Year 11 students have received their Year 12 Assessment books for 2015, along with the Higher School Certificate Rules and Procedures 2015 booklet which is published by the Board of Studies Teaching Education Standards (BOSTES).

**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE**
The Higher School Certificate commenced on Monday 17th October with the first examination being English Paper 1. These examinations will continue until Wednesday 5th November with our students sitting the last examination, Information and Digital Technology, on that day. The HSC examinations are adjudicated by external examiners under strict rules for the Board of Studies Teaching Educational Standards.

The school wish to acknowledge and thank Mrs Beryl Leitch and her team as they have been appointed examiner supervisors for the 2014 Higher School Certificate at Molong Central School. We wish all our students all the best for their examinations.

**YEAR 7-10 EXAMINATIONS**
The examinations for Year 7-10 will be held on:

- 3rd to 7th November: Years 7 and 9 (Week 5)
- 10th to 14th November: Years 8 and 10 (Week 6)

Primary classes will continue to complete their assessment and tests during class throughout the term leading to the publication of reports.

**ESSAonline 2014**
The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 student will be held on Thursday 13th November 2014. The test takes approximately 80 minutes and is an interactive multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

It is called ESSAonline and contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks, which are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7-10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their knowledge and understanding of Science; understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation; ability to evaluate evidence; make judgements and think critically and ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Since students complete ESSAonline on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or ear buds that plug into a school computer.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact the school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test. Results will be available during Term 1 2015. Information about each student is confidential and held securely and a personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers.

If you require more information regarding this testing please contact the MCS Main Office.

**Janis Glasson**
Principal
CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS EXCURSION

On Friday 12th September students from Years 7 and 8 went on a Science excursion to the Cadia Gold Mine and Canowindra Fossil Museum. The first stop on the excursion was Cadia Gold Mine where the students were treated to a tour of the processing plant after a quick introductory talk. Inside the plant the students were able to see the giant ball mills where the rocks from the mine are crushed into smaller pieces. They then moved through to the froth flotation area where the students could see the gold forming at the top of the large vats of chemicals. The students also had an appreciation of how dirty the mining process was after leaving the plant. After a quick trip over to the open pit look out and a short photo shoot, we were back on the bus heading for lunch. The fossil museum was our next stop, where the students were able to look at the fossils of the various fish species found in the region. The students were able to track the fossils and evolution of the fish over time with the use of the audio devices. They also enjoyed the video connected microscope and the dirt under their fingernails. Overall it was an enjoyable day for all and we would like to thank the staff at both Cadia and Canowindra for their efforts.

Mr B Evans, Head Science Teacher

CAN WE MAKE A WATERMELON EXPLODE?

On the last day of term, Year 10 science students organised an experiment to see how many rubber bands were necessary to cause the structural integrity of a watermelon rind to fail. Many students gathered to watch the tense process of adding one rubber band at a time until the rind finally exploded, splitting into many pieces. The watermelon was, of course, then enjoyed. And the answer... you need 1372 rubber bands to cause a watermelon to explode (although, different kinds of rubber band, or the individual characteristics of a watermelon may change that).

Miss Renee Lidgard, Science Teacher

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY METAL

“We designed, planned and built a shovel rack for the Agriculture Show Team. We started planning at the beginning of the second term and have worked consistently for the past 10 weeks. We designed the shovel rack to be modular so it can be easily pulled apart and transported from one place to another, using many different materials such as: Horse shoes, RHS (rectangular/rolled hollow section) steel, steel rod, checker plate, angle iron. We also used many hand and power tools which helped us work efficiently and to produce a high quality finished product, such as: Cold cut saw, Pedestal drill, Hammer, Angle grinder, MIG (Metal Inert Gas) welder, Paint brush and files. The shovel rack was painted to protect it from corrosion and to match our school colours. The hooks on the each end of the rack hold shovels and the hooks that are welded underneath the crossbar hold halters. The letters MCS at the top make it clear to observers that the students of Molong Central School are proud of their school.”

Lachlan Middleton & Scott Twiss, Year 10 students

MERITS

Harley ARCHER, Shanniece CALLAN, Tarryn MILES, Ethan REID, Branden ROBERTS, Tieke THOMAS

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES

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Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
Reading Tips for Parents of Kinders

Source: www.readingrockets.org

Play with letters, words, and sounds! Having fun with language helps your child learn to crack the code of reading. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

 ✓ Talk to your child
Ask your child to talk about his day at school. Encourage him to explain something they did, or a game he played during recess.

 ✓ Say silly tongue twisters
Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help kids become sensitive to the sounds in words.

 ✓ Read it and experience it
Connect what your child reads with what happens in life. If reading a book about animals, relate it to your last trip to the zoo.

 ✓ Use your child’s name
Point out the link between letters and sounds. Say, “John, the word jump begins with the same sound as your name. John, jump. And they both begin with the same letter, J.”

 ✓ Play with puppets
Play language games with puppets. Have the puppet say, “My name is Mark. I like words that rhyme with my name. Does park rhyme with Mark? Does ball rhyme with Mark?”

Awards

Bronze:
- Rose Kelly
- Marley Vandervelde
- Amelia Thurtell
- Jack Glynn

Silver:
- Claire Miller
- Lizzy Chloupek
- Charlie Brown
- Emma Wilson
- Cameron Quilty

Gold:
- Maggie Kirby

Platinum:
- Olivia Norton
- Declan Linde

Banner:
- Nathan Wilson

PUBLIC NEWS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Class | Student
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K Sapphire | Tyrone Darcy-Stewart - For settling beautifully into Kinder Sapphire.
K Pearl | Lara Stevenson - For reading more confidently and fluently.
K/1 Quartz | Thibault Lefebvre - For working diligently during literacy groups.
1/2 Opal | Demelza Lee - For great effort in News presentations.
2 Topaz | Paris Mills - For outstanding behaviour and improvement in Maths.
3 Ruby | Mattheus Chloupek - For a fantastic effort in Maths.
3/4 Diamond | Jordan Alisop - For settled work habits in class.
4/5 Garnet | Lucy Vis-Lowe - For a fantastic approach to all her work.
5/6 Emerald | Seth Beletic - For a great performance as Father Bear.
6 Zircon | Sarah Ralph - For a great effort to be SciFi Lotus diagram.
Library | Meg Murray - For always following instructions and excellent presentation of her work.

CLUB 200

Stage 1 - Darcy Hill
Stage 2 - Tim Harvey
Stage 3 - Sam Woodhouse

Uniform Award – Tuesday

Week 2 Term 4

Stage 1 - Darcy Hill
Stage 2 - Tim Harvey
Stage 3 - Sam Woodhouse

Have a wonderful week!!

Jane Backhouse  Deputy Principal - Primary
**From the LIBRARY...**

**Week 3 Term 4**

**JUNIOR FICTION**

Our Australian girl series (1930); – by Michelle Hamer
Meet Daisy (Book 1)

Daisy all alone (Book 2)

Amelia Jane gets into trouble – by Enid Blyton

Australian girl series: Annabelle and the missing turtles – by Rose Insera

Tom Gates series: A tiny bit lucky – by L. Pichon

Sam Silver, undercover pirate series: The treasure map – by Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler, illustrated by Leo Hartas

Paws – by Kathy Finikakos, illustrated by Heath McKenzie

Wandihnu and the old dugong – by Elizabeth and Wandihnu Wymarr, illustrated by Benjamin Hodges

The very sleepy pig – by John Malam, illustrations by Sally Anne Lambert

**JUNIOR NON-FICTION**

Angry birds playground: Fun things to make and do – published by Top That Publishing PLC

Superkid – by Claire Freedman and Sarah McIntyre, published by Guinness World Records Limited

Guinness world records 2014 – published by Guinness World Records Limited

**SENIOR PICTURE BOOK**

The Little Prince series – published by Graphic Universe:

The planet of the night globes (Book 6)

The planet of the giant (Book 9)

Hi everyone,

Apologies to those students who haven’t yet received recognition for their entries during Book Week. Following are the winners of the competitions that were held in the Library last term:

**Dinosaurs:**
1st – William Ryan; 2nd – Teague Lefebvre; 3rd – Logan Doolan; Highly Commended – Paige Bohringer

**Prams:**
1st – Mercades Oste; Highly Commended – Victoria Norton

**Parachutes:**
1st – Mardie Campbell; 2nd – Abbey Quinn; 3rd – Mercades Oste; Highly Commended – Victoria Norton

**Buttons:**
1st – Mardie Campbell; 2nd – Mardie Campbell; 3rd – Delta Rodwell; Highly Commended – Lily Bone and Paige Bohringer

**Book Covers:**
1st – Margie Campbell; 2nd – Abby Quinn; 3rd – Mercades Oste; Highly Commended – Victoria Norton

**Buttons:**
1st – Margie Campbell; 2nd – Natana Linde; 3rd – Lily Matthews; Highly Commended – Henrietta Pottle and Joe Spencer

**Book Covers:**
1st – Charlotte Linde; 2nd – William Ryan; 3rd – Jake Rodger

**I-Pods:**
1st – Regan Quinn; 2nd – Will Thomas; 3rd – Christopher Jones; Highly Commended – Jacob Petrie

**Secondary Winners:**
Year 9 – Jessica Burgess, Shannice Callan & Naomi Chloupek. Due to commitments with the primary production last term, prizes will be distributed to students this week. Thank you for your patience!

Mrs Hall

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**SUMMER HOCKEY**

**ORANGE HOCKEY CENTRE, MOAD STREET, ORANGE**

**8 WEEKS OF FUN & GAMES**

**FOR UNDER 9s AND UNDER 12s**

**STARTING WEDNESDAY 22/11/14 4-5PM – ONE OFF FEE $40**

In addition to the one off fee you can purchase an Australian Hockey start-up kit for $30, includes, stick, ball, mouth guard, shin pads, training shirt & height chart. Come along every Wednesday afternoon and join in the fun. No need for a team, just bring along a friend if you like. Please wear appropriate clothing, including joggers, shin pads and mouth guard. There will be sticks available to borrow each week. All enquiries to Kate on 0447 186494.

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**Molon District Soccer**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2014**

**MOLONG BOWLING CLUB 5PM**

**ALL WELCOME, BRING THE KIDS, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED ON THIS ROSTER.** Please give one morning per month to the Canteen—that is all it takes. Ring the Canteen on 6366 9009 from 8.30am–1.45pm. If you can’t work on your day just call me. Thank you, Tina McGovern, Canteen Manager.

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**Molon MILO in2CRICKET CENTRE (10yrs & under)**

3-15TH December 5-6.30pm Cost $65

Registration 4pm 3/11/14 Molong Recreation Ground.

All enquiries to M Tabbernor 0425297719

matthew.tabbernor@cricketnsw.com.au or Kate Yeall 0429661636

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**GIRLS NIGHT IN**

**FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 5-8PM**

**YEOVAL SCHOOL HALL**

**COST $10**

Prizes for Best dressed in pink, best decorated pink cup cake, best pink shoes and best pink hat. Dinner & coffee is available for purchase on the night. Lucky door prizes. All proceeds to the Cancer Council and Dubbo Oncology Unit in memory of Mrs Kim Kerrin former employee of Yeoval Central School.

RSVP: Monday 3rd November to 68464004
Planning for 2015 - Parent Feedback

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Molong Central School we are working on management plans for 2015 and we would love to receive your input. We would be grateful if you could answer the following questions and return this sheet to either the Main or Primary Office by Friday 31st October 2014.

1. What do you think Molong Central School does well?
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2. What could be improved at Molong Central School for your child?
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3. What changes would you like to see happen in the short term and long term?
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Signed (optional): ................................................................. Date: .................................

Yours sincerely

Janis Glasson
Principal – 20/10/2014