NEW PRINCIPAL 2015 – WELCOME MRS MICHELLE BARRETT

I am very pleased to announce that the position of Principal for 2015 has been finalised and Mrs Michelle Barrett has been appointed. Mrs Barrett has been at a number of schools previously - Katomba High School, Ryde Technology High School, Berkley Vale High School, Kelso High School and she has been at Orange High School for some years with seven of the recent years as the Deputy Principal. Mrs Barrett has relieved as Principal for long periods of time at Orange High School and she has a teaching and learning focus and a strong background in curriculum and assessment.

Mrs Barrett is married with two children and is currently residing in Orange. Mrs Barrett is looking forward to coming to Molong Central School and intends to remain at Molong Central School for a long time.

I shall be working closely with Mrs Barrett during this week and in the holidays discussing school organisational matters and future directions. I expect a seamless handover between myself, as the exiting Principal and Mrs Barrett, the incoming Principal.

I once again take this opportunity to thank the Molong Central School community for the support of Molong Central School over the years. The school has grown educationally and it is regarded extremely well locally and across the state. Thank you to you all and have a great Christmas and New Year.

MCS STUDENTS ACHIEVE HIGHEST PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE HONOUR

Thank you to Mrs Hall (our Librarian) for providing this article. Each year, the Premier’s Reading Challenge team awards medals to students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to reading by completing the Challenge every year from Year 3 to Year 9. It is with great pleasure and excitement that I announce the recipients of the PRC medals for 2014. These are the first medals to be received by MCS students since its inception in 2002.

The enthusiastic and dedicated students are: Jessica Burgess and Brooke Watts (both Year 9). These students are among 250 students state wide who have achieved the honour of receiving a PRC medal this year. The girls have read in total over 200 books each over their many years of participation and I commend their diligence and self-motivation in this endeavour. Jessica and Brooke’s love of literacy provides their peers and younger students with excellent role models.

MCS students have also been successful in receiving their Gold and Platinum Certificates in 2014. Our Gold Certificate recipients who have participated for 4 years are: Grace Parry, Charlie Bohringer, Sophie Heath, Harrison Hill, Taylah Hobbs, Carter Kirby, Delta Rodwell, Will Thomas, Hannah Williamson, Nathan Wilson, Ella Fowler, Lachlan Hobbs, Riley Lampe, Macaulee Mills & Molly Weekes. It has been wonderful to have Primary students continue to complete the PRC under their own steam at home after being supported at school during the K-2 years.

Students who receive their Platinum Certificate have been involved for 7 years. The 2014 recipients are: Bridie Dive (Yr 6), Leigh Brown & Joshua Dowler (both Yr 7). I congratulate them on their efforts in reading a total of 140 books in this time.

I am very proud of the 171 students (K-12) who have been successful in completing the PRC for 2014.

FAREWELL TO STAFF

Molong Central School wishes to farewell two temporary members of staff who will be leaving at the end of the year to commence maternity leave. Mrs Katelyn Runing expects her baby in March and Ms Renee Lidgard expects her baby mid-January.

Both Mrs Runing and Ms Lidgard are hardworking, passionate teachers who really focussed on student achievement. Ms Lidgard has been instrumental in raising the profile of Agriculture in the school and reshaping the Agriculture programs. She has encouraged many students to take up Agriculture. Mrs Runing has been teaching Year 4 Diamond and she has been innovative in the classroom with a huge number of activities to assist the student’s learning. Our best wishes go to these staff members.

Mrs Runing has been replaced by Mrs Erin Smith and Ms Lidgard by Mrs Anne Clark for 2015. We would also like to welcome Ms Lydia Ebert to our staff. Ms Ebert recently gained the position of Primary Classroom Teacher through Merit Selection. Ms Ebert will be teaching Year 1 Barrington.

I would also like to wish Mr Bill Adams well as he is taking leave, pending retirement. He has led the e2 group of schools as the Deputy Principal of e2. He will be greatly missed for his great skills in negotiation and timetabling. Mr Adams was also Principal of Xsel in its formation years. Thank you to Mr Adams for his input into Molong Central School. Mrs Jude Bertolin (CRTHS) has already commenced teaching the Year 12 e2 Physics class.

Previously I have advertised that Mr Knight is leaving, pending retirement and we again wish him well. Mr Knight will be replaced by Mr Col Holland.

Janis Glasson, Principal
**MATHEMATICS GAT REPORT**

This Semester the GAT Mathematics students entered a competition run by the University of Wollongong. The aim was to produce and upload a two minute presentation on a topic within the New Australian Mathematics Syllabus. These would then be used by teachers and students in the learning process.

The competition required the division into two sections, one for years 7/8 and a second for years 9/10.

Years 7/8 were represented by Ian Dugmore, Pedro Oste, Joshua Dowler, Caitlyn Watts and Amy Wilson who pulled out all stops using Venn Diagrams to determine MSC’s favourite NRL player. Interviewing 100 students they then produced and collated the results. These students should be commended for developing their script and standing in front of the camera in order to demonstrate a unique application of this branch of Mathematics.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9Q3crRFlW0

Years 9/10 were represented by Courtney Davies, Sarah Fessey, Alex Trudgett and Tieke Thomas who pulled out all stops using Venn Diagrams to determined MSC’s favourite NRL player. Interviewing 100 students they then produced and collated the results. These students should be commended for developing their script and standing in front of the camera in order to demonstrate a unique application of this branch of Mathematics.

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**LACHLAN CAMPELL – WORLD KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On the 14th of November, myself and thirteen other Australians hopped on a plane for the sixteen hour plane flight to Chile. We were there for three days and in this time we trained tirelessly for the upcoming 8th WKO (World Karate Organisation) World Championships, amongst seeing many sites that Santiago has to offer. This included the Virgin Mary statue which overlooks the entire city.

On the 17th of November, we then travelled to our final destination of Curitiba, Brazil. This is where the tournament was to be held. We had two days to prepare as we also went to Rio De Janeiro for a day while in Brazil. In Rio we were fortunate enough to eat seafood on Copacabana Beach and see the statue of Christ The Redeemer. On the 21st competition began with countries such as Brazil, Canada, Sweden, Copeland and USA as our competitors. The lower grades competed on this day, with seven of our ten competitors winning medals on this day. I competed the next day in the Black Belt divisions in four events and got the following results.

- 16/17 Male Weapons: 1st Place
- Male Open Youth Kata: 2nd Place
- 16/17 Male Kata: 3rd Place
- 16/17 Male Kumite: 4th Place

Overall, I really enjoyed the experience and am happy to inform Molong that the Australian team achieved fifteen gold medals at this tournament from ten competitors. It was an amazing experience and I hope to get the opportunity to do this again.

**YEAR 9 CHILD STUDIES & KINDERGARTEN PARTY**

On Monday the 1st of December Kinder Pearl attended an ‘Under the Sea’ themed party, which was organised by Year 9 Child Studies class. The aim of this party was for us to learn how to successfully plan a fun party, whilst learning about nutrition and the different types of play.

Throughout the party Kinder Pearl enjoyed a variety of games including pass the parcel, find the fish in the slime, best catch and they got to take home an under the sea artwork they made from patty pan cases on an A4 piece of paper.

After the activities the children got to sit down and enjoy a variety of foods which were cooked by the Child Studies girls. Some of these treats were: sausage rolls, jelly in a cup, octopus frankfurts and fruit fish. At the end of the party they got to take a wonderful octopus cake back to their class room to eat later, which was cooked and decorated by Katia and Meg.

The cooking room was unnoticeable because of the decorations handcrafted by Sarah and Tieke. And as a way to say thank you for throwing the party the Kinder Pearl sent us a card they handmade reflecting the things they most enjoyed about the party.

A special thanks to Calliope and Kaylah for making the invites, and to Katia and Meg who were in charge of organising and cooking most of the food, with help from the other girls. Thanks also to Mrs Corinth and Mrs Taprell as they supplied us with the food and materials we needed to make this party happen!

Mrs Lyn Corinth
Child Studies/Food Technology Teacher

**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 CAMPELL

Scott Taprell
Deputy Principal
K-2 Christmas Assembly

Last Tuesday 9th December, K-2 students performed and received awards at the K-2 Christmas Assembly. All the students were dressed in Christmas colours and were very excited about performing! The theme was a “Very Aussie Christmas”. Students performed Christmas Carols with an Aussie twist!! Both teachers and students did a fabulous job. Very entertaining!

During the assembly K-2 students also presented Mrs Glasson with flowers and a small gift which was a booklet made by K/1 Quartz describing what a Principal does each day at school. Apparently Mrs Glasson has lots of morning teas and does a lot of walking!!! Mrs Glasson thought it was a fantastic gift and will treasure it forever.

Also during the assembly students in each class received awards for the wonderful work they have achieved this year. Well done to all of these students. We also farewelled Mrs Powell who has done a fantastic job teaching 2 Topaz. Mrs Powell will be moving to the coast and we wish her luck in her new adventure.

The assembly was very entertaining. Well done to students and staff for their efforts in making it so enjoyable.

Year 3-6 Christmas Assembly

Last Thursday 11th December students in Years 3-6 presented to a fantastic audience their Christmas Assembly for 2014. Some students also received awards for achievement and commitment throughout the year.

As part of their assembly, the new leaders for 2015 were announced.

They are:

Boy Captain: Angus Quigley
Girl Captain: Mardie Campbell
Boy Vice Captain: Joe Spencer
Girl Vice Captain: Molly Weekes
Boy Prefect: Jacob Duncan
Girl Prefect: Kara Yelland

Congratulations and well done!

Awards

Bronze: Hayley Miller
Gold: Ryan Bridge
Badge: Lachlan Hobbs
Ebony Webb
Sarah Webb
Rebecca Geddes

Year 6 Farewell

Last week we were able to farewell Year 6 with a dinner and disco as well presenting them with their Graduation Certificates the following day. The dinner was organised by Mrs Schaefer with Mr Linde and his class also decorating the hall beautifully for this event. All the students both in Years 5 and 6 looked amazing and very grown up. The meal was lovely and many thanks to the parents who came to help with serving. This was followed by the cutting of the cake and a disco to celebrate.

The next day Year 6 students had their formal assembly to receive their certificates. I can’t believe they have grown up so fast and are ready for high school. Good luck in high school Year 6 and congratulations!!

Club 200

Hannah Betts Anna Pottie
Lacey Brown Micah Oliver
Emily Pearson Riley Lampe
Hannah Williamson Jesyca Pearson

Have a wonderful Holiday and a fantastic New Year.
See you all in 2015!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE MEDAL WINNERS FOR 2014

Jessica Burgess
Brooke Watts

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the Library in 2015.

DISCOVER THE WORLD ON A WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM!

Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon! Don’t miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

Find Out More!
- Visit www.wep.org.au and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.
- If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD.

TWILIGHT SWIM CARNIVAL

Open to all school swimmers in preparation for the school swim carnivals!

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 2015
1 PM – 7 PM

- Collect RACE ENTRY FORM from Orange Aquatic Centre
- $5 per event
- Complete entry form and return to Orange Aquatic Centre in sealed envelope with correct race fee
- Entries close 21st January 2015
- NOVELTY EVENTS to be held during the day just for fun!
- Gold coin donation to enter into each novelty event on the day
- Drink and Sausage Sizzle available

MORE INFO – Meg Vickery 0402728081 megmat@aanet.com.au

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BELINDA MILLS

CANTEEN 16/12/2014 – 6/2/2015
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