Cathy McKechnie

Our school and wider community have been devastated this week with news of the death of our friend, teacher and colleague, Mrs Catherine McKechnie. To know Cathy was to love her, she was a very important member of our staff. Cathy taught in Ouyen over many years, firstly at St Joseph’s Catholic School, then at Ouyen Primary School before moving into Secondary Teaching at Ouyen Secondary College. Cathy was a fantastic teacher, she built close relationships with her students so that she knew and understood them and could teach them accordingly.

When Cathy became ill in 2011 we were all sure that this would prove to be a minor hurdle and that Cathy would be back in our midst quickly – this was not to be.

My condolences go to Graham and the whole of Cathy’s family. My condolences go to our entire community – Cathy will be missed by us all but the memory of her smile and her bright sunny nature will stay with us forever.

Cathy’s funeral is on Monday, November 11th and many of my staff will be attending. Parents may wish to keep their students home on this day however for those attending school a modified program will be in place and students will be supervised by the staff remaining at school.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

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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PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

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 good and the wise lead quiet lives.

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YEAR 5/6 CRICKET TEAMS – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

The teams for the T-20 Blast cricket competition are listed below. The Year 6 students will attend the secondary campus as usual and walk down to Blackburn Park at 9.30am, where they will meet the Year 5 students who will walk from the primary campus.

Students need to remember the following:

• A packed lunch
• Water
• Hat
• Sunscreen

Students will be able to go home at the end of the day, provided they have a note from their parents and they inform either Mr Stoetzer or Miss Burns.

TEAM ONE
Ben Morrish
Bailey Pengelly
Liam Munro
Reece Anderson
Kaitlyn Latta
Gemma French
Sophie Nihill
Chyna Maynard

TEAM TWO
Lachie Comrie
Bradley Marks
Nic Erhardt
Alex Hill
Emily Phillips
Lily Munro
Abbey Latta
Hallie Wills

TEAM THREE
Liam Vine
Jesse Floyd
Darcy McKay
Corey Cupper
Billie Lanigan
Bryanna Price
Jasmine Anderson
Kiara Phillips

TEAM FOUR
Kane Farrell
Joel West
Lachlan Heppell
Dylan Cresp
Allira Woodyard-West
Amber Munro
Jayde Brauer

If you are unable to attend on the day, PLEASE let Mrs Morrish, Miss Burns or Mr Stoetzer know as soon as possible so that teams may be changed if required.

Due to the success of the recent All Schools Swim Meet - Sunraysia Swimming are hosting another Come and Try Session for children who may be interested in joining a swimming club. It will be held on Friday, November 15th at the Mildura Waves from 5pm. Olympic medallist Andrew Lauterstein will be in attendance at the meet. Entry is free to all competitors and spectators.

Please register your interest with Gaylene Veal - cveal@bigpond.net.au by Wednesday, November 13th.

Enquiries:
Robyn O’Brien 0438 110497

JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Registration Day
⇒ Sunday, November 10th
⇒ 11am
⇒ Community Centre
⇒ Under 17
⇒ Under 13

The first week is completed and there has been a number of students who have responded to the challenge to walk or ride to school every day for the month of November.

For student’s kilometres to count in the final tally, they MUST return their permission forms to the primary campus office.

Forms returned from Monday onwards will only have kilometres from that day counted in their final tally. The longer you leave returning the form, the less time the kilometres will count.

Students can track their distances on the notice board outside the office and see how far they have travelled during the program.

Over coming weeks there will be prizes for riders/walkers as well as mornings where fruit and juice will be available to the participants.

So REMEMBER to check in with the recorders inside the front gate from 8.45am each morning to ensure your kilometres count in the tally.

If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs Grace or Mrs Morrish

HAPPY & SAFE WALKING OR RIDING EVERY-ONE!!
SECONDARY SPORT

YEAR 9/10 SUPER 8 CRICKET – WESTERN STATE FINALS

GOOD LUCK - to our Year 9/10 Super 8 Cricket teams who will be representing Ouyen P-12 College at the Western State Finals in Melton next Wednesday. These students have been regularly training and deserve to do well.

YEAR 9/10 GIRLS
Ashlee Morrish, Charlotte Nixon, Lorraine Ralph, Ellie Morrish, Kelsey Richardson, Ellen Morrish, Shania Lanigan, Madeleine Hahnel, Sarah O’Connor, Adriana Smith

YEAR 9/10 BOYS
Tim Gloster, Samuel Mead, Ethan Davies, Jaivon Stacey, Nic Vine, Kyle Sporn, Harry Lynch, Bailey Harker, Aidan Down

Congratulations to all Year 7/8 students that went to Robinvale last week for the Cricket Competition. They demonstrated excellent team work and sportsmanship.

Well done to the girls team who completely batted, bowled and out fielded their opposition - they combined very effectively and achieved some excellent results.

The boys competition was very one sided, with the Ouyen boys dominating in their two grades meaning they met in the final. With some good natured cheering and supporting team A went on to win the final.

Both teams, along with the girls team have now qualified to compete at Melton at the next level of competition.

Training will continue and selections will take place for the places in the Year 7 & Year 8 boys team.

Thanks to Mr Stewart for his assistance on the day.

All students who have borrowed an athletics 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 as we need to do a stock take and require them for Super 8 Cricket.
ATTENDANCE:

**YTD, 2013**

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Well done to Year 12 who consistently led the way in attendance throughout the year. Years 1, 2 & 3 have also had high levels of attendance.
CAREERS NEWS

AUSNAC MILDURA HAS EMPLOYERS WITH THE BELOW VACANCIES:

- REFRIGERATION / AIR-CONDITIONING Apprenticeship
  - Sutton Refrigeration – Ang Sutton 03 5026 3829
  - rob.sutton7@bigpond.com
- PLASTERER 2nd or 3rd Year Apprentice
  - Perfect Patch Plastering – Lana Stebbing 03 4009 0069
- CHEF – Apprenticeship
  - Wentworth Services Club - Nikolaos Kardoulia 03 5027 3302
  - nikolas@wentworthclub.com.au
- OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – Must have an understanding of the graphic design industry
  - Stop Signs – Cameron Curruthers 03 5023 5299 cam@stop-signs.com.au

For more information please contact the employer directly, Or Breece & Fiona at AusNAC
147 Tenth Street Mildura, VIC 3500
Ph 5023 6166

INTERESTED IN AN APPRENTICESHIP?
SMGT is offering Pre-Apprenticeship Courses.

What does this course involve?
A Pre-Apprenticeship provides you with the knowledge and skills to prepare you for work or further study within the industry.

- Construction - Certificate II in General Construction.

What employment opportunities will I have?
With all Pre-Apprenticeships we offer the opportunity for a full time apprenticeship in your chosen industry as vacancies arise.

When do courses start?
All enquiries and applications, please call SMGT on 5022 1833 or visit our website www.smgt.com.au

SMGT has the following positions available:

CAREERS NEWS

13-058 Production Horticulture Apprenticeship
SMGT in conjunction with Sunraysia Institute of TAFE have an apprenticeship available in Production Horticulture, we are currently taking applications for this position to begin in 2014.

How do I apply and get further information?
All enquiries and applications, please call SMGT on 5022 1833 or visit our website www.smgt.com.au

SMGT have Moved
We are now located at:
158-164 Langtree Ave. Mildura VIC 3500
(The Old Centrelink Building)
PO Box 10242 Mildura VIC 3501.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
**Condolences:** It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that we extend our sympathies to Graham, Clare, Lucy, and the McKechnie and Hogan families on the passing of a much-loved and admired teacher – Mrs. McKechnie. Cathy was dedicated to her profession, her students and colleagues. An enthusiastic and inspiring teacher, she worked hard to ensure the best possible outcomes for those in her care, whilst being a strong, innovative leader and passionate educator. Vale, Mrs. Mac. You will be greatly missed.

**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 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:**

**Cathy’s Wake:** Parents Association has been asked to cater for Mrs Catherine McKechnie’s funeral on Monday, November 11th. We are asking all year levels excluding prep/1/2 to contribute. This year level already has a catering event that week. Details are on the following page.

**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). Prep, 1, 2 families have the task of providing goodies for the stall. Goods to be delivered to the stall in front of Country clothing and furniture by 10:00a.m. on Thursday morning. Workers for the stall will be needed – contact Melanie Shaddock if you can help. Our target for this is $1,000. The No-Bake Stall envelopes will be sent out next week. 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.).

**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 sale for the year was held yesterday. Again, thanks to all who have worked and/or cooked to assist us to run this successful, and greatly appreciated, kiosk. Special mention to Michelle Morrish for the hours put into co-ordinating the roster, information letters to sale day leaders, and making sure the cash tin is organised each sale. Also, to Kate Pohlner for supervising the kiosk, getting the urn and pie warmer going, making sure the pies etc are right to go, and for doing the washing. 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. Thanks again to all involved!

**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.

**What’s your child’s learning/ study space like? – Sleep:** A good night’s sleep (at least 8 hours) is essential for optimal brain functioning at school. Memory consolidation occurs during sleep and is thought to be particularly associated with REM sleep. During the normal 8 – 9 hours of sleep, five REM cycles occur. Adolescents getting only 5 – 6 hours of sleep lose out on the last two REM cycles and thereby reduce the amount of time the brain has to consolidate information. Everyone also has a down time when they learn new information less well. It varies according to your regular sleep time and times.

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

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

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25 doz mini quiche
10 zucchini slice (cut)
25 doz scrolls
1 large slow cooker of soup left in slow cooker so we only have to plug it in
30 doz mixed cakes/slices (cut)
5 pkts white sandwiches (uncut)
5pkts whole meal sandwiches (uncut)
1 fruit platter (cut)
2 savoury platters (ready to go) these could have chicken, ham, salami tomatoes and cheese on lettuce or the more standard cheese, biscuits, dips etc.
1 litre of milk

Please deliver food items to the Ouyen Club at 9.30 am. Donations of money to purchase items are always appreciated as well. Contact people as below
3/4 Melanie Grace 0437865010
5/6 Donna Nihill 0428142656
7/8 Therese Jolly 0488049793
9/10 Helen Gloster 0428390991
11/12 Raelene Vine 0407849174

Thanks in advance - the catering team, Loronda, Raelene and Bec.

STREET STALL
Prep/1/2 are catering for the street stall on Thursday 14th November to raise money for the new pool blankets. Please contact Melanie Shaddock on 50922047 with your offers. We are aiming at raising $1000 so lots of goodies are needed. We are looking at cakes, slices, cupcakes, fresh produce etc. We will send out stickers on Tuesday with more details but please let Mel know what you are willing to donate ASAP. Goodies need to be dropped off out the front of Country Clothing & Furniture at 9.30am. Thanks in advance - the catering team.

FREE DRESS DAY—Fundraiser

♦ Thursday, November 14th
♦ VCAL is running a Free Dress Day to raise money for charity
♦ Gold coin and any further donations would be appreciated
♦ Secondary students only

Kira Bramfit
Organiser
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

A Jewish man has a wonderful romance with the help of his humour, but must use that same quality to protect his son in a Nazi death camp.

WINNER OF 3 ACADEMY AWARDS

Senior Students only.

Permission Slips MUST be filled out before viewing!
A $2 donation must be made to watch the movie.

FREE POPCORN!

Wednesday and Thursday the 13th and 14th