PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Molong Central School’s motto “Providing Opportunities for Personal Achievement” was clearly demonstrated this week. Leigh Brown from Year 8 was selected to audition at the Opera House in August for selection in the State Wind Band after his participation in the Western Band Camp at Lake Burrendong in February. Leigh attended a residential camp for talented musicians across the Central West where he was identified as an outstanding Alto Saxophone player.

Lachlan Campbell also participated in the Lions Youth of the Year last Thursday. Lachlan was required to give two impromptu speeches and satisfy other specified criteria. Lachlan won the public speaking section of the competition and narrowly missed out on taking the overall award. Molong Central is fortunate to observe Lachlan in action on a regular basis in his role as School Captain.

STUDENT LEARNING

As the weeks progress I can clearly see why the students of Molong Central are known for their excellent manners and caring attitude. This, coupled with an outstanding learning environment, makes Molong Central a settled and supportive school conducive to learning. I have also noticed how well the staff know the students and this quality allows for the formation of effective working relationships between the staff and the students, another factor that underpins the culture of Molong Central School.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Primary students were presented with their Student Representative Council (SRC) badges and for many students this will be their first exposure to leadership. The students will provide a voice for the student body and will be a valuable source of information for staff to help implement student ideas. Primary students congratulated their peers at the assembly on Thursday and I heard other students formulating ideas to take to their SRC representatives as the students left the assembly. This is an exciting time for students as they realise their say counts in school planning.

STUDENT AWARDS

The recognition of student achievement and behaviour is also an aspect of both the Primary and Secondary that has featured prominently for me as a Principal in a new school. These certificates represent effort and consistency and the students accept these awards with pride. A special memory for me this week was watching the Kinder students receive their first award on assembly. Their faces lit up and they held their award with such pride as their class mates applauded. I am sure these awards were celebrated at home and are currently in a special place or on the family fridge for all to see. There is nothing like positive reinforcement to guarantee continued effort and that is something which displays prominently across K-12 at Molong Central.

CHANGES TO STUDENT LEAVE IN 2015

Please be aware students will no longer be granted an exemption for holidays. The DEC has emphasised school attendance as an indicator of student success. There may still be absences that will qualify as exempt, including elite sports and arts representation and some family business. Medical issues, where advance notice can be given, will also qualify as an exemption. If you are in doubt please discuss your individual circumstances with one of our Deputy Principals.

Mrs Michelle Barrett, Principal
YEAR 7 ENGLISH – CREATION JOURNAL

In Year 7 English the students are composing a personal ‘Creation Journal’ which includes a collection of personal anecdotes, poems, a family tree and Dad jokes. As part of this unit, Mercades Oste invited her aunt, Sylvia Embleton, to come and answer a range of questions which the class had written. Sylvia entertained us with stories of her life in England and some family stories. Year 7 Yellow would like to thank Sylvia Embleton and Mercades’ mother, Michelle, for coming along to help the students gain an understanding of their place in the world. The photo below shows Year 7 with Sylvia Embleton and Michelle Oste.

MATHSONLINE AT MCS

Once again students at Molong Central School will have the opportunity to make use of the excellent Mathsonline system in 2015. This online tutorial system features animated mini lessons, lesson summary information sheets and quizzes on all areas of the Mathematics curriculum. Mathsonline can be used to revise for tests, recheck and revise concepts studied in class, catch up on work missed during absences or just as a fun and educational way to stay on top of Mathematics work at school.

The system can track which areas have been studied, degree of understanding demonstrated of concepts, as well as provide feedback to teachers and parents as to which areas students are performing well in and which areas may need to be revised.

I have used the Mathsonline system with all students in my previous schools and have seen a very strong relationship between those students who have made effective use of the system and those who have shown significant growth in their understanding and enjoyment in Mathematics.

If you were to purchase this system privately it will cost around $200 per year, but we have been able to secure a special school price of just $20 per student for the year.

If you are interested in your child accessing the Mathsonline system they simply need to pay $20 to the front office by the end of Week 7 (Friday 13 March) and tell the office staff that it is for Mathsonline access.

If you have any questions about this program, or anything else happening in the Mathematics faculty please feel free to contact me on 63668224.

Mr Kevin Costa
Head Teacher Mathematics.

KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Children go through many transitions throughout their lives, but one of the most important transitions is the one from home to kindergarten. To assist in this process Molong Central School runs the Kindergarten Assistance Program. This involves students from Yrs 8 to 11 who volunteer to assist Mrs Monk and Mrs Thornhill on a rotational basis for either a half or full day. This year we have 35 students.

The main aims of this program are

- To assist new Kindergarten students to settle into class and school routines quickly and confidently.
- To help provide a secure and happy environment for those starting school.
- To help provide more individual attention.
- Provide support for the Kindergarten teachers with the daily running of activities e.g. clean up paint while they move to the next activity.

The school would like to thank the students who give of their time to help this program to run smoothly.

Mr Tony Taylor
Careers Adviser

Ellie Whalan helping Kindergarten students

CAREERS CORNER

Students experience career education in many forms throughout their time at Molong Central School and are given the opportunity to investigate the many career pathways that are available to them. Areas of career education are undertaken through the normal school curriculum and pastoral care programme, with counselling and information available on a range of topics.

Upcoming events:

Yr 10 Work Experience

As in previous years, an opportunity exists for our Year 10 students to participate in a two week Work Experience Programme in Term 1. The Programme commences on Monday, 23rd March and concludes on Thursday, 2nd April, 2015.

Regional University Road Show

Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend a Regional University Road Show day on Tuesday 10th March. This will be held at Orange High School. The Regional University Road Show day will provide students with information about applying for University, courses and study costs as well as student life. Charles Sturt University, Southern Cross University and the University of New England will be in attendance. Students also have the opportunity to speak with individual Universities and collect publications.

Scott Taprell,
Deputy Principal
Parent Helpers
A big thankyou to all the parents/carers/grandparents/friends who give up some of their time to help in our classrooms. Visitors into our classrooms need to fill out a Child Protection Declaration. If you haven’t already done one, please see the classroom teacher where you help, or see the Primary Office. A reminder also that all visitors need to sign in and wear a visitors lanyard. These are located in the Primary Office.

District Swimming
Last Thursday the MCS Swimming Team travelled to Orange to compete in the Orange District PSSA Swimming Carnival. With the weather looking very ominous early on, the warm, then cool, then hot weather conditions didn’t deter our swimmers. Every single MCS student dived into that pool and gave 100%. We had swimmers in every event with most placing in the top 4 in their heats. There were no finals on the day, so the students had to wait to see how they had ranked against swimmers in other heats. Two of our swimmers secured a place at the Western Swimming Carnival next week in Dubbo. Congratulations to Lacey Brown for 2nd place in the 8 years girls freestyle and to Phillip Pike for second place in the 13 years boys freestyle and good luck to them in Dubbo. Well done to all our swimmers on your achievements.

District Swimming Team List:
- Maggie Kirby
- Matt Gregory
- Charlie Brown
- Lacey Brown
- Paige Bohringer
- Taylah Hobbs
- Jasmin Wilson
- Amy Pike
- Carter Kirby
- Max Yelland
- Lachlan Hobbs
- Ella Kirby
- Tristan Pankhurst
- Angus Quigley
- Alex Davis
- Cody Whyburn
- Phillip Pike
- Jacob Duncan
- Molly Weekes
- Hannah Leisk
- Mardie Campbell
- Allie Fieldus
- Kara Yelland

Western Region Swimming Reps Lacey Brown & Phillip Pike

Awards
Bronze: Tiarna Martin
Silver: Thibault Lefebvre
Gold: Toby Vis-Lowe
Platinum: Cooper Kelly, Jim Bone
Badge: Maddison Treacy

Dates for your Diary!
- 5th Mar: NRL Assembly
- 6th Mar: Western Swimming
- 9th-19th Mar: Boys cricket vs Middleton PS at Parkes
- 9th-19th Mar: Book Fair
- 13th Mar: SRC Crazy Hair Day for World’s Greatest Shave
- 16th-20th Mar: Stage 3 Excursion to Broken Bay

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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<td>George Rogers - a quiet, responsible, hard-working class member.</td>
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<td>Aidan Garlick-Evans - fluent and expressive reading</td>
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<td>Winston Gibbs - enthusiastic participation in all areas</td>
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<td>George Betts - for completing work to a high standard and using his beautiful manners</td>
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<td>Amelia Punch - always having a positive attitude towards her work</td>
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Uniform Award – Thursday
Week 5 Term 2
- Stage 1 - Tyrone Darcy-Stewart
- Stage 2 - Bryce Bollinger
- Stage 3 - Ella Fowler

There will be an assembly this Thursday. 5/6 Gibraltar will be presenting their class item, 2.20pm start

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

**Week 6 Term 1**

**JUNIOR FICTION**

*Good idea, Amelia Jane* - by Enid Blyton  
*Ivy & Bean make the rules* – by Annie Barrows, illustrated by Sophie Blackall  
*Brand new baby* - by Bob Graham (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)  
*Let’s get a puppy!* – by Bob Graham (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)  
*Harriet, you’ll drive me wild!* – by Mem Fox, illustrated by Marla Frazee (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)  
*The flying lesson* – by Pat Clarke, illustrated by Graeme Compton  
*Snail and turtle are friends* – by Stephen Michael King (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)  
*Mr Chicken lands on London* – by Leigh Hobbs

**SENIOR FICTION**

*Geek girl series: Picture perfect* – by Holly Smale  
*A witch in love* – by Ruth Warburton  
*The last thirteen series: 1* - by James Phelan

**SENIOR NON-FICTION**

*The boy on the wooden box* – by Leon Leyson (a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 4)

Hi everyone,

There is just one week until the **Scholastic Book Fair** will be visiting the MCS Library. The fair will be set up in the Library for viewing by students, parents and staff on **Monday 9th March until Wednesday 18th March**. I have suggested to students that they may like to do some chores around the house to earn some money to spend at the fair. There is an excited buzz in the Library.

**The Premier’s Reading Challenge** has now officially commenced for 2015. Students can now access their personal reading logs so they can enter their choices so far. I have been extremely impressed by the number of students that have been borrowing each week and keeping a record of the titles they have been reading. If your child experiences any difficulties accessing the PRC website please let me know as soon as possible.

Presently the students in younger classes are enthusiastically choosing one or two titles to borrow to take home. We have talked about how important it is to keep the Library books safe while they are at home. To prevent books being exposed to damp or being soiled by food, I would ask that students either bring a waterproof bag or have a plastic bag placed inside their existing Library bags. This may prevent the loss of popular books from our Library collection. Parents will be asked to either pay for, or replace, damaged books.

I look forward to welcoming both old and new members of our school community to our Book Fair in Week 7.

Mrs Hall

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**ROTARY YOUTH IN CROPS, AGRONOMY, GRAIN AND SEEDS (RYCAGS) CAMP**

**CONDUCTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NARROMINE INC.**

The **sixth** RYCAGS Camp will be held in October 2015 and schools are invited to nominate Year 9/10 Agriculture students to attend the camp in Narromine from 25 October to 30 October, 2015. The week long live-in camp will expose students to several crops on working farms, crops under trial at a research station, how a weather station works, grain used in a cattle feed lot, inspection of grain wholesalers operations, an irrigation scheme, machinery retailers, grain storage, transport and marketing.

Professionals will advise students on agronomy, crop finance and crop insurance, genetic modification, etc. Students looking for a career in agriculture should attend this camp. There are several activities arranged after hours to keep the students busy. Rotarians are in attendance 24/7 and all meals are prepared in the Rotary Food van.

To register for RYCAGS 2015 please contact the Co-ordinator for a nomination kit.

Geoff Smith  
Ph 6889 5447  
gsmil2709@bigpond.net.au

**IRONFEST - LITHGOW SHOWGROUND**

**18TH - 19TH APRIL, 2015**

- **Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm**
- **Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Tickets at gate:**

| 1 day Adult $35  |
| Conc. $30  |
| Child $25  |
| Family $95  |
| 2 day Adult $55  |
| Conc. $45  |
| Child $35  |
| Family $140  |

For more information visit [www.ironfest.net.au](http://www.ironfest.net.au)

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**Bloomfield Junior Rugby League Club**

**2015 Season**

**Boys from 5-16 and girls from 5-12 years of age are all welcome.**

**WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH BETWEEN 4 & 5 PM**

**WADE PARK Hogs for Homeless Clinic**

**TO REGISTER FOR FREE CLINIC GO TO**


**Fees are $100 per player if paid on the day and $110 after this day. Bloomfield socks and shorts are included in registration fees.**

For further information email

bloomfieldjrflc@hotmail.com

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**CANTEEN 6/3/2015 – 13/3/15**

| 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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| **6/3/15** | **1ST FRIDAY** | **LISA BURGESS** |
| **9/3/15 2ND MONDAY** | **10/3/15 2ND TUESDAY** | **11/3/15 2ND WEDNESDAY** |
| **12/3/15 2ND THURSDAY** | **13/3/15 2ND FRIDAY** |
| **HELP NEEDED** | **BELINDA MILLS** | **HELP NEEDED** |
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