Early Start
Over the last two weeks our Early Start program has been operating. This program allows students to begin work on their next year’s studies. Our staff have worked hard to ensure that the students receive the best preparation possible and a head start for 2014 and I am sure the everyone involved will reap the benefits of this. Thank you to Ms Cross for her organisation of the program.

Apology
Unfortunately, due to sudden illness Mr Ben Harrow has been unable to complete his class reports. Parents will be given the opportunity to meet with Mr Harrow early next year regarding their child’s progress. We apologise for the inconvenience and wish Mr Harrow a speedy recovery.

Moving Day!
Next Wednesday, December 18th is moving day for the Primary Campus. Anyone with some time to spare would be welcome to come along and assist. I am sure organised chaos will be the order of the day!

Newsletters Online
In an effort to reduce paper and photocopying, our school newsletter will only be available online from the beginning of next year. Only those families who specifically request a paper copy will receive them in printed form. The online version of the newsletter is in full colour so that photos are of much higher quality.

End of the Year
As we come to the end of the year I would like to thank my staff for all the hard work they have contributed to our school this year. The building program has been a messy and stressful time for all but as always our staff have stepped up when most needed, some secondary staff have had to move two or three times at short notice, primary staff have had the big shift from one campus to another and everyone has helped to move furniture and equipment.

I would also like to thank our students, particularly those at the secondary campus. They have been extremely resilient in the face of change. I have heard no complaints as they were moved around, into ever decreasing spaces. I am sure that all this inconvenience will be worth it when we have modern state of the art facilities throughout the school.

We are farewelling Mr Binks, Ms Newman and Mrs Zoch this year. I thank them all for their contribution to our school and wish them all the very best for the future.

The 2014 school year will begin on Tuesday January 28th for all staff. Students begin on Thursday January 30th.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Leanne Dawes
Principal
CRE -
The annual primary campus CRE Christmas celebration will be held in All Saints church next Tuesday morning from 10:00a.m..
The children will share the Christmas story in readings, plays, prayers and songs. Parents and friends are welcome to join the children at this.

N.B. Change of date

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:
Our Primary Students have once again been invited to sing some carols at our annual community Carols by Candlelight service. This is to take place on Sunday, December 15th at the Roxy Theatre. Please consider attending this service with your children - it is a great opportunity for them to sing for a very appreciative audience and a lovely, calm and uplifting evening.

BREAKFAST CLUB:
Breakfast Club has finished for this year. We would like to thank St Vinnies for kindly donating all supplies needed and also our volunteers and staff who give up their valuable time to run this programme.

PROPOSED CALENDAR 2014 - OUYEN P-12 COLLEGE/UNDERBOOL DISTRICT SPORT

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THANK YOU

Moneysmart
Thank you all for your support with our MoneySmart program.
We had so much fun making and selling jelly and icy poles!
We made a huge total of $264 which has been evenly split between each year level from P - 6.
Each year level is currently researching some amazing new books, DVD’s and games to add to our new school.

PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:
PREP: Mia Grayling
YEAR 1: Emma Higgins
YEAR 2: Benjamin Nihill
YEAR 3: Ned Scott
YEAR 4: Georgia Phillips
YEAR 5: Allirra Woodyard-West
YEAR 6: All Year 6 for showing confidence at Early Start

STUDENT AWARD:

TIDY ROOM AWARD:
Years 6

ATTENDANCE BEAR:
Year 2
PROPOSED WORK EXPERIENCES DATES FOR 2014
Year 11 – Monday, 15th – Friday, 19th July 2014
Year 10 – Monday, 11th – Friday, 15th August 2014
Work Experience can take place during the gazetted school year, Students may undertake work experience during the holidays in Term 1, 2 & 3 but not during the holidays at the end of the year.

CAREER HARVEST - A website for students which provides information on the possible careers in the agricultural industry, including the tertiary qualifications needed to undertake those careers.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION (ARMY, NAVY, AIRFORCE)
Defence Jobs YouTube Channel: Watch videos about the different roles available in the Army, Navy and Airforce here- http://www.youtube.com/defencejobsaustralia
One Year Roles: You can work in one of 12 roles in the Army for 12 months. To find out which role is right for you, Visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/oneyearroles/jobs.aspx

CAREERS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE: Navitas College of Public Safety offers the Bachelor of Social Science (Criminal Justice). Some of the career areas their students have gone into include:
- State and federal policing
- Customs
- Para-legal work
- Court administration
- Youth justice
- Corrections
- ASIO working as intelligence officers,
- Training prison officers in the United Arab Emirates
- Working with Racing Victoria investigating gambling crimes and race fixing.
For information on the course, go to http://www.ncps.edu.au/

ARE YOU IN YEARS 7 – 12?
DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ANIMALS? Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zookeepers and Vets. You will be able to:
- Help with food preparation
- Assist with animal enrichment
- Help with enclosure maintenance
- Listen to Keeper talks
- Do animal health checks
- Handle animals safely
Keeper for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary:
January 14, 15, 21 & 22
Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary:
January 16 & 23
Zoo Keeper for a Day, Werribee Open Range Zoo:
January 15, 17, 21, 22 & 24
http://www.zoo.org.au/holidays

Year 12 Tertiary Selection Important Dates
December 16th VCE Results and ATAR
December 17th VCE results and ATAR mail service
December 23rd VTAC Change of preference closes
January 6th SATAC change of preferences closes most courses
January 16th SATAC Main January offer available
January 17th VTAC First round offer released
January 29th SATAC Late January offer available
February 4th SATAC February offer available
February 6th VTAC Round 2 offer released
February Victorian Supplementary offer

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator

SWIMMING:
Trish Torpey has advised that swimming for Tempy will be held on Dec 29, 30, 31, Jan 2, 3, 4, 5, with New Year’s Day off.
She will contact Ouyen swimmers over the next couple of days to notify them of their dates.
For more information contact Trish on 5082 4221.
Meeting: We had an informal gathering at the Victoria Hotel on Monday for our final meeting of the year. Lots of general chit-chat and feedback about THE MOVE, transition, tours, plans for 2014 and so on was had. We will fund Mathletics for P-8 for 2014. We also decided to give $1,000 towards the purchase of sets of novels to support the ongoing literature programs so loved by Mrs. McKechnie. These books will be labelled in her memory. We will continue to push for safe traffic options for our community’s children, too.

Catering: There is a number of unclaimed containers, trays, platters, and utensils in Parents Association’s care at the moment. Please contact Raelene Vine [0407849174] if you’re still missing something from catering events.

No - Bake Stall –The No-bake stall brought in over $100. All tallied, nearly $700 was raised towards our donation for the pool blanket. We will be making a presentation to MRCC as soon as it can be arranged. Thanks, again, to all who helped.

Transition – The feedback from the Parent and student tours has been positive. We encourage all to step positively and curiously into our new spaces next year. It will be a transition for all in the school community with a myriad of changes and adjustments to be worked through. Communication, patience, understanding, and a willingness to work through things will help all along the new paths. Parents’ Association will contribute funds to some of the new playground equipment.

Concert- Well done to all the primary students and staff for their efforts at last night’s concert and awards night. A fine conclusion to a busy year. Parents’ Association was pleased to be able to present the “You Can Do It” award for each class. This award recognises a particular endeavour and achievement in the areas of Getting Along, Persistence, Confidence, Organisation, and Resilience.

Presentation Night – Best wishes to our VCE students (and families) awaiting results in the coming days. We wish you well for your post-school journeys. Also, to those students moving to other schools – make the most of your new opportunities; and thank you for your contribution to our school’s story. Parents’ Association particularly congratulates those students who have received 100% and 99.7% attendances for the year. This is a brilliant achievement. Well done to all students whose efforts and achievements will be rewarded on the night; and to all students for what you know you’ve achieved this year.

Thank You: We thank the many students and community members who have helped us out at times throughout the year. We really appreciate the extra help when parents are unable to be there. We farewell a number of families from Ouyen P-12 College – thank you for your generous support and assistance over your time with the school. Please remember, you’re welcome to stay involved! We pass on a particular farewell to our Vice-President and Catering Co-ordinator, Loronda Binks. Loronda’s drive and enthusiasm have been wonderful assets to PA. Farewell, and thank you, to the staff who are moving on – either to new schools or retirement – enjoy your new environment.

SHEEP SALE ROSTER 2014

DATE: January 16th
WORKERS
Chris Patching (50921003)
Des Healy

COOKS
Simone Grayling
Sue Griffin
Bobbie Stacey
Janis Nulty

DATE: January 30th
WORKERS
Tania Down (50824304)
Helen Gloster

COOKS
Sandra Marks
Carolyn Pengelly
Lydia Dean
Bernie Fidge

DATE: February 13th
WORKERS
Sam Trigg (50931223)
Sharon Doyle

COOKS
Jenny Summerhayes
Bronwyn Greig
Sheena Coe
Melanie Shaddock

DATE: February 27th
WORKERS
Yvonne Sporn (50921578)
Debbie Brauer

COOKS
Fiona Latta
Bree O’Shannessy
Michelle Morrish
Loretta Smith

Thank you to Mrs. Dawes and the staff for what you do in the professions of teaching and school support for our children.

Thanks for another fine year – we raised around $10,000 and supported various school projects – this can’t be done without your valuable contributions of time, skills, goods and cash. Have a wonderful and safe holiday time.

Our first meeting in 2014 will be in the staffroom: 7:00p.m., February 10th

Justine Cresp – President, Raelene Vine – Secretary

LOST

Liam Munro has lost his green cricket helmet (with faceguard) at Blackburn Park. If you find it, please return it to Liam.
EMA Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the EMA:
Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment; and
You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:
be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is,
be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
be a temporary foster parent.
Submit your application to the school by the due date:
28 February 2014 for the first instalment*
1 August 2014 for the second instalment.
* Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.