Volunteers
Over the past few weeks I have been pondering the value of volunteers in small communities such as ours. As I move around Ouyen and attend meetings in different community related areas I have come to see the huge benefits people voluntarily add to all aspects of life in and around the Ouyen district. In a world where people are time poor and often expect to be paid for any work done, I look around and regularly see people giving generously of their time to ensure the best possible outcomes for their community whether it be in sport, Ouyen Inc, churches, school groups such as Parents Association and Council, Preschool, education and health or in any of the many other facets of the town and district. Often the adults are accompanied by their children, providing a model for the next generation. I saw an example last weekend where a person spent the morning working at the Clean Up Australia working bee then came up to assist with setting up for the school’s auction.

Sadly, all too often the same small group people appear as volunteers in all areas. Perhaps we should all consider becoming involved in some small project at some time even for a short time and share the load. Studies show that being involved and connected to the community provides many health benefits.

In the meantime I would like to thank the Ouyen Football Club, School Councillors and my staff for their assistance last weekend in setting up and holding our auction. Cameron McKay volunteered his time as the auctioneer which helped us to clear all the goods and make a considerable profit for our school.

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Diary Dates

April
- Tuesday, 22nd - School Return
- Friday, 25th - ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
- Wednesday, 30th - Cross Country

Principal’s Report

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING: Monday, May 12th
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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
April 4th - Ruby Pengelly
April 16th - Brodee Lennon
April 17th - Sarah O'Callaghan
April 18th - Samuel O'Shanessy
April 19th - Ned Scott
April 22nd - Myriah Rorke
April 24th - Heath Smith

AUSKICK PROGRAM 2014:
Starting Date: April 24th (10 week program)
When: Thursday afternoons in Term Two
Time: 4-5pm
Where: Blackburn Park (Footy Oval)
Who: Anyone at Primary School - boys and girls welcome
Age: Must have turned 5 to register
Cost: $60 (+$2.34 Processing Fee)
Registrations need be completed online and payment made at www.afl.auskick.com.au.
Your registration details will be forwarded through to me but please retain your copy. If you have participated in the Auskick Program before, click on ‘Re-Register’ otherwise enrol as a ‘New Participant’.
Coordinator: Alexander Morrish
Registrations: Melanie Grace (50922071 or 0437865010) for assistance with registering or for further information. So come along, learn a few skills and have some fun!

Cut off date for the Club Connect ticket offer is April 13th.

CRE
Well done to the many students who acted, read, sang and generally participated in today’s CRE Easter celebration.
Thanks to parents for returning the orange forms. Only a handful to come.
Enjoy your vacation.
CRE teachers - Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Christian, and Mrs. Vine

Year 11 Outdoor Education students enjoying learning how to cook safely using Trangias (small fuel stoves).
This is in preparation for their trip to Mt Arapiles next term.
Jason Stewart
Outdoor Ed Teacher
**Biathlon**

The biathlon was run in cooler conditions but the kids all participated enthusiastically. It was great to see so many parents come along to support the students. A big thank you to the staff at the pool for their assistance, and to the staff - led by Mr Stoetzer, for their organisation on the day.

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**COURSE MAPS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR COLLEGE WEBSITE.**

**Cross Country - Wednesday, April 30th (Second Wednesday in Term 2)**

The P-12 House Cross Country is being run next term. Parents are welcome to attend with presentations for the whole school at 3pm on the grassed area near the Community Centre.

Approximate race times will be:

- 10.00 a.m. Year 9/10 Girls
- 10.20 a.m. Year 9/10 Boys
- 10.40 a.m. Year 11/12 Girls
- 11.00 a.m. Year 11/12 Boys
- 11.35 a.m. Girls 12-13/14 Years
- 11.40 a.m. 6 Years & under

- 11.45 a.m. 7 Years
- 11.55 a.m. Boys 12-13/14 Years
- 12.00 noon 8 Years
- 12.20 p.m. Girls 15/16/17/21 Years
- 12.50 p.m. Boys 15/16/17/21 Years

**WINNING HOUSE: OLYMPIC**
Work Experience / Structured Work placement Dates – 2014

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**Proposed Dates for the 2014 VCE/VCAL Careers Trip**

**For Year 11 Students & Parents is Sunday, 10th – Tuesday, 12th August.**

The College is offering the opportunity for all Year 11 students and their parents to participate in the 2014 VCE / VCAL Careers Trip to Melbourne. The days will be tailored to meet individual student’s interests. More information will be sent home early in Term 2.

**The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIHM)** offers secondary school students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with the opportunity to attend a VIHM Career Information Afternoon. The informative and interactive session will give you an insight into the broad range of career options available in forensic medicine and science. Experts in fields such as:

- forensic pathology
- forensic toxicology
- anthropology
- odontology (forensic dentistry)
- histology
- clinical forensic medicine and
- molecular biology (DNA)

The speakers will speak to students about what it’s like to work in their chosen field here at the VIHM and what path they took to get where they are today. The VIHM holds two Career Information Afternoon sessions per year during school holidays. The next Information Afternoon session will be held on:

**When:** Friday, 11th April

**Time:** 12:30pm - 4:00pm.

**Venue:** Victoria Institute of Forensic Medicine, Gate 7, 11 Moore Street, Southbank, Plueckhahn Lecture Theatre.

Please Note places are limited and fill quickly. Due to the high demand for places VIHM does not have places for parents/guardians. Anyone wishing to attend must complete the registration via the VIHM website www.vifm.org OR http://www.vifm.org/about-us/careers-at-vifm/

**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

**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.

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

**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 their choice.

**Ballarat Campus Tuesday, 1st July 2014**

Early Childhood Education, Nursing, Nursing/Paramedicine, Primary Education

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**Flinders University Newsletter**

Subscribe to the Focus on Flinders newsletter 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://listserv.flinders.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/focus_on_flinders

**The University of Melbourne Up Dates**

**Meet Melbourne in Mildura**

Information session for prospective students and their families

**When:** Thursday, 1st May 2014
**Time:** 6.00pm – 8.30pm
**Where:** Quality Hotel Mildura Grand, Seventh Street, Mildura

The University of Melbourne will be visiting Mildura to give students, teachers and parents in the area the chance to talk to our friendly staff and find out more about:

- Courses and career outcomes, including the Melbourne degrees and graduate pathways
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma or going on exchange
- Scholarships and course costs
- Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme, which offers guaranteed entry to Melbourne’s degrees for eligible students
- Housing options

Information for Indigenous students

**Register Now** www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmildura

**My Melbourne e-Newsletter**

Students can sign up to receive a copy: http://blogs.unimelb.edu.au/mymelbourne/subscriber/

**Selection and Admissions News**

- The increase in ATARs indicates a strong demand for UM courses
- Bachelor of Science (Extended) program has been approved for 2015 http://www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au/bachelor-science-extended
- Faculty of Business and Economics have confirmed that the guaranteedATAR for Bachelor of Commerce in 2015 will be 95

**Work Experience**

**Interested in Geography, Maths, IT and the outdoors?**

If this sounds like you, why not try out Surveying with a work experience placement?

Placements are now open for 2014, so register your details here and we’ll make enquiries on your behalf.

You could also ring your local Surveying firm and ask if they have any placements available. http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/student-work-experience/secondary-students/

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange - 2014 Scholarships to the Northern Hemisphere.**

This is an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students interested in joining an overseas exchange program departing in late August/early September to the U.S.A., France, Italy or Germany. Details of the Scholarships’ application available from Sue Sly and also the website www.sccex.com.au The closing date is April 14. Scholarships are valued up to $4000.

**Sue Sly**

**Careers Coordinator**
Congratulations to Miss Grant on your official Graduation this week. We hope your career is fulfilling and fruitful.

Well done to all involved in the Fun Run yesterday. A great effort – hope it was fun.

Thank you to the VCAL students for their valuable work in helping gather statistical evidence about vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the middle section of Oke Street. Parents Association looks forward to working with the students to further our campaign for a safer precinct there.

What a buzz there was in the Multi purpose hall during Parent Teacher Interviews – a great opportunity to catch up with staff without having to navigate around the classrooms. Thanks to the staff for this.

Membership: Thanks to the parents/guardians who have returned membership slips for Parents Association. It 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].

Contact people: Thanks to Therese Jolly for taking on the Year 9/10 contact person role. We have 1 vacancy – anyone wishing to be the Year 7/8 contact person, please let us know.

Working Bee: The Community Centre renovations – kitchen, dining, food tech – will be completed during the break. Plans are in place for setting up the spaces for student and community use as required. Parents Association will hold a working bee on Tuesday, April 29th to sort through the gear from the Community Centre kitchen, work out where it should go, and put it there. We’ll start at 10:00 a.m. Helpers are welcome to pop in for an hour or two to lend a hand and ideas throughout the day.

Meeting – Our next meeting won’t be until May 12th.

Mothers’ Clubs – The first recorded Victorian Mothers’ Club was formed at Princes Hill State School in 1917. Miss Lillian Horner, Infant Mistress at Princes Hill, was advised by Miss Emmeline Pye, Mistress of Method at Melbourne Teachers’ College, to invite parents to the school to see the work their children were doing. The mothers who attended were so delighted with what they saw that they became anxious to assist by reading stories to the children. This ‘Story Telling Club’ may be the first authenticated case of community involvement in State Schools, and is also the first known case of a Mothers’ Club fundraising to provide additional resources for schools. The mothers of Princes Hill quickly realised that there were few books at the school and raised money to purchase some more.

From ‘Our Children, Our Concern’ by M. Crowle and H. Murray

Princes Hill PA is still very active.

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary

SHEEP SALE

| APRIL 10th | APRIL 24th | MAY 8th |
| WORKERS | WORKERS | WORKERS |
| Elaine Richardson | Raelene Vine | Racheal Cook |
| (50921579) | (50921598) | (50921585) |
| Donna Wills | Worker required | Megan Alger |
| Kylie Pengelly | Briony Munro | Anne Bush |
| Brenda Dingledie-Murphy | Simone Grayling | Alison Brackenridge |
| Debbie Vallance | Lydia Dean | Tanya Revell |
| | Rosey Cattanach | Amanda Foster |

MEMBERSHIP & MINUTES

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Vacation Care Program-
Mallee Track Health and Community Service regret to advise that the Vacation Care Program will not be offered this coming school holidays. Operation of the program has been delayed due to buildings works at the Ouyen P-12 College not yet being complete in the anticipated licensed area to conduct the program. We are not able to offer the program at the old Primary School site as the Multi-Purpose Room is currently being used for other purposes. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. For queries regarding this matter, please contact Lois O’Callaghan on (03) 50921111 or Lisa White on (03) 50910292.

Library News:
Australian Standing Order Books have arrived in the library and Roxanne is looking forward to hearing what our readers think of these new books.

NIGHT VISION
This is an intriguing book by Ella West about a young girl who suffers from a very rare disease. One night, she witnesses a murder and a theft and makes a decision that will change everything. This story is a dramatic thriller, full of suspense and is suitable for Lower to Mid Secondary.

MACHINE WARS is a fast paced sci-fi action thriller from Michael Pryor, suitable for everyone in Lower Secondary. Unknown to the world a super intelligence that can control any machine connected to the net has emerged. Bram and his friend Stella must survive in an interconnected world where any machine might instantly become a lethal predator.

THE WARDENS is the first book in an exciting series called BROTHERHOOD OF THIEVES. It’s about a secret brotherhood of treasure hunters who are seeking lost magical weapons to help in their fight against an upcoming army. This book is suitable for Lower to Mid Secondary.

SILVER PEOPLE is a beautiful verse novel about the Panama Canal. Margarita Engle uses different viewpoints to tell many of the tragic and hopeful stories behind the building of the canal. Rising above all the voices is the sorrow of an environment destroyed by human greed and politics.

THE RATCATCHER’S DAUGHTER is a historical novel from Pamela Rushby. Set in 1900, it looks at the outbreak of the Black Death or Bubonic Plague. The historical details are given within a very appealing story of a family and community dealing with the fallout from this terrible epidemic. Suitable for Lower to Mid Secondary.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:
Parents/guardians are reminded that school fees are due and payable now. Cheques are to be made payable to Ouyen P-12 College or you may pay via EFT. BSB - 063-732 A/C - 1000-1994
Please use your child’s name as a reference.
School camps are coming up. If you’d like to make a payment plan please speak to the Business Manager. Netbook payments are also due and payable now.
Bobbie Stacey
Business Manager

VCAL
Childhood Cancer / Ouyen Lions Club Fundraiser
♦ Monday, May 12th
♦ BBQ Lunch
♦ Sausage in Bread
♦ $2 each
♦ Forms will be sent home in Term 2
Dental Schemes information is available on the College Website under Community News. If your child requires dental work please check out the schemes that are listed.
http://ouyenp12college.vic.edu.au/