IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS SENT HOME

Last week, Molong Central School posted out to parents a number of important documents relating to students, parents and the school. These documents included:

- Invoice for Subjects, Textbook and General Contribution fees for 2014
- Information leaflet regarding payment of fees
- Students Emergency Contact Details Report for each individual student
- Parents and Volunteers in School Policy
- Excursion/Performance Refund Policy and Procedures
- Attendance Procedures.

It is expected that all fees be either part paid with a regular monthly payment plan or paid off in full by March 21st. All fee payments, made in full for individual students, will go into a draw on March 24th 2014 - our prize will be a full reimbursement of fees for that student.

Thank you to those parents who have paid their fees or made arrangements to make regular monthly payments.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

The school holds some money to assist families with school fees or school contributions and may be able to assist, once fees have been paid, with the cost of excursions. Parents can contact Mrs Glasson by appointment, phone call or letter and ask for help. All requests will be confidential.

BOARD OF STUDIES TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOSTES)

BOSTES has been created as the new authority in NSW for standards in curriculum, student assessment and teacher quality. BOSTES will deliver services previously provided by the Board of Studies NSW and the NSW Institute of Teachers. Many senior students can use this site which features past HSC papers and syllabus and assessment advice.

NOTIFICATION OF NAPLAN DATES FOR CALENDARS

In May 2014, the National Assessment Program Literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The testing dates are as follows:

- 13th May – Language Conventions & Writing Tests
- 14th May – Reading Test
- 15th May - Numeracy Test – One test for Year 3 & 5 & two tests for Years 7 & 9 (calculator allowed followed by a non-calculator section).

It is anticipated that all students attend these tests; however, parents can seek exemptions (please contact Mrs Glasson). These tests will provide a benchmark for our schools and all other schools in Australia.

SECONDARY FUNDRAISING

Brittany Rudd, Rocky and Kiah Whiley

On Friday 14th February the Secondary SRC ran a “Purple Day” raising money for Relay for Life Cancer Research. The money raised by the Secondary student body was approximately $600.00. Thanks to the Secondary SRC for organizing this event so well.

On the same day, as a Year 12 fundraiser, a very successful Valentine’s Day event was held raising approximately $150.00. Well done to Year 12. Thanks to the staff and students for their support.

Mrs Janis Glasson, Principal
RYPEN – 2014
On Friday 29th December, Matt Regan and I attended a Rotary Rypen Camp. The camp lasted two nights. At the camp, we did many activities including low ropes course, raft building and small indoor games. The camp had many individual activities but mostly group activities. We learnt how to work well in a team and how to cooperate with each other. While at the camp we listened to some excellent speakers who talked about many different things that relate to our futures. During the camp, we both made many great friends whom we have stayed in contact with. We would both recommend that anyone who gets the chance to go to Rypen should definitely go! It was a great experience that both of us are glad we took on. We would like to thank Mrs Glasson and the Molong Rotary Club for giving us this opportunity.
Alex Trudgett – Yr. 10

GIFTED & TALENTED
Wednesday, the 5th of February saw the first session of the HSIE GATMOS (Gifted and Talented Molong Students) program. Twelve students from Years 7-10 have been selected to be involved in the 10-week program and will spend the term working on a project of their choice. Topics so far considered include the influence of music on culture and the experiences of different teenagers around the world.
Each week the group will work on developing research skills and last week we examined their personal learning styles which will help them in their research and how they might go about presenting their ideas. Over the next few weeks the students will be analysing websites, examining lateral and critical thinking skills as well as getting their teeth into their research projects. The group have got off to a fantastic start and I hope that students really get the most out of this opportunity over the next few weeks. I can’t wait to see what they produce at the end of Term 1!

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND its IMPORTANCE
School Uniforms are a part of policy at almost all schools in New South Wales. Molong Central School has developed a policy which has meant that all students are required to comply with a dress code that serves the needs of the school community.
WHAT IS THE UNIFORM? (Please see the insert for the latest uniform information)
Students are expected to wear uniform at all times. The key reasons for having uniform clothing items are:
• The need to improve the ready identification of students by staff (for student safety, differentiating students from outsiders that may enter the school grounds).
• The need to further project a positive image of the school in the community and for excursions. Full school uniform is expected for all school excursions, unless otherwise highlighted on the permission note. Non-compliance will mean that you will not be allowed on the excursion.
• The widely acknowledged view that uniform clothing items are the most economical form of school attire.
• To have a standard of dress which uniform clothing items are the most economical form of school attire.

The expectation is that all students will comply with this policy of uniform which was agreed upon by the MCS community, including parental input. The school will be withdrawing students from extra curricula activities (such as the Rural Cup, Debating, non-curriculum excursions, representative sport etc.) if you have any questions about the uniform policy and its implementation please feel free to contact the school.

NORTH WEST EQUESTRIAN EXPO
Any students wishing to compete at this year’s North West Equestrian Expo can download entry forms and programs from the Coonabarabran High School website (coonabarabranhighschool@det.nsw.edu.au). Entries are now open and close on the 11th April. Stable booking forms are now available from this website. Students who will be attending must see Mrs Mutton in the Primary Department before entries are sent.

MERITS
Phoenix AGUILA; Jessica BURGESS; Ellie BRYCE; Shanniece CALLAN; Mitchell COTTER; Jayden FAHEY; Jesse FULWOOD; Sevanah LANG; Maddison MANN; Chrystal NORBERRY; Rikki PHILPOTT; Matt REGAN; Brittany RUDD; Brooke WATTS; Sarah WILLIAMS;

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES

Term 1: Week 7 10/3/2014 – 14/3/2014

10/3/14  Yr 11 English Studies - Oral Presentations begin

12/3/14  Yr 10 History – Assessment due

13/3/14  HSC Advanced English – “Frankenstein” Assessment Task Part I

13/3/14  Preliminary General Maths – Assessment Task 1 – In Class Test

14/3/14  HSC Advanced English – “Frankenstein” Assessment Task Part II

Yr 10/11 Students (work ready) White Card

Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
Molong Primary Swimming Carnival
On Friday 21st February, students in Years 2-6 participated in the Primary Swimming Carnival at the Molong Pool. Thankfully the weather was very kind to us but a little deceiving as many people ended up very sunburnt without realising it!
It was wonderful to see so many students participating during the day. A big thank you to all of the parents who helped with timekeeping and also to Graham Hobbs and Jason Lowe for cooking a great BBQ lunch. Many thanks to Mrs Mackenzie for organising this great fundraiser for Stage 2. Also a BIG thank you to Mrs Schaefer for her wonderful organisation for the day. It went like clockwork.
Our Age Champions for 2014 are:
- Junior Girl Champion: Hannah Leisk
- Junior Boy Champion: Angus Quigley
- Senior Girl Champion: Molly Weekes
- Senior Boy Champion: Isaac Leisk

Congratulations and Well Done!

District Swimming Carnival
Last Tuesday 25th February 32 students braved the adventures of a 50m pool to represent Molong at the District Swimming Carnival at Orange Aquatic Centre.
It was a day of many successes, triumphs and learning as specific tips were given to swimmers competing in breaststroke and butterfly to improve the effectiveness of their stroke. Congratulations to Molly Weekes, Mercades Oste and Isaac Leisk for making the Orange District team to swim at Dubbo at Western Trials. Molly was also crowned 2nd overall in the Girls 11 years division, while Isaac Leisk was a credible 3rd in the 12 years boys division. Congratulations to both of you. Special thanks to Jane Weekes for superbly managing the team for yet another year, Michelle Oste & Audrey Meehan for taking great photos, Sarah Leisk for “volunteering” to be First Aid Officer and to all the parents for their wonderful support and supervision throughout the day.

Congratulations
GOLD AWARD
Chelsi Duncan

PRINCIPAL’S BANNER
Harry Philpott

PRINCIPAL’S BADGE
Molly Weekes

Student of the Week

Class       Student
K Sapphire  Jessica Ball - For being a kind and helpful class member.
K Pearl     Hayley Miller - For being a sensible, hard working class member.
K/1 Opal    Maggie Kirby - For working diligently in class.
1 Quartz    Harrison Brazier - For listening well and being an active participant in discussions.
2 Topaz     Declan Linde - For trying his best in all areas.
2/3 Ruby    Max Yelland - For excellent work habits.
3/4 Garnet  Mackenzie Mills - For being more focussed in class.
4 Diamond   Anna Pottie - For a great bike wire sculpture.
5/6 Emerald Isaac Leisk - For creative lyric writing for his song about the stolen generations.
5/6 Zircon  Sharna Campbell - For her detailed and careful artwork.
Library     Robert Heath - For excellent participation in lesson discussions.

Uniform Award – Week 4 Term 1 – Thursday
Stage 1 - Charlotte Lapins
Stage 2 - Harrison Hill
Stage 3 - Mercades Oste

Upcoming events in Primary
- 7th March Western Swimming
- 10-14th March Book Fair
- 11th March Stage 2 Cupcake Day
- 25th March PSSA Netball
- 25th March Western Rugby Trials
- 2nd April Girls Softball Gala Day
- 3rd April Primary Rugby 7’s

Have a wonderful week!!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary
From the LIBRARY...  
Week 6 Term 1

JUNIOR FICTION

Diary of a wimpy kid: Hard luck – by Jeff Kinney
Sword girl series – by Frances Watts (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 2):
The secret of the swords
The siege scare
Our Australian girl series: Nellie’s quest – by Penny Matthews (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 3 & Stage 4)

JUNIOR NON-FICTION

Hold on tight – by Sara Acton (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)

This little piggy went dancing – by Margaret Wild, illustrated by Deborah Niland (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)

SENIOR FICTION

The declaration - by Gemma Malley
SENIOR PICTURE BOOK

The stranger – by Chris van Allsburg
Believe me, Goldilocks rocks! – by Nancy Loewen, illustrated by Tatevik Avakyan
Honestly, Red riding hood was rotten! - by Trisha Shaskan, illustrated by Gerald Gerurlais

Hi Everyone.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge started on Monday and students may now enter their book choices into their personal logs on the website. Students Year 3–9 will receive their username and passwords from me but please let me know ASAP if the information I have provided you does not work. Older students should know their information to log in to the internet.

Over the coming week there will be a lot of excitement in the library as we host our annual Scholastic Book Fair. This year the theme will be “Reading Oasis.” The Fair will commence on Monday 10th March and go through until Monday 17th March. Primary students will be visiting the Book Fair during their lessons, where they will receive a catalogue featuring titles being sold and fill in their own personal ‘wish lists.’ Students Year 3–9 will receive their username and passwords from me but please let me know ASAP if the information I have provided you does not work. Older students should know their information to log in to the internet.

When purchasing from the Book Fair you have four payment options: cash, cheque, credit card or Eftpos. We had this service last year and it proved very popular on our Parent Afternoons. The Parent Afternoons will be held on Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th March, from 3:00 – 5:30 pm. Parents are more than welcome to visit the Book Fair at these times with their children to browse and make purchases. We will be running some competitions over the next two weeks, including: colouring-in, a ‘Mummy Hunt’, lucky door prizes and many other activities which will give students a chance to win prizes. The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity for the MCS Library to raise funds to purchase books for our collection, so we look forward to your support on this fun occasion!
Maybe a week of chores may earn you a book from the “Reading Oasis” Fair?

Have a great week! Mrs Hall

MOULGONG HOCKEY

Sign on days will be at the Bank Street, Street Stall on

THURSDAY- 6th March 2014 3.30pm-5.00pm

SATURDAY – 8th March 2014 10.00am – 12.00 noon

The AGM will be held at “Be Tempted” Bank Street Molong on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.00pm

Online registrations can be done on the Hockey NSW Website.

Any enquiries please contact Karen Allcorn on 0427 669219

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

Canteen 6/3/14–14/3/14

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SECONDARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

GENERAL
The School Community considers the wearing of school uniform to be compulsory, to
develop a sense of belonging and pride, as well as a good school image.

Boys - Years 7-10 Summer
Blue shirt; grey shorts/trousers; school tie (optional); black shoes; grey socks; MCS
sweatshirt or MCS polar fleece top.

Boys - Years 7-10 Winter
Blue shirt; grey trousers; school tie (optional); black shoes; grey socks; MCS
sweatshirt or MCS polar fleece top.

Senior - Boys - Years 11 & 12 Summer & Winter
As above with white shirt and optional senior school navy blue tie.

Girls - Years 7-10 Summer
Pleated light weight calf or knee length skirt; white shirt; black shoes; long or short
white socks; MCS sweatshirt or MCS polar fleece top; tailored navy slacks; school
tie (optional)

Girls - Years 7-10 Winter
As above with winter weight, calf length or knee length skirt; tailored navy slacks;
school tie (optional) and long or short white socks;

Senior Girls – Years 11 & 12 Summer
Navy blue calf or knee length skirt or long line tailored shorts; tailored navy slacks;
white blouse; tie (optional); MCS navy blue woollen jumper or MCS polar fleece top;
short white socks; black shoes.

Senior Girls – Years 11 & 12 Winter
Navy blue skirt (calf or knee length) or tailored slacks; white blouse; navy
jumper/MCS polar fleece top; long white socks or tights; black shoes; senior school
navy tie; tailored navy slacks.
- White or skin coloured singlets may be worn under shirts – boys and girls

WHEN TO CHANGE UNIFORM
No particular date is set to change from Summer to Winter uniforms. Weather
conditions rather than a date determine the time of change and students are free to
use their judgement. Additional winter items eg: scarves and gloves and beanies
should be in school colours (navy, gold, white). Beanies and scarves are available
from the main office.
P.E. & SPORTS UNIFORM

BOYS
Blue shorts (available from the Main Office), gold polo shirt, short white or blue and gold football socks, joggers.

GIRLS
Blue pleated skirt or navy sports shorts (available from the Main Office), gold polo shirt, short white or blue and gold football socks, joggers.

SHOES FOR PRACTICAL CLASSES – ALL STUDENTS – OH & S ISSUES
Safety regulations require that leather shoes be worn which cover the feet in Science, Art and all Technological and Applied Studies classes. It is desirable for students to wear fully enclosed leather shoes during the whole day as this provides OH&S protection in all practical subjects. All shoes worn must be black.

JEWELLERY & MAKE UP
Jewellery should be discreet and unobtrusive. Maximum 2 pairs plain studs or sleepers, small hooped earrings. Signet ring (no ring with raised setting), watches and small chain necklaces only.
Light makeup for seniors only is permissible.

During the year MCS out of uniform days do occur. Appropriate neat clothing and footwear needs to be worn on these days. The clothing and footwear worn must cover any OH & S issues.

Unisex Uniform Items
MCS Parachute Jacket  MCS Navy Woollen Jumper  MCS Polar Fleece Top
MCS Sweatshirt  MCS Heavy Winter Jacket

PLEASE NOTE – Raben shoes are not school shoes.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

New:  Kingfisher School Gear
151 Summer Street
ORANGE
Phone: 6361 2252

Polar Fleece School Jumpers are available for purchase through the Molong Central School P&C at the Main Office

Second hand:  The Clothing Pool is located in the “Sick Bay” in the administration building. Please see Main Office staff after 9.15am for assistance.