PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Condolences
It seems that too often this year we have had to extend our condolences to families in our community. On behalf of Ouyen P-12 College I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to the Gregg family on the passing of Rohan and to the Cua family on the loss of Tony. Both men were highly respected and at the very heart of the Ouyen and District community and they will be greatly missed.

Year 10 Camp
Last week our Year 10 students travelled to Canberra on camp. By all accounts the week was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Elliott and Mr Binks for organising the program and accompanying our students.

AusVELs
Parents would be familiar with the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) used to grade students in Victoria in previous years. Dot points on student reports show parents the level their child has reached compared to the expected level for that class. In the past each state has had its own standards for each subject area. This causes a great deal of confusion when students move to a different state or when they are applying for Tertiary places. In an effort to establish a consistent, nationwide set of standards the Australian Curriculum is being developed. In Victoria these standards are called AusVELS. AusVELS is the Prep to Year 10 curriculum in Victoria that provides a single, coherent and comprehensive set of prescribed content and common achievement standards, which schools use to plan student learning programs, assess student progress and report to parents.

This semester we are reporting with AusVELS in the P-6 area and will extend this to 7-10 in second semester. More information will be sent home soon explaining AusVELS and how it compares with the levels you have been used to seeing on student reports.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

EDUCATION WEEK AT OUYEN P-12 COLLEGE:
We invite all family and community members to visit and see the fantastic learning happening at each campus.

20th-24th
We have pre-service teachers completing practicums at each campus

Monday
9.00 Assembly (Prim)

Tuesday
Primary Cross Country Mildura
Computer Competition

Wednesday
Primary Open Day
Breakfast Club
9.00 Year 3&4 Reader’s Theatre
10.00 Year 1 Reader’s Theatre
11.20 Prep Classroom Activities
Year 5&6 Netbook Activities
2.00 Year 2 Maths Games

Thursday
Secondary Open Day
Year 8 Japan Across the Curriculum

Friday
Walk to School (Year 11 and primary students)
2.00 Year 9 and 3/4 Studyladder activities

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING: June 11th (Tuesday after Queen’s Birthday weekend) 7pm, Primary Campus
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. *Saint Francis de Sales*

HEAD LICE:
Some Head Lice cases have been reported to the Ouyen P-12 College Primary Campus.

Please check, and if necessary, treat your family for head lice. There is no need to treat everyone if no evidence is found but you need to look for the head lice.

If you find head lice in your family please tell anyone who has had head to head contact with the family member and notify the school as soon as possible.

Once your child has been treated they will need to come to the office accompanied by a parent before they are able to return to class.

HANDS UP PROGRAM:
To encourage students’ physical activity we will be tallying the mode by which they travel to school. Whether it’s walking, riding, scooting or bus riding and walking a lap of the oval, children will be able to share how they get to school any day of the week.

Thursday will be official tally day, when points can be earned by the class with the highest amount of physical activity. The class with the highest tally each month will win themselves a healthy treat such as a fruit platter or milkshakes.

To assist with this, and demonstrate safe road use and bike safety, each Thursday Mrs Morrish will vary her usual bike riding route to accompany any cyclists or scooters east of the highway. The first “pick up” point will be at the Henderson/Hughes Street corner at 8:30am. Second “pick up” point is at the Emmett/Johnson Street corner at 8:40am. Travellers should then expect to arrive at school at 8:50am.

There are rules necessary to ensure the safety of the cyclists and motorists. There will be a leader nominated each morning and children will be required to ride single-file behind the leader. Parents are also welcome to join in. Mrs Morrish has also volunteered to escort riders home via the same route.

Mrs Morrish or Mrs Grace can answer your questions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST PROGRAM:
When: Every Wednesday morning
Where: Primary Campus Multi-Purpose Room
Time: 8:30am
Cost: FREE for all students (Prep-Year 6) Just turn up and enjoy breakfast with your friends!!
Assistance from parents would be appreciated.

PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS

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TIDY ROOM AWARD: Prep

ATTENDANCE BEAR: Year 2

May 19th—Lachlan Comrie
May 21st—Cooper Binks
May 21st—Molly Grigg
May 22nd—Hollie Munro
UPCOMING EVENTS:
⇒ Tuesday, May 21st – Sunraysia South Cross Country, Aero Ovals, Mildura – selected students - 10am
⇒ Tuesday, June 5th - Regional Cross Country, St Arnaud - must finish in top ten to qualify for this event - 9:30am
⇒ Wednesday, June 6th - Lightning Premierships, Blackburn Park - selected football & netball teams - 10am

UNDERBOOL CROSS COUNTRY:
Congratulations to the students who participated in the Underbool Cross Country today. Final results will appear in the newsletter next week.

A big thank you once again to everyone who assisted on the day:
♦ Geoff Amos for preparing the track and marking out the course
♦ Staff and parents who assisted on check points, timing and recording
♦ Parents who have taken photos of the students

A team has been selected to represent Ouyen P-12 College – junior campus at the Sunraysia South Cross Country event to be held in Mildura NEXT Tuesday (May 21st).

Team members have been provided with information in regards to travel arrangements and event times.

It is very important that forms and money are returned to the Primary office on MONDAY, MAY 20TH.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Morrish as soon as possible.

If any sporting clubs have goal post padding they no longer use, and would like to donate it to our school, we would be most grateful. Please contact the primary campus office if you are able to assist.
Hello, today I am here to bring you another segment of VCAL news.
In today’s line up we have the Year 11 Outdoor Education camp and the outcome of the car safety advertisement.

On the 22nd-24th of April members of the Outdoor Ed class (Braidan Pohlner, Lewis Hahnel, Bryce Kerr, Alicia Hogan, Caitlin Vine, Luke Coates, Antonie Gardien, Lauren Morrish and I) went to the Grampians for a survival camp. We stayed there for two nights in tents. For the activities we did rock climbing and abseiling, it was lots of fun. We even got to see the contestants for the show “The Biggest Loser”. Did I mention it was lots of fun?

On Tuesday, Kira Bramfit, Jackson Morrish, Kyle McKenzie, Daniel Gregg & Mrs Gregg went to Mildura to do a road safety advertisement for HotFM at SunTAFE. I am told it was a great experience and the production people were very impressed. The ad will air some time in the next few weeks, well done guys.

Zac Harker

STUDENT DOINGS

Laura synthesised aspirin in an organic chemistry practical. The white crystalline product showed very little colour due to unconverted reactant and compared well with the commercial aspirin as seen in the test tube solutions.

Year 12 Chemistry
YEAR 10 ADVANCE:

Year 10 Advance class is showcasing their energy efficient vehicle while raising community environmental awareness.

In an event that promotes sustainable travel, students are riding an array of distances from Blackburn Park to Patchewollock and back.

Anyone is invited to join the students on Monday, June 10th. Registration is at 9:30am for a 10am start from Blackburn Park.

The full ride (100 km) will take approximately 6 hours, however there are 50 km and 25 km events to participate in.

They would like as many people as possible to join the cause, either by joining the ride or supporting the riders at Blackburn Park and along the way.

For a small cost there will be a barbecue provided and cooked by SRC members from Ouyen P-12 College.

(This activity is subject to approval) Jason Stewart
The days were warm but the nights were cold in Canberra for this year’s Year 10 Camp. The students enjoyed themselves as they visited many sights of our nation’s capital. Additions to the program this year were the Royal Australian Mint, the Australian Electoral Commission, Cockington Green and the Botanical Gardens.

Here’s what the students had to say about their experiences:

“The best thing about camp was…”

“...the War Memorial.” Samuel Mead

“...visiting the War Memorial and learning about how our men fought and what they were fighting for.” Kade Lonergan

“...seeing the War Memorial and how many Aussies died at war.” Jaivon Stacey

“...ice skating, the High Court and the War Memorial.” Rose Vallance

“...the steam train ride at Cockington Green. I also learnt that there was a Prime Minister who got sacked.” Broderick O’Connor-Byrne

“...visiting all the main places in Canberra and learning about the history of Canberra.” Hannah Down

“...going to the War Memorial. I also learnt a lot about Canberra and the city planning.” Lee Conlin

“...the ice skating.” Ethan Davies

“...seeing how money is made. I also learnt how the High Court works.” Kaytlan Trigg

“...going to the High Court and getting to see a real case happening.” Shania Lanigan

“...the War Memorial because it was something new and interesting.” Kelsey Richardson

“...learning how to vote.” Ellie Morrish

“...the steam train ride.” Charlotte Nixon

“...finding the sign about Joe Gloster at Old Parliament House. I also learnt how voting works.” Tim Gloster

“...visiting the War Memorial and paying respect to the soldiers who gave their lives in battle.” Larraine Ralph

“...the ice skating, the War Memorial and Questacon.” Mark Emmett

The PACER program increases the opportunity for school students to expand their knowledge in relation to Civics and Citizenship and to develop pride in their National Capital. Thank you to the Australian Government who has supported the Year 10 excursion through the PACER contribution.
THE MACPHERSON SMITH RURAL FOUNDATION
Applications - Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation
PLEASE NOTE: Applications for 2014 scholarships are now open. Only 2 applications per school will be considered.
Speak with Mrs Sly if you are planning on applying for this scholarship. Our school closing date for the selection of 1 or 2 students is Friday, June 14th.

STUDY AT ADFA IN 2014
The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), situated in Canberra is a university like no other, offering combined military and leadership training, with a world class degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

WE’LL SPONSOR YOU TO STUDY
The latest information can be found at http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Adfa/?utm_campaign=triadfa&utm_medium=edm&utm_source=both&utm_content=careeradvisors

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN RADIATION THERAPY?
The Peter MacCallum Radiotherapy centre in Bendigo, has recently started an initiative to attract more local workers into the profession. With the help of the Bendigo Radiotherapy Foundation, we have been able to create a scholarship to support students only from the Loddon Mallee region who are accepted into a radiation therapy degree. This scholarship will be up to $5000 per semester, which is $10,000 per year and $30,000 over the three year course. Phone Liam Jukes Ph 5454 9234 for more details.

UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT - On line Program Finder
Marketing and Communications have an online program finder available as a resource for students and parents. The Program Finder can be accessed at www.ballarat.edu.au/programfinder.

WIRL Career
An online career resource targeted at Years 10 & 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"
Students from Year 10 – 12 have been emailed the School Login and Password. www.wirl.com.au

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

ANYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT UNIVERSITY
RSOP) Regional Schools Outreach Program
- How will I afford Uni?
- How will I get there?
- Where will I live?
- How will I make friends
- What uni to choose?
Ask our friendly university students to help answer your questions using the Regional School Outreach Programs online question and answer service......’Ask Me.. About Uni!’
It is free, safe and helpful! www.GotoAskMeRSOP.com.au

RMIT University - Get Real Experience – Holiday Programs
RMIT University offers a number of free events designed to encourage students in Years 10, 11 & 12 to engage in hands on workshops over the school holidays. While the Art and Design and Media days are full the remaining programs still have vacancies. Registrations are still open and students can register at: http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

APPRENTICE OPPORTUNITIES
Full time Apprenticeship
Motor Mechanic Light Vehicle (2 Positions)
1st & 2nd Year Apprentice required.
Applications Close Monday, May 20th
School Based Apprenticeship ( ASBA) (Local)
Certificate II Agriculture
Contact Sally, MMTC, Mildura
Mobile: 0448 541 014 Office: 5022 9420

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE EFFECT ON EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT
Social media has become the chief source of employees for companies and recruitment agencies worldwide. Websites like LinkedIn and Facebook have made it easier for employers to rate the character of potential employees in an easier, faster and cheaper way before hiring.
- 7 out of 10 employers have successfully hired a candidate through social media.
- 92% of U.S companies have used social media networks in 2012 to find talent and potential employees to hire.
What employers frown upon
- Post and tweets on doing illegal drugs 78%
- Sexual post and tweets 66%
- Profanity in post and tweets 61%
- Grammar mistakes 54%
- Pictures of you drinking 47%
What employers like to see
- Professional organisation membership 80%
- Charity work/Volunteering 66%
What about referrals
- 1 out of every 7 people referred has been hired
- Only 1 out of 100 general candidates (not referred) have been hired
So how many have made successful hires through social media
- 2012 735
- 2011 63%
- 2010 58%

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
SECONDARY CAMPUS SPORTS REPORT

The SSV Mallee Cross Country will be held in Ouyen next Wednesday, May 22nd.

Well done to the majority of squad members who are on track to complete the training requirements for the Interschool Cross Country event. It is great to see these students making every effort to prepare themselves to perform at their best.

Any students carrying injuries or fighting off illnesses and unable to train should have the courtesy to see Mrs. Morrish or myself to let us know and not just absent themselves from training.

Starting times and distances of events are:
- Girls 12/13 & 14 Yrs (3km) 10:30 a.m.
- Boys 12/13 & 14 Yrs (3km) 10:55 a.m.
- Girls 15 & 16 Yrs (3km) 11:20 a.m.
- Boys 15 Yrs & Girls 17-20 Yrs

Thank you to all those families who have returned interschool OSC Sports singlets.

At present some shirts have been brought back, however, many of them are still missing from our store and need to be returned.

At the moment, quite a few of our cross country runners will need to share shirts. These shirts are school property and are only loaned out to students. It is important that the shirts are returned by Monday if you have one at home as we need them for the Cross Country team.

It has been great to see shirts returned by students and being dropped off at the office by people who have found them in their homes.

Forthcoming Dates

SSV Mallee Division Cross Country
Wednesday, May 22nd
Ouyen

SSV LMR Cross Country
Tuesday, June 4th
St. Arnaud

SSV State Finals Cross Country
Tuesday, July 18th
Bundoora

YEAR 9 SEPEP PROGRAM

Three weeks ago, the Year 9's started a 'SEPEP' program during their PE lesson, with the activity being European Handball. There are four very strong teams competing in the program—Romanian Rogues, Fancy Frenchmen, Russian Rascals, and Sparring Spaniards. Teams play two games a week against the same team and work their way towards the Grand Final in two weeks.

In Round 1, the Russian Rascals and the Sparring Spaniards came out with a strong win against their opponents, leaving the Sparring Spaniards on top of the ladder, while the Romanian Rogues came a close second.

In Round 2, the Romanian Rogues and the Sparring Spaniards had an interesting game, with Jacob and Aidan being the lead stars of the Sparring Spaniards. While others got quite frustrated with the two, they enjoyed themselves thoroughly. This saw the Romanian Rogues take the top place on the ladder which put the Sparring Spaniards in Second place.

ROUND 2 LADDER WEEK 3

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In the last round before the finals it was the Romanian Rouges beating the Fancy Frenchman 27 to 12 and the Russian Rascals beating the Sparring Spaniards. All games were tightly contested and played in good spirits.

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Finals:
⇒ Romanian Rouges v Fancy Frenchman
⇒ Russian Rascals v Sparring Spaniards

Publicity Officers -
Maddie Comrie
& Sarah O'Connor
**SHEEP SALE ROSTER:**

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**Con condolences:** It’s almost incomprehensible that we, again, join with the community in expressing our sincere sympathy to a local family on the passing of a great local contributor. Our condolences go to Esther, Pauly, Kyle, Lexi, Fel, Maddi and families on the sudden and unexpected passing of Tony Cua; another inspirational, active man who will be sorely missed. Tony and Esther’s support of Parents’ Association has been tremendous since coming to Ouyen.

**Catering:** Thankyou for the generous support shown in the provision of food, cash, and labour as we joined with the St. Joseph’s and All Saints’ folk to cater for Rohan Gregg’s Funeral on Monday; a superb effort. Thanks to Loronda for co-ordinating the list.

**Meeting:** There was much discussion at Monday night’s P.A. meeting.

One funding request was approved to go to College Council - $230 towards the cost of the new Primary Australian Curriculum Maths Program. The Australian Curriculum is now compulsory so resource adjustments need to be made.

Other points ranged around: planning for the shift to one campus and things to consider; Cross Country questions; Education Week; Book Week; school fundraisers; impact of a spate of recent school events on the family purse [often can’t be helped]; Food Allergy Awareness Week – school doing really well in this field; Parent/ Teacher/ Student exchanges – positive feedback for the new systems with suggestions for improvement; Parents Victoria On-line conference; Revue/ Concert planning; new playground planning; Sheep Sale roster for 2014; and possible guest speakers for P.A. meetings.

We’re scheduled to next meet on Tuesday, June 11th – 7:00p.m. in the Primary Campus staffroom.

**Membership:** Our annual Parents’ Association memberships are due. This nominal amount entitles you to receive minutes, vote at meetings, and a DEECD insurance cover when working at a PA function. It’s set at $2 per parent/ guardian/ care-giver. These can be popped in an envelope with your name and contact details for minutes, and returned to either campus. Thanks to those parents who have done this.

**Sheep Sales** – Are back to normal fortnightly operations.

**Parents Victoria Online Conference – 6:00a.m., May 19 - 25.** Topics include: Reporting, School Canteens, Teachers, Inclusive Education, Education Funding (do you give a Gonski?), the Impact of Technology, Bus Safety, the Role of the School, and the opportunity to comment about other education issues that concern you. Go online to [http://www.straighttothepoint.co PV/default.php](http://www.straighttothepoint.co PV/default.php) and register to participate in the conference. You could read about the COAG decisions re Gonski, or of the PV submission to DEECD re the proposed changes to school attendance regulations – interesting reading. Any queries? Go to office@parentsvictoria.asn.au

**Congratulations** – to former student, Abby Noble, on being announced this week as Rural Volunteer of the Year. Abby has become very involved with the PAG program at Mallee Track with her smiling face and gentle ways endearing her to all she works with.

**Best Wishes** - to those involved in the Debutante Ball tonight; well done to students on their focus during NAPLAN tests; and for more great efforts in Cross Country.

**Cross Country** – Congratulations to the students Year 3 -12 who completed the cross country course events over the past while. Some great efforts were given and witnessed.

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