Nursing Scholarship
Congratulations to Leah Wills for receiving a significant scholarship from the Australian College of Nursing. Leah has worked very hard throughout her schooling and well deserves this recognition.

Conveyance Allowance
In a recent newsletter I outlined some proposed changes which would have seen parent access to conveyance allowance means tested. However after receiving considerable feedback from rural and regional Victoria, the Minister for Education announced in this week that the means testing component will be removed.

This means in 2013, students in rural and regional Victoria will be entitled to apply for the conveyance allowance under the 2012 criteria.

Water Grant
Our school was notified this week of a successful grant for $5000 from GWM Water (on a dollar for dollar basis) to assist with the installation and implementation of water saving measures. We will use the money to improve our water ing systems in order to better use rainwater in the gardens and Ag Area.

Primary Concert
Our primary students have been working hard preparing for the P-6 Concert to be held next Thursday, December 13th. Awards will also be presented on this evening.

Early Start
Early Start continues next week for students going into Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2013.

Parents Association Dinner
The Ouyen P-12 Parents Association will hold a dinner meeting at the Hotel as the final meeting for the year next Monday, December 10th. Everyone is welcome but please let Raelene know if you are intending to come along.

Leanne Dawes
Principal
Aussie of the Month

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:
PREP: Brodie Noble
YEAR 1: Savanna Arnold-Rickard
YEAR 2: Jason Erhardt
YEAR 3: Lucy Hill
YEAR 4: Jayden Henderson
YEAR 5: Dylan Cresp
YEAR 6: 

PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS

STUDENT AWARD:
TIDY ROOM AWARD:
PREP

ATTENDANCE BEAR:
Year 3

BOOK AMNESTY:
Due to the large volume of missing books, we are having a book amnesty until the end of the year. Books may be placed in the boxes situated outside the office or library at either campus. All books are welcome & no penalties will apply.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:
Once again, students from the Primary Campus have been invited to sing at the annual Carols by Candlelight service. It is to take place at the Roxy Theatre on Sunday, December 16th at 7.00pm.
All students are familiar with the carols as they practise them at Assembly and during Performing Arts lessons.
It would be great to see our students there to sing for the community at this special time of year.

CRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:
This will be held at 10:00a.m. on Monday, December 17th in St. Joseph's church. The students who participate in CRE classes will be involved in a simple Christmas pageant - songs, acting, reading the Christmas story, and taking in the surrounds of the church building. Family and friends are invited to come along and support the children.
CRE teachers - Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Vine.

Quote
Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow. Ralph Waldo Emerson

I sat on a mat and patted the cat and it went splat.
By Jade Eames

There once was a person called Mack that was very, very slack and his house was all black and he had a broken back. He had a friend called Jack who really liked to hack and he liven in a shack. He had a friend called Zack and he like to say "Quack."
He was really, really, flack.
By Tim Vine

One day there was a big fat pig, with a wig who was in the nig.
By Brooklyn Treloar

I saw my friend Nat with my cat who just went splat so I gave it a pat it magically sat on my mat eating a kit kat.
By Joel Grace
The students on the junior campus are undertaking a "swimming intensive" program. The students are grouped with students of similar ability and are learning new skills and techniques in the swimming pool, including rescue and basic survival skills. The weather has been mixed to date and has proved challenging to both students and staff - congratulations to the students who have toughed out the cooler weather this week. A huge thank you to the staff from both campuses who have assisted with the program. Thanks also to the parents who have been able to assist.

A reminder that students who do not have a seasons ticket are required to pay a $1.70 fee each time they swim. They are asked to bring this in a sealed envelope with their name clearly marked on the front. Students who did not have a seasons ticket at the commencement of the program will be charged for the times they swam before purchasing their seasons tickets.
The Year 7 class made Christmas crackers and cards in Textiles during the week. The students displayed excellent creativity skills and produced some bright and colourful crackers to grace their families Christmas tables!
Meeting: Our final meeting for 2012 will be held at the Victoria Hotel on Monday, December 10 – 6:30 p.m. Agenda items to Raelene Vine – leave at either office or contact Raelene. Included in discussion are: cutbacks to Reading Recovery tutor funding, cutbacks to VCAL leadership funding, pedestrian crossing at Cooper and Oke Sts. roundabout, NAPLAN tests …

End of Year – Thanks to Miss Mole for organising the Year 7 parent information session this week, giving an overview of class structure, curriculum, school operations and expectations of students for 2013’s Year 7 intake. The Early Start program and Transition planning are showing benefits for students and parents alike. Parents of incoming preps will have their opportunity next Monday to learn things to help smooth the way for them, thanks to Miss Byrne and Mrs. Geary. Primary campus parents are looking forward to next week’s concert entertainment – thanks students and staff for the work that goes into this.

Best wishes to Year 10s heading from school to workforce next week.

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

More than this, come to the school’s information sessions for all year levels, and keep in touch with staff.

Congratulations - to those students who have been awarded scholarships to further their education.

Sheep Sale – Michelle has the start of 2013 Sheep Sale roster organised. Please take note to check if you’re on it. Thanks everyone for your help with this effort.

From BOUNCE – Building Resilient Kids: - Last week’s notes finished with: Teaching kids to plan and think is a great head start skill for all the things they are involved in. No matter what age, a plan should be a part of many experiences.

WHAT’S YOUR PLAN? *
Practice it from an early age
Start with the small tasks
Model the behaviour
Create opportunities to revisit plans as individuals and as a family
Any social plans your child/adolescent has – they should be able to tell you their plan

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary

SHEEP SALE ROSTER 2013
DATE: January 17th
WORKERS
COOKS
Chris Patching (50921003)
Des Healy
Jacki Lee Fawcett
Sue Griffin
Bobbie Stacey
Janis Nulty

DATE: January 31st
WORKERS
Tania Down (50824304) And family
COOKS
Sandra Marks
Carolyn Pengelly
Michelle Morrish
Lydia Dean

OUYEN P-12 COLLEGE SPORTS UNIFORM:
Thank you to the families of the College, Preschool, and feeder schools who returned the survey form regarding Sports shirts. At time of writing, about 40% of families have responded. Results will be tallied on Monday and decisions made from there. Thanks for your input and patience in this drawn out process. Information regarding changes will be distributed as soon as possible to expedite systems, ordering etc.
PROPOSED WORK EXPERIENCES DATES FOR 2013

Year 11 – Monday 15th – Friday 19th July 2013
Year 10 – Monday 12th – Friday 16th August 2013

Work Experience can take place during the gazette school year. Students may undertake work experience during the holidays in Term 1, 2 and 3, but not during the holidays at the end of the year.

RURAL ALLIED HEALTH UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2013

The rural allied health undergraduate scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to students from rural areas to assist them in meeting the additional costs they may face while making the transition into undergraduate studies. Scholarships are available to students entering into their first year of university studies, in metropolitan or rural locations in a range of allied health disciplines.

Scholarships are available to Victorian students in one of the following eligible disciplines:
- Art Therapy
- Nutrition
- Dietetics
- Physiotherapy
- Hospital Pharmacy
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Psychology (Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology)
- Medical Radiation (Diagnostic Imaging, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine)
- Social Work
- Exercise Physiology
- Podiatry
- Occupational Therapy
- Biomedical Science
- Prosthetics/Optics
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Psychology (Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology)
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- Social Work

Further information and application forms are available on the website, www.vha.org.au

Applications Open Monday, November 19th 2012
Applications close 5pm March 8th 2013.

Please read the guidelines for the scholarship carefully.

JOB VACANCIES

NEV HAMILTON ENGINEERING
- School Based Apprentice
- Apprentice Welder

Full time position and School base position to commence in January. If you are interested in one of the above positions please phone Nev Hamilton for any further information on 0427 509215 or forward your CV/Resume to the email address or postal address below.

He also welcomes anyone who is interested in working school holidays, after school hours or some weekend work.

Good working conditions and good rewards.

niftynev77@live.com.au PO Box 67, Ouyen Vic 3490 . 0427 509 215

An excellent trade, which can lead to very good work opportunities in the future.

AFL SPORTSREADY currently has a number of employment opportunities for young students and recent school leavers.

The successful candidates will enter a traineeship and be hosted by AFL SportsReady partner schools, working within their physical education departments. It is a great opportunity for a young school leaver to begin their career in the sporting industry, by coordinating events, programs, outdoor education activities and facilities.

As part of the AFL SportsReady team, the successful candidates can:
- Obtain essential on the job work experience
- Complete a nationally recognised qualification (Certificate III Sport & Recreation/ or Certificate IV Sport Development)
- Earn a wage whilst learning
- Transition to university, receiving course credits
- Receive ongoing career support from a select member of the AFL SportsReady team

This is a great chance for your students to gain experience in a competitive industry and follow their career goals. More information available from the Careers Office.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING is available to farmers for the training of their employees including family members. All training & assessment occurs on the farm and trainees can progress to the diploma of Agriculture.

- $4000 available to farmers of eligible employees
- $5500 available to eligible employees enrolled in the Certificate III in Agriculture.
- Available to full time, part time and school based trainees

APPRENTICE KICKSTART INITIATIVE - November 2012

What is the Apprentice Kickstart Initiative?

The Apprentice Kickstart Initiative is an employer incentive designed to increase the number of Australian Apprenticeship commencements in skills shortage areas of the building and construction industries.

Who is eligible for the Apprentice Kickstart Initiative?

Small and medium enterprises and eligible Group Training Organisations may attract the Apprentice Kickstart Initiative where their Australian Apprentice:
- commences between 1 December 2012 and 28 February 2013 (inclusive); and
- is undertaking a Certificate III or IV level qualification that leads to a building or construction occupation listed on the National Skills Needs List.

The employer must also meet eligibility requirements under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.

What occupations are eligible?

Qualifications that lead to the following occupations may be eligible to attract the Apprentice Kickstart Initiative:

- Air-conditioning and Mechanical Services Plumber
- Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic
- Bricklayer
- Carpenter
- Carpenter and Joiner
- Drainer
- Electrician (General)
- Fibrous Plasterer
- Floor Finisher
- Gasfitter
- Glazier
- Joiner
- Landscape Gardener
- Painting Trades Worker
- Plumber (General)
- Roof Plumber
- Roof Tiler
- Sheetmetal Trades Worker
- Signwriter
- Solid Plasterer
- Stonemason
- Wall and Floor Tiler
- Welder (First class)

For more details please check www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator

KINDER FUNDRAISER TWILIGHT GARDEN PARTY

Friday December 7th
6:30pm
Lorraine Shaddock’s Garden
Ritchie Street, Ouyen.
Complimentary drink on arrival.
Nibbles supplied. BYO Drinks
$12
Contact Prue Munro 0427 921 720

TONIGHT