



# MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL

*Providing Opportunities for Personal Achievement*

White  
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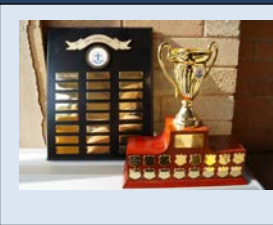
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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



## WHITE RIBBON THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**“Respect for self, respect for others,  
respect for learning & respect for environment”**

### 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the 2019 School Year. I have been delighted at how well the year has started and have had an opportunity to catch up with most of our Year 7 students, many of them who are new to Molong Central School. I have also been fortunate to meet many Kindergarten students and their families as they prepare for Kindergarten through the Best Start program. It is an exciting time for most students and their families but for some it can also been an anxious time so please remember that our friendly staff are always on hand to answer your questions. I do ask however, that parents make an appointment should they require time with class teachers to discuss their child's progress or concerns. The office staff will be able to coordinate appointments with staff. Year 10 have also transitioned into their senior studies and by all accounts, Year 11 are showing all the signs of making the most of the opportunities provided to them.

### YEAR 7

Year 7 can be an exciting time as students transition from primary school to secondary school. Most students at Molong Central School will enjoy coming into the secondary setting but some students may be feeling overwhelmed. It is important at this time to communicate with Mrs Griffith who is the 2019 Year 7 Advisor. Mrs Griffith has spent a significant amount of time in 2018 preparing for the arrival of students into Year 7. There are times students will express feeling uncomfortable and it is important that concerns are addressed early so parents are encouraged to contact Mrs Griffith should they be concerned so that we can take any necessary steps to ensure a smooth start to secondary education. Mrs Griffith can be contacted by calling the front office to set up an appointment with her or arranging a phone conversation at a time that suits both parties.

### KINDERGARTEN

On Monday, we welcomed 43 Kindergarten students and their families to Molong Central School. The School was buzzing with anticipation and a thorough preparation of our incoming students enabled a smooth start to school for all students. “Buddies supported the Kindergarten students to feel comfortable in their new surrounds and teachers were ably assisted by Kindergarten Assistance students. Thanks you Mrs Monk and Mrs Tamati for your dedication and expertise in this important transition time for students and their families.

### STAFF RETIREMENT

Geraldine Brown has decided to retire from teaching and we would like to wish her all the best and thank her for her service to Molong Central School and Public Education.

**Mrs Michelle Barrett,  
Principal**

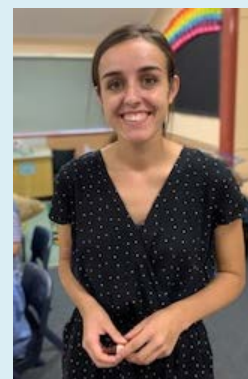


**Ms Geri Brown**

# NEW STAFF AT MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL

I would like to welcome **Rhianna Le** to Molong Central School as a permanent member of staff in the Primary.

Rhianna has recently graduated from Wollongong University and is excited at the opportunity to teach at our beautiful school.



**Rhianna**

**Nicola Harbison, Eve Bowman** and **Nikki Hassenham** are also new at Molong Central School and will be with us in 2019. We are fortunate to have teachers with their enthusiasm and experience joining our Primary team in 2019.



**Nicola**



**Eve**



**Nikki**

**Meredith Healey** and **Amber Schmich** are relieving for **David** and **Lin Eccleston** who will return to normal duties in March.

**Carl Thorne** is also relieving for the year and is teaching across several faculties in 2019.



**Meredith**



**Amber**



**Carl**



# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN





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# WELCOME BACK

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students, staff members and parents back to MCS. 2019 looks to be an exciting and somewhat busy year

I find it an exciting prospect to work within a positive school environment that we have here at Molong Central. The staff cherish the privilege of working within such a caring community, they are ready to give 110%, to go the extra mile, to extend themselves for the benefits of your children.

In a small school there are just as many jobs that staff must take on for the school to function, but with less staff, we find each member taking on multiple responsibilities, being on several committees, working after hours to ensure that their students, your children, have the best educational opportunities available. This is one aspect that makes this school great.

Students at MCS as a whole display a very positive attitude towards the school and the opportunities it provides them with.

They are respectful of staff and other students alike, and work hard to produce their best. It is this positive behaviour and approach to study that we need to all jealously guard or protect, ensuring that educational opportunities are not hindered by poor behaviour and attitudes which show a disrespect of self, others, the school and learning.

The positive approach by most students is something we want to encourage as it brings real strength to the school and allows staff to focus on the core business of teaching.

I encourage parents to keep abreast of activities occurring in the school by use of the calendar link found on our website, Info for Parents/Carers page.

This calendar outlines dates for excursions, assessment tasks and other important dates for parents and students to be aware of.

The screenshot shows the 'Info For Parents/Carers' page of the Molong Central School website. A blue arrow points to the 'School Calendar' link in the main content area. The page features a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with a description of the calendar, and a table of links to various forms and documents.

**Info For Parents/Carers**

Our school provides regularly updated copies of notes and forms sent home with students. Which are signed by parents and students. Documents are brought back to school with other relative link to our schools calendar with up coming events and key dates.

**School Calendar**

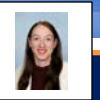
MEDICAL FORMS	NOTES HOME	FORMS
<a href="#">Asthma First Aid Plans</a> (pdf 138 KB)		<a href="#">Change of student details</a> (pdf 451 KB)
<a href="#">Anaphylaxis ASCIA plan</a> (pdf 274 KB)		<a href="#">General Permission</a> (pdf 125 KB)
<a href="#">Allergic Reactions Plan</a> (pdf 225 KB)		<a href="#">Enrolment form</a> (pdf 579 KB)
		<a href="#">Canteen Menu</a> (pdf 83 KB)

# CANTEEN ROSTER 8/2/19 – 22/2/19

<b>HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED ON THIS ROSTER.</b> 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, <b>Tina McGovern, Canteen Manager.</b>				<b>8/2/19</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY</b>
				<b>Pam Burgess</b>
<b>11/2/19</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY</b>	<b>12/2/19</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY</b>	<b>13/2/19</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>14/2/19</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY</b>	<b>15/2/19</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY</b>
<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Belinda Mills</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Pam Burgess</b>
<b>18/2/19</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> MONDAY</b>	<b>19/2/19</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY</b>	<b>20/2/19</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>21/2/19</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY</b>	<b>22/2/19</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY</b>
<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Barbara Chown</b>	<b>Pam Burgess</b>

DATE	EVENT
07.02.19	Primary Formal Assembly for the badging of our new school leaders
08.02.19	Athletics Skills Day Years 2-6 held on school grounds
12.02.19	Primary Meet and Greet 3:30-5pm
13.02.19	Primary Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 with some 8yr olds from Year 2
14.02.19	Secondary Swimming Carnival
18.02.19	Back Up Primary Swimming Carnival in case of poor weather
21.02.19	Scripture Begins for the year
26.02.19	PSSA District Swimming Carnival
27.02.19	Kinder Konnect (details to be sent out to Kinder Parents)
11.03.19	Peer Support Training for Years 5/6, whole day at school
12.03.19	Peer Support Training for Years 5/6, whole day at school
14.03.19	PSSA Western Swimming Carnival
15.03.19	Secondary Western Swimming
20.03.19	Kinder Konnect (details to be sent out to Kinder Parents)
29.03.19	Primary Athletics Carnival K-6 at the Molong Recreational Grounds
02.04.19	Back Up Primary Athletics Carnival in case of poor weather
05.04.19	Primary Cross Country K-6 at the Molong Golf Club
12.04.19	Easter Hat Parade and Last Day of Term 1 (details to come)





# WELCOME YEAR 7 2019

This week saw the start of Secondary School for 54 Year 7 students. Under the care of **Ms Griffith**, the week ran smoothly as these new students found their way around the school, including the playground.

The constant changing of subjects will take some getting used to. But for most, the broader curriculum, and greater variety of teachers will help them enjoy their school life at Molong Central School.

We had the following variety of positive comments from our students:

"I like high school because I dubs on Canteen and new branches of subject. When I was in Primary I didn't want to come to school, but I don't want it to be the weekend. I love high school a little too much. My Mum said she has never seen me so excited for school"

**Mykalah Dive**

"I am really enjoying high school. I enjoy it more than Primary school because I get to do Woodwork, Metalwork and Agriculture. I think we have a really good Year Adviser"

**Coopah Mills**

"What I like about high school is changing classes, Agriculture, Science, Mrs Pokoney, Mr Thorne and everything else."

**Angus Day**

"High school is the best because you get the Canteen at Recess and Lunch, swap classes and the learning experience is amazing"

**Taylah Bliss**

"What I enjoy about high school is the freedom feeling, because you move around from class to class. I also like it because even if I'm not in a class with my friends, I can still see them in other classes."

**Cooper Kelly**

"I like listening to music with sport. I like Music, LOTE and using our own Laptops . I also enjoy being able to walk around each 50 minutes and also all of the teachers in one day."

**Brooklyn Treacy-Ley**

"My favourite things about high school are sport, new friends, canteen, technology, music & everything"

**Rowan Miller**

"I like that we get to listen to music in sport. I enjoy that we get to play different instruments in Music"

**Grace Parry**

"I am enjoying high school because I am making new friends, being with my friends, learning new things and having different teachers."

**Olivia Power**

"All the sport is fun and Tech, plus you get to make lots of stuff and make more friends."

**Noah Lake**



# WELCOME YEAR 7 2019



## SECONDARY SPORT – QUIGGY CUP

The Quiggy Cup is a sporting competition held every Wednesday morning, period one. Students are broken up into their House groups, and each House group is divided into three teams. In Paterson, we have the Paterson Panthers, Pandas and Porpoises; In Lawson we have the Leopards, Lions and Lemurs; in Mitchell we have the Monkeys, Meercats and Magpies and in Yuranigh we have the Yabbies, Yaks and Yellow Bellies. Each week the teams play rival teams and accrue points for wins, draws and losses in range of sports from the traditional netball and touch football, to exotic sports like European handball and hybrid sports like NFL/AFL.

Teams consist of students from Year 7 to Year 10, male and female, with a wide range of ability and talent. The aim of the competition is to build teamwork and friendships across the years and to involve all students in friendly competition and exercise.

For this reason, selfless behaviour is encouraged. Individual students accrue points for positive, supportive behaviour and leadership over the course of the year, by the award of the Corby Cup. Last year's winner was Will Thomas, now in Year 9. The Quiggy Cup recognises the most successful House Team (Yuranigh Yaks- 2018) for the year and the Patto Shield the most successful House (Yuranigh- 2018). House points earned during competition also contribute, along with the Athletics carnival and the Swimming Carnival, to the House Shield awarded at the end of the year.

Now in its third year, the Quiggy Cup has proven to be very popular with students and has had some very positive outcomes. Students typically return to class much more positive and energised, ready to get on with their school work. Discipline issues on a Wednesday morning have become a rarity. Older students have had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills within their smaller group or team. Particularly pleasing has been the increasing willingness of older and more capable students to share their sporting knowledge and support members of their team who may be otherwise reluctant to get involved.

Students have made an enthusiastic start to the 2019 competition, many already vowing that this is their year to claim the Cup.

Good luck to all.

**Tony Keen**

**Head Teacher Sport**





## SECONDARY SPORT – QUIGGY CUP







## NEWS FROM OUR ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

What a great start to the school year. We have had the opportunity to welcome a number of new families into our community and their children are settled and happy. It has been wonderful to catch up with all of our returning students and to hear all about the amazing adventures they have had over the school holidays. Our families provide so many rich experiences for their children.

We have a huge term ahead of us with many sporting carnivals coming up. Please check the dates below, make sure any permission notes or entries are returned by the appropriate date and volunteer to help out if you can.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, we extend an invitation to all our parents and caregivers to attend an information session and meet and greet BBQ. The format has changed a little from previous years. Please see the organization for this afternoon event further in the newsletter.

Please ensure children are not arriving at school prior to 8:30am. There is no supervision provided prior to 8:30am.

Please make sure you have the SchoolStream App installed on your phone and follow us on Facebook for updates, information and of course photos!

**Mrs Audrey Brown,  
Acting Deputy Principal Primary**

### ***A little bit about me!***

A new year and a new role! I love adventure and certainly being acting Deputy of the Primary Department has been a wonderful adventure so far! We are so blessed at Molong Central to be surrounded by great staff, amazing families and some of the greatest kids I have ever met. For those of you who are new to our school, previously I have been an Assistant Principal here at Molong. Prior to that I taught for 12 years at Orange Public School. Both my children have attended Molong Central and anyone who knows me, knows I love to rave on about how happy I am with the educational opportunities they received here. In saying that, we don't always get it right and if you ever have any questions or concerns, please ensure you let us know. Learning is life long and I can attest to that!

I am passionate about all aspects of education and strongly believe that individualising instruction and looking at the whole student is essential in developing positive and powerful members of society. I also believe in the strength of community and look forward to sharing in the educational journey of your child with you and your family.



### ***Fun Facts:***

I was born in Lake Cargelligo and moved all around the Central West growing up.

I love to travel around Australia in my camper trailer.

I'm known to enter events that are way beyond my skill and fitness levels.

Netball is better than hockey.

I'm crazy about magpies and galahs!



# PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Please join us for a meet and greet afternoon on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019** to say hello to your child's class teacher, find out some information about the day to day learning of your child, visit classrooms and enjoy a Family BBQ. This is a great way to catch up and make some new connections!

Children are welcome to attend and will be supervised in the playground whilst parents attend the relevant information session.

- ❖ 3:30-4pm Kindergarten Information Session in the Kindergarten Rooms  
Year 1 and Year 2 Information Session in Year 2 Emerald
- ❖ 4pm-4:30pm All classrooms open for a look through and chat with your child's teacher.
- ❖ 4:30-5pm Early Dinner Family BBQ. All welcome!

Please note Years 3-6 will not have a formal information session.

Please come along at 4pm and take the time to introduce yourself to your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have.

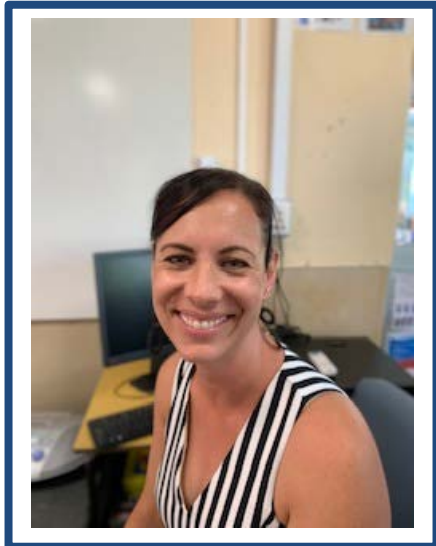






# INTRODUCING OUR PRIMARY STAFF FOR 2019

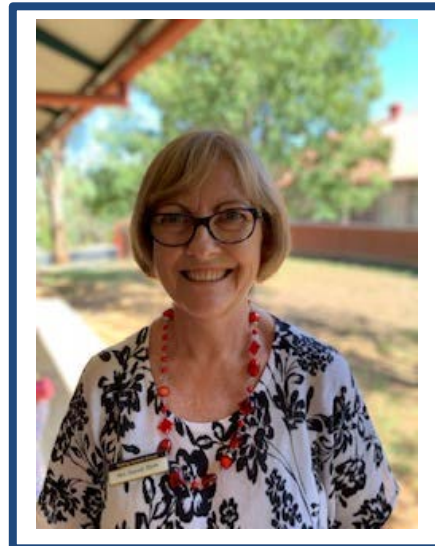
Erin Tamati



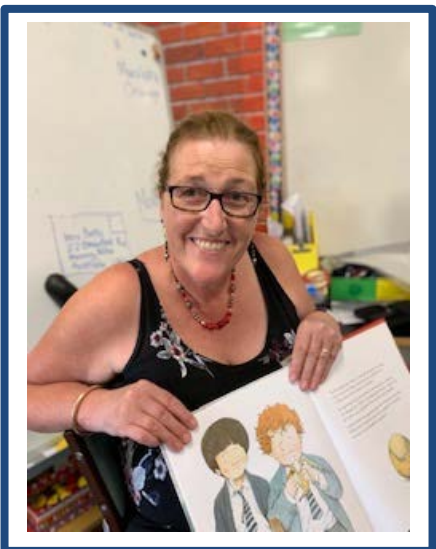
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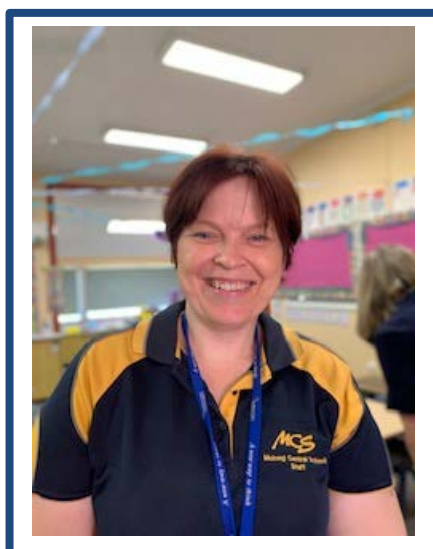
Diane Monk



Kath Schaefer



Amanda Collins



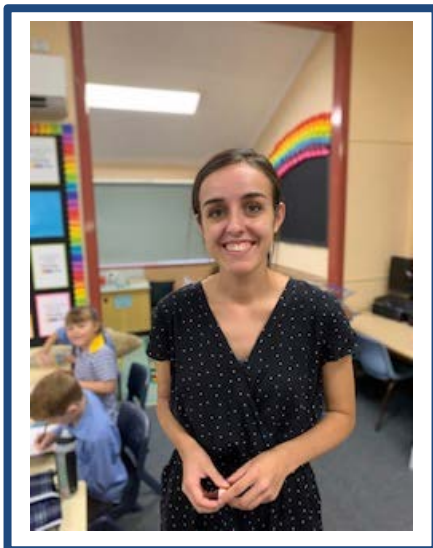
Nicola Harbison



Eve Bowman



Rhianna Le



Donna Thornhill

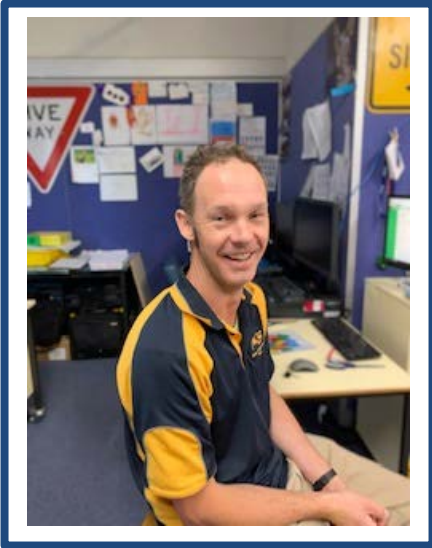






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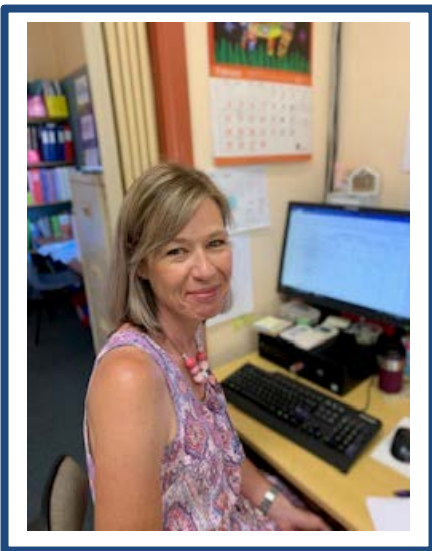
Lydia Ebert



Michael Linde



Karen Honeyman



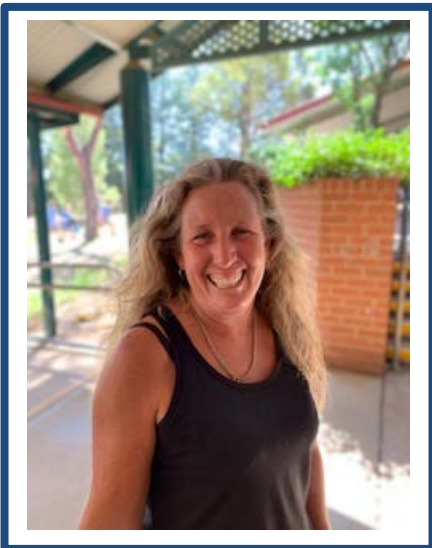
Melissa Quinn



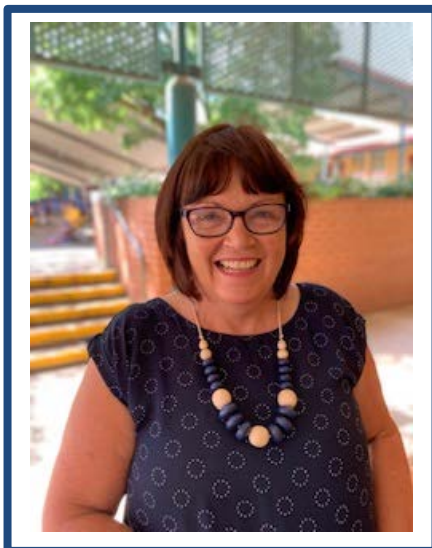
Jill Englert



Mary-Ellen Betts



Debbie Dwyer



Donna Thomas





# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Feeling FANTASTIC is a 6-week course that helps young people understand their emotions, feelings and moods. The course focuses on managing and expressing feelings of depression and anxiety in healthy ways.

**Who:** 12 to 16yr olds

**When:** Thursdays

21/2/19, 28/2/19, 14/3/19, 21/3/19, 28/3/19, 4/4/19

No Group 7/3/19

**Time:** 4.00pm - 6.00pm

**Where:** headspace Orange 264 Peisley Street

Bookings for this course are essential  
email [hs.orange@marathonhealth.com.au](mailto:hs.orange@marathonhealth.com.au)  
or phone 6369 9300





# Forbes Autumn Horse Show

*Featuring Equestrian Interschools classes*

- \*Have fun riding with your class mates
- \*Represent your school
- \*Attire = school jumper & tie
- \*Plain saddle cloth



**SUNDAY MARCH 31ST**  
**FORBES SHOWGROUND**  
[www.forbesshow.com](http://www.forbesshow.com)





## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



**15-18 April 2019**

Following the overwhelming success of last year's shake & stir drama workshop, the award-winning theatre company is back in 2019 ready to empower another cohort of budding young performers.

During the April school holidays shake & stir is teaming up with Orange Civic Theatre to unleash an action-packed 4 days of Superhero skill-building! Using the magic of performing arts, uncover your secret super powers through a series of acting activities, hilarious scripts, side-splitting slap-stick, all finishing with a bang on the last day with a performance for friends and family! Perfect for dramatic thrill-seekers aged 7-12.

Bookings essential.

**Ages:** 7 – 12 years

**Price:** \$320  
\* We offer a \$10 per child discount if you have more than one child attending

**Where:** Orange Civic Theatre

**Time:** Monday to Wednesday 10am to 3pm  
Thursday 10am to 7.30pm (6.30pm showcase for families and friends) \*Students do not go home between 3pm and the showcase – they will stay and rehearse with the team

**Bring:** morning tea, lunch (dinner for Thursday) and a water bottle

**Wear:** comfortable clothes you can move in easily. Please wear theatre blacks to perform on the final day (Thursday). We will provide any elements that may be needed in the showcase.

**Meet:** Theatre foyer

Further information: Please call 6393 8112

**PLACES ARE LIMITED – DON'T MISS OUT!**

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# ★ WOMEN'S AFL ★ COME & TRY!

Orange  
Tigerettes  
are now  
recruiting  
ages 13  
and over



**10 -1pm**  
**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**March**

Come along to Waratahs Sports Club for our OPEN DAY to learn the sport, practice your skills and play a friendly game followed by a **free BBQ lunch!**

What to bring: boots/joggers, towel, water bottle

To register or for further information please text Jacqui on 0408 562 506 or contact us via our facebook page

\*Please note registration prior to the day is not essential so bring along any friends or family on the day that are interested

Find us on Facebook "[@OrangetigersARFC](#)"



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### **MCS COMMUNICATION METHODS & HOW WE USE THEM**

- **SCHOOL WEBSITE:** [www.molong-c.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.molong-c.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)  
For general information about our school
- **SCHOOL STREAM APP**  
Used for important dates, events and updates as they occur
- **FACEBOOK**  
For displaying photos of recent events and activities
- **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
Stories & photos of events and happenings at MCS, produced every fortnight- please see link above if you would like to subscribe.

**AS AN ADDITION TO SCHOOL STREAM AND OUR WEBSITE, YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE, PLEASE LOG ONTO THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

**<http://eepurl.com/c9r7ij>**



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