrolments. All this will be resolved on Wednesday when the outcome is posted on the Department of Education site, which will help with additional resources.
I can report that the weekend NBSA SDD was a fantastic success. The topics covered were both worthwhile and entertaining with an assembled group of enthusiastic learners. Many valuable connections were reinforced and confirmed so there should be more combined activities across the schools beyond the Stage 6 focus. This will enable schools to develop a more community of schools approach and to work as teams to better plan and deliver both senior and primary curriculum for all our children.

The school provides all secondary student access to a laptop for in school use. Can I remind all students that looking after the new laptops is their responsibility. At school all students will have access to these once a deposit of $50 has been paid. Of this the service fee costs for the year are $20. Stage 4 and 5 students are to return the laptops to the Secondary Staffroom at the end of each day. Stage 6 students can take the laptops home to assist their study. Any of these privileges can be suspended if the laptop is not kept in as new condition. Please remember that any damage will need to be paid for on return of the laptop at the end of the year.

There will be more information each week to keep everyone informed. Please let the school know if you are happy with the information we are providing on Phone: 0267 532 207

All the best.

Mr Erich Riesinger
Principal
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Healthier options are available now (listed in green). It is still the responsibility of parents to order healthier meals and treats.
Mungindi Little Athletics

AGM will be held on Tuesday 23 February 2016 from 3:15 pm at CTC Mungindi.

All children 3-17 years old are welcome to join MLA for this season starting in April. At the AGM we will decide on the day of the week it will be held, and we will be able to announce the date of the parent training day, and the start of the season.

This year, students from our school can participate in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students are required to read texts from the PRC list as well as texts of their own choice.

The 2016 Challenge opens on 7 March and closes on 19 August. Any student wishing to register for the challenge will need to speak with Mrs Hunt at the library to set up their reading log.
Moree Tennis Club

Commencement Date:  Friday, 11th March, 2016
Duration:         9 Weeks, finishing Friday, 27th May 2016 (excluding holidays)
Format:           Teams tennis for established players (Silver & Gold Divisions)
               Hot-Shots Leagues singles tennis for new players (this division was previously called Bronze Group but has been re-named Hotshots Leagues in line with the Tennis Australia program for developing players of that level). For the information of returning players, it will continue to be run on Friday afternoons in the same format as Bronze Group in previous years.
               NOTE: HotShots for beginners is to continue but is no longer being run in conjunction with Comp and Hotshots Leagues, it will be on Wednesday nights and parents should contact Margie Buckley Tel: 0407521450 or Jamie Honour Tel: 0429835653 for further information and nomination
Registration:     Wednesday 24th February, 2016 and Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at the Clubhouse from 3:30pm-4:30pm or during business hours at Stephen Sparke Jewellers, Heber St, Moree until 5pm on 4th March 2016. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR FEES CAN BE ACCEPTED.
Grading for New Players only: Wednesday 24th February, 2016 from 3:30pm at the courts but grading will take place on Wednesday 2nd March if necessary.
If unable to attend grading on 24th February please call ASAP to make an alternative appointment for 2nd March or another time.
Cost:             $25  competition nomination fee per child
               $35  club membership fee (for 2016 calendar year)
               $145 family membership fee (2 adults plus children for 2016 calendar year)

Further information Comp players: Kate 0427524679, Felicity 0448648600, Melita 0427526124

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Child Absentee Permission form

Student/s name: ________________________________________________________________

Date/s student is away: _________________________________________________________

(Please tick) (Please give details: - sickness- eg flu ; family reasons eg attendance at a funeral; or other eg attendance at a religious ceremony)

☐ Full day _________________________________________________________________

☐ Part Day _________________________________________________________________

Arrival time/Leave early time ______________________________________________________

My child will return to school today or my child will not return to school today.

Name or parent/carer: __________________________________________________________

Signature of Parent/carer: _______________________________________________________ Date: ____________________