SCHOOL PLANNING

Many students and parents were surveyed during Term 4 of 2014 to contribute ideas towards the future directions of Molong Central School. To further develop the School Plan for 2015 and beyond Senior Executive attended a workshop last week to support the inclusion of the ideas of parents, students and staff into the 2015 school plan.

Molong Central’s Student Representative Council were also busy devising ways to support not only the students of Molong Central School but also the wider community. Under the direction of Mrs Dale the students used a day to determine what was going to be their major projects for 2015. The responsive and innovative group of students had developed their own rules of operation, fundraising ideas, which charities to support and how to productively support their peers and had managed to do this in a day! I was most impressed with the leadership of the group as well as the unique ideas that the group have come up with. The challenge now is to see these ideas come to fruition.

Language Learning Literacy (L3)

Since beginning at Molong Central I have heard a lot about a reading program called L3 which is a component of the Best Start Initiative that aims to ensure all students are on track in their literacy learning by Year 3. On Monday I had the privilege of watching Kinder Hope during an L3 lesson. The Kinder students work in small groups in engaging activities and this allows for a teacher to focus their attention on a small group of students to ensure that learning outcomes are assured. Mrs Monk and her Kinder class allowed me to see the rich literacy experiences students at Molong Central have the opportunity to participate in. With Mrs Brown set to start training other teachers from around the Central West, Molong Central is leading the way in supporting students to become successful readers and writers.

Primary Disco

What a fabulous evening the Primary students enjoyed last Wednesday. Catchy tunes, fun games and some serious moves contributed to a fabulous evening for the students. Social occasions like this are important outlets for students to mix casually with their peers and for staff to have fun with the students. The students made the most of their evening with non-stop dancing for the duration of their timeslot. Smiles and laughs were in abundance and I look forward to the next disco.

Year 12

Year 12 students are fast approaching their midcourse exams and the majority of students will be looking to maximise their results. I am looking forward to talking with Year 12 this week to discuss the HSC and explain the ATAR as well as how to start setting up good routines to ensure positive outcomes at the conclusion of Year 12. There are also opportunities for students to nominate a teacher mentor to assist them during their final year at school. Students must be proactive and seek assistance from the staff member they nominate. I encourage all students in Year 12 to take part in this program to help with time management, study skills and general wellbeing.

Mrs Michelle Barrett, Principal
MATHS GATMOS PROGRAM
The Gifted and Talented Program for Mathematics has begun early this year at MCS. This is to give our students the opportunity to enter the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. This program is developed and run by The Australian Mathematics Trust from ANU in Canberra.

The Challenge Stage (held during a consecutive 3-week period) comprises six problems for the secondary students. Problems will be discussed in groups of two or three registered students before individual submission of solutions. There are separate problem sets for Junior (Year 7-8) and Intermediate (Year 9-10) students.

To stimulate the brain after our holiday break we have been doing some of Euler’s brain teasers. While this has led to a lot of laughter at solutions (by some members of the group) the work and insight these students have shown is a credit to them.

The following is a practice problem. Good Luck.

The Price is Perfect
On the TV show ‘The Price is Perfect’ Chloe will win all the prizes if she can work out the mystery number. Joe, the host of the show, says:

‘Tonight’s mystery number is the largest 7-digit number which has these two properties:

- no two digits in the number are the same;
- each of the number’s digits divides into the number exactly.

1. Find the three digits which cannot be in the mystery number. Explain why they must be excluded.
2. Find the mystery number. Explain why it is the largest 7-digit number which has these properties

Mrs Dale
Mathematics Teacher

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM
From the 5th to the 17th of January I travelled to the Australian National University for the NYSF, the National Youth Science Forum. The NYSF is a national program that intends on showcasing some of the aspects of careers in science and aims to show students things they have never considered. Prior to this, I was required to write a written application and be interviewed for a place among the 400 students from across the country that had the opportunity to take part in this program.

While on session I had the opportunity to attend lectures, witness research taking place in laboratories and to live on campus and experience university life. For example, did you know that bees are conscious beings just as we are? Or that we can sequence DNA using state-of-the-art laboratory equipment? This experience was amazing and I would recommend it to anyone in Year 11 this year.

In hindsight, I realise that I actually have no idea what it is that I want to do.

My eyes have been opened to so many possibilities and so many opportunities have come from them.

For example, I am currently applying for an international program and may be attending some of the other universities involved with the NYSF for a follow-up program. I would like to thank Mr Evans for notifying me of the program and giving me this amazing opportunity.

Lachlan Campbell
Year 12 Student

AG PLOT HAPPENINGS
The Agriculture Department would like to extend our thanks to all those who called regarding donations. We are humbled by the generosity of the community.

We are happy to announce that the farm now has 3 new guinea pigs and 3 new rabbits, as well as new hutches and cages.

A special mention should go to the Gavin, Ryan and Hobbs families and Mullion Produce. In the near future we will also be welcoming Angora goats and Alpacas.

We are looking forward to a great year with our new animals.

Miss Pokoney & Mrs Clark
Agriculture Teachers

Scott Taprell,
Deputy Principal

MERIT AWARDS
Blake BROUFF  Mathew ALEXANDER
SILVER
Matt BEUZEVILLE

Heidi Turner & Sarah Hobbs with some of the new additions to the Ag Plot
School Disco a Hit!

Last Wednesday students from K-6 were invited to attend the Primary Disco. All students made a great effort in getting dressed up with the girls taking extra care with their hairdos on the night! K-2 attended the first disco with some of them it being their very first! There was a lot of excitement and many smiles as they enjoyed a range of music and played a variety of games. For some the disco just wasn’t long enough. They wanted longer! Yrs 3-6 students followed with their own disco with the same excitement but a little bit more restrained. They also played games with a lot of competition being had.

A big thankyou to Mrs Brown who organised both discos and many thanks to all of the teachers who attended to help with the supervision of the night.

![Photo of students at the disco]

Dates for your Diary!

- **26th Feb**: District Swimming Carnival in Orange
- **5th Mar**: NRL Assembly
- **6th Mar**: Western Swimming
- **9th-18th Mar**: Book Fair
- **16th-20th Mar**: Stage 3 Excursion to Broken Bay
- **2nd April**: Last Day Term 1
- **3rd April**: Good Friday
- **20th April**: School Development Day Term 2
- **21st April**: First day for students Term 2

Awards

- **Silver**: Darcy Hill
- **Gold**: Lacey Brown, Hunter Hobbs
- **Banner**: Lucy Vis-Lowe
- **Badge**: Maddison Treacy

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<td>For excellent effort in all areas.</td>
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<td>Charlie Bohringer</td>
<td>For being focussed and working well in Library.</td>
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Uniform Award – Tuesday

**Week 4 Term 1**

- Stage 1 - Marshall Reid
- Stage 2 - Taylah Hobbs
- Stage 3 - Abbey Dean

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

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

**Week 5 Term 1**

**JUNIOR FICTION**

*Ella and Olivia series: The big sleepover* - by Yvette Poshoglian, illustrated by Danielle McDonald

*Dear dumb diary series (Year two): You can bet on that* – by Jim Benton

*How to train your dragon series: How to betray a dragon’s hero (Book 11)*

*Pearlie goes to Rio* – by Wendy Harmer, illustrated by Gypsy Taylor

*Weirdly 3 extra weird! – by Anh Do*

*I love footy! – Matt Zurbo (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 2)*

**SENIOR FICTION**

*Brotherband series: The invaders (Book 2)* – by John Flanagan (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 4)

*The giver* – by Lois Lowry (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 4)

*Bright empires ‘Quest the first’ series: The skin map (Book 1)* – by Stephen R. Lawhead

*The last thirteen series: 3 - by James Phelan*

Hi everyone,

From the 9th – 18th March the MCS Library will be hosting its annual Scholastic Book Fair. ‘The theme this year is ‘Kings, Queens & Castles – Enter the Kingdom of Books.’ The Fair will be located in the Library and Primary students will have a chance to view the books during their Library lessons and at lunch time. Students will be bringing home a wish list and a flyer telling you of the available titles. Opportunities to make purchases for students will be before school, at Lunch time and after school with their parents. Secondary students are also more than welcome to come and browse as I have requested titles suitable for older readers.

There will be two afternoons when parents may visit the Fair until 5:00 pm to purchase or order books. As with Scholastic Book Club there are several payment options including the use of an EFTPOS machine when you attend the Fair in person. This is an extremely important event for the School Library as it allows us to acquire books and resources for the collection.

During the Book Fair, students will be invited to enter a colouring competition, as well as a guessing game involving a treasure hunt around the playground. Winners will be announced in a subsequent newsletter and will receive their prizes at a morning assembly. A note will come home at the end of Week 6 with more information.

Below is a list of Primary classes and the days that they attend the Library each week.

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Mrs Hall

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**MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBJECT FEES**

Parents and careers will soon receive an invoice in the mail for Voluntary Contributions and Subject fees. Contributions from parents make a significant difference to the levels of resources we can provide. Subject (Elective) Fees are compulsory and are fully used to purchase consumable items. If parents are having difficulties there are some options available to ensure students do not miss out on learning opportunities as a result of financial difficulty. Please contact the school if you need financial support. All cases will be treated with confidentiality and a plan will be arranged to suit your individual circumstances.

Also included with the fee invoice is an update of details for emergency contacts and medical information. If there has been a change in your child’s medical details the school needs to be notified in case an emergency occurs during the school day. Updating addresses, medical information and emergency contacts will also ensure that the school can make contact should the need arise.

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**Cabonne Junior Rugby League**

**2015 Registration Day**

Friday 27/2/15 5pm

**MOLONG RECREATION GROUND**

**ALL WELCOME**

Free Sausage Sizzle

All enquiries: Kate Yelland 63923400

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**MOLONG DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB**

**REGISTRATION MORNING**

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

All enquiries to Roland Hill at roland.hill@fourwindstechnology.com.au or Tania Bohringer 0408 604 711

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**CANTENE 27/2/2015 – 6/3/15**

**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 me. Thank you, Tina McGovern, Canteen Manager.

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