SETTLED START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

Our great school community has had an extremely settled start to the school year throughout Primary and Secondary. All students in classes have been working hard and diligently. Thank you to the staff of Molong Central School for working hard at the end of last year to make sure the entire organisation regarding timetables, RFF and students class allocations was in place for Day 1 this year.

Kindergarten classes have started well with Secondary students assisting Mrs Monk, Mrs Thornhill and Mrs Sullivan in the Kindergarten classrooms as part of Kindergarten Assistance Program. Thanks to Mr Tony Taylor, our Career Advisor, for coordinating this program, with the Primary teachers. 48 senior students expressed a genuine interest in childcare as a future career and are participating in the program.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The school holds some money through the Student Assistance Scheme to assist parents who are experiencing financial difficulties with the cost of excursions and performances. Parents can approach Mrs Glasson for financial assistance by making an appointment through the Main Office.

NEW FACES ON STAFF

I take great pleasure in welcoming three new staff members to Molong Central School.

Mrs Audrey Brown has had vast experience as a Relieving Assistant Principal at Orange Public School and has taught at Orange Public for some years. Mrs Brown was selected, through merit, to the Assistant Principal’s position replacing Jenny Walton. Welcome Audrey.

Joining the Secondary Science/ Ag faculty are two new teachers replacing Ms Libby Lee and Ms Helen Colman, Ms Renee Lidgard and Mr David Blowes. They both have qualifications in Agriculture and Science and in Mr Blowes case VET Primary Industries. David comes from Yeoval Central School where he taught for many years and lives in Molong. Renee has settled in Molong and comes from Sydney.

Mr David Blowes, Ms Renee Lidgard & Mrs Audrey Brown
At the end of last term, we were not able to select an appropriate Head Teacher of Mathematics and this position, once again, will go to advertisement this term. I would like to thank Mr Mark Paterson for stepping up into the role of Head Teacher Maths/PE this term.

Once again thank you to Mr Geoff Pokoney for making himself available, for this term, to teach mathematics.

CABONNE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to Emily Peffer, David Antioch and Lachlan Campbell for being selected as the Molong, Cudal and Manildra Youth of the Year for 2014 (respectively). Whilst Lachlan has commenced his HSC studies as a Year 11 student at MCS, Emily has accepted a position at the University of Western Sydney to study for a career as an Occupational Therapist. David has been offered a place at The University of Wollongong, studying Performance. David gained this (hard to be selected) placement through interview and application, as well as obtaining the necessary ATAR marks. Well done to all these students on gaining these prestigious Australia Day Awards.

Emily Peffer            David Antioch          Lachlan Campbell

Mrs Janis Glasson, Principal

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Library.

This most successful P&C Committee is a much valued feature of Molong Central School and I encourage all parents and caregivers to attend.

WOULD YOU LIKE THE NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO YOU?

If any parent would like a newsletter emailed to them, then please fill in the appropriate form attached to this newsletter and return it by email/fax or hand it into the Main Office.

GENERAL PERMISSION TO PUBLISH AND DISCLOSE INFORMATION

- ATTENTION PARENTS

Please view the letter, handed out with this newsletter and return the attached Permission to Publish section to the Main Office- attention Karen Hobbs.

Thank you!
MCS AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT
For the last few years now, Helen Colman has been putting aside some funds for a seeding machine to be used in conjunction with the Ag plot tractor. Sales of sheep, wool, ducks, poultry and other produce went into this fund. The fund also received a real boost when Graham Hobbs and family of ‘Waroona’ Murray Grey Stud donated the proceeds from the sale of a donated steer. The Ag plot has had no efficient way of sowing crops or pasture and at times this has been a real disappointment as germination rates and paddock coverage has been poor. The main obstacle we had to acquiring the correct machine was their cost and availability. We needed a very small unit and these were hard to come by and very costly. Helen’s vision to acquire a small seeding machine came to fruition this year with a visit by Andrew Owen to Davimac. When presented with a description of what we wanted, Mr Shannon McNab of Davimac said that they would be happy to build Molong Central School a machine to meet our needs at a very reasonable cost. With a few more sheep sales we were able to come up with the funds required and recently we took ownership of a brand new seeding machine of excellent quality. Molong Central School would like to thank Davimac for their generosity and support. We are extremely fortunate to have acquired a machine of such quality at such a discounted rate. Thank you again to Davimac. We would also like to thank Mr Wade Smith of Agrowplow for his part in the supply of the machine and his offer of ongoing support in its use.

Caitlyn Campbell, Jessica Windus, Jake Amberge & Ben Sharpless

WESTERN ATHLETICS TRIALS (BATHURST)
On Friday, 26th July I had the pleasure of taking 4 talented athletes to the Western Athletics Trials in Bathurst. Millah Allcorn (Yr 7), Shaun Paterson (Yr 10) and Alex Paterson all 1 Karla Pearson – Yr 8. They all ran to the best of their abilities in competitive nature of the day did not put her 200m final as well as the 800m final and advance her straight through to the Championships, an achievement of which she should be extremely proud! I would like to congratulate Millah, Shaun, Alex and Karla on their great achievements.

MERITS
Tevis Eccleston; Casey Fleming; Ellie Whalan; Tyler Ginn; Isabelle Treacy; Brittany Rudd

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES
13/8/13 Yr 12 English Advanced Assessment Task – In Class Julius Caesar
15/8/13 Yr 7 English – In Class Poetry Assessment Task
16/8/13 Yr 9 English - Novel Task: Letter due

Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
Welcome Back!
Welcome back to our wonderful school and welcome to all of our new and Kinder families. I hope everyone had a well-earned break and are ready for a jam packed 2014!
A special welcome to two new staff members for 2014.
*Miss Abbi Pratten* will be teaching 2 Topaz on Monday through to Thursday with Mrs Karen Honeyman teaching them on Friday.
*Mrs Audrey Brown* is our new Assistant Principal who was appointed on the last day of last term. Mrs Brown will be teaching 1 Quartz.
This year we will be having GATS groups for selected Stage 2 and 3 students. Semester 1 will focus on Maths and Semester 2 will focus on English. These workshops will occur on Tuesday mornings and will be led by Mrs Eccelstone. Very exciting!

Kinder begins!
Last Friday 46 new Kinders began their first year of schooling at Molong Central School. All were eager to begin and many informed me that they had to come to school every day very seriously!
The day began with a meet and greet with the students receiving their new hats, nametags and a special gift for Mum and Dad. They then did some activities to get to know each other. They read the story the Rainbow Fish and then made one of their own.
The Kinders were also taught the class rules as well as participating in some more fun activities. In the afternoon they played some games for sport inside as it was extremely hot outside.
We saw hardly any tears from our little people but there were some from our Mums and Dads. I have included a few photos of what our little ones were doing throughout their first day.

Home Reading
Our Home Reading Program “CLUB 200” will officially commence on Monday 17th February (Week 4) and full details will be included in next week’s newsletter. Home reader books are provided in all classes so each student can begin borrowing books, to match their current reading level, on a regular basis.

Parent Helpers
All classes are looking for parent helpers for our Literacy and Maths groups. Stage 2 and 3 will be doing Maths groups Period 1 and in particular Year 3 are looking for parents to help as it is a particularly big group. Stage 1 will be doing literacy in the first session and will be looking for helpers with L3 and reading groups. If you are able to help please contact your classroom teacher or myself and let us know when you are available. Your help is very much appreciated and valued.

Scripture
Scripture will begin in Week 3. If you do not wish your child to participate please indicate in writing to myself that this is the case. If your child does not participate they will attend activities in the library.

Thursday Assemblies
Thursday assemblies will commence in Week 3. These are held in the School Hall and commence at 2.10pm. All students from K-6 attend and parents are also invited to come along. Every second week there will be an item from a class in Semester One. School awards are also handed out.

Active After School
Active After School in Term 1 will start up again in Week 4. Any enquiries please see Mrs Melissa Quinn.

Have a wonderful week and 2014!!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary
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Thank you, Tina McGovern, Canteen Manager.

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