NEW SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
Molong Central School would like to welcome Mr Paul Kelly to our school as the new School Counsellor replacing Mr Nick King, who retired last year. Mr Kelly will be attending our school each Tuesday and working with Mrs Robyn Flood (School Counsellor) who attends our school each Thursday and Friday. Mr Kelly has had an extensive and successful working career in Guidance and Student Welfare. Parents may like to take advantage of our great counselling service – please make an appointment through the Main Office. Secondary students have the opportunity to self-refer by making an appointment. Welcome Mr Kelly!

MCS PRIMARY HOUSE CAPTAINS - 2014
Alyssa Watts, Seth Archer, Corey Packham, Lucy Jones, Jordan Wilson, Mercades Oste, Isaac Leisk & Hannah Betts

MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL SECONDARY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL FOR 2014
This week I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the members of our Secondary Student Representative Council. The Primary Representative Council members are featured on the Primary page. Congratulations to all these students.

SECONDARY SRC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
President – Liam Bridge, Vice President - Sophie Clayton
Secretary – Angela Camilleri, Treasurer – Rachael Geddes
Media - Ellie Bryce
SRC MEMBERS 2014
YEAR 7 James Rogers, Amber Williamson
YEAR 8 Sophie Weekes, Ashleigh Bridge
YEAR 9 Jessica Burgess, Tieke Thomas
YEAR 10 Tarryn Miles, Victoria Miller
YEAR 11 Rachael Geddes, Alyssa Beatty, Sophie Clayton, Zac Miles, Michael Colless, Jordan Campbell.
YEAR 12 Ellie Bryce, Liam Bridge, Angela Camilleri, Brittany Rudd
CAPTAINS Danielle Dugmore and Joseph Parmeter

MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL “YEAR 7 EXPO DAY” ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2014
ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHOWING YOU AROUND OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL!
Year 6 students currently enrolled at local schools will receive information in the near future.
For further information please contact Karen Hobbs at Molong Central School on 6366 8224.

Janis Glasson, Principal
ASPIRE PROGRAM

Last week our Aspire students for this year began their training with leadership and communication activities; first aid training; and then navigation and communication sessions.

Aspire is a program delivered by OCTEC and funded by the NSW government designed to use outdoor education to develop the following skills in students:

- Communication
- Goal setting
- Team work
- Problem solving
- Planning and organisation
- Self management and resilience

The program runs by student withdrawal from normal classes and involved with off-site activities for 4 days in five separate weeks across Semester one. We’d love to send all (or most) students as it would help most, but we are limited in the numbers that we can send.

This year, the students attending are Jessica Watson, Sam Cummings, Rob Dugmore, Ben Kirk, Lachlan McCann-Brasch, Luke Neil, Toby Parry and Jayden Williamson. Over the program, the students will use activities like rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, mountain biking, caving and bushwalking to develop the target skills and their own identified goals.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We are continuing our push this year on improved student attendance from K-12 – all the statistics show that children who attend school every day do much better not only at school, but beyond school as well. Think of the maths involved:-

- If absent for just 1 day per week
- This is 10 days per term.
- Or 40 days per year which equates to
- 8 weeks of the year. Nearly a full term!
- Do this from Year K-6 and 56 weeks or nearly 1.5 school years are missed.
- Do this from Year 7-10 and 32 weeks or nearly a year of school is missed.

This is schooling that can’t be caught up on, each day counts.

Of course we know that sickness can prevent attendance, but can we encourage you to send a note to the school ASAP to explain the absence. Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Many parents are not aware that Exemptions may be granted for participation in family holidays during the School Term. The student is involved in sporting events or entertainment events for short periods of time.

To gain exemption a parent must apply before the event, it cannot be done retrospectively. More information has been sent home with our fees this week.

MOTIVATIONAL MEDIA “IMPACT”

Each year a multimedia presentation from Motivational Media visits the school to present a moving presentation designed to assist students in making good decisions. This year the presentation titled “Impact” was shown to Yr7-12 on Thursday 20th of Feb during Pd1-2. Impact focused on understanding how events in our life can impact on our decisions and directions of our life and those around us. It used real life stories of young Australians. This year it featured Ryan Campbell who is the youngest person to fly solo around the world and Marita Cheng 2012 Young Australian of the Year and others.

The presentations are always well received by students and have enabled some students to adjust their future goals. We hope this year’s presentation will also have an impact on those who were present.

MERITS

Celeste DANAHER; Caitlyn WATTS;

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES


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Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
Primary SRC
Recently Yrs 2-6 held elections in their classrooms for their SRC representatives for 2014.
Our representatives are:

2/3 Ruby
- Claire Miller
- Delta Rodwell

3/4 Garnet
- Flynn Fahey
- Jasmin Wilson

4 Diamond
- Meg Murray
- Annika Doolan

5/6 Emerald
- Bridie Dive
- Kara Yelland

5/6 Zircon
- Hannah Leisk
- Korro Bangoura

Stage 2 Parents
Thank you to all the parents who sent in cupcakes last week for our Stage 2 Cupcake Day. It was a very successful day raising approximately $280 towards our Stage 2 excursion.

UNSW Competitions
A note was sent home with every student in Years 3 – 6 in regards to the UNSW competitions. If you would like your child to participate, please send the order form back with monies as soon as possible.

BBQ at our Swimming Carnival
Special thanks to Stage 2 parents who assisted with our BBQ at the Swimming Carnival last Friday. In particular, thank you to Graham Hobbs & Jason Lowe for cooking the meat quickly for an impromptu lunch break!

Stage 1 – K Sapphire
- Lilli Belle Dive - For being a diligent and sensible class member

Stage 2 – K Pearl
- Cody Peschka - For very good application in all activities

Stage 3 – K/1 Opal
- Nikkiola Hanrahan - For being a very neat, careful and hardworking student

Stage 4 – 1 Quartz
- JamieLee Trapman - For outstanding behaviour and being an active learner.

Stage 5 – 2 Topaz
- Marrisa Lockhart - For being a diligent and cooperative class member.

Stage 6 – 2/3 Ruby
- Harry Hopkins - For working diligently in all areas.

Stage 3 – 3/4 Garnet
- George Betts - For always working hard in class.

Stage 4 – 4 Diamond
- Ella Kirby - For excellent work habits.

Stage 5 – 5/6 Emerald
- Jalayla Solwell - For great charcoal drawing of John Jagamarra.

Stage 6 – 5/6 Zircon
- Alyssa Watts - For your participation and valued contributions during our camel discussions.

Library
- Libby Peschka - For excellent borrowing habits in the library.

Uniform Award – Week 4 Term 1 – Thursday
Stage 1 – Kai Klok
Stage 2 – Jyrin Martin
Stage 3 – Anna Pottie

Scripture Lessons
Scripture lessons began last week in our classrooms. If you do not wish your child to participate, please put it in writing and give the note to either Jane Backhouse or Jeanette Boyd in the Primary office. Non Scripture students attend lessons in the library.

Have a wonderful week!!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary

Congratulations
GOLD AWARD
- Angus Day
PRINCIPALS BANNER
- Gabby Dowler
PRINCIPAL'S BADGE
- Abbey Quinn

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**Week 5 Term 1**

**JUNIOR FICTION**
*Thea Stilton and the ice treasure* – by Geronimo Stilton
*Tom Gates extra special treats (not)* - by Liz Pichon
*Spirit Animals: Wild born (Book 1)* – by Brandon Mull
*Our Australian girl series: Nellie and the secret letter* – by Penny Matthews (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 3 & Stage 4)

**JUNIOR NON-FICTION**
*Stick man* – by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)
*The fearsome, frightening, ferocious box* – by Frances Watts, illustrated by David Legge (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)
*King Pig* – by Nick Bland (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)
*Mrs Darcy* – written by Alex Field, illustrated by Peter Carnavas (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)

**SENIOR PICTURE BOOK**
*The Agency series (A Mary Quinn Mystery)* - by Y. S. Lee:
*A spy in the house (Book 1)*
*The body at the tower (Book 2)*
*Puberty blues* - by Gabrielle Carey and Kathy Lette
*The Battle for Rondo* – by Emily Rodda (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for stage 3 & Stage 4)

**SENIOR PICTURE BOOK**
*The treasure box* – by Margaret Wild, illustrated by Freya Blackwood (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 2)
*This moose belongs to me* – by Oliver Jeffers (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 2)
*Oliver Twist and other great Dickens stories* – retold and illustrated by Marcia Williams (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 4)
*How to heal a broken wing* – by Bob Graham (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)

Hi Everyone.

Our first Book Club for 2014 has now been distributed to students and was delivered to classrooms last Thursday. If your child did not receive all the books in their order could you please let me know as soon as possible so the error can be rectified. Issue 2 of Book Club will not be given to students as we are holding our *Scholastic Book Fair in Week 7* but copies of the catalogues will be available from the Library if you wish to have a look and place an order.

A ‘date for your diary’ is the 3rd March. This is when students who are participating in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge may start entering their choices into their personal reading logs on the PRC website. Students from Years 3-9 will need their DEC username & password in order to access their records. Students will be shown how to at school but if you would like to come in after school I am only too happy to go through the process with you and your child. Years K-2 will be completing the Challenge in their classrooms with their teachers and I will be recording their books as they finish.

**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 Tina.

Thank you, Tina McGovern, Canteen Manager.

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**Molong District Soccer Club**

**2014 Registration**

**Register Online At**


& go in the draw to WIN a soccer ball

See our website for more information: [www.molongsoccer.org](http://www.molongsoccer.org)

or come & see us at

**Molong Street Stall**

Bank Street, Molong

on **Sat 22nd Feb or Sat 1st March 2014**

between **9:00am & 11:00am**

U6, U7, U8 - $80  
U9, U10, U11 - $85  
U12, U13, U14 - $90

If you require help registering online please feel free to email our registrar

Roland Hill at email: roland.hill@fourwindstechnology.com.au

All Other Enquiries: Tania Bohringer – 0408 604 711

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**POST SCHOOL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY**

**Date:** Friday 7th March 2014  
**Time:** 10.00am-12.30pm  
**Registrations & Coffee:** 9.30am-10.00am  
**Where:** St Barnabas Church Hall Cnr Dora & McLachlan Street, Orange NSW 2800

This free community session is specifically designed to deliver information and advice for Year 10,11 & 12 students and others with a disability and their carers, about the types of support services and programs available when they finish school or later in life.

**RSVP Monday 3rd March – Contact Giovanna Cox – Giovanna.cox@det.nsw.edu.au**

**Phone:** 63624563

Klear@verto.org.au  
**Mobile:** 0458489597

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**BELINDA MILLS**

**LISA GARLICK**

**HELP NEEDED**

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