**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Building Works**
Work is rapidly progressing on the buildings with the P-8 area almost completed. The administration area is currently underway and from next Monday the main office will be temporarily relocated to the end of the admin building (the old art room), signs will direct people to the correct place. In the coming weeks the main doors will be closed off and all entry to the office will be through the door in the court yard, again signage will be placed around to direct everyone.

I am sure the end result will justify the short term inconvenience and apologise for any confusion which may result in the meantime.

**Early Start**
Our Early Start program begins on December 2nd for 2014 Year 7 to 10 students. The Primary Transition Day is to be held on December 3rd. On this day students move into the class they will be in in 2014. We are intending to take all classes down to their new school and familiarise them with the area on this day. Parents will also be invited to come and tour the new buildings and given the opportunity to ask any questions.

**School Council**
Our final School Council meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at the Secondary Campus. The meeting will begin at 7.00pm and will be a dinner meeting.

**Cricket**
This week we have teams of students across Years 5-10 involved in cricket competitions. Our secondary students have been training over the last few weeks during their lunchtimes. I would like to congratulate our students and staff for their commitment and efforts. They represented our school in a very positive manner.

**Term 4 Dismissals**
As the end of the year approaches it is timely to remind everyone of the policy regarding the term finishing dates for students. Term 4 officially ends on December 20th however exceptions apply for older students as follows: Year 12 students finish as from their last exam; Year 11 may leave after completing final exams but not before November 29th; Year 10 students may finish on December 6th where parents/guardians request it and the principal has received notification that the student has employment.

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**SECONDARY CAMPUS SCHOOL SERVICE**
Ruby Magnisalis & Annie Brown

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

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

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**Riding to School**
With the onset of harvest we must remind students riding to school to take extra care, particularly when crossing the intersection of Rowe & Williams Streets where trucks are moving towards the silos and weighbridge.

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**YEARS 2 NEWS:**
The Year 2s have some exciting news!
This term, in jelly and icy pole sales, we have raised $153.50!!!
This is going towards books for the new library!
Sales still on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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**PRIMARY CONCERT:**
Everyone is excitedly beginning preparations for our Primary Campus end-of-year concert. 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.

With renovations taking place in the Community Centre, we will not have access to kitchen facilities and therefore will not be serving supper this year.
Further details will be made available as the date approaches. We are looking forward to sharing this occasion with you all.

Shelley Woodall,
Performing Arts

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**PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING:**
STUDENT OF THE WEEK:
PREP: Brandyn Tarrant
YEAR 1: Lachlan Noble
YEAR 2: Jade Eames
YEAR 3: Aden Pengelly
YEAR 4: Jaimie Darley
YEAR 5: Kane Farrell
YEAR 6: Jesse Floyd

PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

SRC NEWS:
On Friday, November 8th, students at the primary campus participated in National Sunnies Day 2013. Together they raised $131.50 for the Queensland Eye Institute which helps people living with blindness. Even though it was a cloudy overcast day, students enjoyed free dress and wearing their sunnies during recess and lunch.

This year the SRC at the primary campus has raised over $2,400 to go towards charities such as Leukaemia Foundation, Heart Foundation and Queensland Eye Institute. A huge congratulations and thankyou to Bailey Pengelly (President), Kaitlin Latta (Vice President), Sophie Nihill (Secretary), Ben Morrish (Treasurer), Bradley Marks (Publicity), Gemma French (Publicity), Abbey Latta, Corey Cupper, Ella Hastings, Riggs Langan, Hollie Munro and Aden Pengelly for their hard work throughout the year.

You have done a fantastic job & should be very proud of yourselves. I have really enjoyed working with you.

Amanda McGregor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, NAME OR PHONE NUMBER:
If you have recently moved, changed your phone number, changed your name or changed employment, please advise the school. We require the correct address and contact numbers in an emergency.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer.
~Author Unknown

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

STUDENT AWARD:
TIDY ROOM AWARD:
ATTENDANCE BEAR:

PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS

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TIDY ROOM AWARD:
Reading Recovery Room

ATTENDANCE BEAR:
Mrs Stone
With the month of November half over, many walkers and riders have registered to participate by dropping their forms into the primary campus office. A permission form must be completed to take part in special prize draws and activities that are on offer.

Remember, bus travellers can take part by riding or walking to the bus stop – they still need to fill in a permission form and let Mrs Grace or Mrs Morrish know the distance you are completing each day so it can be added to the results sheet.

The first reward day will take place next Friday. Students who have registered will receive a special treat upon their arrival at school that morning.

Permission forms were attached to the newsletter in the first week, but there are copies available at the primary campus office.

Many children have risen to the challenge of walking/riding each day a tally of results will be in the newsletter next week. Students can check their progress by referring to the tally sheets outside the office.

**YEAR 5/6 CRICKET:**
Students from Years 5/6 competed in the annual T-20 blast cricket competition against students from Tempy, Underbool and St. Marys on Tuesday. Ouyen entered four teams and after some great games during the course of the day, ended up with two teams playing off in the final. Some great bowls, batting and fielding was demonstrated by the two finals team, with the team of Ben, Bailey, Liam, Reece, Kaitlyn, Gemma, Sophie, and Chyna going on to clinch victory from the competitive combination of Bradley, Lachie, Nic E, Alex, Hallie, Emily, Lily and Abbey.

Although short of Ouyen players, team four combined with students from other schools to form the “invitational” team. They had a great day and played some fantastic cricket during their matches.

It was pleasing to watch the students compete with such spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship on the day.

A huge thank you to all staff involved on the day – Miss Burns, Mr Stoetzer, Mrs Wills, Mrs Richardson, Mr Stewart and Mr Harry for supervising and assisting with organisation.

It was great to see so many parents there supporting the students on the day.

A special mention to the Year 8 and 9 students who assisted with umpiring the matches – they did a fantastic job. They were professional and treated the players with respect and provided handy hints when necessary. These students should be very proud of their conduct.

These umpires were: Andrew Mole, Matt Cresl, Tom Morrish, Cale French, Peter Hulland, Ryan McKay, Nate Lynch, Jacob Coe, Liam Brackenridge-Blume, Declan Anderson, Nic Ralph, Charlee Pengelly, Macey Evans and Allie Winslow.

Hopefully the umpires picked up some tips on the day to assist in the improvement of their own games.

The two winning teams will now combine to form a boys and girls team and go on to represent the school in the regional final to be played in Swan Hill on Tuesday, November 26th.

The students involved will receive information in regards to the carnival next week.
SECONDARY SPORT

YEAR 9/10 CRICKET:
Due to wet, cold, freezing, blustery and wintery conditions the Year 9/10 cricket carnival was moved from Melton to the Werribee Indoor Centre – where the entire format of play was altered.

Instead of playing the Super 8 format, the game changed to “indoor cricket” rules which provided a huge challenge for the two teams.

They went into the first round without a full understanding of the rules of game or how to play it. The girls were very competitive and had a sniff of victory until Ashlee took a blow to the head from her batting partner!! They went on to lose this match by the narrow margin of three runs. The second game was another close affair, with the girls going down by 19 runs – a couple of misfields proving costly at vital times.

The girls were very competitive in their final game, but once again went down by a narrow margin.

The boys proved very competitive on the day, and once they became familiar with the rules became a more deadly combination. They were playing very well in the final game when Ethan took a huge blow to the eye which put him out of the game. There was some great batting and bowling by the boys.

A huge congratulations to all students who conducted themselves in an excellent manner for the entire trip.
A big thank you to Mrs Lonergan for all of her organisation and also to Mr “DJ” Harry who pumped out the “bangers” for the trip. His assistance was greatly appreciated.

GOOD LUCK
To our Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Boys and Year 7 & 8 Girls who are heading down to Melton next Monday & Tuesday to compete in their Super 8 Cricket State Finals.

Students need to ensure they have brought back their medical forms and have paid before they leave on Monday.
Students will be leaving at lunchtime on Monday and should return to Ouyen at approx. 8.30pm on Tuesday night.

All students who have borrowed athletic singlets need to return them to school. These shirts are school property and are only loaned out to students. It is important that the shirts are returned as soon as possible.
On Friday, November 8th, 9 students and 3 adults set off for Pattinson House where the students would be entertaining residents and community members with vocal and instrumental items.

Tori Linklater had arranged the program order and very capably compered the afternoon. After a few introductory remarks she and her sister Parris began the show singing ‘Safe and Sound’ (Taylor Swift) as a duet, with Parris accompanying on guitar.

Tom Patching’s Xylophone Trio arrangement of ‘Somebody I used to know’ (Gotye) played by Tom, Xavier Healy and Tori Linklater, impressed all present.

Piano items performed by Michael Gardien (Auld Lang Syne, Can Can), Tori Linklater (Pachelbel’s Canon in D, Brahm’s Waltz in Ab major), Samantha Sharp (Aura Lee), Gabby Torpey, (Grieg’s ‘In the hall of the mountain king’, My heart will go on, Que Sera Sera, Memory) and Parris Linklater (Over the rainbow, Emily’s Etude, Tequilla Sunrise) were thoroughly enjoyed and the well known songs amongst these proved very popular with the audience spontaneously singing along as the students performed. Nic Vine on the drum kit, teamed with Parris in two of her pieces to produce a wonderful ensemble together.

‘Chariots of Fire’ was played on the tenor horn by Charlotte Vine and Tori and Parris rounded off the program with another vocal duet with Parris again on guitar.

All students conducted themselves in a very professional manner, continuing with their performance even after mistakes (which can ‘throw’ the performer) occurred. Congratulations to you all and thank you for participation.

Thank you also to Mr Patching and Mrs Vine for their support in transporting people and instruments.

Much positive feedback has been received which is very encouraging and motivating to all involved. A thank you message sent to me by one of the community members who attended sums up this feedback:

“…a big thank you to you and the music students for a very enjoyable hour at Pattinson House on Friday. It was just lovely and the music was a pleasure to listen to. Thank you to all who took part in a great programme.”

Rosemary Jackson

Reflections:

It was so wonderful to share our music with such an appreciative and cheery audience - Tori

Playing at Pattinson House is always a pleasure and this year was no exception - Xavier

It was rewarding to hear all of our hard work appreciated by such a lovely, enthusiastic audience. It was wonderful - Tom
ARE YOU READY TO STAND OUT? DO YOU WANT TO BE CHALLENGED? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A REWARDING CAREER?

Victoria Police is looking for the very best people to join our team as Protective Services Officers.

WHAT DOES A PSO DO?
PSO’s are positioned at train stations across Victoria between 6pm to 3am each day to help protect the 400,000 commuters who use the train network.

PSO’s are responsible for:
- Proactively monitoring train commuters and maintaining a visible presence.
- Assisting the public with general enquiries.
- Providing advice and ensuring the community feels safe.
- Addressing incidents of anti-social behaviour, including alcohol, drug related offences and property damage.

WHAT WE OFFER
As a Protective Services Officer you will be involved in protecting and serving the community with fantastic job security and excellent benefits and entitlements including:
- Comprehensive 12-week training program at the Victoria Police Academy – with a starting base salary of $52,590 from the first day of training.
- Salary increments yearly and additional shift allowances
- 9 weeks leave
- A range of generous leave entitlements – including Defence Force leave
- Uniforms supplied
- Work / Life balance

This is your opportunity to join Victoria Police and become part of a role that is making an important difference to protecting and serving our community.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A PSO?
To be eligible to work as a PSO for Victoria Police, you must meet the following entry requirements:

- Hold a Victoria Drivers Licence at time of induction
- Demonstrate good character and reputation
- Meet the minimum medical requirements;
- Provide proof of educational requirements – if you are under 21, you must have passed VCE or VCAL equivalent at time of induction
- Meet the minimum medical requirements;
- Demonstrate good character and reputation
- Hold a Victoria Drivers Licence at time of induction

WHAT TRAINING WILL I GET AS A PSO?
As a PSO you will undergo training for the first six months of your employment with Victoria Police:


Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator

JUNIOR BASKETBALL
- Tuesday, November 19th
- No registration—no play
- Forms can be filled out and fees paid on the day.
- 4pm start.
- Any enquiries to Tabby—0477 068 907.

CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION COURSE
Monday, November 18th, 2013, 9AM - 4PM
Monday, December 9th, 2013, 9AM - 4PM
$150 per person
Contact Jenny Heaslip SunTAFE, Ouyen
Phone: 0350910401
Email: jheaslip@sunrtafe.edu.au
Web: http://www.sunrtafe.edu.au

The Australian Youth Humanities Forum
A Free 2-day Summer School for students taking Arts and Humanities subjects in 2014.

Students will have a chance to receive career guidance and mentoring from professionals working in the arts and humanities.

Dates: January 18th & 19th 2014
Where: University of Melbourne
Cost: Free
Accommodation: Free for the first 20 rural students
Application Close: Friday, November 29th
www.youthhumanities.org/
Catering:

Cathy’s Wake: We extend a huge “THANK YOU” to all who were so generous with food and time as we catered for Mrs. McKechnie’s farewell. Our contact people – Helen, Therese, Donna, and Melanie G put in a wonderful effort to ensure we were provided for. We were overwhelmed by the extra that arrived as people in the community joined our school families in the task. Many people helped out on the day – parents, friends, students, and staff: about 30 in all. At risk of leaving someone out; we say a special, “Thanks” to those who put in over the whole day – Catherine, Yvonne, Vanessa, Kelly, Mila, and Cindy. It wouldn’t have been done so smoothly without you. We had a troop of other helpers over the day – setting up, plating up, filling pie warmers and ovens, monitoring food safety, serving, clearing, doing dishes, cleaning up, and delivering. The Club staff were magnificent, and we were also helped by MRCC staff, OUF&NC and members of the Catholic Women’s League and All Saints’ Guild. The help was greatly appreciated.

It was a fitting tribute to a wonderful woman, teacher, friend, and treasured member of our district community – the inestimable Mrs. Mac.

There is a number of unclaimed containers, trays, platters, and utensils in Parents Association’s care at the moment. All named items were left at the schools, depending on where students attend. Please contact Raelene Vine [0407849174] if you’re still missing something from the day. There was also a pair of eyeglasses – we left them at the Club.

Street Stall – Wow – the Prep, 1, and 2 families (plus supporters) put in a superb effort for the Pool Blanket Street Stall yesterday – fantastic array of goodies, plus a competition. Thanks to Loronda and Melanie S. for co-ordinating it all. More next week.

With the catering from Monday including all other year levels, the No-Bake Stall has been slightly altered. If anyone is interested in popping a donation towards the pool blanket costs into an envelope labelled Parents Association No-Bake Stall, it will be gratefully received.

Meeting: Our final meeting for the year is scheduled to be a dinner meeting on December 9th. Details closer to the time.

Best wishes: to our students with all the busy-ness of this month – exams, cricket, HPV & Pushcarts, camp – and to staff and parents getting it all organised!

Cash Donations: Many families find it more convenient to send cash donations towards purchase of food and accessories for catering tasks but from time to time, find the money remains in schoolbags. If you wish to – you may make the donation by EFT to the school but label it PA donation so Mrs. Stacey knows where to direct it.

Sheep Sale – The final Sheep Sale may occur next week! Again, thanks to all involved. Remember to let us know if you cannot work on Sale day due to Thursday work commitments, or if you can work the kiosk when you’ve usually been listed as a cook. It helps us with the roster! Attached is a slip to assist you with getting back to us.

Parents Victoria: Has a summary of the Annual Conference happenings for anyone interested in checking it out. Theme: The Elephant in the Room- it opens with a summary of DEECD Minister, Martin Dixon’s, opening address. Go to the Parents Victoria website or contact Raelene Vine for a copy.

Justine Cresp – President, Raelene Vine – Secretary

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To help Parents Association plan the sheep sale roster for next year, will you please indicate your preference, and either email, or send slip to either campus office for Michelle Morrish. No response will be treated as you being available for whatever we need to fill. All families are included. Thank you for your co-operation

I work Thursdays that can’t be changed so please include me as a cook ☐

I am available to work in the kiosk ☐

I am available to be listed as a worker and a cook ☐

I can be listed more than once ☐

Name: ..........................................................

Please note preference for time of year if it helps, e.g. I am away in July so any other time is fine. Thanks.
ANAPHYLAXIS
Understanding the Basics
Anaphylaxis (pronounced anna-fill-axis) is the most serious type of allergic reaction. It can progress very quickly and may cause death without proper medical attention.

An allergen is a substance which can cause an allergic reaction. While food is one of the most common allergens, medicine, insect stings, latex and exercise can also cause a reaction.

Signs & Symptoms
An allergic reaction usually happens within minutes after being exposed to an allergen, but sometimes it can take place several hours after exposure. A reaction can involve any of these symptoms, and a person could have one or more of these symptoms regardless of the allergen:

- **Skin system:** hives, swelling, itching, warmth, redness, rash
- **Respiratory system (breathing):** coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest pain/tightness, throat tightness, hoarse voice, nasal congestion or hay fever-like symptoms (runny itchy nose and watery eyes, sneezing), trouble swallowing
- **Gastrointestinal system (stomach):** nausea, pain/cramps, vomiting, diarrhoea
- **Cardiovascular system (heart):** pale/blue colour, weak pulse, passing out, dizzy/lightheaded, shock

Other: anxiety, feeling of “impending doom”, headache, uterine cramps, metallic taste

The most dangerous symptoms of an allergic reaction are:

- **Trouble breathing** caused by swelling of the airways (including a severe asthma attack for people who have asthma)
- **A drop in blood pressure** causing dizziness, light-headedness, feeling faint or weak, or passing out.

Both can lead to death if untreated

Some Important Things to Keep in Mind

- Do not ignore early symptoms, especially if you have had a reaction in the past. Always take a possible reaction seriously and act quickly.
- Not every reaction will always look the same; a person can have different symptoms each time.

ASTHMA
Signs & Symptoms
Chronic Cough
A chronic cough may be the first tell tale symptom of asthma. It may develop in frequent coughing spells, which are worse dependent on the time of day, physical exertion, or if anxious, laughing, or crying

Fatigue
Children with asthma often experience a sudden loss of energy. This might develop as sudden weakness during physical play that they once enjoyed regularly, or after an emotional episode (i.e., fit of crying or a temper tantrum) that leaves them gasping for air.

Wheezing
Oftentimes, in children with asthma, you can hear a whistling sound when they take a breath in and then exhale. You will hear a “wheeze” when they are breathing out. This may also cause labored breathing that makes them tired from the airway restriction.

Periods of Rapid Breathing
Asthmatic children often experience bouts of rapid breathing that may seem panicked. Their chest may raise and fall in a see-saw motion due to difficult or labored breathing during an asthma attack.

Chest Pain
It’s common for children with asthma to complain of pain or tightness in their necks and chest muscles. This chest tightness and pain are a result of the restricted bronchial tubes.

Shortness of Breath
One rather scary symptom of asthma is the shortness of breath that the patient will experience. This will often come on without warning following physical or emotional exertion, resulting in gasping or complete loss of breath for seconds at a time.

Allergies
The majority of those with asthma suffer from allergies that tend to stick around or increase, accompanied by symptoms of persistent red, itchy eyes; runny nose; sinus congestion; sunken or swollen eyes or dark circles.

Difficulty Sleeping
For many asthma patients, the prone position (lying down) will aggravate their symptoms due to further restricting the airways. This will often result in a cough that worsens during the night and disrupts a full night’s sleep.