MCS TREE PLANTING – THANKS TO TEACHERS FEDERATION DONATION

On 24th of July, both Year 9 and 2 Topaz got their hands dirty planting trees and shrubs that were provided to us as part of the NSW Teacher’s Federation ‘Tree Levy’ Grant. It was decided that the area under the school sign on the corner of Wellington and Edward Street was due for a much needed make over, and around 40 plants have now gone into the spot. Miss Pratten and 2 Topaz helped out by delivering the plants down to the site. The Year 9 group were kept busy delivering mulch, digging holes and ensuring that the plants were watered in. We were also helped out by one of our parents, Jason Lowe (who is a landscaper and horticulturalist) who oversaw the planting. For the next hour the site was a scene of productivity as plants went in, and were mulched and watered.

All of the students were happy to get in and be involved and it was fantastic to see the high school and primary school students working together. The Year 9 students will be maintaining the plants as they grow and it will be great for all the students involved to see the results of all their hard work over the following months and years. Thank you to the NSW Teachers Federation for their generous financial donation, and also to Mr Doug Watson, Mr Sam Horner and Mr Tony Keen for their assistance with the planting on the day. A BIG thank you to Ms Rebecca Vis for the co-ordination of the whole tree planting event and for writing the successful submission to the Teachers Federation (grant of $400 received).

COMMENCEMENT OF ETHICS CLASSES AT MCS

“Hello, my name is Heidi Lefebvre and I will be one of the volunteers who will be running Ethics classes at Molong Central School. Ethics classes are an option for primary students who do not attend scripture. Primary Ethics is a non-profit organisation authorised by the NSW State Government (and approved by DEC) to design and deliver a philosophy-based ethics curriculum. The curriculum is deemed age appropriate by the Department of Education. Primary Ethics is currently in over 280 schools across NSW and the program has been running since 2011. Ms Lisa Gibbons and I recently completed our training and are excited to be able to facilitate this program at Molong Central. An ethics class encourages participation and expression in response to questions, scenarios or ideas that might need a bit of thought. The ethics curriculum aims to provide kids with skills in developing reasoning, promoting empathy and becoming inquiring minds. Some of the topics discussed are “Why do people have friends? Why do we have rules? What makes us happy? Diversity, tolerance and what makes a fair society?” An ethics class can be a very animated place and our role as Ethics teachers is to give every participant the chance to express themselves and learn to listen to other people’s views. We are currently finalising our classes so if you are interested, please get a permission note from Mrs Boyd’s office, fill in the details/ parents signature, and return to the Primary office. Students can join ethics at any time during the year. If you have any questions, you can ask Lisa or I and we would encourage everyone to check out the Primary Ethics website- primaryethics.com.au. There are videos of ethics classes in action, an outline of the topics and general information about the organisation and volunteering.” Thank you to Mrs Heidi Lefebvre for providing this article.

P&C NEWS

Last week, letters containing information regarding the 2014 major P and C Fundraising event were either handed out to students or posted home (one book per family). This is a wonderful fundraiser, with fantastic prizes. It is anticipated that all tickets will be sold! Once sold, the money and tickets are to be returned to school and the announcement of the winners will be made at the end of the year, on Presentation Night. There are a few books left over for selling and any family who would like another booklet of tickets, can ask at the Main Office for a second booklet, on the receipt of the original booklet of tickets and money.

Thank you to all our great families for your assistance in this fundraising.

Mrs Janis Glasson, Principal
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

“I spent my first week of Work Experience at Goodstart Early Learning Centre, Molong Road in Orange. I enjoyed working with children of all ages and have made many new friendships. The staff at Goodstart, along with fun moments with the children, made my week working in childcare a memorable one. I have learned a lot about the childcare industry and thoroughly enjoyed my time at Goodstart. During my second week I went tiling with Ms Leena Delaney (L&K Tiling). For the first 3 days we grouted 90metres of floor and wall tiles which is the equivalent to a foyer, laundry and two fairly large bathrooms. In this particular job we also tiled and grouted a double sided fireplace which I really enjoyed. Day four was a tough job as we had to level up an uneven bathroom. On Friday we painted Leena’s newly built home. It was a great experience and I enjoyed working with Leena.”

Bethany Johnston Year 10 student

“During week one I went to Sheerradiance in Orange which is a business in Beauty Therapy. I really enjoyed it as I had the opportunity to look at all aspects of the business. This opportunity helped me to realize exactly what I want to do. I learned a great deal and had a lot of fun. My second week saw me working at Kink Hair Design. This was another wonderful opportunity which reinforced my desire to work in the Beauty and Hairdressing business. Both weeks were absolutely amazing and I recommend to anyone that if they get to do Work Experience then they should do it in an area they really enjoy.”

Sharna Swain Year 10 student

YEAR 7 WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXCURSION

“On Tuesday 29th July all of Year 7 went to the water treatment plant and learnt about how water was cleaned and processed so it was safe to drink. We saw how the water is stored and moved through the pipes and tanks. We also saw some of the new machines. We would like to thank the Council for letting us in and teaching us about the water.”

Ian Dugmore Year 7 student

ENGLISH - GATMOS

“Throughout Term 2 on a Wednesday afternoon a group of students participated in an English Extension program run by Mr Eccleston. We started off the term by looking at text analysis, intended purpose and deeper meanings. We looked at gender roles and how some texts break the ‘rules’ when it comes to gender roles. We also learnt about dominant, alternative and resistant readings of texts and how they relate to the ‘isms’ (i.e. feminism). We then looked at text deconstruction and even deconstructed a text of our own to expose the ‘gaps’ and ‘true’ meaning that was often uncertain. We also learnt about binary oppositions and how some words are good while others are bad. We also had the opportunity to write our own creative writing piece. During this process we learnt how to better construct and edit our stories. We also discovered that it is much easier to write a creative piece if you have an intention for the story before you begin.”

Tieke Thomas Year 9 student

“Over the next few weeks we are delighted to present for your enjoyment a series of creative writing pieces composed by the Gifted and Targeted English students during their Wednesday sessions. These stories derive from another student’s high-scoring work. They centre around Lauren, a 16-17 year old girl, suffering from the trauma of her parents’ split. Lauren has retreated into the imaginative world of fiction. She reads a book called the Adventures of Rutherford. She discovers she has the power to bring Rutherford, a nineteenth century swashbuckling hero to life. Each student intervened in Lauren’s story at a different place in the narrative. We start with the trauma Lauren is suffering.” (Please find insert attached with this Newsletter.)

Mr David Eccleston, English teacher

MERITS

Joshua DOWLER, Tieke THOMAS,
Naomi CHLOUPEK, Sarah WILLIAMS,
Rachel DEEN

BRONZE MERIT
Phoenix AGUILA, Matt BEUZEVILLE, Alyssa BEATTY
Bethany JOHNSTON, Sam CUMMINGS

SILVER MERIT
Jessica BURGESS

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Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
Girls Touch Football

On Friday the 25th July, the girls touch team played against Bowen Public School from Orange. The game was held on our school oval with many respectful spectators. The girls had been training hard over the last few weeks and their skills and speed showed in the winning result: 5 tries to 1! Jesyca Pearson scored 1 try, Jada Trapman and Ebony Webb each scored 2 tries. The girls supported each other in defence and put pressure on the opposition in attack. Hannah Betts, Rebecca Geddes, Mykalah McNamara and Claudia Stevenson were quick down the wing and Alyssa Watts, Katelan Philpott and Bridie Dive worked hard in the middle. The team displayed great sportsmanship and they should be proud of their efforts. The girls now go on to the next round and play a team from Glenroi or Millthorpe (depending on their results). Best of luck to the team, keep training hard and I am sure we can get another win! A big thanks to Mr Keen for refereeing and to Mr Watson for lining the field.

Miss Pratten

K-6 School Production

In Week 9 K-6 will be holding their school production. Our production is called “The Fairytale Network”. We will be having a Matinee and Evening performance on Wednesday 10th September. Tickets will go on sale in Week 6. They can be purchased from the Main Office.

CWA Donation to L3 Reading Program

Since the implementation of L3, our Kindergarten literacy program, we have witnessed our students achieving amazing results in both reading and writing. One component of this intensive program is guided reading. Guided readers are levelled books which target skill development at the point of need for each individual student. The L3 program requires that students access three new readers each week. In each class our students read at a range of levels, so as you can imagine resourcing our Kindergarten rooms with this many readers is no small task! We have been very lucky this year in receiving much needed donations to help us on our way. A cheque for $500 was eagerly received from our local CWA branch. When combined with money also raised from our latest disco, we are now well on the way to establishing a rich bank of texts that will keep our students motivated and challenged. Half way through our school year, we are pleased to report that many of our students are already reading at the Regional benchmark level expectation for the end of the year! This is certainly exciting news. Not only are we proud of our students but also congratulate our Kindergarten teachers (Mrs Monk, Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Thornhill) on their commitment to professional growth and dedication towards their students! Thank you to Mrs Audrey Brown for this article and her expertise in cementing this wonderful program at Molong Central School.

Awards

Silver - Joseph Crisp
          Toby Vis-Lowe
          Jerome McKellar

Gold - Faith Archer

Platinum - Oliver Townsend
          Chelsi Duncan
          Kayla Schmich

Banner - Bridget Rogers
          Emily Pearson
          Amelia Punch

Badge - Lucy Vis-Lowe
        Henrietta Pottie

★ STUDENT OF THE WEEK ★

Class       Student

K Sapphire  Amelia Rodwell  - For working hard in all areas.
K Pearl     Imogen Nancarrow - For excellent talking and
K/1 Quartz  Jayden Sheehan  - For improvement in writing
1/2 Opal    Harrison Brazier - For fantastic effort in
2 Topaz     Sam Stevenson  - For cooperation in reading
3 Ruby      Carter Kirby   - Great contributions to our
3/4 Diamond Tim Harvey   - For fabulous work on the
4/5 Garnet  Letitia Milne  - For a settled approach to her work.
5/6 Emerald Kara Yeolland - For great effort in all her work.
6 Zircon    Lily Matthews  - For a great start to a very
detailed art work.

Library

Lily Bone  - For her excellent illustration of “Silver Buttons”.

Club 100
Laura Lapins Jim Bone Lily Bone

Club 150
Jerome McKellar Banjo Fowler
Anni Fowler Demelza Lee
Annika Doolan Logan Doolan
Jake Rodger  Ella Fowler
Leilani Rendell

Uniform Award – Thursday
Week 3 Term 3

Stage 1 - Maggie Kirby
Stage 2 - Amelia Punch
Stage 3 - Sian Clifford

There will be assembly this Thursday
No class item, 2.20pm start

Have a wonderful week!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary

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**From the LIBRARY...**

**Week 4 Term 3**

**JUNIOR FICTION**
A Billie B mystery: Playground detectives - by Sally Rippin
Violet Mackerel's pocket protest - by Anna Branford, illustrated by Sarah Davis (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 2)

Emily Feather and the enchanted door – by Holly Webb

**JUNIOR NON-FICTION**
Every day is Malala day – by Rosemary McCarney with Plan International

Easy guitar tunes – by Anthony Marks

Explorers series: Stars and planets – by Carole Stott

Tell me why the earth is like a jigsaw and other questions about our planet – by Barbara Taylor

**SENIOR FICTION**

What bumsaur is that? – by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

Loyal creatures – by Morris Gleitzman

Ghosts of Parihaka – by David Hair

You don’t know me – by Sophia Bennett

**SENIOR NON-FICTION**

Rhyme stew – by Roald Dahl

Hi Everyone,

Our congratulations this week go to Caitlyn Campbell (Yr 7), Annika Doolan (Yr 4), Logan Doolan (Yr 2), Ella Kirby (Yr 4) and Meg Murray (Yr 4) who have successfully completed the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. These students are regular borrowers each week and love reading which is very pleasing to see. I am proud of these students and the commitment they have made to this endeavour once again this year.

In the lead up to Book Week the Library will have on display a variety of resources this week both from MCS and other schools around the Orange district. We hope to show the students how the publishing of books has changed over the years and also how technology has influenced how individuals can access books. We will be featuring the nominated shortlist title “The Treasure Box” written by Margaret Blackwood. Primary students will be placing a drawing of something they hold dear into our treasure box.

A note will be coming home this week to inform parents of the Book Week Parade and competitions that will be held during Week 6.

The CBCA NSW Branch Inc. has just launched their Design a-poster competition with a total prize pool of $2000 which includes products from Staedtler and books from Penguin Random House. To enter, students just have to design an A4 poster around the theme Connect to Reading. Entries close Thursday 21st August. See http://nsw.cbca.org.au/pages/design-a-poster.html for information.

Most of the art entered will also be displayed at the Big Book Day Out, which has over 30 authors and illustrators attending and is free for all the family on the 31st August.


Students may like to visit Mrs B’s Interactive Literacy & Mrs B’s 2014 Shortlist Activities website at http://members.ozemail.com.au/~irenelesley/public_html/2014%20shortlist.html The activities are fun and allow the students to engage with the books. There are activities suitable for both Primary and Secondary students based on all the nominated titles for the CBCA awards.

Have fun exploring different ways to interact with books.

Mrs Hall

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**FAMILIES SHORT COURSES**

**CONNECTION, NURTURE, GROWTH**

The Murray Hall,
Sale St, Orange

14, 21, 28 August & 4 September 2014 9.15 - 3.30pm

Register at: Fusion Community Centre 53102474
Email: centralwestnsw@fusion.org.au

Waluwin Community Centre,
Bank Street, Molong

15, 22, 29 August & 5 September 2014 9.15am-12.30pm

Register at: Cabonne Family Links 0428240161
Email: sheryll.selwood@cabonne.nsw.gov.au

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**ODEON 5 CINEMA**

& Arthritis & Osteoporosis NSW
is hosting

**KIDSFLIX ORANGE**

A project of the Arthritis Foundation, free for children and young people living with a chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation

**SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

Disney Planes, Fire & Rescue

Movie begins at 10am

Bookings & enquiries to: 08 84230949 or email kidsflix@arthritissa.org.au

Numbers are limited, closing application date 29th August

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**CANTEEN 07/8/14 –15/8/14**

**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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Part 1 by Sarah Williams

I’d learnt not to come home early after school; I’d usually take my time. The atmosphere was icy at home. Well, that was only when my mum and dad were in the same room. I recently discovered a new way back from school that would allow me to arrive home right as dad was getting in his car to head straight to work. That meant I didn’t have to be there for any moment that the two of them suffered through together. Any moments spent in each other’s presence was bound to end in a fight about something ridiculous. But walking home from school on this Tuesday afternoon, I’d never been in such a hurry to get as far away from school as possible. Not only was I sick of the social discourse that all the girls at my school use in order to fit in but it was freezing. It had been raining for most of the day but I felt like the rain was getting wilder, trying to push me home. As I rounded the corner of my block, I saw the lopsided, brick roof that belonged to my rather old, tattered home. My Mum, Dad and I have lived here for what feels like forever. We moved here a few years after my mum and dad had me. I don’t know how long we will continue to all live here together but I love the idea of what we were like before all the arguing began. Walking up to my front door I could hear my Mum. For a minute it almost sounded like she was crying. Her voice from what I could hear had that shaky tone that she gets when she is trying to hold it together but at her weakest. Right as I was about to turn the door handle I heard a crash. I ran into the dining room to see my Dad throwing his belongings at Mum. Mum actually looked terrified; she was cowering. I’d never seen her like this. I have to admit my Dad has always been a bit intimidating, he likes to be in control of things and this situation was definitely out of control. I moved from my position behind the wall and came into view. Dad was holding a half shattered plate. He looked at me in horror as he realised that I had just witnessed him at his emotionally raging worst. I think he could sense the fear that I felt towards him. It was then that I knew they, we, were broken just like that plate. Dad, without hesitation, packed his remaining stuff, still intact after the fight, in the car. This was the image that stayed with me forever, the image of Dad with the plate, the anger in his eyes and the fear in Mum’s. I still don’t really know what they were fighting about but I hope it was worth the emptiness that followed it.

Part 2 by Brooke Watts

It’s two weeks until the court date. My parents aren’t talking to each other. Better than the constant fights I’m used to I guess. Most people take it for granted that they have confidence. They can actually walk out the door and be happy with themselves. I find it so difficult sometimes to look in the mirror and not want to cry or have a mental breakdown. My days at school usually consist of people telling me I’m worthless and I’ve blown my chances of ever falling in love. Well actually no, they mean I’ve blown my chances of someone even coming close to liking me. Sure I might fall in love with someone but it won’t necessarily go the other way. Who could love me? But honestly, I couldn’t care less what they have to say. Love is over rated. People have been through breakups and heart breaks of their own, yet they continue to search for the ‘perfect’ person. I don’t want to go through the pain that they do. No one ever falls in love and stays in love, they all end up lonely and heartbroken; I know this as I’m going through my parents’ awful divorce. When I was tiny our nights used to consist of watching movies and laughing together as a family. We were so close. Now things are different. Nowadays there is just constant fighting which I can’t bear to live through. I’m over it all. Mum yells, “Why do you always do this? You’re always out of a night and you never come home at a reasonable hour. And I can’t even trust you anymore!” “You used to trust me, but as soon as I started working later hours at work you lost that trust. I do all of this for you. I’m working late so I get paid more and then I can buy you all the things you want and need.” Dad always seems so hurt. “I don’t need all those things! Sure I admire them but they’re minor.” “My work is one of my top priorities and I hate that you can’t even respect that!” Dad grew angry. “Lauren do you think he works too long and that I have a right not to trust him anymore?” it is always Mum who brings me into the arguments. Dad adds “It’s okay for me to enjoy my work and do all this for you girls though isn’t it?” I am constantly torn between two parents both wanting to go separate ways. I feel as if I don’t fit in anywhere. At school I’m bullied. I come home and feel out of place. Sometimes the only place to go is the fictional world. At least there I can choose how things should be and look. And most of all I can be the one in control. When I read I feel as if I fit in somewhere and can be accepted, even though I don’t play a major role. I feel as if I can for once, imagine things the way I want them to be, yet the story and life is still someone else’s. In another world I came home and wandered my way through the door. I fall into such a happy place after being buried in books. I helped myself to a delightful snack, and headed up into my reading corner. And then once again I had managed to drift into the fictional world and missed my call for dinner. Once I had caught up on my dinner I went back into my book. I do always love a new adventure and new characters to create a bond with. It was then I remembered two weeks until court.
Rural Cup 2014

The 2014 Rural Cup proved to be another hotly contested event between approximately 400 students participating from the three schools. The first leg of the competition was scheduled to be played late in the first term. Unfortunately inclement weather saw the leg postponed to the end of second term and as a result, Molong hosted Canowindra at home early in Term 2. The day was a huge success with the vast majority of sports and activities being closely fought. Some 15 events were decided by just one goal/try or a couple of points, indicating that the two schools were evenly matched in most sports and activities. It was Canowindra who finished the day the stronger, defeating M.C.S. They thoroughly deserved the hard-fought win and should be very proud of the manner in which they conducted themselves. The second leg took place on the second last day of Term 2. Oberon's fickle weather is a concern at the best of times and once again it did not fail to deliver a typically frosty winter day. We were lulled into a false sense of security on the bus trip over as the sun was shining and wind was reasonably calm. This was until the buses rose over the final hill and the clouds closed in, the temperature dropped and the winds picked up significantly. This truly was one of the coldest days that many of our students had experienced. It was particularly interesting to see numerous Oberon students getting around in shorts and shirts on this 3 degree day. In spite of the conditions, students and staff from both schools soldiered on and braved the elements. There were some fantastic contests throughout the day and everyone involved seemed to enjoy the positive vibe of the trip. The social element of Rural Cup in its current format somewhat limits opportunities for students to get to know each other as well as it had in the past. Having said this, it was very pleasing to see numerous groups of students of all ages interacting and enjoying the camaraderie, as the day progressed. At the end of the day Oberon proved to be far too strong overall, defeating Molong comfortably on the final score sheet. This, combined with their win over Canowindra, wrapped up another well-deserved victory for the hosts. From a Coordinators perspective, 2014 proved to be one of the most enjoyable Rural Cup experiences, despite the results. The manner in which students from all three schools conducted themselves was exemplary and this outstanding display of sportsmanship and positive behaviour significantly contributed towards such an enjoyable and memorable event. Congratulations to all students on a fantastic effort and of course congratulations to Oberon on becoming the 2014 winners. Thank you to all of our staff and parent volunteers who have assisted in organising, sorting out the administrative side of the event, coaching teams, catering for huge numbers of staff, students and officials, marking grounds, refereeing/umpiring/adjudicating etc. This huge event runs smoothly because of the efforts of many and the time you have kindly donated is greatly appreciated by the students and me. We look forward with anticipation to 2015, to what should be another fantastic and enjoyable Rural Cup… and hopefully one that includes a big win for the M.C.S. Bears!!

Mr M. Paterson
Sport Coordinator

Please see more photos on following pages
MCS v's CANOWINDRA

RURAL CUP

TEAM PHOTOS

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