2015 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Our Secondary female Captain, Sophie Clayton has been named as Cabonne’s Youth Ambassador for 2015. Sophie is a fantastic role model for young women in the Cabonne district and at Molong Central. Sophie has impressed me with her unassuming nature and impeccable manners. I am also aware of Sophie’s dedication to her studies and outstanding sportsmanship. I am sure that Sophie will inspire other young females to take on leadership positions whilst at school and later in life.

2015 Youth Ambassador & School Captain, Sophie Clayton

ASSEMBLIES

I have been impressed with both the Secondary and Primary assemblies. Last week the Primary students were entertained by Mrs Mutton’s class. The class performed a Harry Potter skit paying particular attention to costumes and makeup. A feature of the performance was the last minute call up of Phillip Pike who attracted lots of laughs from the crowd. It was obvious the students valued the opportunity to perform in front of their peers and after speaking to several of the cast members at lunch I could see that the preparation involved a lot of cooperation and creativity.

I have also enjoyed the Secondary assemblies and the way students from across year groups and faculties highlight what has been going on in the classroom. The confidence and willingness of these students makes for an informative and entertaining assembly. The Secondary students that present at assembly gain important presentation and leadership skills and overcome the fear of public speaking.

The Secondary SRC is keen to have an assembly once a term to help promote the good work they are doing across the school as well as in the community. The first of these is going to be held this week where they are going to share with the rest of the student body the plans they have to support students at Molong Central as well as highlighting their major fundraisers for the year. The SRC is determined to have a high profile and this assembly is an initiative to increase the student voice at Molong Central in 2015.

YEARS 12 – PREPARATION FOR THE HSC

Last week I had the privilege of presenting Year 12 with some ideas to enhance their current performance at school. The students were encouraged to pay particular attention to school based assessments in the lead up to the HSC. I also encouraged the students to make use of their available study time both at school and at home. By approaching the next seven months in a methodical and organised way, students will have the best chance to perform at their best and reduce stress on themselves and their families. I also discussed the importance of accessing the available support at school and using online resources to prepare for exam questions. Please encourage your children to stay organised by discussing upcoming assessment requirements with them.

Mrs Michelle Barrett
Principal
VISIT BY LOCAL GEOLOGIST
The Science staff recently enjoyed hosting Ms Lisa Gibbons, a parent who is planning to become a Science teacher, now that her geology work in mining exploration and establishment camps around the world is less practical. She observed many of our classes and assisted students with learning in Science, but also visited classes in other subjects. At the completion of her work, she delivered lessons to some students on how she found her way into Science, and then into a world-wandering career working with many nationalities in remote and interesting locations. We wish Ms Gibbons well in her education training at the University of New England.

Mr Brian Evans
Head Teacher – Science

NEW MUSIC TEACHER
Mrs Glenys Ramage has come to Molong Central School to take the place of Mr Chris Kay who, in turn, was filling in for Ms Millner while she was on Maternity leave. Mrs Ramage currently has students at the Orange Regional Conservatorium studying clarinet and recorder and plays for and sings with some of the Conservatorium choirs. She has had a lot of experience over the years with all kinds of ensembles, from bands to choirs and instrumental groups as well as organising a number of festivals. Mrs Ramage is looking forward to working with the students at Molong Central School.

DEFENCE FORCE VISIT
On Thursday 5 March, 35 students from Years 9 to 12 had the opportunity to participate in an ADF Careers Presentation. This consisted of a 35 minute presentation covering all Defence Force careers, including the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), Defence University, sponsorship, trades and general entry roles. This presentation also outlined the recruitment process, eligibility requirements, Defence Work Experience Program as well as providing an insight into what life in the Defence Force is like. Many thanks to the Specialist Recruitment Team consisting of Corporal Scott Elliot (Army) and Corporal Matt Jones (Airforce) for providing the students with valuable information and a wonderful insight into the many career paths available to them. (see photo opposite)

Mr Tony Taylor
Careers Adviser

MERIT AWARDS
Sharni PHILPOTT  Tyson WHYBURN  Caitlin JOHANSSON

SRC REPORT
On Thursday 19th February the SRC held their annual planning day in the school Hall. The SRC benefits from these planning days as they allow us to dedicate a whole day to planning the events we are going to hold for the rest of the year. To start off the day we got to know the new members of the group and they got to know the members continuing on from last year. After morning tea we got straight into planning the events we could hold this year and narrowed in down to the following:

- CHD Awareness Day
- Jellybean
- Clean Slate Day
- Street stalls
- Big Day In
- Bullying Awareness Day
- Relay for Life
- Day Red Day
- ANZAC Day
- Melbourne Cup
- Jeans for Genes

All of these events either raise awareness, raise money for the cause or raise money to put back into the school. The SRC also had the idea to start a Peer Support Program, held during lunchtimes and after school, for those students wanting help with sport, school or problems out of the classroom. They can come to an SRC member in their own time to ask for help and advice with any of their problems. To end the day Mrs Barrett came in to talk to us about her expectations of us as SRC representatives and to answer any of the questions that we had about the events we wanted to hold during the year. Overall the day was very productive, and it will make planning for the rest of the year much easier now that we know what we are doing and what Mrs Barrett expects of us. It was a great day but now we have a busy year ahead of us.

Tieke Thomas & Jessica Burgess
SRC Publicity Officers

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES

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Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal
Clean Up Australia turns 25!
In 2015, Clean Up Australia celebrates 25 years of Australians volunteering to clean up our wonderful country. Since the national event started in 1990 Australians have donated more than 27.2 million hours taking to their streets, bushland, parks and waterways on Clean Up Australia Day, removing an estimated 288,650 tonnes of rubbish from 145,754 sites across the country. K-6 students at Molong did their part last Friday, getting out and about in and around our school to clean up our little bit of Australia.

Arrival at School
It has come to my attention that a number of students have been arriving at school very early. Students are not supervised until 8.30am in the playground. I would like to advise that it is not permissible for students to be on school grounds until this time. This is a duty of care issue and it would be appreciated if students did not arrive until this time.

Books Cricket
Last Friday the boys Cricket Team travelled to Parkes to play Parkes Public School. After winning the toss Captain Alex Miller chose to bat. Angus Quigley and Alex opened the batting and were the first to experience some accurate & fast bowling. Angus gave his wicket away cheaply but Alex pounded the bowlers scoring a quick 14 runs. As the wickets started to tumble, the boys did their best to accumulate a respectable total and finished all out for 49. This meant our bowling and fielding had to be tight. Nerves got the better part of some of our bowlers though, giving away too many wides. Jacob Duncan got our first wicket from a great catch by Flynn Fahey at mid-off. Jacob was in the action again running out a Parkes batsman for our second wicket. Lachy Hobbs, Carter Kirby and Angus Quigley each got one wicket, but our wides were our downfall with Parkes making their 50 runs with 5 wickets in hand. Even though we lost the game the MCS boys should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves. Their sportsmanship and comradery were wonderful to see. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this team and look forward to doing it all again next season. Many thanks to Graham Hobbs for umpiring on the day and to all the parents who came along to support the boys.

Dates for your Diary!
9th 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>Damon Knott</td>
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<td>5/6 Kosciuszko</td>
<td>Jyrin Martin</td>
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<td>Library</td>
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Uniform Award – Tuesday Week 6 Term 2
Stage 1 – Maggie Kirby
Stage 2 – Hannah Williamson
Stage 3 – Damon Knott

Assembly this Thursday 2.20pm
Class Item - 5/6 Kosciuszko

Awards
Badge: DELTA RODWELL
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.

CANTEEN 13/3/2015 – 20/3/15

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From the LIBRARY...

Week 7 Term 1

JUNIOR FICTION

One Woolly Wombat - by Kerry Argent
(First Reader series)
Queenie the Bantam – by Bob Graham
(a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)
Jethro Byrde Fairy Child - by Bob Graham
(a Premier’s Reading Challenge selection for Stage 1)
Catching a Wave – by Wendy Harmer
A Chook Called Sheila – by Pat Clarke, illustrated by Graeme Compton
The Velveteen Rabbit – Adapted from the original story by Margery Williams
The Penguin who Wanted to Find Out – by Jill Tomlinson, illustrated by Paul Howard

JUNIOR NON FICTION

Twirly Pearly – by Tim Bugbird, Illustrated by Lara Ede

SENIOR FICTION

The Bone House – by Stephen R. Lawhead
(Book 2 in the ‘Bright Empires’ series)
Ruby Holler – by Sharon Creech
The School for Good & Evil - by Soman Chainani

SENIOR NON-FICTION

Inside Out & Back Again – by Thanhha Lai

Hi Everyone,

The Book Fair has been open for the past few days and the students have enjoyed visiting during their Library lessons to complete their ‘wish lists’. Please do not feel that you are in any way committed to buying the titles on your child’s list. I hope families have taken advantage of the opportunity to visit the Book Fair together to help children make informed choices regarding their purchases. This year the Fair offers books suitable for pre-schoolers through to literature that will be a hit with teenage readers. There will be another Parents & Friends afternoon next Monday, 16th March from 3:00-5:00 pm. I am most impressed with the quality and variety of books that have been included in the Book Fair this year.

I would appreciate permission notes for the Premier’s Reading Challenge being returned to the Library at your earliest convenience. The sooner School Magazine subscriptions are received the quicker I can place an order. If you have not received a note they were handed to the eldest child in each family. Kindergarten students did not receive a note as the recommended age for subscriptions to ‘Countdown’ is 6+.

Have a wonderful week full of reading with family!

Mrs Hall