



MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL

"Providing Opportunities for Personal Achievement"



NEWSLETTER

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MCS DOMINATES IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-Curricular opportunities dominated the Molong Central calendar last week with teams competing in rugby league, hockey, touch football, lawn bowls, agricultural show teams and debating. Molong Central was also represented by **Leigh Brown** who performed at the Sydney Opera House, (Please see story below). Our staff are committed to ensuring that students have access to these opportunities. Whether it be coaching and managing teams or covering classes for a teacher, these opportunities enhance school life and bring pride to the school community. Parents also support staff and this is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge their valuable contribution to our school community. Please follow our Newsletter, Website, Facebook page and the Molong Express in the coming weeks for all the reports and photos of these events.

STEM –SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics have been identified as essential areas of study for Australia to maintain a high quality of life. Australia's future prosperity depends on students studying in and across these areas in order to foster scientific and technological developments. Molong Central has begun planning for STEM opportunities for Primary and Secondary students in 2017. Students benefit from STEM education by learning about innovation and problem solving This has been bolstered by a grant secured last week. Mr Taprell will present an information session at the next P&C meeting on the 12th September. You may also wish to follow the link to the Australia's Chief Scientist link. <http://goo.gl/Nes99R>

TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY

Molong Central School is participating in a survey that allows parents to express their views about their perceptions of their children's experiences at home and at school. If you have more than one child at the school and your perceptions differ for each child, you may wish to complete the survey more than once to provide feedback on each child's experiences. Your participation in this survey is anonymous and confidential. When you submit your survey the responses are recorded on a secure site without personal identifying information. Your answers will be mixed with those of other parents and caregivers from the school. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer, other than the one asking which school year your child is in. Log in: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/8fr9y> Survey window will close on October 21st 2016. For more information regarding the survey, please follow the link to the FAQs sheet on our website: [click here.](#) If you do not have access to the internet at home, please contact the front office regarding opportunities for participation in the survey.

Michelle Barrett, Principal

LEIGH BROWN PERFORMS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

On Friday 19th of August 2016 Leigh Brown travelled down to Sydney with his mum on the XPT, arriving about 10.20pm. On Saturday morning he met up with approximately 60 students from schools all over the State to make up the "NSW Public Schools State Senior Wind Band 2016." Students were chosen for State Wind Band from those that attended various band camps, events, ensembles held around the State earlier in the year. By a process of elimination, the final group was chosen to go on, and were notified late May. Leigh was chosen last year but didn't make the final list, so he was proud to have the opportunity to attend this year. The students were all sent their music and had 42 days to learn it perfectly before arriving in Sydney. Leigh has always played an alto saxophone, when he got his music it was for a tenor sax. As the band only has 4 saxophones he was asked to step up and play tenor and one of the others was asked to play baritone. On Saturday and Sunday, the students rehearsed from 9.30am until 5.00pm at the Lewisham Arts Unit with professional conductors. They also had an hour rehearsal at the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Leigh's dad travelled down on Monday to see him perform, as well as other family and friends. On Monday night and Tuesday night the group performed at the Sydney Opera House as part of the "Festival of Instrumental Music 2016". The program was different each night, and to hear just how much applause was received by this particular group on both nights was amazing. (Contributed by Meryll Brown).



SCHOOL CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2/9/16	2/9/16	14/9/16
SRC PYJAMA DAY	PRIMARY WESTERN ATHLETICS	KINDERGARTEN 2017 ORIENTATION

Secondary News

CHESS Vs POKEMON

On a sunny but soggy morning, four intrepid Chess players set forth to represent Molong Central School in the NSW Junior Chess League. Their journey took them into uncharted territory: the fourth round of the competition. They crossed the almost overflowing Macquarie River, to The Scots School near Kelso, passing many Pokemon Go creatures on the way. A Caterpie was even captured during our lunch break, as well as some burgers and fries! **Matthew Beuzeville** once again lead the team into battle and after a marathon struggle, he and his opponent had only their Kings and two Pawns left on the board. Matthew blocked his opponents advancing Pawns and moved his pieces forward to successfully be "Queened". Matthew then swiftly checkmated his opponent. This was a great game to watch and showed a range of offensive and defensive skills from both players. **Caitlin Johansson**, displayed outstanding observational skills by winning "Windmill" on the way to the match. She also played well, but eventually lost her game. **Baile Sigley** and **Joe Spencer**, both from Year 7, played against older and more experienced opponents. They played well and demonstrated great sportsmanship, but were also defeated. It has been great to see the Chess Squad develop over the past few years and I look forward to seeing the players continue to gain in experience and confidence. Our trip home was also eventful with a brush with famous characters such as the Gold Panner and a very cheeky Pikachu. Chess was the winner on the day, not Pokemon Go! You'll never run out of battery or data while playing chess. In fact, you may even develop thinking skills and meet real people in the real world, not imaginary creatures in Augmented Reality (AR). Students wishing to learn or practice chess should see Mr Culverson or come to the D&T room during lunchtime sessions with the Squad. And now for a joke. Q: How do you get a Pikachu on a chess board? You POKEMON (POKE HIM ON).



NEW SHELTER FOR AG PLOT

Last term, the Agricultural show team organised a fundraising sheep drive to help raise money to improve the show equipment and facilities. From the many generous community members the team was able to raise a substantial amount of money. Some of the money was recently spent on the construction of a paddock shelter and feeder, to keep the animals and feed dry in the wet conditions of Winter. A picture of the students, their wethers and our new shelter is below. We would like to say a big thank you to the Watts family and Edcon Steel who contributed to the construction of the shelter and the materials. The students are very excited to show their dry and heavy (60+kgs!) wethers on August 23rd and 24th in Dubbo.



SUCCESS FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL SHOW TEAM

On Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th of August the school show team travelled to Dubbo to attend the Rabobank Merino Wether Challenge. Please click [here](#) to see a full report of our successful show and all the photos.



WHAT'S ON WEEK 6 & 7 TERM 3

2/9	Yr 11 Mod Hist – Essay due
2/9	Yr 11 English Studies – Mi-Tunes Portfolio due
2/9	Yr 7 PDHD – DVD /Book review due
2/9	Yr 9 Maths – In class test Period 6
2/9	Yr 11 Eng Ext – Essay due
6/9	Yr 11 Text – Exam in class time
7/9	Yr 10 Hist – Civil rights assignment 30%
8/9	Yr 8 Geog – In class test
8/9	Yr 10 Fin Stud – Speech & presentation (10.1=class)
9/9	Yr 10 Fin Stud – Speech & presentation (10.2=in class)
9/9	Yr 10 Maths – In class test

MERIT AWARDS

Abbie STEDMAN Kara YELLAND Allie FIELDUS

Mr Scott Taprell, Deputy Principal



PRIMARY NEWS



Kinder Orientation Day

On Wednesday 14th September we will be holding our annual Kinder Orientation Day where our new prospective parents and Kinders visit our school for an information and activities morning. Our new Kinders will experience "Big School" for the morning while parents are involved in an information session learning about our school and what it has to offer for their child. The morning begins at 9.30 and concludes at 11.30am.

Kinders will be immersed in a range of activities during this time. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet new parents also joining our school. For any enquiries or more information about our Orientation Day please contact Jane Backhouse or Jenny Barrow.

Homework

Once again the question about homework has come across my desk. There has been some concern that some students are receiving too much homework whilst others would like more. My advice to all parents is to please speak with your classroom teacher if you have any concerns. I'm well aware of the busy lives our children live at Molong Central School with sporting and extracurricular activities after school and on weekends. Sometimes it isn't possible to complete assigned homework especially during particularly busy weeks. Please speak with your teacher if this is the case otherwise do not hesitate to speak with me in regards to this matter.

Book Week Parade

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Book Week Parade has been postponed until Thursday 8th September. This extension will allow a little more time for us all to allow our creative juices to flow. I am looking forward to seeing our book characters come to life. The Parade will be held during our Primary Assembly starting at 2.00pm.

Dates to Remember:

2 nd September:	K-12 SRC Pyjama Day Primary Western Athletics
7 th September:	Musica Viva –Pastance 11.30am
8 th September:	Book Week Parade
9 th September	Yr 12 Pizza Fundraiser
14 th September:	Kinder Orientation
15 th September:	K-6 School Production

Primary Awards

Bronze

Alby Fowler

Olivia Howse

Mia Saxelby

Ideas to get your family moving:

- Go outside and play chasing, ride bikes or throw a ball or a Frisbee.
- Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home. You could use garden hoses as tight-ropes, chairs to crawl under, and the clothes line to run around. Include a skipping rope and some jumping. For variety ask them to walk backwards, hop or skip through the obstacle course. Time them to see how they are improving.
- Encourage your child to play outside whenever possible. Play along whenever you can.
- Be a good role model – be active when you're with children. What gets children moving is what parents do, not what they say. Children learn by example!
- Include games and walks in family outings.
- Negotiate a time limit on sedentary activities such as watching TV and playing computer games.
- Walking together is a good time to talk to children about their lives and yours.
- Be prepared, think about activities your family can do in and around your home.
Have some plans for wet days.

Uniform Award – Wednesday Week 6 Term 3

Stage 1 - Robert Heath
Stage 2 - Micah Oliver
Stage 3 - Abigail Cundy

Have a wonderful week!!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary

From the LIBRARY. . .

Week 7 Term 3

The Children's Book Council of Australia

2016 Shortlist

The Book of the Year: Younger Readers

The Cleo Stories: A Friend and a Pet – by Libby Gleeson, illustrated by Freya Blackwood

Molly and Pim and the Millions of Stars – by Martine Murray

Run, Pip, Run – by J. C. Jones

Shadows of the Master – by Emily Rodda (Star of Deltora series, No.3)

Sister Heart – by Sally Morgan

Soon – by Morris Gleitzman

The Book of the Year: Older Readers

Cloudwish – by Fiona Wood

The Flywheel – by Erin Gough

Freedom Ride – by Sue Lawson

Inbetween Days – by Vikki Wakefield

The Pause – by John Larkin

A Single Stone – by Meg McKinlay

Please note that all the Older Reader titles have been purchased and are available on the MCS ePlatform at:

<https://molongcentralschool.wheelers.co>

Hi Everyone,

The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge has now finished for another year. I would like to thank the students, parents & Library staff for updating students' records urgently leading up to the end of last week.

Congratulations to all students in K-2 who completed the Challenge in their classrooms. I would like to thank Miss Ebert, Mr Linde, Mrs Monk, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Schaefer & Mrs Thornhill for their support in this endeavour once again this year.

The following students are to be commended on their perseverance to complete the Challenge over the past 2 weeks:

Year 3 – Will Bloomfield, Eleanor Collins, Hunter Hobbs, Amaya Pallier, Jamaine Trapman & Bailee Williams

Year 4 - Cooper Kelly, Claire Miller, Paris Mills

Year 5 – Stella Johnson, Tiarna Martin, Ella Ring & Shenise Timms

Year 6 – Timothy Harvey, Riley Lampe, Ethan Lingat & Libby Peschka

Year 7 – Kara Yelland

My sincere apologies for the postponement to the Book Week activities until later in the term. There will be a note coming home this week explaining the changes to the planned Book Week activities.

Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club will be distributed to students this week. Orders must be placed at school or through LOOP by **Monday 5th September**. This will ensure students receive their items before the end of Term 3.

Mrs Hall



ORANGE CITY CRICKET CLUB



As we get close to the start of a new cricket season, we wish to acknowledge what a great contribution Molong has made to our club. Orange City Cricket Club have a strong link to both Molong and Molong Central School and has always been a great feeder school for Orange City Cricket Club, and is a tradition that we want to continue.

Orange City place great importance on developing players through the junior ranks and we also know that forming teams from kids who go to the school means they stick together over many years.

So if you want to be a part of this great tradition, don't forget to talk about it at school with your mates, tell your parents and get down to Riawena Oval, Kooronga Avenue on Sunday, 11th September (12.00pm – 2.00pm) to sign on. There is a form of cricket for all school ages, boys and girls so play with your mates and have a go!!

Also on the day Orange District Junior Cricket Association (ODJCA) are facilitating a second hand cricket gear sale. So bring your unwanted gear down and we will endeavour to sell it on for you. A great way for juniors to get gear that 'won't cost the earth'. BBQ lunch will also be provided.

2016/17 Fees

As this is the alternate season player wear i.e. shirts and caps will be provided to ALL players both existing and new with the cost included in this year's fees.

The fees include insurance and there are no additional match day fees, so in comparison to other sports, we believe that we continue to offer very good value for money.

Milo in2Cricket 5-7 years (Programme as set by Cricket Australia)	\$TBA
Milo T20 Blast 7-10 years (Programme as set by Cricket Australia)	\$110.00
ODJCA Blast+ 9-11 years	\$110.00
ODJCA Juniors Under 11's through to U16's	\$110.00
Centenary Cup 13 to 19 years (school age players only). Player kit additional.	\$150.00
Thunder Girls Cricket League U13 & U17	\$110.00

Centenary Cup is open to both adults and juniors (subject to assessment with the younger ages) and provides a pathway to senior cricket for juniors with the help and experience of more senior experienced player engagement in a game environment through ongoing skill development and game knowledge.

In addition registrations can also be made online by simply going to www.playcricket.com.au and nominating Orange City Cricket Club as your chosen club!

In addition, Orange City Junior Cricket Club are this year offering two lucky juniors the opportunity to 'Win back their fees' if their registration is completed by Monday, 12 September 2016 where will then hold a draw and return the fees to the respective winners!!

For more information and a registration form, please contact Jon Harris on 0407013053 or melandjon@optusnet.com.au

CANTEEN 2/9/2016 – 9/9/2016

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.

2/9/16
1st FRIDAY

LISA BURGESS

5/9/16
1st MONDAY

6/9/16
1st TUESDAY

7/9/16
1st WEDNESDAY

8/9/16
2nd THURSDAY

9/9/16
2nd FRIDAY

BARBARA CHOWN

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SARAH ROGERS