STAFFING NAME CHANGE
Two weekends ago, Ms Abbi Pratten became Mrs Abbi Powell. Mrs Powell has had a brilliant year with 2 Topaz and has really grown from a most competent teacher to an inspirational teacher who has a great future ahead of her. Unfortunately, Mrs Powell will not be with us next year as she will relocating, with her husband, to Lennox Head. We wish Mrs Powell well in all her future endeavours and thank her for her great input into Molong Central School over the past two years.

WELL DONE MS MASON!
Ms Sonya Mason has been selected to receive a Teachers Mutual Bank Performing Arts Teachers Recognition Award for her commitment to the performing Arts including the State Drama Camp, State Drama Festival, OnSTAGE, NSW Public School Drama Ensemble as well as her ongoing support of public school students. Well done!

THE LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA “PLAY” PROGRAM
Harrison Hill has kindly written the following report for our newsletter.
I and 7 other young musicians from Orange were selected to participate in the NSW Regional Conservatorium London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) Project in Sydney. The “Play” Program involved 70 students from regional NSW working with LSO members and Australian World Orchestra artistic director and conductor Alexander Briger.
We spent 4 days in workshops, rehearsing alongside LSO tutors, playing up to 6 hours a day but having great fun. We also had the opportunity to observe an LSO rehearsal and attend one of the LSO concerts in the Opera House, led by Russia’s greatest conductor Valery Gergiev.
This unique experience concluded with the students and LSO performing together in an afternoon concert at Verbrugghen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Our families enjoyed three works including Nimrod by Elgar, Lieutenant Kije Suite by Prokofiev, and America from Brenstein’s West Side Story. We all played so well together and the music was amazing! We all liked America so much we played it twice!

By Harrison Hill 3 Ruby

BIG DAY IN
The MCS Secondary Student Representative Council (SRC) held another incredibly successful Big Day In on the 17th November.
I would like to thank Cheryn Johnston and Scott Taprell for their Self Esteem workshops, Roisin Dyer for an informative Girl’s Health Information session, Dr Tim Low and Jason Lowe who spoke on boy’s physical and mental welfare and Ms Bec Vis for organising the Senior Welfare Program.
A huge thank you must of course go to all the students and staff who were involved in the organisation of this very successful day.
Please see our separate flyer with the complete report and Big Day In pictures.

Janis Glasson
Principal
Secondary News

BYOD - UPDATE
There have been quite a few BYOD User Charters being returned to the front office. Students who have had their Charter signed and returned will be able to bring their device to school in the final week of term. This will allow them to connect to the device to the network and be in a position to use the device from Day 1 2015.

As mentioned there is a site where Public School students can get software either free or at a much reduced rate. The Site is http://nsw-stu.dents.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx

From here students can register to download the software using their School email account.

Although I will not recommend a device, I would like to make you aware of the following.

On Tuesday 25.11.14 Lenovo and JB Hi-Fi launched their Student BYOD program, specifically designed for NSW public school students.

The computers on the program are built for students, are robust to withstand the school environment and equipped with a 5GHz Wi-Fi card to connect to the school network. JB Hi-Fi is an authorised Lenovo education partner and computers ordered on the portal may be collected from your local store. Financing and insurance may also be organised via the portal. Simply log on to www.jbeducation.com.au/byod and use code DECNSW, to see what deals they are offering.

SUCCESS WITH THE BAT AND BALL
Last Tuesday our Open Girls’ Super 8’s Cricket Team travelled to Dubbo for the State Finals of the competition. All of our girls competed particularly well, demonstrating some impressive skills with the ball, the bat and in the field. All of the girls (Sophie Clayton, Rachael Geddes, Georgie Allcorn, Samantha Mills, Sheree Williams, Makayla Wright, Isabel Griffiths and Crystal Norberry) demonstrated some huge hitting and excellent bowling, however, it was perhaps our fielding which was the most impressive aspect of our game that allowed our girls to play off for the title in the final match of the day. The final game was between Molong and Dunedoo and unfortunately M.C.S. lost by just 10 runs. This event was very tightly contested between a number of schools and our girls can be very proud of their efforts, placing as State Silver Medallists in the inaugural State Championship. Well done, girls!

The Open Boys M.C.S. cricket team (40 overs competition) cruised through their first round against Yeoval, before coming up against a resilient Trundle side in Parkes. Molong won this game in what proved to be a close affair. As a result the boys progressed to the State finals (also held last week) for the second consecutive year, with the two day tournament held in hot conditions in Dubbo. After a very comfortable win on day one, we headed back for day two, full of confidence. Our boys can be very proud of their efforts as they defended their title from 2013, becoming just the second school to win back-to-back State Championships. Every player (Kade Barrow, Tyler Ginn, Jye Barrow, Tom Romer, Lachlan Middleton, Jordan Middleton, Trent Fledner, Cody Ramsay, Harry Gersbach, Jayden Fahey and Toby Collins) contributed very well in the field, with most also getting a bowl at some point in the two matches. Well done to Kade Barrow who was named Most Valued Player for the tournament! A special mention must also be made of the bowling efforts from Harry Gersbach, Kade Barrow and Jye Barrow, who also hit an exceptional 92 runs in the first game. To all of the boys involved in this title defence, congratulations on an outstanding effort!

Mr M. Paterson, Sports Coordinator

ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP
On Thursday December 4th we had a lady called Nyree Reynolds come to work with the Aboriginal students at MCS to create an original artwork for the school.

We all really liked how we could choose our own symbols for the artwork. My favourite part was painting the sky and knowing what all the symbols meant. Nyree was really nice and I’m looking forward to seeing the paintings hung in the school.

We are all keen to have more cultural events next year.

Ashleigh Bridge

Nyree (Ngari) Reynolds is an Aboriginal woman of the Gamilaraay Nation and is an Artist/Tutor based in Central West NSW. She has facilitated workshops for many years for Indigenous and non Indigenous children; youth at risk; aged care facilities; local councils and public art projects with children; disabled adults; people with mental illness; drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal

BRONZE MERIT AWARDS
Jessica CLAYTON
Molly HOSWELL
Kade BARROW
Eboney MILLER
Amber WILLIAMSON
Alex STEWART
Josh AMBERGE
Aaliyah WRIGHT
Andee SHEEDY
Pedro OSTE
Lauren CROWLEY
Tegan GUE

SILVER MERIT AWARDS
Joshua DOWLER
Abbie STEDMAN
Blake BROUFF

GOLD MERIT AWARD
Sarah WILLIAMS

GOLD MERIT MEDALLION
Lachlan CAMPBELL

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Congratulations swimmers!
A fortnight of warm weather has provided ideal conditions for the Year 2-6 children involved in our Learn to Swim Program at Molong Pool. All students have improved their water skills and confidence as well as discussing and practising ways to stay safe during water-based activities. They are encouraged to continue swimming throughout the summer holidays (with adult supervision), to further their floating and gliding skills and/or their breathing technique and strokes.

Our instructing teachers Mrs Powell (previously Miss Pratten), Mrs Bale and Ms Wheeler would also like to thank Mrs Dwyer, Mrs Dodds, Mr Punch, Mrs Mutton and Mrs Backhouse for assisting with lessons at the pool.

Return of Home Readers
A reminder to all families that any books borrowed from classrooms for home reading, as part of CLUB 200, need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Please check your house thoroughly for any misplaced books. This allows the school to continue offering our K-6 students a wide choice of books for home reading each year.

Miss Pratten becomes Mrs Powell!
Recently Miss Pratten celebrated her marriage to Sam Powell at St Josephs Catholic Church in Orange. 2 Topaz were invited to attend the wedding and provided a Guard of Honour when Mr and Mrs Powell came out of the church. The students had balloons and bubbles to help celebrate their union. Mrs Powell looked absolutely beautiful, as did all the students in 2 Topaz who attended. All of the students were very excited to attend such an occasion. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Powell!!!!

Awards
Bronze:
Aidan Garlick-Evans
Matthew Oscuro

Silver:
Jack Gynn
Jyrin Martin

Gold:
Emma Peters
Joseph Crisp

Platinum:
Charlotte Twaddle

Banner:
Olivia Norton

Badge:
Hannah Betts
Charlie Huggett
Lucy Jones

★ STUDENT OF THE WEEK ★

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<td>Lachlan Hobbs - For consistent effort in all tasks.</td>
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<td>Damon Knott - For a positive approach to Maths.</td>
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<td>Sian Clifford - For great independent work on Christmas Grid. Emma Peters - For improvement in reading and fluency.</td>
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<td>6 Zircon</td>
<td>Pacey Oakenfull - For a fantastic attitude towards all his work and in all areas of school.</td>
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<td>Tiarna Martin - For her attention to detail in the presentation of her work.</td>
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Club 200
Alex Harvey  Tim Harvey
Jacob Petrie  Abbey Quinn
Dylan Duncan-Dykstra
Reagan Quinn  Kelsey Quinn
Dakota O’Keefe

Have a wonderful week!!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary
**From the LIBRARY...**

**Week 10 Term 4**

**JUNIOR FICTION**

Spirit Animals series: Against the tide (Book 5) – by Tui T. Sutherland
How to train your dragon series – by Cressida Cowell:
How to speak dragonesque

Emily Feather and the chest of charms – by Holly Webb
Karana – by Uncle Joe Kirk, illustrated by Sandi Harrold (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)
Pig the pug – by Aaron Blabey (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)

**SENIOR FICTION**

The Crystal heart – by Sophie Masson
Geek girl: Model misfit – by Holly Smale
Master of the books – by James Moloney (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 3 and Stage 4)
Alexander Altmann A10567 (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 4)

Hi everyone,

Well here we are in Week 10 with only 8 school days to go! Primary students will not be having lessons at their regular times this week as I would ask parents to encourage their children to return all Library books by no later than **Monday 15th December**. Presently, we are having a great number of class loans returned as well as teachers’ resources, so there is a lot of tidying and reorganising happening. I will endeavour to send a note home this week about each child’s borrowings so that books can be returned promptly. It would be wonderful if we could have the complete Library collection back on the shelves by the end of the year. Primary students will be in the Library on the following days:

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The Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates will be handed out to students K-6 on the following mornings at Primary Assembly:

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It has been an exciting PRC year! Sixteen students will receive their Gold certificates for completing the challenge for 4 years and three students will receive their Platinum certificates for participating for 7 years. Two of our Secondary students will be amongst 256 students in NSW to be presented with their PRC medal this year. I am extremely proud of all the students who participated during the year and once again thank the K-2 teachers for their support in reading chosen titles to their classes and Ms McMillan in assisting me with keeping students’ records up-to-date.

Enjoy this special week with your children,

Mrs Hall

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**ART’SCHOOL 8–23 JANUARY 2015**

The following Holiday Art Classes will be held at the Orange Regional Gallery:

- ‘Tjulyuru’ – on a Journey (new) with Laretta Goodacre
- Cupcake toppers for kids (new) with Belinda Griffiths
- Farm animal or wild animals with Sonya Murphy
- Make a movie (new) with Liz Butler

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**MCS CANTEEN END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS**

**CLOSED – Friday 12th December**

**OPEN RECESS ONLY:**
- Monday 15th December
- Tuesday 16th December

**NO FOOD** will be sold on these 2 days (only chips and drinks etc)

**IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS**

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child’s hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old, children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.** This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe, on or near the road is to hold their hand.

**Talk with your child daily about road safety.**

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://www.transportnsw.info).

Have a safe holiday break!

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**CANTEEN 11/12/2014 –19/12/14**

**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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On November 17th, the SRC held their annual Big Day In for the Secondary Students. The day started with great information welfare presentations which saw Year 7-9 girls taking part in a Self Esteem for Girls session (thank you to Cheryn Johnston – Molong Health One for presenting this) and the Year 7-9 boys attended a Self Esteem and Self Respect Session (thank you to Scott Taprell – Deputy Principal for this presentation). The Year 10-11 girls attended a session about Health, Respect and Consent (presented by Roisin Dyer from Kite Street Community Health, Orange) and the Year 10 and 11 boys group were spoken to regarding issues about men’s health and how important it is to take care of their physical and mental welfare (presented by Dr Tim Low from Molong Health One and Mr Jason Lowe). Thank you to Ms Bec Vis for organising the Senior Welfare program.

The students then gathered in the hall to say a farewell to Sevanah Lang, and afterwards released beautifully coloured green, pink and purple balloons into the air in her honour, just metres away from Montana Brown’s memorial tree. It was a poignant moment where we all reflected on our dear friends.

After recess, the SRC started their schedule of games and friendly competitions, which ran up until lunch time. The games and competitions included an eating competition, chalk art, Wii Just Dance, a handball competition, a ball toss competition, Mr Costa’s infamous Disc Golf and sponge throwing at teachers (which showed to be the student’s favourite!). The SRC congratulates all the winners of these events.

Lunch was then served under the pines Lunch consisted of a sausage sizzle, can of soft drink and a milkshake. A big thankyou to Jye Barrow, Harry Gersbach, Jordan Campbell, Thomas Romer, Chelsea Wilson, Miss Milner and Mr Paterson for helping out with the BBQ and another massive thankyou to the Year 10 girls, Mrs Corinth and Miss Stamotopulous for making and serving up the milkshakes.

At the end of the day, the announcement of all the winners was made. The biggest announcement, however, was the winners of the best dressed competition. The school was overrun by famous Superheroes and Villains! The winners are as follows: 1st Superhero Andee Sheedy, 1st Villain Tieke Thomas, 2nd Lachlan Middleton, 3rd Drew Johnson and the Best Dressed Teacher was Mr Samuel Horner.

We managed to raise $560.80 during the day and as promised 15% of the final balance will be going towards ‘Movember’ as part of the fundraising effort which Mr Knight and Mr Horner were organising.

A massive thank you goes out to all SRC members who gave their endless time and effort to make this day enjoyable for everyone. SRC members for 2014 are: Amber Williamson, James Rogers, Ashley Bridge, Sophie Weekes, Jessica Burgess, Tieke Thomas, Kayla Bloomfield, Shaniece Callan, Tane Hoete, Sarah Fessey, Alex Trudgett, Tarryn Miles, Courtney Davies, Phoenix Agulia, Victoria Miller, Lachlan Campbell, Blake Brouff, Zac Miles, Sophie Clayton, Chrysal Norberry, Rachael Geddes and Isabel Griffths. This day would not have happened without the support, guidance and encouragement of Mrs Dale. Mrs Dale is a unique and great addition to the SRC (as the SRC Teacher Coordinator) and the Big Day In would certainly not have run as smoothly without her on board. Thank You Mrs Dale!

Thank you to Rachel Geddes (Year 11 School Vice-Captain and SRC Executive member)) for providing this article and thank you to all the SRC members for organising a wonderful day.
SRC BIG DAY IN