Friday, November 1st 2013  
Term 4, Week 4

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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**Diary Dates**

**November**

- 18th - Year 11 Revision begins
- 21st - HPV & Pushcarts
- 21st - Years 9/10 Revision begins
- 25th - Years 7/8 Camp
- 25th - Year 11 Exams begin
- 25th - Year 9/10 Exams begin

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**Secondary Campus School Service**  
Maddy Hastings & Alana Linklater

- **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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**Payment of Accounts:**

Parents/guardians are reminded that school fees are **overdue** and payable now.

Cheques are to be made payable to Ouyen P-12 College or you may pay via EFT.

BSB - 063-732  
A/C - 1000-1994

Please use your child’s name as a reference.

If you would like to make a payment plan please speak to the Business Manager.  
Netbook payments are also due and payable now.

Bobbie Stacey  
Business Manager

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**Melbourne Cup Day / Ouyen Farmer's Festival**

Next Tuesday, November 5th is a gazetted holiday; school will not operate on this day.

**Ouyen P-12 College 2014**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will begin the 2014 school year on a single campus. Our staff have been planning for this transition for a number of years in order to minimise the disruption and changes which will need to take place.

In the coming weeks newsletters will include details of how this move will happen and how things will operate P-12. We are presently inviting ideas and opinions around aspects such as traffic management, assemblies, buddies and play areas. Many programs we presently have will not change such as P-6 sporting activities, Junior House Captains and Junior School Council. The idea of change can be very challenging for people however I believe that our children will take it in their stride so long as we continue to plan and communicate.

I am intending to offer tours of the new buildings towards the end of the year along with a chance for parents to meet and ask any questions. We will be producing maps and explaining how our school will operate in the future. In the meantime anyone with any thoughts, concerns or ideas is encouraged to contact us at the school.

Leanne Dawes  
Principal

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Year 10 Programming Class enjoyed a Halloween theme as they worked.
NOTES HOME THIS WEEK:

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:
The average amount of sleep required by the average person is just five minutes more.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 3rd - Jim Vallance
November 5th - Kaitlin Latta
November 6th - Lachie O’Callaghan

PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

ICY POLE SALE:
Each Wednesday and Friday Year 2 students will be selling icy poles as part of the MoneySmart Program. The icy poles will be sold during lunch time to our primary students for 50 cents each. The profits will go towards buying books for our new library.

CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES: 中國語言類
We are learning Chinese every Tuesday. Our tutor’s name is Freddy. We see Freddy on the computer. He lives in China. Students from Underbool and Tempy join in our class. I learn how to say thank you – xie xie, hi hao is hello and to say goodbye is za jian. Dylan Cresp

Every week on a Tuesday we are taught Chinese. We are learning about numbers and how to use them with other words. The people that are involved are the teachers and 5/6 students from Ouyen and Year 6 from Tempy and Underbool. Our tutor is Freddie and he is in Beijing and we communicate by Skype. Freddie’s Chinese name is Guo Yi. The areas we have learnt are the Chinese opera masks and what they mean, the four tone marks and how to use them, counting from one to five, yi, arr, san, su and wu.

Lachie Comrie
We are learning how to talk Chinese. But we are also learning about China. The Year 5 & 6s from Ouyen and the Year 6 students from Underbool and Tempy are all involved. Our tutor’s name is Freddy but you can call him Guo Yi. He teaches us from Beijing. We get contact with him over Skype. The things we are learning are hello – nie na, thank you – xie xie, how are you- wo hen hoo, I’m good thanks – ni hoo ma.

Gemma French

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

PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:
PREP: Kristy Higgins
YEAR 1: Poppy Fawcett
YEAR 2: Ben Nihill
YEAR 3: Hollie Munro
YEAR 4: Adrian Fidge
YEAR 5: Bryanna Price
YEAR 6: Sophie Nihill

STUDENT AWARD:
Jack O’Shannessy

TIDY ROOM AWARD:
Year 2 with help from Mrs Zoch

ATTENDANCE BEAR:
Year 5
Today saw the first day of "Walk to School" month, with quite a few students registering their first distance for the month.

Each day for the month of November, students have the opportunity to record the distance they have walked (or ridden) to school and from school each day.

Upon arriving at school, check in with the grade 5/6 students who will record your distance. You will be able to find them near the grade 5/6 room!!

The distances for a range of walking routes have been recorded on a map and these will be used throughout the month of November. You can find a copy of the map pinned up on the sports notice board – or by checking the QR code which is attached to today’s newsletter.

There will be numerous prizes available throughout the month. To be eligible for some of the prizes, the school will be registering students on the "Walk to School" website – if you don’t want your child to be registered, please let the primary campus office know as soon as possible.

Students can track their progress by using the "Walk to School" app which you can download for free, so get your family together and meet the challenge of walking to school for the month of November.
The Year 6 boys have been participating in Textiles classes this term. They have each constructed a cushion. Their completed projects will be entered into the Farmers Festival next week. Work from other classes will also be on display. It would be great if people were able to call into the Exhibits Hall and view the work of our students.

**MUSIC AT PATTINSON HOUSE**

**Friday 8th November.**

Pattinson House residents are looking forward to a visit from OP-12 music students next week. The following students will be presenting instrumental and vocal items: Tori & Parris Linklater, Adriana Smith, Tom Patching, Xavier Healy, Gabby Torpey, Michael Gardien, Nic & Charlotte Vine and Samantha Sharp - remember to keep up your practise!

Students will need to bring their music and instrument -if applicable (there is a piano at Pattinson House) and meet at the General Office at 1pm.

For further information, contact Rosemary Jackson 0428946394.

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**NATIONAL SUNNIES DAY 2013**

On Friday, November 8th the SRC & students at the Primary Campus are participating in the National Sunnies Day 2013. On Friday you are welcome to bring along your sunglasses to school to wear during recess and lunch. There will be a colouring competition on the day with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.

If you would like to participate, please bring a gold coin donation. The money raised will be donated to the Queensland Eye Institute towards their ongoing research to prevent blindness in people.

Thankyou,

SRC Primary
WOMEN IN STEM - FOR GIRLS IN SCIENCE
A website dedicated to promoting Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics careers to girls. While the site is an American site there are some areas which can be used in Australia. Along with the link to the main website we’ve also provided a direct link to the career profiles page, as this would be the page of most interest to practitioners.
www.forgirlsinscience.org
http://forgirlsinscience.org/women-in-stem/

MAAP MY FUTURE  A website created by Auto Skills Australia showcasing careers in the automotive industry.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – CHANGE OF PREFERENCE ADVISORY DAY MILDURA CAMPUS
Date: Thursday, December 19th
Time: 11am – 2pm
Location: La Trobe University, Mildura Campus, Benetook Ave
Register Online: http://latrobe.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/
Mildura-Change-of-Preference-Advisory-Day

THE AGE VCE & CAREERS EXPO 2014
Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne
Thursday, May 8th – Sunday, May 11th

DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION - CADETSHIP PROGRAM
www.doxa.org.au

Closing Date has been extended to November 15th 2013
Sponsorships in 2014 will include opportunities for students completing areas of study in Commerce, Law, Banking, Finance, Accounting, Engineering, Science, Psychology, Communications, Marketing, Arts and a range of other fields.
As part of the program cadets receive a number of benefits including: A corporate sponsor related to their field of study that provides 8 weeks of work placement annually under the guidance of an industry mentor – A living allowance – A Book allowance – Annual overnight professional development weekend and evening training – A new suit – Counseling and tutoring as required
Application forms are available from the Careers Office.

Face Your Facebook
When applying for courses and jobs, remember that the decision makers can find out about you online. A recent survey by recruitment giant Career Builder reveals that 45% of employers screen potential employees using social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, MySpace and blogs).
Of the 45% of employers who have screened using social media:
35% have not hired a candidate based on their findings
Only 18% have been persuaded to hire based on their findings.
Ensure your social presence is working for you, not against you. Your presence may include more than your own page, so if you need to ask friends to remove content, now is the time.
You should also make sure you have a professional email address and voice mail message. As your first points of contact, they form an employer’s first impression of you.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE
All Year 12 students are encouraged to visit the Centrelink office and apply for Youth Allowance as soon as possible after your last exam. Payment Finder at www.humanservices.gov.au will assist in what benefits you may be entitled to.
Remember no two applications will be the same; $1.00 fortnightly payment is all that is required to qualify for the following scholarships that are distributed through Centrelink:
New Commonwealth Scholarships (Start Up and Relocation scholarships) are now paid to eligible higher education students by Centrelink.

CAREERS NEWS

NAIL THAT JOB - This course has been designed to equip you with the necessary skills to gain employment.
The program will cover the following:
• Writing a winning cover letter
• Tailoring a resume for a job
• Cold calling techniques
• Promoting your strengths
• Gaining personal confidence
• Interviewing skills
• $50 Clothing voucher to start your professional wardrobe
• A complimentary personal presentation bag
Upon completion you will receive a Statement of Attainment from Certificate 1 in Vocational Preparation.
If you are interested in attending this one day work shop please give your name to Sue Sly

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
La Trobe University  http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships/advanced-search
Also Links to External scholarship. These links are provided for your information only. If you have any queries in relation to any of these scholarships, you will need to contact the relevant organization directly. http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships/external-scholarship-opportunities

Flinders University  http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/index.cfm/scholarships/search

Country - University of South Australia  http://www.unisa.edu.au/Study-at-UniSA/Scholarships/
The University of Adelaide  http://www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/undergrad/
Federation University Australia (Ballarat University)  http://www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students

OPTIMISING ONLINE MARKETING SCHOLARSHIP (OMS)

Closing Date: November 29th
Value $2000 plus, in training and assistance

THE GEORGE ALEXANDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
ATAR 70 plus
Closing Date: December 20th 2013. Value $5,000 per year

COUNTRY HEALTH SA (CHSA) - CHSA SA AMBULANCE SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP
http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/index.cfm/scholarships/display/ac4265
Closing Date: December 20th 2013 Value $5,000

VENERE SCHOLARSHIPS  http://www.vener.com/blog/scholarship/
Tourism & Business, Closing Date December 31st 2013 Value $1000

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA RURAL RECONNECT RELOCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
http://www.unisa.edu.au/ruralreconnect
Closing Date: Wednesday, January 8th 2014. Value $6,000

BENDIGO & ADELAIDE BANK SCHOLARSHIP
Closing Date: January 24th 2014. Value $5,000 may vary

FUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS – BALLARAT UNIVERSITY
Closing Date: Thursday, February 27th 2014. Value $7,000

Sue Sly - Careers Coordinator
Meeting: The minimum number of parents met for the final Parents Association meeting to be held at the Primary Campus, and were privileged to hear of many details relating to the transition from two campuses onto one over the next few months. Mrs. Dawes presented an issues discussion paper which outlined some plans, some proposals, and some things to be worked through for students, staff, and parents relating to the new school. Parents will have opportunities for briefing sessions and tours of the site to smooth their transition, along with the visits the students will have to familiarise themselves with their new environment. Information was given about known staffing changes, building progress, and various school events. We had some discussion on what might be done to farewell the Hunt St. campus and celebrate the completion of the building regeneration at Fuller St.

Congratulations: to our dedicated staff members who give of their time for many camps and excursions throughout the year. Their consideration allows our children many experiences they may not have anything comparable to. It is appreciated.

Congratulations, too, to PA’s past Secretary, Louise Fitzpatrick-Leach, on her inspiring presentation as guest speaker at MTH&CS annual meeting. Entitled “Just play? Serious fun?”, the presentation made strong points for connecting play and creative time with learning and socialisation. PA will be planning an opportunity for the school to see and hear the presentation.

Best wishes: to our VCE students working their way through the exam schedule.

Pool Blanket: the new Ouyen pool blanket was installed this week. Thanks to Loronda Binks and Ouyen Inc for their efforts in pursuing this equipment and other pool issues on behalf of the community.

Catering:
Street Stall – MRCC has allocated November 14th for our Street Stall. This is to raise funds for Parents’ Association’s contribution to the new pool blanket. This will benefit students Foundation to Year 12 (and all pool users, hopefully). So as not to have too many goodies to sell by asking a Primary group and a secondary group to contribute food, it has been decided to give Prep, 1, 2 families the joy of cooking up a storm of delights. However, Years 3 – 11 need not feel left out. Year 9 and 10 families are next on the list for a turn – and so are invited to have a NO-Bake stall to help out. Envelopes for this will be given to Year 9/10 closer to the Street Stall date. Any other school family is welcome to contribute to this – either through the no-bake stall option or by contributing some produce to the stall (food, vegies, eggs, jams, flowers, craft etc.). Workers for the stall will be needed – contact Melanie Shaddock if you can help. Our target for this is $1,000.

For apologies for assuming everyone would be familiar with a No-Bake Stall. A No-Bake Stall is where the money that would have been spent on ingredients for your stall baking (or just a donation of your choice) is placed in an envelope and given to the cause. The kitchen isn’t subject to the cooking storm but funds are still raised.

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 – we have one Sheep Sale to go. Thanks again to all involved!

What’s your child’s learning/ study space like? – Television viewing: A small amount (up to 1.4 hours per day or 10 hours per week) is positively associated with academic achievement for nine year olds but it gets less as children get older. At 17 years of age, the optimal amount of TV viewing is half an hour per day (includes screen viewing of other types). Tough one. Music: There is a growing body of research that suggests that playing classical music softly in the background enhances learning. Pachelbel’s Canon, Mozart, and Baroque music seem to be particularly effective.

Help Your Child Succeed at School – A Guide for Parents
Andrew Fuller

Justine Cresp – President, Raelee Vine – Secretary

ARTS EXCURSION:
Expression of interest notes are going home to Arts students regarding the proposed end of year excursion. Following the success of 2012’s Opera Victoria trip, we are planning to attend the Australian Symphony Orchestra’s Bach Christmas Oratorio with singers from The London Choir. The excursion will include a visit to the Bendigo Art Gallery on the way to Melbourne. Dates – December 19th & 20th. Other students and community members interested in attending can leave their names at the secondary campus office pending available places.