From the Principal’s Desk
Welcome back to all our families and our hard working students who have returned ready to learn and have already produced some excellent work! A special welcome to our three new Kindergarten students for 2014! We are looking forward to an exciting year of engaging activities and excellent achievements.
We have not arranged formal interview times, but if you would like a ‘beginning of year’ interview with your child’s teacher please let us know and we will arrange a mutually suitable time.
Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time for Reading Groups – your support is much appreciated.

Macintyre Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Mikalea and Lindsey who competed fearlessly in the carnival and won seconds and thirds in several events. They were a little worried when they saw the competition, but were unswerving in their commitment!

Weekly Assembly
We have changed our award categories slightly this year and beginning this week will have an academic and citizenship award from each class and an overall student of the week.
Congratulations to the award recipients from our Week 3 assembly. The following people thoroughly deserved their awards:

Student of the Week: Eric O’Sullivan
Infants Academic Awards: Millie Smith, Riley McLean, Will Stevenson
Primary Citizenship Award: Addison Swan

Congratulations!
Community Notices

😊 School uniforms to give away: 2 x size 8 girl’s skorts
2 x size 10 skorts

😊 The Moree Hockey Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 24th February 2014 at 6:00pm at the Moree Golf Club. All interested players are welcome to attend. Parents of junior players are urged to attend the meeting. For any enquiries please phone Helen 0427522827.

😊 Moree Junior Rugby Union will be holding registration days for its 2014 season from 4 - 5pm on Thursday 6th March, Wednesday 12th March and Thursday 20th March at Weebolla Oval. Registration is $70.00 per child plus $60.00 for each additional child in a family and includes insurance, team photo and a registration pack and sticker. Age Divisions are Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 – new players will need to bring their birth certificate. On 12th March commencing at 5:30pm all players and parents are invited to a parent welcome meeting and complimentary BBQ. Training will commence at 4pm on 27th March for registered players. Players need to bring to training a water bottle and mouthguard (compulsory). Future training sessions will be every Thursday from 4 - 6pm. Anyone needing further information please contact Jill Stewart on 0428 663014 or by email jill@ssearthmoving.com.au or Stuart Gall on 0428586677 or by email tycannah549@bigpond.com.

😊 A reminder from Renee McMillan, Moree Plains and Gwydir Shire Councils’ Road Safety Officer: “Children are vulnerable road users. They are at risk in the traffic environment because of their size, their difficulty in judging speed and distance, as well as the fact that they may behave unpredictably. Motorists will need to pay extra attention with schools reopening as there are more buses and cyclists on the roads and young pedestrians crossing the streets. I urge all motorists throughout the Moree Plains and Gwydir Shires to pay extra attention over the next few weeks to make the roads safer for local children as the new school year commences,” Mrs McMillan said.

Educational Websites
We have started using the website Studyladder in class and this website is also available from home. There are a wide variety of activities in subject areas and primary students have their passwords. The teacher is able to set tasks and monitor student achievement. A really valuable site.

Live Life, Live Well Weekly Tip
Walking for 30 minutes a day has a range of health benefits. Join a walking or exercise group today!

If you have any yummy healthy recipes that are favourites we would love to include them here!

Happy Birthday Millie!