Parent/Teacher Interviews – Wednesday March 3 - 3.30 to 6.00pm
Mid-semester reports have been sent home for secondary students this afternoon. We ask parents to take the time to read these and come along to Parent/Teacher Interviews next Wednesday. P-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held at the same time. All staff will be available from 3.30 until 6.00pm in the Multi-purpose Room at the Community Centre. There are no set times for interviews so that parents can drop in at any time & meet with the teachers.
I would encourage students to come along as well to discuss their learning.
Anyone unable to attend the interviews is welcome to call the school and make an appointment for another time. Unfortunately, Miss Melanie Grant will not be available on Wednesday afternoon and will hold interviews in the first week on Term 2. If you would like to meet with Miss Grant please contact us for an appointment.

Biathlon
Our primary and secondary biathlons were held this week. The secondary event was held on Wednesday and the primary event (held within the swimming pool grounds) was held during Sport on Thursday afternoon.
I always admire the spirit with which our students compete and congratulate everyone involved. Special thanks must go to Geoff Amos who is responsible for setting up and packing up the equipment for the biathlon events.

Monster Auction
This Sunday, March 30th, we are holding an Auction of surplus goods at the Primary Campus in conjunction with the Ouyen Football Club. Bidders are asked to register, with goods purchased to be paid for and taken on the day.

Environmental Bores
People may have noticed a drilling rig on the school grounds this week. Cardno Lane Piper, an environmental group representing Exxon Mobil has sunk bores around the school oval in order to monitor ground water quality. Samples will be taken in the coming years to check on any pollution from the Mobil Depot across the road.

Miss Mole
Congratulations and good luck to Miss Jacqualyn Mole on her marriage to Mark Dowell on Saturday.

End of Term
Term 1 ends next Friday, April 4th at 2.30pm with Term 2 beginning on Tuesday April 22nd.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

Year 3 students have been playing *Raining on the Rock* on ukuleles using G & C cords. Pictured below is a rhythm game where the pattern on the tapping sticks produces an accompaniment to the song *I’m a Peanut.*
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHANGED MEDICAL CONDITIONS:
Please remember to inform the school if your child develops a medical condition or allergy which you may not have included on your original enrolment form. It is extremely important for us to have accurate medical records if an emergency occurs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER:
If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or changed employment, please advise the school. We require the correct address and contact numbers in an emergency.

VISITORS:
All visitors to our school, including parents, are expected to report to the Office to SIGN IN.

HATS:
All students must wear a hat in Terms 1 & 4.

BUS TRAVELLERS:
Primary Students
Could parents please send a note or make a phone call to the office when your child/ren are not going to travel on the bus. If we do not have a note or have not received a phone call, your child will be required to travel on their designated bus. Families of new students who require a bus travelling form are asked to pick one up from the General Office, if you have not already done so. Please return them ASAP.

WATER BOTTLES:
Students are permitted to bring a pop-top water bottle to school, to fill with water for class use. They are particularly important in hot weather. Please ensure the bottles are named.

SCHOOL BANKING:
A reminder to all parents that school banking will be on Wednesdays.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS TERM 1:
Firstly a big congratulations and well done to all participants in this terms Active After School Communities program. It has been a big mixed up term but all participants had a go at all activities and now the program has ended for this term and will start up again early in Term 2.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LEADER?
Ouyen P-12 College will be hosting a training day for Active After School Leaders on the first Monday of the school holidays, April 7th. Teachers and students will be in attendance and there is the opportunity for members of the local community to receive the training as well. The Australian Sports Commission has developed the Community Coach Training Program (CCTP) to train people interested in delivering in the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. The CCTP is a combination of Beginning Coaching General Principles and the Playing for Life principles. It has a particular emphasis on management and delivery strategies for primary school aged children. It is a FREE course delivered to interested parties by regional coordinators across all four AASC zones in Australia. It supports participants to develop the necessary skills to deliver sport and other structured physical activities within the Playing for Life philosophy, a requirement for delivering in the AASC program. The course also provides participants with ideas, strategies and resources to deliver game-based activities for a range of sports as well as other structured physical activities such as dance and circus skills.
For more information please feel free to contact me at school.
I am looking forward to seeing even more participants in Term 2!
Casey Stoetzer
AASC Coordinator

BREAKFAST CLUB:
Thanks to Mrs Elaine Richardson who has donated a bain marie to the Breakfast Club. We are using it to keep the toast warm.
We have had approximately 15 students eating a nourishing breakfast each Wednesday.
The students are offered cereal and toast with a variety of spreads, as well as fruit juice. When the cooler weather arrives the students will be offered warm milo.
Parent helpers would be helpful each Wednesday morning.
All students are welcome to attend.
Dawn Geary
Breakfast Club Coordinator

CRE
Thanks for the great response to the P-6 CRE orange permission form.
There’s just a handful outstanding. It would be appreciated if all forms could be back early next week.
Raelene Vine
CRE Coordinator

OUYEN P-12 RUN FOR THE KIDS FUN RUN

♦ Thursday, April 3rd
♦ Years Prep-12
♦ Dress in Active Clothes!
♦ BBQ lunch—bring extra coins for this
Gold coin donation for dress and participation of fun run - all donations go to our Ouyen P-12 Fundraising Team
If families or friends would like to donate online please visit
and join our team!
Congratulations to the students who took on the challenge of the first junior biathlon which was held during senior sport yesterday. Results will be in the newsletter next week.

Regional Tennis
On Monday, March 24th I represented Ouyen in the Sunraysia Tennis competition in Swan Hill. The kids I played with were very tough and great competition. I learnt a lot from playing with and against these kids. It was a great experience. I would like to thank my Mum for taking me to Swan Hill to play tennis. I would also like to congratulate Marissa Prentice for winning a set and getting to Swan Hill. Heath Smith

Cross Country - Wednesday, April 30th (Second Wednesday in Term 2)
For the first time all students from Prep to Year 12 will be competing in the cross country event. Parents and friends are encouraged to come along and support their children. Event start times will be published in next week’s Newsletter.

The Preps & Year 1 students will start near the recording shed and run around the outer track to come out near the top goal posts, while the Year 2 students start near the triple jump pit and then follow the same course.

Prep/1/2 all finish at the point post at the top of the oval.

Years 3 & 4 students will run two full laps of the course, completing a distance of 2km and Years 5 & 6 complete three laps of the course, covering a total distance of 3km.

The juniors have been practising their cross country over the past few weeks and the senior students will practice during sport and PE over the next couple of weeks so they are all familiar with the course.

Students are asked to bring their runners for cross country days and students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are asked to bring their sports shirts to change into when running.

COURSE MAPS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

Ride2School
CONGRATULATIONS – it is official GRADE 2 achieved the greatest participation rate last Wednesday for Ride 2 School day, with 82% of the class making their way to school on bikes or by foot. They were closely followed by the grade 5 class with a participation rate of 75%. Unfortunately the Year 11 and 12 students were lagging behind with only 32% and 33% respectively taking advantage of the chance to walk or ride 2 school on the day.

The staff???

Well done to the O’Shannessy clan and Drew who loaded their bikes onto the bus and rode safely to the bike parking area, the Vine children who rode into town from the farm and Scott family (including George!) who brought their bikes into town and rode safely to school.

Prize winners on the day were:
Prep – Eli Revell
Grade 1 Harry Scott
Grade 2 Lachie O’Callaghan
Grade 3 Samuel O’Shannessy
Grade 4 Hollie Munro
Grade 5
Grade 6 Corey Cupper

Year 7 Lachie Comrie
Year 8 Adam Morrish
Year 9 James Phillips
Year 10 Nic Vine
Year 11 Charlotte Nixon
Year 12 Lewis Hahnel

A big thank you to Mrs Grace for organising the fruit platters & the Year 10 Sports Science group for assisting with the day.

Stay tuned for further details on how to take part in further days to Walk or Ride safely to school.

Reminderv
Net, Set. Go applications were due today (Friday, 28th March).
All registrations must be handed to the Office by Monday, March 31st to enable registrations to be completed.

Ouyen Night Netball AGM
Monday, April 7th
5.30pm
Ouyen Community Club

Good luck to the students travelling to Mildura on Monday to try out for the School Sport Victoria 12 & Under cricket squad.
SECONDARY SPORT

The weather was great for the Biathlon on Wednesday as 102 Ouyen P-12 secondary students took on the challenge this year. Thank you to those students who brought notes explaining why they could not compete on the day. The distances are achievable by all if they are willing to accept the challenge. For those participating, it was fantastic to see students competing with endeavour and enthusiasm. It was also great to see students acting responsibly, looking after themselves prior to and after their events. A special congratulations to all of the Year 7’s who accepted the challenge and participated in their first Biathlon and the Year 12’s who participated in their last School Biathlon.

Congratulations to Olympic 513 who defeated Insignia 463

Well done to the students who were unable to participate in an individual events, but supported their house by competing in a relay. Congratulations to Chyna Maynard and Adriana Smith who won the Team event.

Thank you to

- Mr. Amos for setting up the barriers which block off the roads providing a safe course for our students.
- MRCC for providing the barriers and allowing us to block off the roads around the pool to ensure the safety of our students.
- the staff for their assistance and support on such a demanding and time consuming activity. Your work was greatly appreciated.
- Daniel and the YMCA for the organisation at the pool.

BIATHLON AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2014

(* RACE MEDALLION WINNERS)

12/13 Yrs GIRLS
1. Hallie Wills
2. Kaitlin Latta
3. Jessica Down
4. Lucy Morrish

12/13 Yrs BOYS
1. Benjamin Morrish
2. Liam Munro
3. Bradley Marks
4. Reece Anderson

14 Yrs GIRLS
1. *Laura Hayter
2. Macey Evans
3. Allie Winslow
4. Alana Linklater

14 Yrs BOYS
1. *Charlie O’Connor-Byrne
2. Adam Morrish
3. Toby Harker
4. Callum Nixon

15 Yrs GIRLS
1. Madeleine Hahnel
2. Paris Linklater
3. Charlee Pengelly
4. Sharri Floyd

15 Yrs BOYS
1. *Peter Darley
2. James Phillips
3. Tom Morrish
4. Ryan McKay

16 Yrs GIRLS
1. *Sarah O’Connor
2. Grace Woodall
3. Bethany Burns
4. Ebonnie Summerhayes

16 Yrs BOYS
1. Nic Vine
2. Brody Morrish
3. Micheal Gardien
4. Brandon Corp

17 Yrs GIRLS
1. *Laura Hayter
2. Shania Langian
3. Charlotte Nixon
4. Hannah Down

17 Yrs BOYS
1. Daivon Stacey
2. Broderick O’Connor-Byrne
3. Lee Conlin
4. Bryce Kerr

18-20 Yrs GIRLS
1. *Tori Linklater
2. Caitlin Vine
3. Tayla Willsmore
4. Alicia Hogan

18-20 Yrs BOYS
1. *Jaeden Corbett
2. Gus Lynch
3. Lewis Hahnel
4. Jonathon Boatley

Open Champions
Tim Gloster & Lauren Morrish

Forthcoming Dates

OP-12 College Cross Country
Wednesday, 30th April
Ouyen

SSV Mallee Division Cross Country
Friday, 16th May
Ouyen
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**2014 EXPERIENCE LA TROBE EVENTS**

Experience La Trobe is a free event – with lunch & entertainment included

- Melbourne - Friday, 11th April and Tuesday 8th July
- Bendigo - Friday 11th April and Thursday, 10th July
- Shepparton - Wednesday 4th June
- Albury-Wodonga - Friday 20th June

Designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents, Experience La Trobe offers a taste of what it’s like to be a uni student for a day. Register online: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience

**UMAT 2014**

Year 12 students - Applying for Medicine or Health Sciences?

You will need to sit the UMAT if you are interested (or think you might be interested) in any of the following careers: Medicine, Dental Surgery, Clinical Sciences, Vision Sciences, Health Sciences (Dentistry), Oral Health Science, Optometry, Medical Laboratory Science.

- Registrations open: First week in December 2013
- Registrations close: Friday 6th June 2014
- UMAT Test date: Wednesday 30th July 2014
- Results released: late September 2014

**THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO**

When: Thursday 8th Friday and 9th May 9am – 3pm
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May 10am – 4pm
Where: Caulfield Racecourse
www.vceandcareers.com.au

**OPEN DAY - FOOTSCRAY CITY FILMS** Sunday 24th August 2014

Do you want to make Short Films, Music Videos, and Documentaries? Information is available from the Careers Office or www.footscrayfilms.com.au

**ARE YOU CONSIDERING WORK EXPERIENCE OR STUDYING SURVEYING IN THE FUTURE? You’re invited to attend the Experience Surveying Day**

Hosted by the Surveying Task Force and RMIT University, this unique 2 hour event provides a fantastic opportunity for students to do practical Surveying activities with the help of fully qualified Surveyors.

They will do measurements using professional surveying equipment, including turning angles to measure a triangle and the height of a landmark, then process the data using surveying software back at the field station.

When: Thursday 10th April (during school holidays)
Time: 9.45am for 10am start. 12pm finish.
Where: RMIT University Field Station (outside), Yarra Bend Park, 201 Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield.

This free event is open to anyone considering Surveying as a career path, including Year 11 or 12 secondary students, or school leavers. To register, send their contact details to: trysurveying@alifewithoutlimits.com.au

If you have any Questions? Email or call (03) 9326 8173.

**RMIT UNIVERSITY OFFERS A NUMBER OF FREE EVENTS**

designed to give students in Years 10, 11 and 12 real experience and insight into life on campus.

The free events will run between Monday, 30th June – Friday, 4th July, the first week of the Victorian School Holidays, plus a special October Experience Project Management Day.

- Accounting and Finance
- Advertising, Marketing and PR
- Art and Design
- Community Justice
- Engineering – Bundoora campus
- Engineering – City campus
- Environment
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Information Systems and Logistics
- Journalism and AV
- Project Management – new!
- Science – new!
- Trades – new!

More information can be found at http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

**YOUTH OFF THE STREETS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS**

Closes: Friday 4th April
Value: $6,000

This scholarship is open for young people aged 12-21 who are facing challenges of homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, exclusion from school, neglect and abuse.

Nominations can be made by the young person themselves, or on their behalf by a teacher, Youth Worker or other individual involved in the young person’s life.

Web link: www.youthoffthestreets.com.au

**ACU - AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - University of Experience 2014**

Is a free program that gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Students get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students, and trying out the course of your choice.

Ballarat Campus Tuesday, 1st July 2014,
Early Childhood Education, Nursing, Nursing/Paramedicine, Primary Education
Melbourne Campus Tuesday, 8th July 2014

Students must register online to participate in the events. www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp-vic

**FLINDERS UNIVERSITY ENEWSLETTER**

Subscribe to the Focus on Flinders enewsletter for 2014.
- Provides you with the latest news about Flinders University, new courses and entry pathways
- keeps you informed of upcoming events and professional development opportunities
- provides information on feature courses, as well as student and academic profiles
- https://listserver.flinders.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/focus_on_flinders

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Mole and Mark Dowell on your wedding tomorrow. May it be a time of wonderful fun and the creation of great memories to treasure.

Meeting – Our next meeting won’t be until May 12th. We still have two contact people positions available – Years 7/8 and 9/10. Huge thanks to Pat Higgins, Melanie Grace, Donna Nihill, and Tracie Corbett for taking on the roles for other year levels.

Membership: for Parents Association is $2 per parent/guardian. It is a nominal amount set at the AGM in line with our Constitution. It entitles the member to copies of the minutes, voting rights at meetings, and cover when working at any Parents Association activity. Please fill out the slip below and return with your membership payment to the school office [in a clearly marked envelope].

Congratulations to all who participated in the Biathlons this week – a great achievement for those who did.

Catering – Keep an eye out for news of the Community Centre kitchen equipment working bee – early next term. The kitchen is close to completion. It’s a year since we packed it all away!

Pedestrian crossing/traffic safety – these remain important issues for PA. The removal of the 40kph signs around the Hunt St campus makes the Preschool/Senior Citizens precinct more vulnerable to traffic. Parents and children are encouraged to be extremely alert for safe travelling around the school as we all adjust to the new environment. It’s not something to be taken lightly.

A reflection on Childhood – “Seven to eleven is a huge chunk of life, full of dulling and forgetting. It is fabled that we slowly lose the gift of speech with animals, that birds no longer visit our window sills to converse. As our eyes grow accustomed to sight they armour themselves against wonder.” Leonard Cohen

During childhood our capabilities, imagination and interests are ignited. If some traits are not activated or encouraged then they may never blossom. Andrew Fuller. See a connection?

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary

MEMBERSHIP & MINUTES

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Please select

YES I would like to receive a printed copy of PA minutes via my child

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YES I would like to receive minutes via e-mail

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SHEEP SALE

APRIL 10th

WORKERS: Elaine Richardson (50921579)
DONNA WILLIS

COOKS: Kylie Pengelly
MANDY COMRIE

APRIL 24TH

WORKERS: Raelene Vine (50921598)

COOKS: Briony Munro
SIMONE GRAYLING

UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION & ASSESSMENT

FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS:

There is, once again, the opportunity for students to take part in the UNSW International Competition and Assessment for Maths, English, Science & Computer skills.

As in recent years the competitions are not compulsory and students must pay an entry fee if they wish to participate.

Parents who would like their child to enter these competitions are asked to fill out the form below and return it to either their child’s Home group teacher or the General Office with the correct money by Wednesday, April 2nd 2014.

The Competitions are held between May and August. Schools and students receive a comprehensive report on the students’ performance and certificate of achievement in each subject.

Name: ................................................................. Year: ...........................

Computer Skills (Years 3-10)................................................................. $8.80
Science (Years 3-12)................................................................. $8.80
Spelling (Years 3-7)................................................................. $12.10
Writing (Years 3-6)................................................................. $18.70
English (Years 3-12)................................................................. $8.80
Mathematics (Years 3-12)................................................................. $8.80

Total Enclosed: .................................................................

Parent/Guardian signature: .................................................................