CENTRAL WEST SECONDARY PRINCIPALS VISIT MOLONG

Last week, on Thursday and Friday, 17 Principals and 9 Senior Administration Managers from the Central West attended the Central West Secondary Principal Conference & Senior Administration Manager conference respectively. The meetings were held at the Council Chambers, Molong Central School and the Coach House. Thanks must go to Cabonne Council, the Coach House Committee (and Mrs Barbara Strong, in particular), Villa Ash Apartments & the Molong Motor Inn for their hospitality. Thanks must also go to Mrs Sarah Wilson for her marvellous catering of the refreshments for the event.

SCHOOL PLANNING 2015

School Planning for 2015/16 has begun with parents and students being asked for their input through a questionnaire sent home with last week’s Newsletter.

In coming weeks this year & the start of next year, there will be many meetings with parents and teachers around the formatting and future directions of the school plan.

Primary Executive staff members have begun their considerations for class/teacher allocations and will continue to work through this process for implementation in 2015.

Once class teachers and class sizes have been set, the determination of students in the classes will begin.

Thanks to the Primary executive staff Mrs Backhouse, Mrs Schaefer, Mrs Bale and Mrs Brown for their work and consideration of staff and students over the coming weeks.

The Secondary department has finalised curriculum lines for 2015, based on student subject selections.

Work has commenced on the timetable and I would like to thank Mr Taprell, Mr Costa and Mr Evans for their planning and creation of the timetable for 2015.

All Head Teachers and interested staff have also been involved in the timetable process.

2014 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PROJECT

The Association of NSW Conservatoriums is teaming up with the Sydney Opera House to give young musicians in regional areas the chance of a lifetime. The London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) will be performing in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, conducted by principal conductor Valery Gergiev and will include works by Prokofiev, Stravinsky and Shostakovich. While in Sydney, the LSO will be conducting a four day workshop for young musicians from regional areas commencing on Monday November 24 at the Arts Unit in Lewisham, the Sydney Conservatorium and the Opera House.

Harrison Hill (Yr 3) is attending this workshop and will have the opportunity to learn from some of the world’s best musicians when he plays alongside members of the LSO. He will be in a group of 12 from Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC) who will join 76 other students. Harrison started playing violin 4 years ago. He plays in the MCS band and also in an ensemble at ORC on the weekend. The workshop includes many rehearsals, late nights and performances but he is really looking forward to the experience.

Janis Glasson
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION MORNING

5/11/2014
9.30-11.15am
For children starting Kindergarten in 2015

PROGRAM
• 9.30am Address by Mrs Glasson
• 9.40-10.35am Information session for parents, as per set agenda
• 10.40 School Tour
• 10.50 Morning Tea provided for parents in the courtyard

For more information or enquiries, please contact Jenny Barrow on 63668224
YURANIGH’S GRAVE VISIT
On Thursday 14th August, Year 9 History had the chance to visit Yuranigh’s gravesite east of Molong and spent a lovely morning in the sunshine learning more about this significant local site. As part of our current topic, Making a Nation, Year 9 has been examining the impact of British settlement on the Indigenous people of Australia. By visiting Yuranigh’s Grave the group learnt about the important role Yuranigh played as a tracker to Major Mitchell who much valued his talents and with whom he travelled to Queensland. Yuranigh was also important to the Wiradjuri people. The Year 9 group were fascinated by the carved trees and we spoke about the problems associated with trying to conserve a living object that is also a work of art.

Since the visit Year 9 has had the chance to do further research into the life of Mitchell as well as the importance of carved trees to the Wiradjuri people. This work will culminate in an essay where the students will get the chance to argue why the site should be preserved for future generations.

An enjoyable and educational experience was had by all and it reminded us of the importance of recognising the history that is right on our doorstep.

Ms Rebecca Vis, HSIE teacher

Above: Yuranigh’s Grave.

His headstone reads as follows: “To Native Courage, Honesty and Fidelity, YURANIGH who accompanied the expedition of discovery into tropical Australia in 1846 lies buried here according to the rites of his countrymen and this spot was dedicated and enclosed by the Governor General’s Authority in 1852.”

Original Aboriginal carving on one of the Yellow Box trees at Yuranigh’s Grave site

CUDAL & MOLONG SHOWS
On Sunday the 14th of September the Agricultural Show Team competed at Cudal Show. This was the first show competition for these students and they had a very successful day. We exhibited our two poddy calves Ben and Dave, who were both awarded 1st place in their class. We also exhibited Murray Grey Stud Cattle from Waroona that are owned by A & S & G Hobbs. The bulls placed 2nd and 3rd in the any breed bull under 18 months section and the heifer placed 2nd in the any breed heifer under 18 months section.

The students also participated in the novice paraders competition where Erin Abrahams placed 2nd and Lauren Fessey, Sarah Fessey, Erin Coyte, Sarah Hobbs and Heidi Turner all received a 3rd place for their efforts in the class.

The following weekend, on Sunday the 21st of September, we went to Molong Show. We took a large number of animals to the show, 6 mixed breed backyard chickens, which unfortunately did not place, 3 Muscovy ducks; our white female duck placed 1st in her class and one drake (in the any other colour section) placed 2nd in his class; 6 Merino wethers (which competed as two pens of 3 sheep), were placed 1st and 2nd in their class.

We also had 6 head of cattle, consisting of 2 Dairy x Murray Grey poddy calves, 2 Murray Grey bulls and 2 Murray Grey heifers. The 2 poddy calves came 1st and 2nd in their steer class; the bulls came 1st and 2nd in the Murray Grey Bull under 18 months of age section and one of the heifers placed 2nd in the Murray Grey Heifer under 18 months section.

The students also participated in the Paraders competition in their age groups. In the 12 year old and under section Lachlan Hobbs came 1st and in the 16 year old class Sarah Fessey came 1st. All the students who paraded did a great job and everyone went home with a ribbon for their efforts.

Congratulations to everyone who competed at these shows, you all did a great job.

Ms Renee Lidgard, Agriculture teacher
More Reading Tips for Parents of Kinders

✓ Trace and say letters
Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter’s sound. Do this on paper, in sand, or on a plate of sugar.

✓ Write it down
Have paper and pencils available for your child to use for writing. Working together, write a sentence or two about something special. Encourage her to use the letters and sounds she’s learning about in school.

✓ Play sound games
Practice blending sounds into words. Ask "Can you guess what this word is? m - o - p." Hold each sound longer than normal.

✓ Read it again and again
Go ahead and read your child’s favorite book for the 100th time! As you read, pause and ask your child about what is going on in the book.

✓ Talk about letters and sounds
Help your child learn the names of the letters and the sounds the letters make. Turn it into a game! "I’m thinking of a letter and it makes the sound mmmmmm."

Awards

Bronze:
Dewk Mills
Noah Ripp
Jack Greenwood
Jacob Petrie
Benjamin DeGabriel
Rowan Amery
Larson Harvey

Silver:
Jake Rodger
Gabrielle Phillips-Clarke

Gold:
Delmelza Lee
Jack Ryan

Platinum:
Kelsey Quinn
Paris Mills
Banjo Fowler
Alex Harvey

Banner:
Riley Lampe
Charlie Bohringer

Badge:
Katelan Philpott
Meg Murray

Student of the Week

Class Student
K Sapphire Aiden Garlick Evans - For making pleasing progress in reading.
K Pearl Noah Ripp - For a very settled start to Term 4.
K/1 Quartz Amaya Pailer - For excellent writing in Reading Groups.
1/2 Opal Toby Vines Lawe - For outstanding Maths work.
2 Topaz Reeba Delaney - For working well in class.
3 Ruby Tim Rapley - For being a helpful, cheerful and hardworking class member.
3/4 Diamond Brock Donner - For great addition work in Maths.
4/5 Garnet Rowan Amery - For improved application towards his work.
5/6 Emerald Jobe Ring - For great work on extended multiplication.
6 Zircon Jock Yelland - For great work during graphing in excel.
Library Sharna Campbell - For being an excellent team leader during research in the Library.

Learn-to-Swim

Swimming Helpers Needed
If you are interested in helping with our Year 2 to 6 Learn-to-Swim classes at the Molong Pool during Week 8 and 9 please contact Ms Wheeler or Mrs Boyd in the Primary Office. Volunteers are a real bonus to this program even if you can only assist for a session or two. It involves being in the pool with one of our teacher instructors and, under teacher direction, assisting individuals within a group of about 12 -14 children.

Stage 1 - Tiahna Allsop
Stage 2 - Jack Glynn
Stage 3 - Jake Murray
**From the LIBRARY...**

Week 4 Term 4

**JUNIOR FICTION**
The 52-storey treehouse – by Terry Denton
A horse called Hero – by Sam Angus
Home – by Alex T. Smith

**JUNIOR NON-FICTION**
Possum’s big surprise – by Colin Buchanan, illustrated by Nina Rycroft
Charlie Cook’s favorite book – by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 2)
The ABC book of seasons – by Helen Martin and Judith Simpson, illustrated by Cheryl Orsini

**SENIOR FICTION**
The Last Thirteen series – by James Phelan - 6 & 5
My Australian story: Gallipoli – by Alan Tucker (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 4)
Song of the slums: by Richard Harland

Hi everyone,
Scholastic Book Club orders have been placed and will hopefully arrive later this week. From now on, the catalogues are now being sorted and dated, so please be aware that orders must be delivered to the Library by the date stamped on them. A big thank you to Mrs Dwyer and Year 10 students for their help with the collating of catalogues. I am finding that if we do not order promptly, some students are missing out on the items they want and receiving vouchers in lieu. Vouchers may be used for twelve months from the date of issue. Once again if your child does not receive part or all of their order please advise Library staff ASAP.

The Year 12 cohort for 2014/2015 has commenced their study sessions in the Library this week. Students have been provided with an outline of acceptable behaviour while attending the Library and have also been given a Study Handbook full of helpful hints. Details for the ‘Study Skills Handbook’ have been featured on the cover and it can be found at: [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/)

I urge all parents to spend time looking at the website with your child. It features extremely good resources, both for students going through their HSC as well as containing enlightening information for parents on how to best assist their children at this vital time in their education.

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs Hall

**ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM**

OPEN DAY 10AM-3PM
73A HILL STREET, ORANGE
CONCERTO CONCERT 2.30PM
ALL ENQUIRIES TO 63617974

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**DEPARTMENT OF SPORT & RECREATION**

The Department of Sport and Recreation are looking for Accredited Swim Instructors to run the Learn to Swim in Molong 12th January- 22nd January 2015. If you are interested please call Darren on 63626623

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**The Challenge of Disciplining Children**

Wednesday 12th November
5.30-8.30pm
Interrelate
108 McLachlan St, Orange
Cost: $25
Bookings 63633650
Light refreshments served

A three hour interactive seminar on constructive techniques for parents when disciplining and encouraging their children.

**MANILDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE**

SATURDAY 8/11/14
10am- 4pm
Show rides, Face Painting, Market stalls, Petting Zoo, Gold coin donation entry

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**CANTEEN 30/10/2014 –7/11/14**

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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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