RED SHIELD APPEAL
A letter was received from Mrs Margaret Dean last week regarding Molong Central School’s involvement in the Red Shield Door Knock Appeal. Mrs Dean wrote “I am writing to express my appreciation to the students of Molong Central School for their assistance with the recent Red Shield Appeal doorknock. We are sincerely grateful for those students who were able to doorknock. As always, it was a pleasure to have them helping, with their politeness and willingness to undertake what was asked of them.

The members of the Manildra Lions Club were very grateful for the assistance of the students at Manildra.

I would also like to compliment Brianna Davies (Year 12) on her role in ensuring the doorknock went ahead in Cudal.” Congratulations to the following students:

- Year 12 – Jake Allcorn, Liam Bridge, Ellie Bryce, Angela Camilleri, Brianna Davies, Kyle Drover, Zachary Hoolahan, Jade Kirk, Thomas Milne, Joe Parmeter, James Regan and Tara Walker;
- Year 10 - Henry Hazelton, Courtney Davies and Victoria Miller;
- Year 7 - Eboney Miller.

MEETING – 17TH JULY – PRIOR NOTICE
At the start of next term, Year 10 students will be given the Year 11 2015 Subject Choice booklet so that they can begin to make choices for their HSC Pattern of Study as Year 11 students in 2015.

An information evening for parents of Year 10 students will be held on Thursday 17th July at 7pm in the School Library.

QUEENSLAND VARIETY BASH COMING TO THE SCHOOL ON AUGUST 15TH
Molong Central School will host the Queensland Variety Bash on Friday 15th August and the P&C (coordinator Mrs Tina McGovern) will serve them with lunch as they drive through Molong.

There will be approximately 400 people and they will arrive between 12-1pm. About 150 cars will travel over 3000km over 10 days, raising much needed funds for sick, disadvantaged and special needs children.

The Variety Bash Organisers have asked the school to provide them with a list of equipment needs and they will bring this equipment to the school (over $8,000 worth of goods!) on the day.

Any parent who would like to assist Mrs McGovern can phone her at the canteen on 6366 9009 (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday). She would love your help!

TRANSITION 5
In the second week of next term Year 6 students from our Feeder Primary Schools – Cumnock, Manildra, Cudal, Mullion Creek, Borenore, St Joseph’s Manildra & St. Joseph’s Molong have been invited to take part in the Year 6-7 Transition program. They will attend the school every Wednesday afternoon for 6 weeks and undertake lessons in Food Technology and Woodwork.

This is an annual transition program which has been much enjoyed by previous students as students get a “taste of what it is like in high school”.

Mrs Janis Glasson, Principal
U16’S CENTRAL SCHOOL’S TOUCH FOOTBALL

A chilly start on Thursday 29th May saw two Molong Central School touch football teams travel to Dubbo to participate in the annual Western Area Under 16’s carnival. Both the boys’ and girls’ teams were very competitive and as always displayed a high level of sportsmanship across the day.

The boys team comprised of Cody Ramsay, Matt Regan, Matt Hobbs, Zac Philpott, Tylah Palamo, Tyler Webb, Jake Amberge and Jayden Fahey. They played teams from Gulargambone and Trundle in their pool matches, then progressed to the semi-finals to play a very quick and well drilled Coolah side. They were not successful in this final match, but should be very proud of their efforts as they were a very young team (the future looks promising!).

After quite a late start, the first girls’ game of the day was played against a very organised and sleek team from Dunedoo. I must admit after losing this game 7-0, I thought we were in for a looooong day! Thankfully these amazing girls proved me very wrong: winning 7-0 against Coolah, 7-2 against Yeoval and 8-0 against Trundle. They then took on Trangie in the last game of the day, in which they scored an early try, then in true Forrest Gump style scored another two tries which could not be counted as the girls ran the ball dead, right into the game on the next field. A 1-0 win in this game sealed a State Final berth later in the year for this cohesive, friendly girls’ team – WELL DONE! All players Karla Pearson, Meg Fulwood, Abbie Stedman, Jess Clayton, Sarah Hobbs, Hayley Sharpless, Jesse Fulwood, Katelyn Watts and Millah Allcorn scored at least one try and improved incredibly over the course of the day.

A big thank you must go to Mr Tony Keen for safely driving us to and from Dubbo and doing a superb refereeing job on the day. Thanks also to the Molong Hospital for allowing us to use their bus for the excursion.

Mrs Cate Loud – Touch Football Coach

MYDAY - AT CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

On Thursday 5th June, I attended a MyDay at Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Bathurst. The day was based around 3 different degrees - Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary (my chosen course), Bachelor or Education (K-12) and a Bachelor of Education (Personal Development & Health). The day began with an information session about CSU. A current student who is in their 4th year of Primary teaching spoke to the group on student life and what it is like being a Uni student. We were lucky enough to have two lecturers who spoke to the group on the courses, what subjects you’ll be studying, prac’s involved in the course and what it’s like being a teacher. It was a great day and really opened my eyes up to what’s involved in the Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary. There is a MyDay for several different courses and I highly recommend attending them to grasp an idea of the University and course you’re interested in and also to understand more about the University lifestyle. Thank you to Mr Taylor for informing me about the day and organising everything.

Brittany Rudd – Year 12 Student

OPENS CENTRAL SCHOOLS’ TOUCH FOOTBALL

On the Friday, the Opens touch teams competed with much the same outcomes as the previous day. The girls played a very safe and straightforward brand of touch, grinding out wins against all rivals. With an emphasis on sound defence, going straight and retaining the ball, they placed great pressure on their opposition, capitalising on mistakes as they inevitably arose. It was a great team effort which will make them hard to beat come August and the State finals.

For the boys, a lack of experience of regulation touch meant that they were outclassed by teams from Coolah and Dunedoo, come the qualifying finals. Again, their League and Union skills were impressive and kept them in the majority of their games, but they were unable to match the discipline and strategy of teams playing to the rules of the game.

The boys did provide one of the highlights of the day however when they came up against Tottenham Central. Returning from refereeing duties, I arrived ten minutes into the game to find Jayden Fahey running away for a try, only to be caught at the last minute by Kade Barrow playing for the Tottenham side. At that point I realised that the boys, of their own volition, had volunteered to provide players for the Tottenham side, who had only just managed to field a side by recruiting boys from every year of their very small school. This sense of fair play produced a very even game with the Molong side running out narrow winners over their combined opposition. This act of fair play was a highlight of the day and was duly noted not only by myself, but many of the schools attending the Carnival.

All in all, a very successful two days was enjoyed by all who participated. The friendly, positive and comradely atmosphere of the carnivals emphasised one of the great strengths of small schools- the quality of character of the students they produce. It was a very enjoyable event which I look forward to attending again next year.

Tony Keen, Cate Loud, Megan Summer.

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Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
CHOIR – COWRA EISTEDDFOD

Recently our Year 2-6 Choir travelled to Cowra to compete in the Cowra Eisteddfod. 48 students competed under the expert direction of Mrs Kathy Schaefer. Our Choir was relatively young compared to the other Schools that participated. Our students sang beautifully and were resplendent in their appearance. We were rewarded by gaining a Second Place on the day against very stiff competition. We would like to thank Mrs Eccelstone and Mrs Schaefer for working with us every Tuesday. Also thankyou to Mrs Schaefer, Mrs Backhouse and Mrs Betts for travelling with us and enjoying our win. A big thankyou to Mrs Schaefer who shouted the children a soft serve from McDonalds, the highlight of the day!!!

PEACHEY/RICHARDSON CUP – RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 27th May, 30 students travelled to Orange to compete in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup at Brendan Sturgeon Oval. We left Molong with the sun shining to arrive in Orange welcomed with a gusty blizzard. We had entered 1 team in the Yrs 3/4 division and 2 teams in the Yrs 5/6 division. All teams played 4 games on the day. The Yrs3/4 team did very well on the day winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 1. Yrs 5/6 A team won 2 games and lost 2 games. Yrs 5/6 B team unfortunately did not win any but showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the carnival. One of the highlights on the day was meeting David Peachey who played for the Cronulla Sharks. Mrs Backhouse was able to introduce David Peachey as she was his PE teacher in Dubbo. A big thankyou to Mr Bruce Miller, Lachlan Backhouse and Cody Ramsey for coaching the teams on the day. Thankyou to Mr Linde for driving us into Orange. I would like to congratulate the boys on their great sportsmanship and positive team work on the day.

In regards to Rugby League, Kaden Williams recently Represented Rugby League in the WSSA Under 11’s side and recently played at the State Carnival. I have received a letter from his Western coach congratulating Kaden on his wonderful sportsmanship, his sporting ability and his determined nature to succeed. Well done Kaden. It is always lovely to receive such good news like this.
From the LIBRARY...

Term 2 Week 7

JUNIOR FICTION
The Abominables – by Eva Ibbotson
Clementine Rose series – by Jacqueline Harvey:
  Clementine Rose and the farm fiasco
  Clementine Rose and the perfect present
Fortunately the milk .... – by Neil Gaiman
Zac Power – the undercover files series: Boot camp – by H.I.
Larry
Spirit animals series: Blood ties (Book 3) – by Garth Nix & Sean Williams
Ivy + Bean series – by Annie Barrows, illustrated by Sophie Blackall:
  Doomed to dance (Book 6)
What’s the big idea? (Book 7)

JUNIOR NON-FICTION
Exploring countries series: Indonesia – by Lisa Owings
Who’s in the loft? – by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Adrian Reynolds
The biggest kiss – by Joanna Wash & Judi Abbot
Dustbin dad – by Peter Bently, illustrated by Russell Ayto

SENIOR FICTION
Looking for Alaska – by John Green
Paper Towns – by John Green
The Help - by Kathryn Stockett
The last thirteenth series: 9 - by James Phelan

Hi Everyone!

Scholastic Book Club orders are now closed and hopefully items will arrive early in Week 8. Thank you those students who delivered their orders straight to the Library during last week. It makes it much easier to keep track of the orders. Once again if your child does not receive all of their items please contact Library staff as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Joshua Dowler (Year 7) who has this week completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. Joshua has been participating in the PRC since 2008 and he should receive his Platinum certificate this year. I commend him on his commitment in completing the Challenge each year. Well done!

Please check out our selection of new titles for the Library collection this week. There are many current & popular reads for our Secondary students as well as the next instalments in series featured in the Primary collection. Remind your child to look at the wooden chest which houses the new books that may be borrowed this week.

In the coming weeks the pre2 Teacher Librarians are preparing resources and activities for our students to share across our schools leading up to Book Week. The theme this year is ‘Connect to Reading’. We are attempting to gather examples of reading materials (old readers, children’s popular books from past years, old magazines, books on cassettes, etc.) from over the past century to include in our boxes that will tour the schools. If you think you can contribute to this project I would love to hear from you.

Have a great week!
Mrs Hall - Librarian

MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkIUsY

STUDY HELP FOR HIGH SCHOOL
It’s often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing) www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

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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