Principal’s Report

Secondary Athletics
The 2014 school athletics competition took place on Tuesday this week. As always, I was impressed by the positive attitudes shown by our students and the high levels of participation. I would like to thank Geoff Amos for his work preparing the oval, Mrs Lonergan and our staff for the organisation and running of the day. I would especially like to thank Tracie Corbett and Raelene Vine who worked tirelessly throughout the day assisting with events.

Respect
At College Council on Tuesday evening we touched on the topic of respect. Our school’s Student Engagement Policy was being examined and it was noted that in the section titled Rights and Responsibilities of Students were the words: Students are expected to display positive behaviours that demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, their teachers and all other members of the school community.
This we agreed was an admirable expectation however what was interesting was that no mention of respect was included in the sections relating to Teachers and Parents. Our College Council is of the belief that respect should be an expectation across the whole school community and so the following sections have been added to our school’s policy:
- Teachers and other staff are expected to display positive behaviours that demonstrate respect for students, their peers and all other members of the school community.
- Parents are expected to display positive behaviours that demonstrate respect for teachers and all other members of the school community.
The school’s Student Engagement Policy is available on the school’s website or available in hard copy at the office.

Student ID Cards
College Council has approved the purchase of equipment to produce Student ID Cards for student use. We hope to be able to provide students with cards in the near future.

Communication
Parents are welcome to contact the school at any time with questions or concerns. We cannot help to sort out issues or worries if we are not aware of them so please feel welcome to contact Shelley Cross for Curriculum or Student Management issues, Marie O’Connor for anything to do with Years 11 and 12, Natasha Burns for P-8 queries or your child’s Home Group Teacher. I am always available to help as well. The sooner we know about something the sooner we can help to sort it out.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

Insignia House Captains, Gus & Tayla, proudly hold the Cup after their team win in the Secondary House Athletics held this week.
Ouyen P-12 College is offering the opportunity for students in Years 9-11, family and community members to join us on a guided tour of the delights of China.

The trip is planned to take place sometime in Term 4 2015, subject to issues such as sufficient interest. At a minimum we need at least 20 people to take part.

Presently, we have eight students and five community members/parents, as well as two staff members who have expressed an interest in the tour.

We would love to hear from other families/students who are considering this trip. We require at least another five people to make this trip viable.

For those of you who have always wanted to see the delights of China - the history, the Great Wall, the pandas, Chinese palaces, Terracotta Soldiers - then this is a great tour for you.

Flights to and from Australia are included in the cost of the guided tour.

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**Details of Trip**

**Experience one of the world's Endangered species in its natural environment. Combined with the old cities of Xian and Beijing and the bright lights of Shanghai this is the ultimate Chinese cultural experience for students.**

**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA – SHANGHAI (D)**
Fly from Australia to Shanghai. On arrival transfer to your hotel. Includes snack on arrival.

**DAY 2 SHANGHAI (B,L,D)**
Experience exotic Shanghai, China’s most cosmopolitan city. Walk along the Bund, with its famous European architecture. Visit the classical Yu Gardens, the Underground Tunnel, Grand Hyatt Tower with its panoramic views from the 88th floor and browse through the Shanghai Museum of art and history, in the evening enjoy an Acrobate Show.

**DAY 3 SHANGHAI – CHENGDU (B,D)**
Morning flight. Transfer to your hotel before visiting the Tea Houses at People’s Park and in the evening, the Sichuan Opera.

**DAY 4 BIFENGXIA (B,L,D)**
Full day excursion to Bifengxia to see the amazing pandas. Return to Chengdu for overnight.

**DAY 5 CHENGDU – XIAN (B,L)**
Visit the Leshan Buddha today before transferring to the airport for your flight to Xian. On arrival transfer to the hotel.

**DAY 6 XIAN – BEIJING (B,L,D)**
This morning visit the Terracotta Warriors and Horses, regarded as the 8th Wonder of the World, sculpted to guard Emperor Qin upon his death. Continue with a cycling tour on the city wall before transferring to the overnight train to Beijing.

**DAY 7 BEIJING (B,L)**
On arrival transfer to your hotel before visiting Tiananmen Square where Mao Tse-Tung raised the flag of the People’s Republic and the Temple of Heaven, a group of 5th century religious buildings in a walled park including the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest, built entirely of wood without any nails and step back in time at the Forbidden City, the centre of the Chinese world during 24 Ming and Qing dynasties. While today you can easily walk through the pavilions, palaces and courtyards of the Imperial Palace, the emperors only rarely emerged from behind the red walls of their 72 hectares home. This afternoon visit the beautifully preserved Summer Palace with its ornamental gardens, lake and characteristic pavilions. In the evening enjoy a Peking Duck dinner.

**DAY 8 GREAT WALL (B,L,D)**
Early start for the 2,000 years old, 8,350 kms long Great Wall. Originally built in sections by individual feudal states, the sections were connected by Emporer Qin Shihuang when he unified China. You will visit the Mutianyu section typical of the Ming Dynasty. Followed by a visit for a photo-stop at the Olympic Stadium en-route. Enjoy a Kung Fu show in the evening.

**DAY 9 BEIJING – AUSTRALIA (B)**
Morning at leisure before afternoon transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to Australia.

Meals key: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = Dinner

I / my child ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..  
is/ are interested in taking part in the trip to China in 2015.  

Signed……………………………………………………  Date……………………………..
Happy Birthday:
August 24th - Savanna Arnold-Richard
August 27th - Rayne Duiker

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.
- Joshua J. Marine

ARTS EVENING
Tuesday, October 14th, 7pm

We are excited to announce that the Arts Evening will be held on October 14th at 7pm. Any students who are interested in performing on the night should see our Music Captain Tori Linklater, Mrs Vine or Mrs Woodall. Musical pieces, poetry reading or any dramatic acts are welcome. All members of the community are welcome to enjoy a - no doubt - spectacular evening.

Tori Linklater
Music Captain

Helping the Environment
Weekly Diary Entry #3

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We would like to send a big thank you to Mr Cattanach for giving up 5 chooks and a rooster. We have set up their coop and made their beds, given them food and they even were lucky enough to have some of our food scraps!

From Miss Lacey & Mrs Woodall Literacy groups

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A warm day with occasional cloud cover and light cool breeze provided almost perfect conditions for our Inter-house competition which was keenly contested as Olympic and Insignia battled it out on the Athletics arena.

It was great to see the majority of our students competing with enthusiasm and friendly rivalry. This year Insignia was victorious over Olympic. Congratulations must go to all students who participated in numerous events, many filling in at the last minute when called upon by their house captains. Also a big thank you to the students that competed out of their age groups for the day, enabling their house to have representatives in all events for each age group and those students who were unable to compete, but helped out over the day.

Well done to 2014 Open Champions
Laura Hayter & Jake Cresp

Record Breakers 2013
(previous record holders in brackets)

Jesse Floyd B12/13 Yrs Discus 30.15m
(Thomas Hedley 25.37m, 2012)

Jake Cresp B14Yrs Shotput 11.25m
(Kade Lonergan 2011, Jack Cook, 2013, 9.15m,

Jack Cook B15Yrs Javelin 39.98m
(Toby Simmonds, 32.88, 2010)

Greta Hayter G12/13 Yrs Shot Put 17.24m
(Dean Hahnel, 15.86m, 20121)

Gemma French G12/13Yrs Javelin 19.83m
(Denver Linklater, 19.06m, 2006)

Allie Winslow G14Yrs Javelin 20.76m
(Madeleine Hahnel, 16.54m, 2013)

Kaitlyn Manley G17Yrs Javelin 20.15m
(Tayla Willsmore, 19.26m, 2013)

SSV MALLEE DISTRICT
ATHLETICS TEAM

The selected team is on the Noticeboards around the school. Challenges by students who were unable to compete in events on Tuesday or to fill * places must be completed by the end of next week, either in Sport or at Lunchtimes. All challenges must be supervised by a Sports Teacher.

Insignia Triumph
ON THE TRACK

Forthcoming Dates
SSV - MD
Athletics
Wednesday,
3rd September
Ouyen

SSV LMR
Athletics
Thursday, 9th October
Bendigo

Help Needed

Mallee District
Athletics Sports are fast approaching and we will again require assistance from our parent body to run events. At present we have had very minimal offers of assistance. If you can help at this sporting carnival, could you please let the sports staff or General Office know. The date is listed above.

Lunchtime Training
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
MD Athletics Team

Tuesday & Thursday
Compulsory Relay Training

Training Expectations

As the next stage is less than two weeks away, students are expected to attend 3 training sessions next week. Students unable to fulfill this requirement should discuss it with Mrs. Lonergan.

Ouyen P-12 2014
AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

12-13 YEARS
1. Kaitlin Latta
2. Gemma French
3. Jessica Down
4. = 38 Hallie Wills

14 YEARS
1. Alana Linklater
2. Megan O’Connor
3. =2nd Tash Beckman
4. Allie Winslow

15 YEARS
1. Madeleine Hahnel
2. Parris Linklater
3. Macey Evans
4. Charlie Pengelly

16 YEARS
1. Ellen Morrish
2. Sarah O’Connor
3. Grace Woodall
4. Taylah Shaddock

17 YEARS
1. Kelsey Richardson
2. Ashlee Morrish
3. Kaitlyn Manley
4. = Charlotte Nixon & Yasmine Kerr

18-20 YEARS
1. Tori Linklater
2. Caitlin Vine
3. Lauren Morrish
4. Alicia Hogan

= Zac Harker & Lewis Hahnel

Open
Laura Hayter and Jake Cresp

As always, MUCH APPRECIATION goes to Geoff Amos, Michelle Morrish and Sue Sly who worked tirelessly, often in their own time, to ensure the Athletics Sports are a success.

Thankyou to the parents who helped throughout the day at the House Athletics Carnival. Your assistance is vital to the successful running of these important events. Also, to all staff members who worked on the various events and in the recording shed all day.