Bus Cancellations on Code Red Days

We have been notified this week that on designated Code Red days the Underbool, Torrita/Walpeup and Hattah bus routes will be pre-emptively cancelled. School will still operate as usual on designated Code Red days despite potentially having some of our bus routes cancelled. This will allow parents to arrange transport for students to school as part of their own Bushfire Plans if required. On a designated Code Red day families and bus drivers will be individually notified of cancellations and only students on these bus routes will be affected, all other students will be expected at school.

End of Term

The school year is fast coming to a conclusion for 2013. Most of our Year 10 students will finish today. Next Thursday, December 12th, we will be holding our P-6 Primary Concert while our Year 6 to 12 Presentation Evening will take place on Tuesday, December 17th.

The last day of term is officially December 20th.

Arrangements for 2014

As we move to a single campus in 2014 there have been some changes to our program and school day. I have attached a list of changes to this newsletter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about these.

Parents and students were taken on a tour of the new buildings this week. We pointed out where students could be dropped off and picked up, where buses would arrive and depart and where students could enter the buildings. I am sure the children will find their way about easily; the rest of us may take a little time to find our bearings!

Leanne Dawes
Principal
HEAD LICE:
There has been a recent outbreak of head lice at the Junior Campus. Please check your child’s hair and, if any lice are present, treat the hair before sending your child back to school. Students are to be kept home if any live lice are detected, until treatment has commenced. Please stress to your children the importance of not sharing hats, hair brushes etc.

CONCERT:
Our Primary Campus end-of-year concert is drawing nearer. It is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 7.30pm at the Ouyen Community Centre. Each class is preparing an item for the program and individual class teachers will advise of costumes and props required. These are always designed to incur as little expense and stress for families as possible. Because of the updates and renovations taking place in the Community Centre, we will not have access to kitchen facilities and therefore will not be serving supper this year. We are looking forward to sharing this occasion with you all.

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.

MISSING:
We are now missing three electronic ukulele/ guitar tuners - one from the Primary Campus and two from the Secondary. These are expensive little items and we would appreciate their prompt re-appearance. Please keep your eyes open for them.

HOT WEATHER:
Students who are timetabled for music classes on hot days are encouraged to bring a cold water bottle with them.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH:
Congratulations to Connor Heppell who is our Aussie of the Month. Connor is pictured with our College Captains, Kate & Thomas.

HATS are COMPULSORY in Term 4. No hat, no play.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:
PREP: Imogen Heppell/Liam Bond
YEAR 1: Lachlan Noble
YEAR 2: Connor Bosch
YEAR 3: Evan Comrie
YEAR 4: Samuel Scott
YEAR 5: Darcy McKay
YEAR 6:

STUDENT AWARD:
John Shine for his work in the garden

TIDY ROOM AWARD:
Years 6

ATTENDANCE BEAR:
Mrs Geary
The camp overall was a great success, although the weather was not at all kind on Thursday.

The willingness of the students to participate in all activities, which at times were challenging and impaired by the weather, was fabulous to see.

Well done.
On November 21st to 24th the Ouyen P-12 College ‘Road Runner’ HPV team headed down to Maryborough Victoria for a gruelling 24 hour endurance event.

The RACV Energy Breakthrough has been running now since 1991, with schools from across the nation competing against each other to create & race an energy efficient vehicle.

The weekend had its highs and lows, but overall the event was a great success. Students rode hard on the track with many riding for hour stints and all performing above and beyond what they thought they were physically and mentally capable of achieving.

This event wouldn’t have been possible without the help and support of parents, teachers and local business’. A big thank you to Iluka for allowing us to use their gym facilities to train, to North West Ag for supplying a BBQ trailer and cooking facilities for the weekend, Ouyen Mallee Bakery and our SRC for supplying us with fantastic food, Cat Signs for creating the logo and name for our trike, and a special thank you to all the students who worked hard to make this event possible. Well done to the entire 2013 Road Runner team.

Mr Stewart
Mr Emms

Over the last 4 weeks Mr Emms has been teaching dance to the new Year 8 students. His aim was to develop social links between the Year 7 and 8 students during the transition period.

The new Year 7’s were taught the ‘Ka Mate Haka’ and performed this to the new Year 8’s. The Year 8’s then demonstrated all the skills they have learnt to the Year 7’s. Activities ranged from slap tap to a fitness session. All dance routines were performed well with the Year 8’s teaching their routines to the new Year 7’s. All the students had a fantastic time.

Mr Stewart
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.

WHY IS WORK EXPERIENCE IMPORTANT?
What makes you so different? Whether you realize it or not each year thousands of students graduate from High School. In doing so they have demonstrated that they can complete set tasks, research and write assignments, work individually and as part of a group, and make presentations to class. So what makes you stand out from the crowd? Why would an employer notice you above everyone else? That’s where work experience comes in. In order to stand out, you need to show that you are ‘work ready’ and ‘employable’ – that you have the skills (not just academic) that an employer is looking for, and skills that you can apply to the job you want. If you gain some experience in the industry or even with the company you wish to be hired with you are already a step ahead of those that have not. If you have zero working experience (despite how good your grades are or how many degrees you have or how your stars told you this morning that you would get the job or even how much you really want the job) your chances of landing that dream job are minuscule. The more experience you have the better and the more skills you develop (and put on your resume) during your work experience the better.

SKILLS YOU MAY NEED? The students that show all or many of the following skills will ultimately achieve the most out of their experience and be much more likely to be asked back for future work or given endorsements from the employer about their ‘employability’. This is a key for your resume.

- Problem solving (parent + car + me = lift to placement)
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills (dealing with other employees and customers – always attempt to use sentences with more than one word)
- Time management (showing up on time and getting things done quickly)
- Professionalism (brushing your teeth and combing your hair is a start)
- Initiative (e.g. coming up with new ideas or ways of doing things)
- Teamwork (including being respectful to others)
- Working maturity (such as coping with long working hours and being prepared for challenges as they occur – try not to cry too much)
- Willingness to learn and be guided by others (you don’t know it all)
- Enthusiasm for the tasks provided (yeah, whatever, is not the best response I can think of)
- Computer skills (you probably do know more than adults in this area)
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ‘business’

Without any work experience many of these skills may be missing or may be a huge learning curve for you – a learning curve your employer won’t want you to experience during your first job with them. So during your placement write down what new skills you developed and how they were applied to the jobs you did.

THE MINIMUM SCHOOL LEAVING AGE IN VICTORIA IS 17 YEARS.
The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and the National Youth Participation Requirement brought this legal requirement into effect in 2010. A student can leave school before the age provided they have completed Year 10 and participate full-time (defined as at least 25 hours per week) in education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities until they reach 17 years of age. Regional Directors can exempt students who are under 17 and who have not completed Year 10 from attending school in certain situations. This could occur when the student wishes to undertake an apprenticeship or complete Year 10 or equivalent in a non-school setting.

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS - Is your source for everything you need to know about apprenticeships and traineeships www.Australianapprenticeships.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS PATHWAYS - Self-help job hunting and careers information www.aajobpathways.com.au

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS SERVICE - Practice Aptitude Quizzes are a general resource, rather than a specific aptitude test, designed to illustrate some of the key literacy, numeracy and comprehension learning standards required of people attempting an Australian http://www.aajobpathways.com.au/Career-Resources/Practice-Aptitude-Quizzes

CAREERNAV - offers career advice for all people, all careers and all stages. Careernav gets your career and job fit right www.careernav.com.au


JOBSEARCH - is funded by the Australian Government as a free service to help job seekers find jobs and employers find staff www.jobsearch.gov.au

MY FUTURE - myfuture is Australia’s national career information and exploration service, helping people to make career decisions, plan career pathways and manage work transitions www.myfuture.gov.au

YOUNG WORKER TOOL KIT - helps you find information about your responsibilities and where you stand at work. (Starting your Job, Tax, Super & HELP, Problems at work, Getting help, Pay & conditions, Safety & accidents, Quitting & losing your job.) www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au

YOUTH CENTRAL - Youth central offers a range of information and advice on issues like jobs, study, travel, health, rights, money and events in your local area - wherever you live in Victoria - whilst offering opportunities for you to participate. www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

YOUTHGOV.AU www.youth.gov.au

A Federal Government support site that provides support and information for young people to assist them in their career development. This site is primarily a portal to the federal governments youth programs websites which include :

- Australian Youth Forum
- Youth Week
- Jobsearch
- My Future and many more.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
WHAT’S HAPPENING…..

Mallee Track Health & Community Service
would like to invite you to their 2013
Community Christmas Celebration

Held on the grounds of the
Ouyen Hospital
FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER
6:00pm - 8:30pm

Everyone Welcome
(BYO Chair)

Free activities
Jumping castle, games, face
painting, craft tent, photos with Santa,
music and a FREE BBQ (6-8pm)

This is a drug & alcohol free event

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE EVENT AVAILABLE
OUYEN UNDERBOOL WALPEUP
MURRAYVILLE SPEED TEMPY
PATCHEWOLLOCK SEA LAKE

If requiring transport please contact MTH&CS
by Wednesday 4th December
Ouyen 5092 1111
Murrayville MTH&CS Service Centre 5095 2070
Sea Lake Neighbourhood House 5070 1448

OUYEN JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Shaun Brown Cricket Camps

• January 16th & 17th (9am -3pm)
• Open to ages 6-17
• Quandong Park Red Cliffs

Discount prices for Ouyen cricketers – approx $50
(normal price $139)

Limited places available

For more information or if interested in attending contact
Riley O’Connor (50921370).

LOST ON CRICKET TRIP:

Harrison Jolly has lost a green and black Adidas jumper.

If you have found it, please return to him.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Round 5 will be held Monday, December 16th due to the
College Presentation Evening being held on our regular basketball
night.

IT’S TIME TO START WARMING UP!

The Premier’s Active Families Challenge
has a new name. In 2014 it will be
Premier’s Active April. All the same
great incentives and prizes plus a handy
Activity Tracker app.

Look out for details early next year
of how your school and students can
register and get more active, more
often. All it takes is 30 minutes of
physical activity a day during April.

Email activeapril@sport.vic.gov.au for more
information and remember, the brand new
Active April website goes live in January!
Meeting: Our final meeting for the year will be on Monday evening, December 9th, at the Victoria Hotel. It will be a dinner meeting. We shall begin the meeting, break to eat, then conclude what’s left. There isn’t a lot of business on the agenda but if you have an agenda item, please let Raelene Vine or Justine Cresp know asap. For booking purposes, please let Raelene [0407849174] or Justine [0438618544] know by Monday lunchtime if you plan to attend.

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 –Thanks to those who have been able to contribute towards the no-bake stall for the pool blanket. We shall arrange a cheque presentation before the end of the school year – once we have a tally of funds raised. Anyone still wishing to contribute – please do so - it will be gratefully received.

Sheep Sale – Thanks to those who have responded to the sheep sale roster request. PA will try to meet your work and timing limitations. The beginnings of the 2014 roster (January/ February before newsletters commence) are done. Please check if you’re listed.

Transition – Many students, and some parents, have now had a look at the new learning facilities. The excitement builds. Students have enjoyed varying transitional experiences over the past week and are looking forward to their new space. Thanks to the staff for the work involved in this.

Prep for Parents – is a weekly email subscription for parents with children in Prep. It covers topics parents have said they want to know about: what children are learning in Prep; how to help your child with maths; and much more. Regularly during school terms, a new edition arrives in your email box. Each article has helpful tips and links to websites and other information. Subscription is easy. Go to www.education.vic.gov.au/prepforparents

Breakfast Club – We have been fortunate to have had the Breakfast Club Team at the Primary Campus on Wednesday mornings. The children look forward to it. The dedication and enjoyment of the team is wonderful. Thanks to all who help; and to Mrs. Geary for her co-ordination of this special weekly event.

Concert- Best wishes to all Primary students for Thursday night’s concert and presentations.

Justine Cresp – President, Raelene Vine – Secretary

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SHEEP SALE ROSTER 2014

DATE: Sale 1
WORKERS
Chris Patching (50921003)
Des Healy

COOKS
Bernie Fidge
Sue Griffin
Bobbie Stacey
Janis Nulty

DATE: Sale 2
WORKERS
Tania Down (50824304)
Helen Gloster

COOKS
Sandra Marks
Carolyn Pengelly
Lydia Dean

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parents Association with the Sheep Sale kiosk in 2013. Whether you cooked or worked we are very pleased that you were able to help us out. We look forward to your support in 2014.

Michelle Morrish
Coordinator

DATES WILL BE VERIFIED IN NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER.
STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2014

SECONDARY STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2014

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS – TO BE PURCHASED FROM A SUPPLIER OF OWN CHOICE – ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE ALL ITEMS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – 2014

Stationery is available at local newsagency

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:
A reminder to some families that it’s not too late to pay their outstanding fees.

These include Netbook instalments and Essential education items which families are required to pay the school.

Perhaps next year, start early by making instalments on a regular basis and take the pressure off for when netbook payments and camp payments are due. Payments may be made on line or paid personally at the General Office.

Bank details are as follows:
BSB: 063 732.
Account No: 1000 1994
Account Name: Ouyen P-12 College.
Reference: Please use your family or child’s name.

ARTS ACTIVITY:
Arts Mildura and the Murray River International Music Festival will be hosting their annual Murray River International Music Festival Masterclasses on Friday, January 24th, 2014 at the Mildura Arts Centre from 10.00am-12.00pm.

If any students, or other people, are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Vine or Arts Mildura at info@artsmildura.com.au

Workshops are available to musicians of all levels and spaces are filling up fast!

Instruments to be included:
Flute with Andrea Dainese
Viola with Giancarlo di Vacri
Violin with Davide Monti
Guitar with Massimo Scattolin

Workshops are $25 per student.
Traffic Management
** Please help us by following the guidelines below in the best interests of our children’s safety.
Bus pickup to remain in Matheson St
Parent pickup / drop-off Fuller St - at bus shelter (teacher on duty)
Traffic entry to school via Ritchie St, exit via Matheson St
Teacher parking – car park, diagonally in Ritchie St

Bell times
Staff briefing (in staff room) 8.40
Home Group (P-12) 8.55 (rolls marked etc)
Other times as at present

Assemblies
P-12 Assembly 8.55 - 1st Monday each Term or as needed
P-4 Assembly – Monday 8.55 every other Monday

Buddies
Year 6 buddy / Preps
Transition as at present

Play areas
P-4 designated area
Other areas to be decided

Yard Duty
3 staff on duty for each break, 2 before school and 2 bus duty

Lunch Orders
As at present until Canteen area completed. Lunches handed out in P-4 area for primary students.

Uniform:
Correct uniform at Years 5-8, P-4 as at present (ie shoes can be sneakers)

Concert P-4
Presentation Evening 5-12
Revue 5-12
Musical Evening P-12
Cross Country P-12

House Captains & Junior School Council – as at present.
P-12 Library will be opened at lunchtimes and will be accessed through courtyard.