FAREWELL
MR CHRIS KAY
MCS Music teacher Mr Chris Kay has accepted a position in an International School in England. Whilst I have only known Mr Kay for three weeks I can see that he is a respected member of staff who is valued by the student body and he will be missed. I wish Mr Kay well as he embarks on this exciting journey in his career and life.

SECONDARY ASSEMBLY
Last week I had the pleasure of presenting awards to students at the Secondary assembly. During my address I asked the student body to celebrate the success of the students receiving awards, whilst at the same time consider their own goals for the school year. Goal setting is an area that parents can help their children with, as parents are aware of their children’s strengths and weaknesses. Teachers are also an important resource to support student goal setting. The start of a new school year is a time to reflect on the previous year’s academic results and set achievable short term goals that will result in improvement.

PRIMARY CLASSROOMS
The Primary classrooms have been thoughtfully decorated with student displays of work and other resources to support learning. The creation of such beautiful work environments for the students is a feature of MCS that has impressed me. Teachers take pride in their classrooms and students feel proud of the work they have contributed to create such colourful and creative learning spaces.

SCHOOL HALL
Whist on the theme of presentation, the appearance of the interior of the school hall was discussed at the executive meeting. All agreed that the hall needs to be freshened up. During the term we hope to develop tasteful methods to display student work from both Secondary and Primary to improve the environment and to support school pride.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SPECIAL ETHICS EDUCATION
Each week at MCS in Primary, there is a half hour allocated to Special Religious Education (SRE), commonly known as Scripture, delivered by authorised volunteers and church leaders. Students whose parents have requested exemption from SRE may participate in Ethics, a program in ethical decision making, action and reflection within a secular framework, based on a branch of philosophy delivered by authorised volunteers. Students not attending SRE or participating in Ethics classes will be involved in meaningful activities delivered by teachers. Parents of students, who apply to enrol in a NSW Government school, will now be asked at the time of enrolment if they wish their child to attend SRE, and if not participating in SRE will be given the option of Ethics classes. Parents may change their mind at any time during the school year and if they require additional information they should contact the school.

TIMETABLE
Students in the Secondary have adjusted to their timetable and although from time to time a student or two may have packed the wrong books thinking it was Week A and not Week B, it may actually have a positive effect on student organisation, as students can no longer rely on each day of the week being the same. Being prepared is a key to success at school and a good way to stay on top of this is to keep a copy of your timetable in a prominent position at home, so that you can refer to it as required to ensure you have all of the required resources for the day.

ROTARY INTERVIEWS & CAREERS INFORMATION
Rotary interviews that were scheduled for the 24th February have been changed to the 24th of March. Year 11 students will be given further information about how to prepare for these interviews from Mr Taylor in the next three weeks. Mr Taylor will also begin a regular feature in the newsletter called “Careers Corner” that will inform students and their parents of upcoming events such as the University Road Show, as well as providing information about how to apply for jobs and scholarships and when they are due. This will be valuable reading for all parents of students in Years 10 to 12.

Mrs Michelle Barrett, Principal

“enriching Primary education”
2015 SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The MCS Secondary Swimming Carnival was held Thursday 5th February in perfect conditions down at the Molong pool. Students began rolling through the gates very early in the morning, dressed to impress and eager to set up their House areas. Year 12 were looking particularly festive and relaxed in their Hawaiian themed clothing!

The day commenced with the cross-pool race between the four Houses, before the main events got under way. At the conclusion of the freestyle races (the first 14 events), the points battle between the Houses was extremely close, with less than 30 points separating all 4 house groups. As the day progressed, Paterson House began to assert the same dominance that they displayed in 2014 and were crowned Champions for 2015. The battle for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places remained extremely close, with just 16 points separating Lawson, Mitchell and Yuranigh.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated very well throughout the day. Several individuals managed to go in every single event in which they qualified for (age groups) and they should be particularly proud of their efforts. Well done!

Thank you to the secondary staff for ensuring that the carnival ran smoothly throughout the day. Thank you also to Cath, Graham and their excellent staff at the pool for hosting us throughout the day.

Finally, congratulations to Paterson House for winning the 2015 Secondary Swimming Carnival. Paterson will certainly have their work cut out for them in 2016 as the other three houses put up a very strong fight throughout the course of the day, as well as the fact that some high quality senior athletes move on after completing their HSC later this year.

Congratulations also to the following students on an outstanding effort. Those listed below swam brilliantly throughout the course of the day and as a result have been crowned age champions for 2015.

**AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2015**

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**MERIT AWARDS**

Matthew BEUZEVILLE  Jack TAPRELL  Millah ALLCORN  Abbie STEDMAN

**BRONZE**

Brandon ADAMS  Sandramay FROGSON

**SILVER**

Ian DUGMORE

**MCS ASTHMA UPDATE**

If your child has Asthma, please fill in the pink form attached with this Newsletter and return it to the Main Office as soon as possible. Please note, even if your child carries and administers their own Asthma medication (e.g: Ventolin inhaler), we still need this form for our records in case of an emergency. This information must be update on a yearly basis, and any time there is a change to your child’s details regarding their Asthma management.

Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal

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**ENGLISH MOVIE EXCURSION**

On the 10th of February, Year 11 Standard and Advance English, along with Ms Brown and Mrs Quigley travelled into Orange to watch the movie “Into The Woods”. We watched the movie to get an idea of the area we are currently studying called Enchantment and Re-enchantment.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, I believe we all have an understanding now that there is always a moral in a fairytale and also most certainly fairy tales were not made for kids.

On behalf of Year 11 I would like to thank Mrs Quigley and Ms Brown for organising the movie and taking us there. I would also like to express our appreciation to Mr Ron Harvey, the bus driver who drove us there and back on the day.

Erin Abrahams- Year 11

**SECONDARY ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the following award recipients from our Week 3 assembly.

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Mr M. Paterson, Sports Coordinator
Primary Students are off to District!
On Wednesday 4th February we had our annual Swimming Carnival which was a great success. With this in mind, the following students have been chosen to compete at the next level which is District Swimming. This will be held in Orange on the 26th February 2014.

Congratulations to:

**GIRLS**
- Molly Weekes
- Lacey Brown
- Taylah Hobbs
- Jasmin Wilson
- Kara Yelland
- Breanna Fricker
- Ella Kirby

**BOYS**
- Angus Quigley
- Charlie Brown
- Matthew Gregory
- Max Yelland
- Tristen Pankhurst
- Jacob Duncan
- Lachlan Hobbs
- Alex Miller

Good luck to all of you!

In regards to our champions for 2015 I would like to make an amendment. There was actually a tie for first in our Junior Boys. Please find the correction below:

**Junior Boys Champion**
- Lachlan Hobbs
- Max Yelland

**Junior Girls Champion**
- Taylah Hobbs

**11yrs Boys Champion**
- Angus Quigley

**11yrs Girls Champion**
- Hannah Leisk

**Senior Boys Champion**
- Jacob Duncan

**Senior Girls Champion**
- Molly Weekes

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Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest)

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Max Thurtell – For being a reliable and independent worker.</td>
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<td>Dakota O’Keefe - For using wonderful descriptive words in writing.</td>
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<td>Rose Kelly - For fantastic vocabulary in writing.</td>
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<td>Faith Archer - For great writing about the beach.</td>
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<td>Charlie Brown - For a wonderful water colour art work.</td>
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<td>Charles Dover - For great work in literacy.</td>
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**Uniform Award – Thursday Week 3 Term 1**

**Stage 1 – Lara Stevenson**
**Stage 2 – Paris Mills**
**Stage 3 – Ryan Sheehan**

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

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Have a wonderful week!!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary
**From the LIBRARY...**

**Week 4 Term 1**

**JUNIOR FICTION**
*The trouble with dogs!* – by Bob Graham (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)
*April Underhill, tooth fairy* – by Bob Graham (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 2)
*EJ spy school series* – by Susannah McFarlane:
  - Deep water (Book 5)
  - Hide and peek (Book 6)
How to train your dragon series – by Cressida Cowell:
  - How to ride a dragon’s storm (Book 7)
  - How to break a dragon’s heart (Book 8)

**JUNIOR NON-FICTION**
*My Dad!* – by Steve Smallman, illustrated by Sean Julian
*Me and my Dad!* – by Alison Ritchie, illustrated by Alison Edgson
*There was an old bloke who swallowed a present –* by P.
*Crumble*, illustrated by Louis Shea
*Oliver who travelled far and wide* – by Mara Bergman, illustrated by Nick Maland (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)

**SENIOR PICTURE BOOK**
The black book of colours – by Menena Cottin, illustrated by Rosana Faria (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 3)

Hi everyone,

As you read this, the first Scholastic Book Club has been issued and all orders returned to school. The order has been submitted and should arrive during the middle of next week. It will be delivered to students as soon as possible. Many thanks go to those families who placed an order.

Over the past week Ms Jen Long and I have been delivering Study Skills lessons to Years 7, 8 and 9 students. We will see students once every fortnight. Students have been issued with a letter to parents and a booklet of 25 study tips. There may be some occasions where students will be asked to complete some modules at home and results of quizzes can be saved to their student tracker account. There are many helpful tips at parents’ disposal in each of the modules.

To access the website type, Our school username is: molongcs. The password is: 86success. If you don’t have access to a computer at home and keen to encourage you to take a chance and study abroad.

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**AFS AUSTRALIA STUDENT EXCHANGE**

AFS Australia, world leader in High School Student Exchange to over 57 countries are kicking off their 2015 information sessions and invite you to come along and find out if a student exchange program is for you.

An AFS student exchange is all about excitement.

New countries ........ New cultures .......... New friends
There are heaps of countries to choose from. If you want to experience something new, take the leap and join the hundreds of young Aussies who head overseas with AFS every year.

Students in Years 10-12 can spend anywhere between 2 weeks to 11 months studying abroad, learning a language and becoming a part of a whole new culture.

You’ll be supported the entire way by AFS. We will be running a free information session for you and your parents to find out more:

*When: 11am Saturday 21st February 2015*
*Where: Bathurst Public Library*
*70-78 Keppel Street, Bathurst*

For more information and to register your attendance, head to [www.afs.org.au/opendays](http://www.afs.org.au/opendays) or call the AFS Sending Team on 1300 131 736 or email ausafs@afs.org

On the day there will be returned students eager to share how the AFS experience has impacted their lives, and keen to encourage you to take a chance and study abroad.

**MOLONG DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB**

**REGISTRATION MORNINGS**

**21ST FEBRUARY & 28TH FEBRUARY**

**MOLONG POST OFFICE**

10AM – 12NOON

**U6, U7, U8 & U9 $100; U10 – U17 $110; 18+ $170**

Or register online and go into the draw to win a soccer ball at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

All enquiries to Roland Hill at [roland.hill@fourwindstechnology.com.au](mailto:roland.hill@fourwindstechnology.com.au) or Tania Bohringer 0408 604 711

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