We're Back
Throughout Term 1 we have been trialling our newsletter online and recently have been randomly surveying students and parents to check on the success or otherwise of this action. The majority of those surveyed have said that they would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter therefore, from today, the eldest child in the family will have the newsletter. Some people have already registered for an emailed newsletter or to access their copy online and this will continue for these families. There are three ways to access your newsletter – paper, emailed, online - please let us know your preference.

Regional Interschool Swimming
We had both primary and secondary students representing our school in the Loddon Mallee Regional Swimming Competition this week. These students have been training hard after school for their events. Our secondary team came in second on the day and all students did well. I would like to thank the staff involved and parents for accompanying the teams and supporting our students.

Lunch Orders
Our apologies for any confusion over lunch orders this week. From Monday, March 24th an amended lunch order menu will operate provided by the Ouyen Mallee Bakery. This is a temporary arrangement until the end of term. The new menu will go home with this newsletter. Parents and students are asked to ensure that the correct money is included with each order and that envelopes are well sealed to prevent coins escaping.

2014 School Camps
A list of proposed camps and estimated costs can be found in this newsletter. Our school tries to ensure that parents are given plenty of notice regarding camps so that arrangements to pay these off can be made, with all camps needing to be paid for before departure. Unfortunately, the Years 7/8 Camp crept up on us this year as we had had to book it at an earlier time than usual. We realise that this was not convenient for many families and will ensure that they are given more notice in future.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who competed in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest over the last few weeks. Caitlin Vine won the public speaking section with Xavier Healy announced as the overall winner at the local level. Xavier went on to compete at Zone level in Birchip, winning through to the District competition which will be held in St Arnaud in two weeks. It is great to see our students confident enough to speak in front of audiences in this manner. Thank you to Miss Pain for supporting our students, and to the local Lions Club.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

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Good luck to Heath Smith who is representing our school in regional tennis at Swan Hill on Monday.
CRE:
The CRE program has begun but has a few things to iron out regarding the new DEECD permission form. It has created confusion. CRE teachers and school administrators have not been able to determine if some children have permission to join CRE classes, or not. Some forms are signed but YES/NO was not indicated; some families have forms for some children but not all, some forms haven’t been returned. The CRE teachers need to have parental/guardian permission for children to join the classes. Many children are wanting to participate but we don’t know if they are allowed. The school has given each primary student an orange form with a simple YES or NO response for you to fill in. Please complete it and send it back to school as soon as possible. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Any queries: please contact Raelene Vine 50921598

The annual CRE Easter celebration will be held on Friday, April 4th at 10:00a.m. in All Saints church. Parents and friends are welcome to support the children in this.

Raelene Vine
CRE Co-ordinator

Cultural Performance Recount:
On Tuesday March 18th, Sean came to Ouyen P-12 College to share his culture.
Sean was wearing body paint and a necklace.
He played the didgeridoo and he showed us his spear.
When he was little he jumped on turtles backs but when the turtles go under the water he needed to hold his breath. He got to swim with a big crocodile. He rode on a kangaroo. We went to the oval and Sean threw a spear.

Kodie Scott

Junior Basketball Results
2013/2014 Grand Finals

Under 13 Girls
Swans defeated Unicorns 18-15
MVP—Charlotte Vine

Under 16 Boys
Hawks defeated Phoenix 38-37
MVP—Tom Morrish

Under 17 Girls
Thunderbirds defeated Opals 28-26
MVP—Ashlee Morrish

Best & Fairest
Under 13 Girls
Winner: Charlotte Vine
RU: Megan O’Connor

Under 16 Boys
Winner: Tom Morrish
RU: Peter Hulland

Under 17 Girls
Winner: Madeleine Hahnel
RU: Ashlee Morrish

Cultural Performance Recount:
On Tuesday morning we had a visit from Sean, an aboriginal man. He had good boomerangs and a good spear. He threw the boomerang and it came back. Then he threw the spear and it was FUN.

Dustin O’Shanessy

More recounts and photos can be found on our website under Extra-curricular—Music/Cultural Performances.
RIDE 2 SCHOOL

Congratulations to all staff and students who took on the challenge of riding or walking to school on National Ride 2 School day on Wednesday. Well done to the out of town students who loaded their bikes onto the bus and then rode some of the way to school (thanks Mr Valentine for loading the bikes on the bus) and Ned, Kodie, Harry and little George who brought their bikes to town and rode to school. A special mention to the Vine’s who rode to town, at least 5km – a great effort, well done.

The big question is – will the staff sneak into first place or will the preps take out the award for greatest participation? – all will be revealed in the newsletter next week.

Thanks to the Year 10 students who manned the check in area, assisted with the fruit, took photos and rode to school with students. Special thanks to Mrs Grace who organised the fruit for the riders and walkers to share.

SWAN HILL SWIMMING

CONGRATULATIONS to the students who represented Ouyen at the Regional swimming sports in Swan Hill on Tuesday.

The students participated with enthusiasm and achieved excellent results. Huge congratulations to Brodie Lennon who placed third in the 11 year girls breaststroke event.

Darcy and Lauren narrowly missed medals in freestyle and backstroke being less than a tenth of a second from claiming third place. The other swimmers were all very competitive in their events. Going from a 30m to 50m pool is a big ask for these young swimmers.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and supporters who travelled to Swan Hill to cheer the children on. They certainly appreciated the support of their "cheer squad".

Well done to the students who made the commitment to training. They should be very proud of the achievements they obtained. Thank you to Mrs Grace for her supervision and team organisation on the day.
LODDON - MALLEE REGION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Forty five Ouyen P-12 College Secondary students travelled to Swan Hill on Tuesday to compete against a wide range of schools in the LMR Swimming Championships. The weather was perfect for swimming although the pool was again quite cold.

Congratulations to all of our students who tried their best in the pool. Unfortunately, no students were successful in reaching the State Finals but several placings were achieved in several individual and relay events throughout the day.

It was great to see our small school competing strongly against schools with much larger student numbers. At the end of the day we finished 2nd, 118 points behind Catholic College Bendigo who have close to 2000 students to select their swimming team from.

Thank you to - the many parents who ventured to Swan Hill to support the students.
- the staff: Mrs Morrish Janece Latta who supervised students in our area and sent them to marshall.
- Mrs. Morrish who has co-coached the students at afternoon swimming training sessions and Maureen Wandel who coaches students at Underbool. Our students are lucky to have these opportunities to improve their skills and fitness.

LMR SWIMMING PLACINGS

FORTHCOMING DATES

| OP-12 Senior College Biathlon | Wednesday, 26th March Ouyen |
| OP-12 Senior College Cross Country | Wednesday, 30th April Ouyen |
| SSV Mallee Division Cross Country | Friday, 16th May Ouyen |

3rds

Tennille Smith
16 Years 50m Breaststroke
Laura Hayter
14 Years 50m Breaststroke
200m Medley Relay
Peter Darley
15 Years 50m Butterfly
15 Years 50m Freestyle
Jaivon Stacey
17 Years 50m Butterfly
Lucy Morrish
12-13 Years 50m Freestyle
200m Medley Relay
Ellen Morrish
16 Years 50m Backstroke
Brody Morrish
16-20 Years 200m Free
Hallie Wills,
Allie Winslow
200m Medley Relay
Adam Morrish, Charlie O’Connor-Byrne, Jake Cresp, Lockie McCormack
14 Years Freestyle Relay
Tim Gloster, Jaivon Stacey, Jack Cook, Broderick O’Connor-Byrne
17 Years Freestyle Relay

4ths

Lucy Morrish - 12-15Yr 200m Free - 12-13Yr Free Relay
Tim Gloster - 17Yr 50m Breaststroke
Caitlin Vine - 18-20Yr 50m Breaststroke
Bradley Marks - 12-13Yr 50m Butterfly - 12-20Yr 400m Free
Tennille Smith - 15Yr 50m Butterfly - 15-16Yr Medley Relay
Laura Hayter - 12-13Yr 50m Freestyle
Ellen Morrish, Grace Woodall, Sarah O’Connor - 15-16Yr Medley Relay
Hallie Wills, Jessica Down, Greta Hayter - 12-13Yr Free Relay
Peter Darley, Tom Morrish, James Phillips, Jacob Coe - 15Yr Free Relay

BIATHLON

Students should be getting ready for our annual Inter-House Biathlon next Wednesday. All students are expected to compete for their house. Anyone unable to compete in an individual event must see Mrs Lonergan about participating in a team event. House teams will then be organised. Students who cannot participate must bring a note.

Wednesday 26th March 2014

EVENT TIMES (approx.)

11.40 a.m. - 12/13 & 14 Year Girls
12/13 & 14 Year Boys ...
(6 lengths swim, 2 laps of block run)
12.00 a.m. - 15 & 16 Year Girls
15 & 16 Year Boys ...
(8 lengths swim, 3 laps of block run)
- Team Event (all ages
(6 lengths swim, 2 laps of block run)
12.30 p.m. - 17 & 18-20 Year Boys...
17 & 18-20 Year Girls
(12 lengths swim, 4 laps of block run)

MAPS will be posted on noticeboards.

DISRUPTION OF TRAFFIC

Motorists and residents are advised that the Ouyen P-12 College will be conducting their 2014 Annual House Biathlon.

It is noted that participants in the triathlon will be using Nihill Street, Britt Street, and the Service Road of the Mallee Highway between the Calder Highway and Britt Street from 10:45am to 1:30pm on Wednesday 26 March 2014.

Interruption to traffic flow is expected whilst this event is in progress.

MARK HENDERSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL
**Work Experience / Structured Work placement Dates – 2014**

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**CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION CARD YEAR 10**

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who have gained their Construction Induction Card for Occupational Health & Safety on Wednesday:

- Chelsea Beasley
- Maddie Conmee
- Madeleine Hahnel
- Daniel Kay
- Andrew Mole
- Sarah O’Connor
- Chloe Phillips
- Ebonnie Summerhayes
- Nicholas Vine
- Joshua Brauer
- Matthew Cresp
- Bailey Harker
- Parris Linklater
- Brody Morrish
- Riley O’Connor-Byrne
- Adriana Smith
- Ice Tipwanna
- Grace Woodall
- Bethany Burns
- Aidan Down
- Hannah John
- Harry Lynch
- Ellen Morrish
- Kyle Sporn
- Gabrielle Torpey
- Woodall

This course was partly funded by MIPS. Thanks to Cathy Keeble from SunTafe Mildura for conducting this course.

*The Construction 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.*

**2014 EXPERIENCE LA TROBE EVENTS**

Designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents, Experience LaTrobe offers a taste of what it’s like to be a uni student for a day.

- Attend workshops, lectures and seminars of your choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life.
- Experience LaTrobe is a free event – with lunch & entertainment included.
- Visit the fields of accounting, business, economics, finance, management and marketing.
- Also in July, the Arts Stream will explore Arts majors such as psychology, media and communications, and Fine Arts, which looks at a diverse range of art forms, including performance art, visual art, movement and music.
- The Social Justice Stream is ideal for students looking to develop leadership skills associated with grassroots movements for social justice, such as equality, democracy and transformation in young people.

Trinity College is looking for students aged between 14 and 17, who would like a taste of university life to join the programs in either July or December. Each year Trinity welcomes more than 300 students from around the world to inspire, increase confidence and guide students on a pathway to tertiary education. Students are able to choose an academic stream – all of which align with the University of Melbourne’s undergraduate degrees to give students an idea what they might want to study in the future. During the July intake students can choose a one-week module or combine two programs to create a fantastic two-week experience. Or, in December, students immerse themselves in one academic stream for the entire two weeks.

**Program Dates** - July Week 1: 29 June-6 July
- July Week 2: 6–13 July
- December: 30 November-14 December

**More info** Sue Karzis, Director of Young Leaders + 61 3 9348 7486

trinityinstitute@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

**YOUNG WORKER TOOLKIT**

The Young Work Toolkit is a DEEWR online resource which helps young people find information about their responsibilities and where they stand at work.


**YOUTH CENTRAL**

A comprehensive career development website designed for young people and maintained by young people.


**WIRL Career**

An online career resource targeted at year 10 and 12 students.

- Philosophy of the product is about career discovery; students come to it with “What are my interests?”, rather than “I want to be…”
- Currently have over 120 video profiles, with more in the pipeline.
- Unlike other resources, which are just text descriptions of different vocations, WIRL Career is based on individual video segments featuring insights and tips from young practitioners working in different fields. WIRL Career provides an experience which watching a simple video or reading a job description cannot. It imbues the viewer with the wisdom of someone who has already been there and knows What It’s Really Like (WIRL). It’s about seeing and hearing what careers are all about —

User Name: OuyenP12  
Password: future01

**Trades Skills Shortage List**


**Have you considered a career in construction** (not just carpentry!!): There are many occupations within the construction industry. Look outside the square of electrical, plumbing and carpentry to ensure you are assessing all of your options. Go to [http://www.constructmycareer.com.au/career-planning](http://www.constructmycareer.com.au/career-planning) to explore occupations, undertake aptitude quizzes and view pathway maps.

**Sue Sly**

Careers Coordinator
Meeting –
With holidays approaching, our next meeting won’t be until May 12th. Meanwhile, we are keen to hear from any parents wishing to take on, or continue on with, a Contact person role to co-ordinate the occasional Parents Association task for Years 7/8 and 9/10. Thanks to those who have offered so far.

Yrs Pr, 1 & 2: Pat Higgins; Yrs 3 & 4: Melanie Grace;
Yrs 5 & 6: Donna Nihill; Yrs 7 & 8: vacant;
Yrs 9 & 10: vacant ; Yrs 11 & 12: Tracie Corbett

Congratulations to all who participated in the Regional swimming championships. You can be pleased with your achievement. Congratulations, too, to Xavier Healy for doing so well at the next Level of the Lions Youth of the Year competition. Best wishes for the District finals on March 29th.

There are some exciting activities for young people in our community to be involved in at present. Linking school with programs such as Mallee Up in Lights gives some special opportunities for learning new fields and skills, and developing leadership potential.

Catering –
Keep an eye out for news of the Community Centre kitchen equipment working bee – may not be until next term, yet.

Sheep Sale – The roster for the year is out. (Has been published in previous newsletters) There are a couple of vacancies – please contact Michelle Morrish if you can fill one of them. Thanks, all.

A reflection on Adolescence – “I had arrived at that difficult and unattractive age of adolescence, conforming to the teenage pattern. I was a worshipper of the foolhardy and the melodramatic, a dreamer and a moper, raging at life and loving it, a mind in a chrysalis yet erupting with sudden bursts of maturing.” Charles Chaplin

Recognise anything in it?

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary

SHEEP SALE

DATE: MARCH 27th
WORKERS
Bec Hynam (50921272)
WORKER NEEDED

DATE: APRIL 10th
WORKERS
Elaine Richardson (50921579)
Donna Wills

COOKS
Chris Patching
Bobbie Stacey
Sue Griffin
Karen Wisneske
Kylie Pengelly
Mandy Comrie
Brenda Dingledie-Murphy
Debbie Vallance

UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION & ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS:

There is, once again, the opportunity for students to take part in the UNSW International Competition and Assessment for Maths, English, Science & Computer skills. As in recent years the competitions are not compulsory and students must pay an entry fee if they wish to participate.

Parents who would like their child to enter these competitions are asked to fill out the form below and return it to either their child’s Home group teacher or the General Office with the correct money by Wednesday, April 2nd 2014. The Competitions are held between May and August. Schools and students receive a comprehensive report on the students’ performance and certificate of achievement in each subject.

Name:.................................................................
Year:.................................................................
Computer Skills (Years 3-10) $8.80
Science (Years 3-12) $8.80
Spelling (Years 3-7) $12.10
Writing (Years 3-6) $18.70
English (Years 3-12) $8.80
Mathematics (Years 3-12) $8.80
Total Enclosed: ..........................................................
Parent/Guardian signature: ............................................

Does anyone recognise the writing on this envelope?
It was found in the primary area.
It’s currently in the General Office if you know anything about it.