VARIETY BASH - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Last Friday, 140 of the 2014 Variety Bash cars, with 361 participants, arrived at Molong Central School, after travelling from Brisbane to Sydney via many inland country areas over 10 days, raising money for disabled and special needs children. MCS hosted lunch for all the participants, which required a huge amount of work and Molong Central School would like to thank the following people for their great efforts: Mrs Tina McGovern (on behalf of the P&C) who coordinated the lunch, assisted by Mrs Donna Taprell, Mrs Lyn Cornith, many parents, local businesses, community members & students; Mr Doug Watson & Mr Lenny Punch for their preparation of the grounds; Mr Scott Taprell, Mr Brian Evans, & Mr Kevin Costa for the organisation of the car parking arrangements; along with the Year 11 student marshalls; Mrs Jen Barrow & Mrs Fiona Ball for organising the public relations side of the event. Our thanks must also go to JR Richards & Sons, Kennards Hire, Mr G Aguila, Cabonne Council, Amy Gavin & family, Mrs Donna Thomas, Mr Robert Regan and Mr Keith Packham for their kind donations and efforts. AND lastly and by no means least, the Variety Club for their very generous donation of $8,000 to Molong Central School. All the students enjoyed the day, particularly the Primary students who would have gone home laden with presents! As we were the last school to be visited, all the participants donated their remaining goods to the children! We received many favourable comments from the Variety Bash team, firstly regarding the excellent manners and conduct of Molong Central School students and secondly the wonderful organisation of the event, with many also stating that it was the best lunch they had received on their trip. Please find with this Newsletter an insert with an array of photos from the event.

P&C MAJOR FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

As some families have requested more ticket booklets, the school is asking for any tickets which will not be sold to be returned to the school (main office) as soon as possible. Of course we would also request for the sold booklets and associated money to be returned, as well! Thank you to all the families for their involvement in this fundraiser –

PRATICUM STUDENT

“I started my professional teaching experience as a Secondary English and History Teacher at Molong Central School 9 weeks ago. During this time, I have taught Year 7 English, Year 10 English, Year 11 Standard English and Year 11 Modern History under the supervision of Mrs Eccleston, Miss Sumner and Mr Eccleston. At the beginning of my placement, I was able to observe different teaching and behaviour management strategies. From my second week onwards, I have had the opportunity to practice and develop strategies observed and also strategies that I had learnt about throughout my time at Charles Sturt University. I also developed units of work and made many teaching resources that I utilized in my teaching. During my experience I have grown in confidence as a teacher every single day. I am so grateful to all Secondary staff members who have made me feel so welcome and gave me so much great advice. The students are delightful, and are a credit to both their families and the teachers at Molong Central School. Finally I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Eccleston, Miss Sumner and Ms Brown for their continual support and guidance throughout my time on professional experience. My future is looking much brighter because of my experience at Molong Central School. Thank you”. ☺

Miss Makayla Bischof, English Practicum teacher.

POLICE NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday September 10th (Week 9, Term 4) commencing at 7pm in the Staff Common Room. Following the P & C meeting, Constable Belinda Bostock, our Police Liaison Officer will be delivering a talk on:

- Social Media Networking – Safety of teenagers online.
- Parent responsibilities at teenage parties

This meeting will be held in the School Library at 7.30pm and all parents (and students) are invited to attend.

MISS MAKAYLA BISCHOF, ENGLISH PRACTICUM TEACHER

Year 10 students and Miss Sumner

YEAR 12 HSC EXAMINATION & PROJECTS

Over the past weeks, our Year 12 students have been involved in their trial examinations and preparing and completing their practical projects and portfolios for Visual Arts, Industrial Technology and Design and Technology, ready for the HSC markers to visit and mark these projects. This has been an immense amount of work for Year 12 and their teachers. Some of these projects can make up the full percentage of the marks or a part of that percentage. Well done to all the students and their teachers!

Mrs Janis Glasson, Principal
FINANCIAL STUDIES
Having now entered our second jam-packed Financial Studies semester it helps to look back on what we have done so far this year. The Year 10 students have put up some great assessments in a course that teaches them the basics of money management skills. So far we’ve had some quality work on looking at the cost of borrowing for a home as well as the pitfalls of mobile phone plans and contracts. Sarah Fessey, Phoenix Aguila, Tarryn Miles and Katelyn Watts all put up some very good assessments in Semester 1 and deserve a big congratulations for their efforts. This semester we will be repeating the highly anticipated ASX Schools Sharemarket game with some new exciting additions. As well as there being a host of great prizes, from lunch at school for the winners of each class, up to $1,000 for the top national syndicate, there will also be the introduction of the Capitalist Cup. This will be awarded to the winning syndicate from not only Year 10 Financial Studies, but from Year 11 Business Studies. For many students, the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) game is a completely new experience. Each group is given $50,000 of pretend money to trade with, using the Top 100 ASX stocks. The game develops an understanding of the financial markets, as well as developing financial literacy. Global Markets have seen an unprecedented rally because of low interest rates around the world, meaning investors have had to take on risk to avoid sitting on idle cash returns. With Geo-political tensions around Gaza, Iraq, Ukraine and Russia will the financial markets be able to shrug off these concerns? Trading starts on the 21st August and the questions remain. Can the Australian market still provide our students with a positive return? Can Troy Cridland defend his crown as last year’s winner? Stay tuned and good luck to all traders.
Mr Sam Horner (Financial Studies teacher)

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES
22/8/14 Yr 11 Modern History – World in the 20th Century - Essay due
22/8/14 Yr 8 Maths – Assessment task – In class test
22/8/14 Yr 7 English – Poetry – In class task
25/8/14 Yr 11 Visual Arts – Assessment task due
25/8/14 Yr 11 Advanced English – In class speech due
26/8/14 Yr 11 English Standard – In class RAW assessment task

MERITS
Sophie CLAYTON April MAKEPEACE

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP
“The most interesting thing I learned was how to extract the genes from a banana.”
"I was the fastest driver of the Formula V car on the simulator.”
"I reckon the best thing was the milkshake I made using a bike to provide the power." ... just some of the highlights students experienced at the University of Wollongong's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop at Canobolas Rural Technology High. Wollongong University students, mostly from the Engineering and Science faculties, led small groups of our students through all of these workshops, as well as designing a water tower to spray a jet in a particular place, building and testing bridge designs made from wood and a guided tour of how students develop and improve their Formula V cars. Our students were rapt in listening to stories of life at University, and had an excellent afternoon of inspiring learning.
Mr Brian Evans, Head Teacher, Science

Tarryn Miles Yr 10 student

L-R: Yr 10 students, Victoria Miller, Tarryn Miles, Jacob Huggett & Taylor Brouff (obscured).

Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
DEBATING

Last Friday was the final debate for the Rhetoric Debating Team, who debated against Forbes Public School via video conference. The topic decided upon was ‘that we don’t do enough for the environment’, and we were the affirmative. After some great debating on both sides, and some strong rebuttals, Forbes won the debate. Well done to Sharna, Hannah B, Katelan and Isaac. Thanks once again to Year 9 student, Jess Burgess who has coached the team in her lunchtimes, and was able to assist them in the debate preparation. The Molong A team sadly do not get to present their final debate against Millthorpe, as Millthorpe withdrew, meaning that we won on a forfeit. Well done to all the Western Challenge Debating Squad, both Senior and Junior, who have given up their lunchtimes for the past 2 terms to prepare their debates. The A team will debate against the B team for a final debate for the year.

CHOIR

The Choir has been busy last week, attending Wellington Eisteddfod on Tuesday and the Orange Eisteddfod on Thursday. The choir sang beautifully on both occasions under Mrs Ecclestone’s expert conducting, and came 1st at Wellington, and 3rd at Orange, where there was some especially tough competition. Well done to all the choir, and Mrs E. That was the final Eisteddfod for the year. They will now be focussing on their song for the school production.

HOW DOES AN EGG GET FROM AN EGG FARM TO THE SUPERMARKET?

3 Ruby & 3/4 Diamond have been learning about production systems and writing explanations about these systems. We have learnt about how bees make honey, how bread is made, how milk gets from the farm to our fridge and all about how eggs get to the supermarket. We invited Mr Peffer, from Canobolas Eggs to come and speak to us about the egg production process.

Here are some thoughts about the talk,
He showed us how strong eggs are. Will
Mr Peffer put eggs from top to bottom and you could stand on them and they don’t break. Carter
When eggs are getting formed sometimes there can be a double yolk in the eggs. Taylah
He told us how and why you can get soft shell eggs. Max
He told us that eggs come in 600g, 700g and 800g sizes. Charlie
Mr Peffer told us how eggs are formed to what shells you get. Harrison
He told us chooks lay 1 egg a day and they have 90 000 chooks so they get 90 000 eggs a day. Film, Carter, Delta
You have to get dressed in quarantine clothes so no germs go in the shed. Carter
He told us what bananas and eggs have in common: they both have a protective layer. Milly
Thank you very much to Mr Peffer for his time and expertise. It was lots of fun and very informative.

Mr Colin Peffer & Bailey Webb
Hi Everyone,

The Children’s Book Council of Australia’s winners were announced on Friday 15th August:

Early Childhood: ‘The Swap’ by Jan Ormerod, illustrated by Andrew Joyner

Picture Book: ‘Rules of Summer’ by Shaun Tan

Young Readers: ‘City of Orphans: A Very Unusual Pursuit’ by Catherine Jinks

Older Readers: ‘Wildlife’ by Fiona Wood

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books: ‘Jeremy’ by Christopher Faiile & illustrated by Danny Snell.

Remember, if you are picking up your child from school please call down to the Library and take the opportunity to share one of these outstanding books with them.

Winners of the competitions will be announced in next week’s newsletter and hopefully there will be some photos of our Book Week Parade.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is in its last week. Students must have their records completed by this Friday, 22nd August. I sent notes home earlier in the week to inform you of your child’s progress. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to call the Canteen.

Students from school please call down to visit us in the morning per month to the Canteen this week. It is very rewarding!

Thank you, Tina McGovern, Canteen Manager.

If you need to talk
24hour telephone counselling
13 11 14

BreastScreen is a FREE national screening program for all women over the age of 40yrs, to enable early detection and treatment of Breast Cancer. It only takes 15 minutes every 2 years and you do not need a doctor’s referral.

CALL NOW 132050.

FITNESS PERFECTION

SWIMMING LESSONS

Term 4 Bookings opening on September 1st

*Use of our beautiful warm pools, 35 degrees or our 25m lap pool
*Fully qualified, positive, motivating and inspiring teachers and staff to ensure the best results

HOLIDAY INTENSIVES

*Get your child ready for summer in our holiday program
*Lessons have a focus on water safety, confidence and fun!

All enquiries to Ngaire Pells
Swim School Coordinator (02) 6362 6195

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Lauren’s Adventures – The Divorce

Reading was my only escape from the world; the world had changed around me.

It began when my parents started to divorce. They were and still are always arguing and fighting with each other. Every day when I get home from school I immediately go straight to my room, to block out the world. I pick up my book and I begin to read until I’m interrupted by the commotion that is going on down stairs. I know thunder is loud but it doesn’t go on as long as my parents. I try to ignore it but the yelling and shouting just gets louder and louder.

Once I jumped up and slowly walked down stairs not looking forward to what might happen. I stood there waiting for my parents to notice that I was there, I was watching them argue. I tried to make the arguing between my parents stop.

‘True love’ never lasts, it isn’t permanent.

Every day for the last two weeks my life has been a mess. My parents are always arguing and I have no friends. At school I always sit by myself reading a book. Although I don’t really mind not having friends, I don’t want friends, I’d rather be alone. People let you down; if you are by yourself there is no one to let you down.

I’ve been reading a lot of books about court trials; they aren’t a very nice place to be. I wonder what the judge will say next week when my parents go to court.

The fighting and arguing suddenly stopped between my parents. It was dead silence for the first time in a long time; finally I could fade off to sleep.

Days have passed and my parents still aren’t talking. It is court day, I have to go with my parents but I would rather stay home reading my book.

We arrived at the court as the judge welcomed us. We entered the court room; it was just like in my book. We took our seats and the trial began.

As the day went on and the trial continued, I was surprised that they had managed to remain calm and not go off. It was almost as if the other people in the court room mattered and I didn’t. At the end of the trial it was official, my parents were going to finalise their divorce. I was told that I would be going to live with my mum and my dad would only be able to see me every second weekend.

At that moment I knew what to do, I couldn’t stop myself. I stood up and shouted, “What about me? You have treated me bad for ages now and I don’t even get a choice in what is going on with our ‘family’. You are being selfish. Dad hasn’t done anything and yet he can only visit me every second weekend? I’ve had enough of the both of you carrying on like this, you used to love each other and now there is nothing.”

I paused and took a deep breath before I could finish. It was silent so I began to speak again, “You two wouldn’t even stop to listen to me. Why don’t I matter to you anymore? You pair couldn’t even sort yourselves out for me.”

Karla Pearson, Year 9 student
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THANKYOU

FOR VISITING MOLONG CENTRAL