**School Council Elections**
The nomination period for school council elections begins today. We have four parent representatives whose term has expired and two DEECD employee members whose term will also expire. Hopefully, these members will consider renominating and other school community members will also nominate. School Council is a fantastic way to have a positive impact on your child/ren’s education. More information is attached to this newsletter.

**Insurance**
Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents & guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. There are a number of commercial insurance companies around should parents / guardian wish to insure against accidents.

**Investiture**
Our Investiture Ceremony was held on Thursday this week. Our school community is proud to be represented by Kate O’Connor & Thomas Elliott as school captains and I am sure they will continue to make us proud throughout the year. Congratulations also to our House & Vice House Captains, PRC and SRC Representatives and Bus Captains for 2013 each has an important role to play in the smooth running and success of our school.

**Netbook Leases**
Netbook leases will be offered to Year 5, 9, 10 and any new students in the next week or so. We are proposing to extend the lease to four years for the Years 5, 9 and for three years for Year 10’s. The price of Netbooks has come down which is helpful. We are also offering a hard case for sale at the same time. Parents and students leasing Netbooks will be required to sign User Agreements before the computers can be taken home. A meeting to explain the process will be announced shortly.

**Building Works / Canteen**
Building work on the extension to the Community Centre and the building of our new Foods facilities will commence shortly. At present the Secondary Campus Canteen is open as usual, however from this week students will be using the main entrance of the Community Centre and the serving area in the foyer to purchase their food. From the beginning of Term 2 we will have to move to a lunch order system similar to that of the Primary Campus as the Community Centre kitchen will be being remodelled. Building works are moving at a fast pace which though causing some short term inconvenience will mean that the project is finished quickly.

**Condolences**
As everyone is undoubtedly aware, our community has been devastated by the tragic deaths of Scott Munro and Tim Vallance. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to express sympathy and support for the Munro and Vallance families.

Leanne Dawes
Principal
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK:**
Prep: Prep Class
Year 1: Kodie Scott
Year 2: Joel Grace
Year 3: Chloe Latta
Year 4: Blake Gaulke
Year 5: Bryanna Price
Year 6: Kaitlin Latta

**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL:**
A reminder that Active After School has commenced and will run for the duration of Term 1. Sports for this term are Gymnastics on Tuesdays and Tennis on Wednesdays. If you would like your child to participate, please collect an enrolment form from the office.

**WELCOME:**
We would like to welcome Carla Grayling to our school. Carla will be helping out in the Year 3/4 room.

**ROAD SAFETY:**
A reminder to all student to make sure you use the safe crossing points when crossing roads on the way to and from school.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**
If heaven drops a date, make sure you open your mouth. *Chinese proverb.*

**EGGS:**
The Primary students have eggs for sale.
* $2 for half a dozen
* $4 for a dozen.
If anyone has wheat they would like to donate it would be appreciated.
Kate Byrne

**SRC (Primary):**
President: Bailey Pengelly
Vice President: Kaitlin Latta
Secretary: Sophie Nihill
Treasurer: Benjamin Morrish
Publicity Officers: Bradley Marks & Gemma French
Year 3: Hollie Munro & Aden Pengelly
Year 4: Ella Hastings & Riggs Lanigan
Year 5: Abbey Latta & Corey Cupper

**Happy Birthday**

February 16th—Rhyce Sielaff
February 22nd—Lauren Grace

**PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS**

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**Congratulations to the Primary Campus House Captains.**

**OLYMPIC CAPTAINS**
Kaitlin Latta & Benjamin Morrish

**VICE CAPTAINS**
Chyna Maynard & Bradley Marks

**INSIGNIA CAPTAINS**
Sophie Nihill & Bailey Pengelly

**VICE CAPTAINS**
Hallie Wills & Liam Munro
DIARY DATES:

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SWIMMING SPORTS:
The junior campus swimming sports will be held next Friday, February 22nd. Students will walk together to the pool at 9.30, and the sports will commence at 10.00am, with the senior individual medley the first event. This will be followed by the junior events for students in the 6-8 year old age groups. The rest of the senior events will be held at the completion of the junior program. Prep/Year 1 students will return to school at the completion of the Junior events or they may be taken home by their parents. (Parents are requested to inform the class room teacher if they are taking their child/ren home) Small children must be supervised by their parents and they are not allowed access to the toddler pool. The students will be required to sit in their house groups, and are required to bring a packed lunch, as there will be no lunch orders available.

Students are required to wear their school hat, sunscreen and a shirt (preferably in their house colour) when not competing. Students can wear a t-shirt in their house colours to school on the day. (Olympic House – yellow/green, Insignia – Blue/red) Coloured zinc and hair spray may be worn in moderation, but it **MUST** be applied before arriving at school.

After consultation with a variety of groups during last year, it has been decided not to award age group champions to the junior students. Each student will receive a “well done” certificate for their participation on the day. Age group champion will be presented to students competing in 9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12+ year sections. These awards will be presented at the conclusion of the swimming program, along with the winning House.

If you have any questions, please contact the primary campus office.

UNDERBOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:
The Underbool sports will be held on Thursday, 28th February for the students who have qualified. These sports will commence at 10.00am. Further details will appear in next week’s Newsletter.

PREMIER’S ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE:
Challenge your family and friends to get active in 2013!
The 2013 Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorian families to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.
So grab your family and friends and register today to do 30 minutes of physical activity per day for 30 days between 4 March and 14 April 2013.
It’s fun and it’s free to participate, and just by registering you’ll receive various state-level incentives as well as local Mildura offers*:

- 20 free Waves visit passes per family or team
- 12.5% Off full price merchandise at Mildura Sports
- Free Maze entry at Woodsies Gem Shop
- $5 games at Sunraysia Tenpin (between 9am & 5pm)
- $4 games at Arnie’s Laserforce
15% off full price Berlei Sports Bras - bonus Berlei sports bag
You’ll also:

- have a chance to win great prizes, including iPads and Rebel Sport vouchers
- get regular tips and ideas on ways to keep your family active throughout the Challenge

**List Ouyen P-12 College as your child’s school and put us in the running for additional prizes**

By nominating us as your child’s school you give us the chance to win:
A $500 Mildura Sports voucher courtesy of Healthy Together Mildura
Between $350 and $1000 in Rebel Sport vouchers
A coaching clinic with high-profile athletes

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Total 64 60

NB. Ages are at the 31/12/13. For example if a child turns 11 this year they are in the 11 year old age group. 6 and under caters for / includes the 5 year olds and 12 and over caters for those over 12.
UNDERBOOL DISTRICT TENNIS TOURNAMENT:
Congratulations to Bailey Pengelly who was the winner of the Boys section of the Underbool Tennis tournament played last Friday. Bailey only lost one game on his way to the final, which he won 3 games to 1, against his opponent from St. Mary’s.

Bailey will now represent the school at Regional competition which will be played in Swan Hill later in March. Good luck Bailey.

All other students participated very well on the day, displaying excellent sportsmanship and tennis skills. They achieved some excellent results on the day.

A sincere thanks to the Ouyen Lawn Tennis Club for the use of their facilities on the day.

WANTED:
If anyone has a spare table tennis net that the Year 12s could use for the year, please see Donna Gregg or leave it at the library.

Donna Gregg

SECONDARY CAMPUS
SCHOOL SERVICE
Jacob Coe & Ethan Mallinson

Monday
♦ Free dress day
♦ Main day for jobs
♦ No student will miss English or Math classes.

Tuesday - Friday
♦ Empty bins (during afternoon Homegroup time)
♦ No classes will be missed.

CHANGE OF DATE: Ouyen Secondary College Swimming Sports

Ouyen Secondary College House Swimming Sports are now to be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 9:15am. Bus students will be dropped off at the swimming pool.

OUYEN UNITED FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB:
* Netball pre-season training commences on Tuesday, February 19th.
* All players, both juniors and seniors, are welcome.
* 6:30pm at the netball courts (Blackburn Park).

* Netball registrations for both junior and senior players will be held on Thursday, March 21st at training.
* There will be a BBQ dinner afterwards.

DEB BALL
Deb Ball training will commence Sunday, February 24th at the Ouyen Community Centre

All participants and parents are expected to attend an information session commencing at 5pm, with a training session to follow immediately after and finishing at 7pm.

The Deb Ball will be held Friday, May 17th at the Ouyen Community Centre.

For further information regarding the Debutante Ball please contact Kim Darley Ph: 5092 1709

For additional information please contact Kim Darley Ph: 5092 1709
**CAREERS NEWS**

**Work Experience / Structured Work placement Dates – 2013**

- Year 10 – August, 12th 16th
- Year 11 – July, 15th / 19th
- July 15th – 19th (Optional School Holidays)

*Please have your placements organized in Term 1*

Year 10 - First Aid Training - Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th February
Year 10 - Construction Induction Card Wednesday 13th March

**Congratulations to Ben Gloster** who has been awarded a University of Adelaide Principals Scholarship

**Latitude - 2014 applications now open!**

Applications are now open for students interested in embarking on a volunteering placement in a new culture and community during their gap year in 2014. Latitude is the original gap year organisation, having supported young Australians on worthwhile and challenging placements for over 40 years.


Our application deadline for all placement options this year is **Friday 21 June**.

**Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo – Adelaide**

Sunday 12th May 2013, Adelaide Convention Centre, Admission Free

**Work Experience**

Work experience is part of the schools’ educational program where students experience the world of work, often for the first time. It is the short term placement of secondary school students with employers, to provide insights into the industry, and the workplace in which they are located. Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn.

**Structured Workplace Learning** is on the job training during which a student is expected to master a set of skills or competencies, related to their VET, VCAL or VCE a course.

**Occupational Health and Safety**

Schools are required to adequately prepare students for the risks and hazards they may face in the workplace.

safe@work is an occupational health and safety program for secondary school students undertaking work experience. All secondary school students undertaking work experience must satisfactorily complete safe@work before commencing their work experience placement.

**Benefits of Work Experience or Work Placement**

Work experience activities will help:

- You gain valuable experience that you can add to your resume
- You might get a good reference from your work experience employer that can help with job applications
- You might get invited back to do part-time, casual or holiday work, or even be offered a full-time job
- You make contacts that could help you find a permanent job
- Insight into what a job involves
- A new referee to add to your resume
- an opportunity to demonstrate commitment and reliability
- confidence in your ability to learn and become competent at new tasks
- work/life skills, such as communicating effectively, or working in teams

**First Aid Training - Year 10**

A key element in the College’s Occupational Health and Safety program involves providing workplace level in First Aid training.

Natasha Anderson will be conducting the training. Students may come to school in appropriate and comfortable casual dress and will spend the three days working in the Community Centre.

**Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th February**

It is essential that students attend all three days to complete their qualification.

If there are any foreseen circumstances that might prevent a student from being at school during the First Aid training, they must notify Sue Sly urgently.

Students will be undertaking their Certificate II First Aid (Workplace).

**Construction Induction Card Course is available to all Year 10**


**Date**: Wednesday 13th March 2013

**Cost**: $50 (subsidized by MIPPS) (cheque payable to Sunilafe)

Money may be paid before the day to Sue Sly.

The College is recommending that any student who is interested in the construction industry or who is likely to complete work experience or work placement on a construction site, attend this course to gain the Construction Industry Card for Occupational Health and Safety.

The card is needed for work experience in industries such as plumbing, building, carpentry, electrical, landscaping engineering and architecture. However, it also can also be required by students considering options such as civil engineering and food.

If students do not get this card they will need to elect a different type of work experience or work placement.

**The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2013**

Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th May 2013 Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street, Caulfield.


**Engineers Australia Careers Expo 2013**

Thursday 21st March 2013, 11am – 7pm Etihad Stadium

[www.engineeringexpo.org.au](http://www.engineeringexpo.org.au)

**University of Adelaide Work Experience**

Applications for the Faculty of Sciences work experience placements are now open for 2013 placements; interested students from years 10 & 11 are invited to apply on line at [http://www.sciences.adelaide.edu.au/future-students/schools/open-we/](http://www.sciences.adelaide.edu.au/future-students/schools/open-we/) Applications close 15th March 2013

**Veterinary Science & Hospital Open Day**

Date - Sunday 17th March 2013

2013-03-17T00:00:00+11:00 Location - University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princess Highway, Werribee, Contact - [http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday/](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday/) for more information

Sue Sly

Careers Coordinator
Parents’ Association shares in the shock and grief being felt by the school, and extended community, in the tragic loss of Scott Munro and Tim Vallance. We extend sympathy to Prue, Lily, Arley, Greg, Shirl and Rowena, and their families and friends in this incredibly heart-breaking time.

**Meeting:** We had a very small attendance at our first meeting for the year last Monday evening but considered a lot of things. We will be funding the Mathletics program for the primary campus for 2013, and hope students and parents will enjoy its benefits. Secondary students on school service now have some new equipment to help them in their tasks with the purchase of a blower and some gardening tools – possibly just in time with some extra dirt and debris around! Mrs. Dawes updated us on the rapid progress of the building program, staffing, netbook leases, changes of dates and venues for some events, and the Victorian Prevention and Health Promotion Achievement Program. We discussed possible guest speakers, the suggestion of truancy fines, counselling, catering bits and pieces, and how we might be part of the celebration of the new school premises when they are opened.

**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](http://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.

**Sheep Sale** – We have a Sheep Sale FAQ information page which we are endeavouring to get out to new families which expands on the great explanation you will have read in recent newsletters.

**Catering** – We have been asked to provide lunch and afternoon tea for 50 people at the Harness Racing Club on Saturday, March 23rd for the Mallee Fowl Recovery Group reporting back session. This happens to be Ouyen Central Tennis Association Grand Final Day, plus an away weekend for some of our regular catering team, as well as possibly clashing with other events. We need to establish if we have at least 3 people willing to plate up and serve, and clean up for that event asap. If you feel you could help out with working on that day, could you please let Raelene Vine know by February 22nd, 50921598 or 0407849174. Ta.

**Contact People** – The main source of fundraising for our school is through catering – for Sheep Sales and for individual functions. To share the responsibility of organising catering events, PA set up a system of year level groupings and contact people. If we are to provide a morning tea and lunch for an event, the catering team works out what is required and allocates the task to certain year levels e.g Years 3/4 and Years 11 & 12.

The information either goes out in newsletters or separate notes – depending on the time frame. The families of those year levels then touch base with the Contact person and say “Yes, I can donate x,y,z,” or “I can work for 2 hours,” or “Sorry, I can’t help this time but I’ll do my best next time,” etc. If not enough offers come in, the Contact person rings the families and asks for help with the event. The completed list is passed to the Catering team or whoever has offered to be responsible “in the kitchen” for that occasion. The system has worked successfully for decades due to the dedicated work of our volunteer Contact people, and the co-operation of our school families. The roles are so sought after, we only have two left to fill. As most of it can be done using various means of communication, you don’t have to live in Ouyen to be able to take on one of these roles. Depending on the year, you may only have to do your Contact Person task 2 or 3 times. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

Please call Raelene Vine or Loronda Binks if you’d like to take on either the 7/8 or 9/10 roles.

**2013 Contact people**
- P-2: Melanie Shaddock
- 3-4: Melanie Grace
- 5-6: Donna Nihill
- 7-8: Tracie Corbett

**Congratulations:** To all students who were invested with special responsibilities within our student body at yesterday’s ceremony. Well done, especially, to Kate and Thomas on their Captains’ acceptance speeches. Parents, families, friends, and fellow students can be proud of the many young leaders receiving their badges today.

**Justine Cresp – President**
**Raelene Vine – Secretary**

**TERM 1 SHEEP SALE ROSTER**

**DATE: Thursday, February 28th**
**WORKERS**
- Sam Trigg
- Loronda Binks

**DATE: Thursday, March 14th**
**WORKERS**
- Yvonne Sporn
- Fiona Latta

**DATE: Thursday, March 28th**
**WORKERS**
- Christine Price
- Narelle Latta

**COOKS**
- Jenny Summerhayes
- Bronwyn Greig
- Sheena Coe
- Melanie Shaddock
- Kate Pohlner
- Debbie Brauer
- Bree O’Shannessy
- Leanne Boyd
- Sonia Noble
- Shelley Woodall
- Alison Brackenridge
- Rachael Cook
School Council Elections – Information for Parents

Nominations are open for 4 Parent Representatives for School Council.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

• A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

• A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

• An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Contact the principal for further information
Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Ouyen P-12 College
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on
22/02/2013.

Should the nominations exceed the vacancies a ballot will be held.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The
terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for
election are as follows:

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