Our students have settled into their classes well, the recent hot weather has been challenging. We have been opening the air conditioned library for those students who have found the length of lunchtime in the heat overwhelming. Many students have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Hats:
We still have a number of students who do not have a hat at school. Broad brimmed hats are compulsory in Term 1. All students must wear a hat when outside. Students who don’t have a hat are required to stay in the undercover area. Your child may also miss out on sport activities if they don’t have a hat. We do not encourage sharing of hats as it is one way that head lice is spread.

School Council Elections:
School Council elections are coming up fast, closing date is Friday 1st March at 4:00pm. Please consider nominating for this important job. Meetings are a maximum of 3 per term and usually only 2. Duration of meetings are usually 30 to 45 minutes. There are four vacancies, 3 x 2 year, and a 1 year vacancy.

World of Maths Roadshow
The maths show is next Tuesday. This show is an excellent opportunity for students to enjoy a “hands on” approach to maths. The cost is $6.00 per student, however the school is subsidising the cost so students only need pay $3.00. Money and forms need to be to the office before Friday 22nd February 2013. If forms and money are not returned those students will follow a normal maths program on this day.
Swimming Carnival
Our whole school Swimming Carnival is to be held at Moe Outdoor Swimming Pool on Friday 22nd February.

Grade 3 – 6 9:30am – 2:15pm
Grade Prep - 2 11:30am – 2:15pm

Children need to have suitable extra clothing for the day, jumpers, hats etc. if cool, t-shirts if hot, and sunscreen. Students are often cold after exiting the pool. Students should come dressed in their house color if they have this.

Students need to bring enough food and drink to last the day. Plenty of water to drink is a good idea.

The canteen will be open from 12pm – 1pm for students wishing to purchase items.

✨✨✨Education Maintenance Allowance✨✨✨

A reminder that all Health Care Card Holders must apply for their EMA before Thursday 28th February 2013. We cannot process your form after this date so please don’t delay in filling this form out at the office. Thank you.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) recipients can opt for their payment to be directly deposited to the school. This option is popular as it means your child’s requisites and curriculum materials are fully paid for with any excess monies going toward excursions throughout the year. If you have already signed over your EMA payment to the school – thank you. If you are an EMA recipient and you haven’t completed the EMA application form as yet please see the office as soon as possible. If you have already completed the EMA application form and have chosen to receive the payment directly to your bank account or in cheque form and wish to change this please do so at the office as soon as possible.

Families not in receipt of EMA are requested to make their payment by Friday 19th April. Alternatively, payment plans can be discussed and arranged at the office.

School Photo Day
School Photo Day is being held on Tuesday 12th March 2013. Students need to be at school on time as photo sessions will start at exactly 8:45am. Students need to be in full school uniform for their photo. Please note this day on your calendar as it follows the long weekend public holiday.

Envelopes are coming home with this newsletter.
**SING AND PLAY**

**Where:**  Elizabeth Street Primary School  
(Playgroup room)

**Time:**  10am – 12pm

**BYO:**
- A healthy snack and drink for your child
- A hat, sunscreen or jacket
- Tea and Coffee Provided

**When:**  Every Wednesday during School Term

Parents can share the joys and challenges of raising children in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere provided by qualified staff.

Children will have the opportunity to participate in educational activities that will build their confidence and encourage their language and literacy development.

For more information phone:
Good Beginnings  
51 277270
Or  
Moe (Elizabeth Street) Primary School,  
51 272607

by Learn2Grow Moe  
Department of FaHCSIA
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. They can be obtained by school councils on a whole-of-school basis, or by parents/guardians for individual students.

Moe (Elizabeth Street) Primary School 4740
STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

Dear ………………………,

As the parent/guardian of …………………………….. Grade ………

I wish to advise that the absence on …………………………….. was due to:

- illness □
- appointments □ Dentist □ Doctor □
- other □ Please specify ________________

Yours sincerely,

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date