FAREWELL MR. PHIL KNIGHT

Mr Phil Knight has indicated that he will be taking Long Service Leave from the start of next year, pending retirement. He has had a long and distinguished 37 year teaching career and has taught at three schools across the years, Brewarrina Central School, Orange High School and Molong Central School. We wish him well and thank him for his enormous input into Molong Central School. Mr Knight looked after the TAS area, particularly in the Timber area and was a Year Adviser.

Over the years Mr Knight has mentored a number of less experienced TAS teachers and supported their development. Mr Knight was popular with the students and staff and his sincere interest in student's welfare was always appreciated by all.

Next year, Mr Knight will be replaced by Mr Colin Holland who is a very experienced TAS teacher 7-12 and has previously been a Head Teacher TAS.

On behalf of staff and students at MCS we would like to wish Mr Knight well for his upcoming leave, as he prepares for his future retirement.

2014 UpstART EXHIBITION & AWARDS – COWRA REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Many MCS staff and students, friends and family gathered at the Cowra Regional Art gallery for the 2014 UpstART Exhibition and Awards, held on Saturday 22nd November, to witness Molong Central School students receiving 9 out of the possible 21 awards. This year MCS continued to feature significantly in the prize winners lists, as we have done in past years.

This yearly Exhibition for Year 10, 11 and 12 allows students a chance to display their artwork at a Regional Gallery. This year, the schools involved were Blayney, Canobolas, Cowra, Forbes, Orange and Young High Schools, along with Molong Central School.

The awards recognise students in Years 10, 11 and 12 as First Place winners (or Highly Commended) in their year, as well as being winners in the Open Categories. The Open Category consists of a Painting Award, a Photography Award, a 2D Digital Art Award, a Drawing Award, Craft Award (ceramics/textiles), a Mixed Media Award, a Sculpture Award and the People Choice Award which will be determined when the exhibition finalises.

MCS has an established reputation for art making and the expertise behind the scenes is due to the fantastic work over the years of Mrs Chris Cowell (former MCS Visual Art Teacher) and current teachers - Mrs Claire Ryan and Ms Jen Long. Their encouragement of all the Art students, together with their explicit teaching is welcomed and treasured by all their students.

A big thank you must go to the Cowra Regional Art Gallery for their thoughtfulness during the past weeks. The Gallery made a special journey to MCS to collect our art work, knowing the difficult weeks we have had. A supplement is attached with this Newsletter, with full details of our talented students and their prize winning art works.

VALE MR. GREG URBANSKI

Molong Central School was saddened to hear that Mr Greg Urbanski passed away on Wednesday 19th November.

Mr Urbanski was a teacher at Molong Central School just over 2 years ago in our TAS department. We offer our sincere condolences and sympathy to his family and friends at what must be a very difficult time.

Janis Glasson
Principal
YR 11 TAKE PART IN RYDA PROGRAM

"On Tuesday the 28th of October Year 11 attended the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) Program at the Orange Racecourse. Throughout the day we attended six sessions that would help us become better and safer drivers. The first session we attended talked about hazards, distractions and risks and how, as drivers, we could avoid them or minimise their impact. We then had a braking demonstration from the police who showed us the stopping distances of cars going at different speeds and with different types of brakes. All students were also allowed to ride in the cars throughout the demonstration. After recess we had a talk on road choices that we make and the consequences they may have, from Police Officer, Greg Treavors. Our next session focussed on having a Plan B and the effects that alcohol, drugs and fatigue can have and how it could affect our driving ability. After lunch we were invited to a discussion from two speakers. The first speaker, Nicole Sugden, was a crash survivor. She told us her story of how when she was 17 she was involved in a car accident that has left her paralysed; meaning that she will be in a wheelchair for the rest of her life. The next speaker had lost a son as a result of a car accident and told us how her life had changed since her son was killed in the accident that had involved both speed and alcohol. Our final session was about our vehicle safety. After getting to design our very own ‘dream’ car we were told about what types of vehicles are the safest to drive. We also went through what features of cars are the safest and how to check if your car is safe for you to drive. We would like to thank Rotary for putting on this great educational day. We would also like to thank Cabonne Council, Molong Central School and Rotary for paying for this program and allowing us to go. A very big thank you must go to all of the speakers for giving up their time to talk to us and share their personal road safety stories. Lastly we would also like to thank Mr Horner and Mr Taylor for accompanying us throughout the day.”

Sophie Clayton, Year 11 student

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TAFE WESTERN – SKILLS READY – ONE DAY FREE TRAINING COURSE FOR STAGE 5 STUDENTS

Forty five Year 9 and 10 students from Molong Central School are participating in a skills ready program with TAFE Western. The program runs from Thursday 27th November until Thursday 11th December 2014. Interested students selected their area of interest from the units offered below. The Skills Ready sessions are aimed at providing school students with skills for further training either at school or at TAFE in Stage 6. The outcomes for the participants will vary depending on the training. Skills Ready participants could gain a unit of competency or hands on introduction to a unit of competency and/or foundation skills support.

**Single enrolment:** Students will be enrolled in only one unit of competency and will have the opportunity to gain this unit: ‘White card’ and prepare and serve espresso coffee.

**Dual enrolment:** Students will be enrolled in a VET unit of competency and a foundation skills unit of competency and, depending on the units, may gain the units of competency.

**Single Enrolment Courses**
- White card is on 27/11/14
- Prepare & serve Espresso Coffee is on 1/12/14, 2/12/14 & 3/12/14 (students chose 1 day only)

**Dual Enrolment Courses**
- Motor bikes & small motors on 1/12/14
- Mining on 2/12/14
- Construction on 2/12/14
- Electrical on 11/12/14
- Automotive on 1/12/14
- Children’s Services on 8/12/14

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE VISIT**

On Wednesday 19th November students from Years 9 to 12 had the opportunity to participate in an ADF Careers Presentation. This consisted of a 35 minute presentation covering all Defence Force careers including the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), Defence University, sponsorship, Trades and General Entry Roles. This presentation also outlined the recruitment process, eligibility requirements, Defence Work Experience Program as well as providing an insight into what life in the Defence Force is like. Many thanks to the Specialist Recruitment Team consisting of WO2 Wayne Davis and CPO Ricardo Macchetta for providing the students with valuable information and a wonderful insight into the many career paths available to them.

Mr T. Taylor, Careers Adviser
Swim and Survive – Christmas Holiday Program

While our in-school Learn to Swim Program continues this week, our staff also recommends involvement in the "Swim & Survive" program run by the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation during the Christmas holidays. Lessons are held at Molong Pool from Monday 12th January to Thursday 22nd January 2015. (bookings can be made at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/). Each K-2 family and our 3-6 learner swimmers should have received a Swim & Survive flyer this week. It has been proven that giving school age children the opportunity to take part in a series of swimming lesson programs over several summer seasons is very important in building their water skills, safety and confidence for a lifetime.

Choir singing

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, the choir sang at the Molong Hospital and Prunus Lodge respectively. Under the expert conducting of Mrs Ecclestone, the choir performed a range of songs they have learnt this year. The comments from residents and staff at both facilities were very positive and appreciative, and included how harmonious they sounded. To conclude the performance, the choir sang a few Christmas carols, which many of the audience joined in with. The choir were treated to a drink and an ice block for their great performance.

Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas concerts will be held as follows:

K-2 Assembly Tuesday 9th Dec
9.30am - 11.00am

Yrs 3-6 Assembly and Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 11th Dec
11.10am - 1.00pm

Awards

Bronze:
- Amelia Rodwell
- Damon Knott
- Lillibelle Dive

Silver:
- Tiarna Allsop
- Jett Weekes

Badge:
- Emma Adams
- Leoni Wilson

★ STUDENT OF THE WEEK ★

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Club 200

Hunter Hobbs  Adam Spencer
Joe Spencer    Larson Harvey

Uniform Award – Tuesday Week 8 Term 4

Stage 1 - Hayley Miller
Stage 2 - Lucy Vis Lowe
Stage 3 - Katelan Philpott

There will be assembly this Thursday
No class item, 2.20pm start

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

**Week 9 Term 4**

**JUNIOR FICTION**

*Amelia Jane again* – by Enid Blyton  
*The lighthouse keeper’s surprise collection* – by Ronda & David Armitage (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1):  
*The lighthouse keeper’s Christmas*  
*The lighthouse keeper’s cat*  
*Clementine Rose and the treasure box* – by Jacqueline Harvey:  
*Puppy gets stuck* – by Sue Mongredien, illustrated by Jon Davis  
*EJ spy school series: The test* – by Susannah McFarlane, illustrated by Dyani Stagg  
*Buster and the amazing Daisy: Adventures with Asperger Syndrome* – by Nancy Ogaz, illustrations by Patricia Shubeck  
*Doc McStuffins: Brontosaurus breath* – by Sheila Sweeney Higginson  
*The bear went over the mountain* – by Lois Shea (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)

**SENIOR NON-FICTION**

*Disasters* – by David Burnie

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**Hi everyone,**

As we approach the end of the year and records have to be finalised in the Library, the staff need students to pretend they are searching for their Christmas presents in every nook and cranny of the house to find their overdue books. It would be wonderful to say at the end of the year that not one student has an outstanding loan!

If you are in contact with any Primary students who may have left recently, it may be good to remind them to return any overdue loans. If you know that your child is leaving to attend another school at the end of the year please ask them to make a concerted effort to check their loans with me in the next two weeks. Once again we are receiving books back into the Library that have not been treasured on their visit home.

We have many new Christmas books which are currently being borrowed and some have been returned with soggy and torn pages. **Please insist** that your child use a protective bag to carry books to and from school. Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates are ready to be printed off next week and will hopefully be presented to students during morning assemblies in the Primary under the COLA. We have a lovely surprise for some students who have achieved their Gold (4 years participation) and Platinum (7 years participation) certificates. These students should be very proud of their efforts.

Happy searching for books!

Mrs Hall

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**R E Q U E S T TO PARENTS & CARERS FROM ORANGE BUS LINES**

If your child travels by bus and you change your address, please make sure that you notify Orange Bus Lines. Also if your child is entering Year 3 or Year 7, you are required to complete a new blue application form. These forms are available upon request from the Main Office at Molong Central School. Please direct all enquiries to Orange Bus Lines on 63623197 or email info@orangebuslines.com.au.
2014 UpstART Exhibition & Awards
Cowra Regional Art Gallery

Congratulations must go to the following students and teachers:-

- **Tara Walker (12)** – First Place Year 12 “Untitled”. This was Tara’s HSC work.
- **Celeste Danaher (12)** – Winner Open Section “The Rivals of Gaming”. This was Celeste’s HSC Art Work.
- **Nyki Roots (12)** Winner Mixed Media “Along the Way.” This was Nyki’s HSC Art Work.
- **Hannah Hanson (10)**- Winner Open 2D Digital Art “Ghost”.
- **Courtney Walker (10)** – Winner Open Printmaking “Lycosidae”.
- **Kiah Whiley(12)** – Highly Commended Open 2D Digital Art “The ABC Eating Bee”. This was Kiah’s HSC Art Work.
- **Taylor Brouff (10)** - Highly Commended Open Photography Award “Light Works.”
- **Phoenix Aguila (10)** – Highly Commended Year 10 “Rock-a-by-baby”.
- **Georgie Allcorn(11)**- Highly Commended Open Sculpture “The Shed”.

Further congratulations must go to the following students who had their work selected by the school to be entered into the Exhibition – **Alex Trudgett(10)**, **Matthew Johansson(10)**, **Emalee Johnston(10)**, **Erin Abrahams (10)**, **Bethany Johnston(10)**, **Jessica Watson (10)**, **Blake Brouff (11)**, **Shay Johnston(11)**, **Hannah Middleton (11)**, **Chrsytal Norberry (11)**, **Sheree Williams(11)**, **Chelsea Wilson (11)**, **Georgia Chilcott (12)**, and **Jade Kirk (12)**. A particular mention of the Art Work, in memory of Sevanah Lang, which was exhibited after being chosen by her peers for the exhibition – her work was entitled “The One”.
