NBSA celebrated the beginning of a new school year with the first of four Student Get-togethers – hosted by Mungindi Central School last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students travelled from Boggabilla, Collarenebri and Goodooga to join in on the two day event which gave students and staff the opportunity to get to know each other while participating in various academic, recreational and social sessions.

“Throughout the school year all four schools share resources and teaching staff, with lessons being delivered by video conferencing,” said NBSA Head Teacher, Shelly Riddell.

“The get togethers, which occur once a term, enable students and staff to get to know each other, communicate face to face, iron out any issues and basically combine as a collective cohort.”

According to Ms Riddell the event came together very well and by the end of the two days students felt that they were able to make connections with fellow classmates and teachers, while also joining in on some fun activities.

“All the students seemed to enjoy themselves, and 2016 looks to be shaping up to be another successful year for NBSA.”

NBSA would like to thank all students and staff who enthusiastically in the event!

Miss Kristen Heal
NBSA School Administration Manager
On Friday 26 February the Kindergarten to Year 6 held the Swimming Carnival Assembly for 2016 to hand out ribbons and give recognition to those who participated and excelled in many events on the day.

We had many parents and family members take the time to join in the support of the students of our school and it was a pleasure to welcome them into our classrooms.

Mrs Picton was on hand to present the students with their ribbons and many walked away with a whole swag of them.

As always the assembly ran smoothly and having parents and families on hand to help in the recognition of our athletes was much appreciated by both the staff and students.

Mr Jonathan Smith
Assistant Principal
Women in Aviation

Sunday 13 March - Event for Women in Aviation week at Tamworth Airport. Qantas pilots, Australian Defence Force pilots, representatives from Air Services Australia and ladies from CASA will all be present as well as Georgie Maxwell from Gunnedah (experienced agricultural pilot). Aeroplanes on will be on display. Aircraft will be available for trial flights for only $80. All other activities are free. The idea of the event is to show ladies there is no glass ceiling in careers in aviation & all sorts of opportunities available for women in aviation. It will also show ladies pathways to commercial jobs and alternative pathways (CASA etc.). There will be many various activities and competitions.

Mrs Belinda Brosnan
Careers Coordinator

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.

Our first meeting will be Monday 14 March, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the School Hall. Hope to see you there!
Welcome back everyone to Week 6 of Term 1. Our four adventurers had a great time at Stewart House. They were picked up last Friday and the three that made the trip back to Mungindi had an endless series of experiences to share. This amusingly evolved into scary tales of past experiences. I am sure they would have been an entertainment bonanza on the Friday night as they spoke about all the experiences that they had enjoyed until they finally fell asleep from sheer exhaustion.

Can I once again reinforce the importance of explaining any days away from school for all students. 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 sent home last 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 their children. Perhaps I may even look towards some form of incentive to achieve this outcome. I will look into this.

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. Well done everyone for this outstanding effort. High five all around.

Unfortunately the dog issue has not been fixed. Every day I find myself chasing dogs off the school grounds. We have asked & informed people regarding this concern and as friendly as these dogs are they still represent a Workplace Health and Safety issue for all our students at the school. If this does not work, from the end of this 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 WHS issues with their random soiling on the grounds where students need to play.

Last Wednesday the school was informed of our staffing entitlement for the year. The outcome has been that the school has increased our teacher entitlement slightly. The impact of this is that we will now look at the best possible use of this extra teacher allocation. This puts us into a curious position of needing to replace the 0.4 time from our Instructional Leader role, plus the combined allocation of 0.7 which is made up of a combination of various staffing loadings. It is expected that this may go up by 0.1 with the updated Access teaching allocation.

All of this will result in at least two Expressions of Interest for teacher positions once we define the best value for this extra resource. Overall, good times!

By now almost all secondary students should have gained access to their laptop for in class and school use. Can I remind all students that looking after the new laptops is their responsibility. On payment of a $50 deposit which includes a service fee of $20 for the year. Stage 4 and 5 students are given access to a very new HP laptop during school time. Stage 4 and 5 students 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
## Canteen Menu 2016 Week 6

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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.
Moree Junior Soccer Club
Registration Dates
Saturday 5th, 12th, 19th March 2016
Ron Harbourne Oval
10:00 am - 12:00 noon.
Registration Fee: $120.00 per player
Ages 5-16 years - Proof of age required for first time players.
Shinpads & Shorts for sale on day of Registration.
More information contact Terry-Anne
0267 528 152
Email tashraples@bigpond.com.au
website www.moreesport.com.au
or online www.myfootball.com.au

With the 2016 season fast approaching all new and returning players are invited to the Mungindi Junior Rugby League sign up afternoon Thursday March 10th at 4.30pm (NSW time) at the Mungindi Oval.

There will be a sausage sizzle and general meeting to follow sign up.

*New players will need to bring their birth certificate to register.*

All players registered with membership paid by the 10th of March will go into the draw to win a Grasshoppers supporters merchandise pack worth $60.00.
Moree Tennis Club

Commencement Date: Friday, 11\textsuperscript{th} March, 2016
Duration: 9 Weeks, finishing Friday, 27\textsuperscript{th} 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 24\textsuperscript{th} February, 2016 and Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March 2016 at the Clubhouse from 3:30pm-4:30pm or during business hours at Stephen Sparke Jewellers, Heber St, Moree until 5pm on 4\textsuperscript{th} 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} March if necessary.

If unable to attend grading on 24\textsuperscript{th} February please call ASAP to make an alternative appointment for 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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
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:________________________