

New teacher for high school

By **PUBLICITY OFFICER**

A welcome addition to the staff of Wee Waa High School is mathematics teacher Sally Reichel.

Originally from Scone, Ms Reichel said it was ironic that she came to pursue a career as a maths teacher as maths was originally not her strongest subject at school.

It was only after a new maths teacher started at her school with a completely different method of teaching maths that the penny dropped for Ms Reichel.

"She taught maths in a way that I understood and I came to really enjoy it and do well," Ms Reichel said.

"I always knew I wanted to be a teacher, but I wasn't sure of what subject area I wanted to specialise in. It was my love of sport that made me decide to study to be a PE teacher.

"But as it turned out, I didn't like being outside in the elements all day. Of course this is what being a PE teacher requires, but it wasn't for me so I decided to rethink my specialisation and headed in the science and maths direction.

"I was offered a maths teaching

position at Muswellbrook High as my first posting out of university. It really is ironic that I ended up being a maths teacher because in my early years of high school it was my least favourite subject. I didn't have the patience to push myself when the work became hard, but once I had a great maths teacher, I came to love it.

"This experience became my guiding light as a teacher. I find ways of teaching each of my students so that they understand. We all learn differently so I keep the language simple and my explanations relatable. I have a love of food and my students could attest to the fact that a lot of my explanations are based around food. We all eat so using food as the basis for my examples makes it fun and relatable.

"Wee Waa High is a lot like my old high school in Scone. With its smaller student population and community focus, it is just the kind of environment I like to be in.

"Within three days of commencing, all of the students knew my name, even the ones I don't teach. The thing that I like most about being at this school is how lovely the students are and that the staff are very friendly and welcoming. In my first week,



WELCOME: Sally Reichel has moved to Wee Waa High School from Muswellbrook.

many staff and students dropped by to make sure I was okay and to see if they could help with anything."