YEARD 12 GRADUATION BALL

Last Saturday night the Year 12 Graduation Ball was held at the Molong RSL and what a great success it was! Over 221 family members, friends, students and staff attended this outstanding evening which celebrated the successes of our wonderful Year 12 students. Speakers during the evening were Mrs Ruth Dugmore, Mrs Jacqui Parmeter, Rikki Philpott, Jake Allcorn, Jade Kirk and Kyle Drover. Tom Milne and Tara Walker cut the cake and there was an excellent power point display put together by Kiah Whiley. The graduates were presented to Mr Tom Lefebvre (President of the P&C), Mrs Jenny Gamsby (Canteen Committee) and myself and introduced to their family and friends by Ms Geri Brown, their Year Adviser. The night was hosted most capably by our School Captains Lachlan Campbell and Sophie Clayton and the evening’s program was organised by Ms Geri Brown.

A huge vote of thanks must go to Ms Brown and the Parent and Student Committee who has worked tirelessly over the past months to make the Graduation Ball the success it was. Thank you to Annabel and her team at the RSL for providing such a delicious meal and to Mrs Sharon Regan, Matt Regan and Ms Meagan Sumner for making the Graduation Cake (which also became the dessert).

CLUB 200 & CLUB 100 MORNING TEAS

I have had the privilege of hosting over 126 Primary students to morning tea during the year as they have completed 100 sessions of home reading and became eligible for morning tea with the Principal. When the students have completed 200 sessions of book reading they receive a book prize. This reading scheme has been running for a number of years, with great success. It is exceedingly well organised by Ms Robyn Wheeler and it is always wonderful to hear the students read so well and note their improvement from one year to the next.

The reading ability of our Kindergarten students is amazing, particularly emphasised this year, with the great L3 Program. Well done to all the students who had participated in this reading scheme and, of course, all their teachers!

THANK YOU TO THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ADJUDICATORS

Molong Central School would like to thank Mrs Beryl Leitch and her team – Mrs Sue Williamson, Mrs Denise Staines and Mrs Sandra Whiley for the excellent way they adjudicated during the examination period of the Higher School Certificate.

The adjudicators are employed by the Board of Studies (BOSTES), under the leadership of Mrs Leitch as the head supervisor. All the supervisors treated our students with great care and consideration as they completed these important examinations.

Mrs Leitch complimented our Year 12 students on their calm and studious attitude to all the exams.

Janis Glasson
Principal
YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP/RESEARCH TASK

In the final week of Term 3, Year 10 Geography students undertook a field trip along a stretch of Molong Creek from Hunter Caldwell Oval to the town swimming pool.

Their task was to gather information for a report on the health of Molong Creek and to make a report on suggested management strategies and future directions to sustain the health of the creek and its catchment area.

Mr Jonathon Foong, Operations Manager from Cabonne Council was kind enough to visit the school in the previous week and explain to the students how Molong Creek is currently managed and the importance of maintaining a workable balance between all demands on Molong’s main water supply, including industry, agriculture, domestic supply and the environment.

Students learnt of the importance of balancing pH levels, maintaining water turbidity, controlling the entry of solid and chemical wastes from run off and the impact of foreign plant and animal species on the catchment area and water quality.

A pleasant, sunny afternoon was enjoyed by all students as they commenced their field trip.

Tests were conducted for pH levels and water turbidity (which determines oxygen levels in the water) which affirmed a reasonably sound quality of water in the creek itself.

Students noted catchment management work that has been previously carried out including the removal of willow trees, the planting of native species like River Oaks and the installation of a storm water sump to catch solid wastes before they enter the creek. These measures seemed to be having a positive impact on the health of the creek.

Students did note however a large number of pest plant species growing along the banks of the creek including Bracken Fern, Ivy, Blackberry, Variegated Thistle and Kikyju grass. Introduced tree species like Elm and Poplar trees were also prevalent. Because these are very vigorous and invasive plants they often out compete native species and consequently deny native plants and animals their habitats.

They can also provide habitat for feral animal species like rabbits.

As a group, this was identified as a major challenge for the management of the catchment and served as a sound warning of the dangers of dumping garden waste in gullies and run off areas.

Students have completed their reports and the field trip has proven to be an excellent educational experience for all involved.

Our thanks are extended to Mr Jonathon Foong for sharing his expertise with Year 10 and Mr Tony Taylor for organising and coordinating the excursion.

Tony Keen
Head Teacher HSIE

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PROGRAM

Molong Central School has finalised the policy for the use of the BYOD devices which will be similar to the policies relating to the DER laptop devices.

An equity policy has also being developed so that all students have access to technology as required.

These Policies will be released at a meeting for Year 9 parents on Thursday 13th November.

Should parents decide to purchase a new device, our recommendations regarding minimum specifications are included in this Newsletter as an insert.

At this stage the program will be a trial for Year 10 in 2015 only.

Some of the advantages of the BYOD program to your child are:

- The technology is available to the student all day at school, so learning is not limited by availability of high demand school resources
- Devices can be smaller, more convenient to carry and are generally more easily accessible
- Provides consistent and more up-to-date access to ICT, allowing students to view e-textbooks, videos, educational apps, online research, digital learning apps
- Seamless integration between home and school, leading to more consistent application to school work
- Students have complete control of their own devices and are not obliged to return them at the end of a lesson or a day, thus reducing time wasted by booking or returning equipment
- Research suggests that when students have ownership of their devices, engagement in the learning increases, ICT skills improve and students become more versatile in the way they demonstrate their learning outcomes
- Students can become more autonomous learners, improving their self-reliance and resilience, which provides a more solid grounding for higher learning and employment

We look forward to seeing all Year 9 parents at the meeting to explain this exciting initiative.

MERITS

Brendan CARD    Addison WILLIAMS
Ben SHARPLESS   Jake GRIFFITHS   Jesse FULWOOD
Ellie WHALAN    Dylan WADWELL    Meg FULWOOD
Toby COLLINS    Becki CUMMINGS

BRONZE

Marcus VAN ELK   Ben KIRK       Luke NEIL
Taylor BROUFF   Leigh BROWN

SILVER

Meg FULWOOD    Sam MILLS

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES

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Mr Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
Dream Cricket

Last Friday 7th November 5 students travelled to Wade Park in Orange to participate in the Dream Cricket initiative.

Jake Murray, Connor Linde, Cody Whyburn, Riley Johnstone and Tim Harvey all participated in a day filled with lots of cricket skills activities.

It was wonderful to see how all the students participated and improved over the day.

The day was run by Orange Rotary Clubs and the Bradman Foundation for students in Years 3-6 who don’t necessarily participate in team sports.

It was a fabulous day with over 130 students attending from the Orange district.

A big thank you to Mrs Backhouse and Mrs Betts for taking the students to this very worthwhile event.

More Reading Tips for Parents of First Graders

Source: www.readingrocks.org

- Pick books that are at the right level
  Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.

- Play word games
  Have your child sound out the word as you change it from mat to fat to sat; from sat to sag to sap; and from sap to sip.

- I read to you, you read to me
  Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.

- Gently correct your young reader
  When your child makes a mistake, gently point out the letters he or she overlooked or read incorrectly. Many beginning readers will guess wildly at a word based on its first letter.

- Talk, talk, talk!
  Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around the house. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation, and build on words you’ve talked about in the past.

- Write, write, write!
  Ask your child to help you write out the shopping list, a thank you note to Nan, or to keep a journal of special things that happen at home. When writing, encourage your child to use the letter and sound patterns he/she is learning at school.

Learn to Swim Program

All children participating in our ten day Learn to Swim Program were sent home an information sheet with details of costs (bus fare and pool entry) and session times. A reminder that all notes/monies should be handed in to the Primary office (cash only please - NO cheques), in a sealed envelope with the child’s name and amount enclosed written on it, as soon as possible (preferably this week).

The total cost for lessons is $49 - being $25 for pool entry (unless a season ticket is held) and $24 (non refundable) for bus travel to and from the pool each day. Concessions are available in some cases - please contact Mrs Jane Backhouse or Ms Robyn Wheeler for details.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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<td>For fantastic effort in narrative writing</td>
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<td>For a huge improvement in understanding time in Maths.</td>
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<td>Connor Warner</td>
<td>For improved work ethics.</td>
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<td>5/6 Emerald</td>
<td>Abbey Quinn</td>
<td>For super acting and playing more than one role in our film.</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Henrietta Pottie</td>
<td>For excellent use of her Surface Tablet to carry out research on her chosen country.</td>
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Uniform Award

Week 5 Term 4

Stage 1 - Claire Miller
Stage 2 - Jasmin Wilson
Stage 3 - Rebecca Geddes

Have a wonderful week!!

Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary
Would you know what to do if your child was choking, burnt or fitting?

CUMNOCK VILLAGE PRE SCHOOL & MOLONG EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
Proudly Present

KIDS FIRST AID COURSE

FRIDAY 21.11.14
10AM-1PM OR 2-5PM
FREEMASONS HOTEL
1 BANK STREET, MOLONG
$85 PER PERSON
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Kids First Aid presenters are PARAMEDICS- experts in emergency care. Our 3 hour programme is specifically designed for parents and carer’s of kids (0-16years.)
First we cover CPR, demonstrating the difference between a new born baby, a toddler and an adult. Then we focus on the 10 most common emergency situations (listed below), that involves children and provides up to date first aid responses for:

- Drowning
- Fractures
- Bleeding
- Broken bones
- Bites & stings
- Burns
- Fits & FEVERS
- Allergies & Anaphylaxis
- Poisoning and
- Choking

To register simply visit
Or call 1300 138 133

BOWEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRIVIA NIGHT
OPHIR TAVERN
FRIDAY 14.11.14
6.30 -9.30PM
COST: $12 PER PERSON
ALL ENQUIRIES TO 6362 3655
All funds will go toward the Schools Spectacular Excursion

K-6 LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Our Kindergarten to Year 6 Learn to Swim program commences on November 24th 2014.
Further details on Page 3 of this Newsletter.

BELINDA MILLS
HELP NEEDED
HELEN DAVIS
LISA BURGESS
HELP NEEDED

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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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