Principal’s Report

Last week’s newsletter published the Department’s Statement of Values. These values apply to all government schools in Victoria and outline the expected behaviours of all members of the school community. As we are partners in your child’s education, it is vital that these values are practised by all members of our team. This week I would like to highlight the following section of the document.

**UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOURS**

Behaviours that are considered inappropriate on and adjacent to school grounds or in relation to school business and that do not uphold the principles of this Statement of Values include when a person:

- is rude, aggressive or harasses others
- sends rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages
- is manipulative or threatening
- speaks in an aggressive tone, either in person or over the telephone
- makes sexist, racist or derogatory comments
- inappropriately uses social media as a forum to raise concerns/make complaints against the school
- is physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close.

During this week there have been some unsettling incidents, facebook complaints and gossip which undermine the values and impact on the most important person in our partnership – your child. Please read through the Statement of Values and if you have any questions or comments I am happy to meet with you and discuss the issue.

Exclusion is an identified form of bullying which unfortunately occurs all too often in today’s society. Every child’s wellbeing is important to us at Ouyen P-12 College and we do not like to see children’s feelings hurt by being excluded. For this reason birthdays and party invitations are not be distributed at school unless they are being given to every child in the class and the teacher has been informed.

It has been another busy week with a very ‘elite level’ staff tennis competition, the start of the landscaping in the quadrangle area and our Primary Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all students who competed or supported their house team. A big thank you to the staff who assisted, and to Michelle Morrish for her organisation. Our students wouldn’t have many of the opportunities they are used to, without the extra effort and out of hours work from staff.

Successful information sessions were held for families with students in Years 1 to 6. The parents who attended gained valuable information about the structure and processes of classrooms, met our new staff and hopefully had their questions answered.

Prep assessments are continuing, and Year 10 First Aid along with the UDSSSA Swimming Sports will happen next week.

We have had many visitors to our school in the last couple of weeks and the positive feedback about our students, our staff, our facilities and our programs, makes us very proud.

Shelley Cross
Acting Principal

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**CHINA TRIP:**

To those people who put in an expression of interest and to those who did not but are still considering joining us on the trip to China to be held late in Term 3:

- Meeting to discuss the trip will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 3:30pm in the Years 5-8 building.
- Open to students in Years 9/10 & 11 and interested family & community members.
Bobbie Stacey.

welcome to set up a payment plan with the Business Manager,
If you would like to begin paying for your child’s camp you are
All costs are approximate at this stage.

Business Manager

Below is a table showing camps for 2015.

BOOKS!
The English Faculty is still hoping for donations of novels to build up
our class sets. If you have any of the following cluttering up your
shelves – we would be happy to take them off your hands!

- Lockie Leonard – Scumbuster
- Bridge to Terabithia
- Diego, Run
- The Hunger Games
- Tomorrow, When the War Began
- Holes
- Hating Alison Ashley
- Hatchet

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that accounts for 2015 School Fees were included with
student reports at the end of 2014.
Fees may be paid at the General Office by cash or cheque or paid direct
online to the following Bank account. BSB 063-732, Account 1000
1994. Please list your Family/Child’s name as reference.

If you’re unsure of what you owe, please contact the office, otherwise
statements will be sent out shortly.

School Camps:
Below is a table showing camps for 2015.
All costs are approximate at this stage.
If you would like to begin paying for your child’s camp you are
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Bobbie Stacey.

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                       THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"Reach for the stars, even if you have to stand on
a cactus."

~ Susan Longacre

The Lion’s Youth of the Year competition will be held at
7pm on Wednesday, February 25th at the Senior Citizen’s
Centre in Cooper Street.
Lee Conlin, Charlotte Nixon and Broderick O’Connor-Byrne
will be presenting both an impromptu speech and a re-
hearsed speech on an issue of their choice.
All are welcome to attend and support our students.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

ARE YOUR CHILD’S EMERGENCY CONTACT DE-
TAILS UP TO DATE?

If anything has changed for you and your family
please pass on your new details to the General
Office so we can update our records.

It’s important for us to have up to date infor-
mation in case of an emergency.

TRIAL:
If you haven’t already done so we would love you
to take part in our Tiqbiz trial. Details on how to
download the app onto your smartphone were on
last week’s newsletter.
We’ve already had a few parents notify us of stu-
dent absences through this app. Notifications
come straight to the school email address.
Please take the time to read the article and down-
load the app. We really need everyone to use the
app to make it a success.

Thank you to the parents/guardians who have
already taken advantage of this app. I’m sure you
would agree that it will make notifications much
easier for everyone.
CONGRATULATIONS to the students who participated in the Ouyen Junior Campus Swimming Sports today.

The weather was kind and the students participated with enthusiasm. The winning house and age group champions will be in the newsletter next week.

A huge thank you to:
- Roxanne Simmonds for organising the time keeping sheets and doing various other administrative tasks
- Staff who worked tirelessly through the day to ensure the smooth running of the carnival
- The pool staff for presenting the pools in excellent conditions and assisting with supervision
- Mrs Lonergan for training students after school

UDSSA SWIMMING SPORTS:
A team will be selected to represent the school at the UDSSA swimming sports next Friday (27th February) and will be placed on the sports notice board on Monday morning.

Students in the team will receive a note to take home outlining the details of the day. A copy of the program will be attached to this note.

The students not selected in the team, will remain at school and have supervised classes. Sport will run at school for the afternoon.

Students will be able to leave the pool at the completion of the sports, as long as the classroom teacher is notified.

Students who place first at the UDSSA sports will have the opportunity to represent the district at the Regional swimming sports which will be held in Swan Hill on Tuesday, 17th March. Further details regarding this carnival will be in upcoming newsletters.

BIATHLON:
Students in grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the biathlon which will be held on Friday, 20th March. They will be provided with the opportunity to practise in class – keep watching the newsletter for further information.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION:
Thanks - to the teachers of Years 1 – 7 for organising the information sessions/basket luncheon to explain a bit about what’s ahead in 2015 for the children. The many parents who were able to attend greatly appreciated it.

Congratulations – to all P-6 students on your efforts at today’s House Swimming sports. Feel good about having a go and being part of a team - great effort all around.

Meeting: Our next meeting will be the AGM. Please note a change of date: Wednesday, March 12th. Please consider the roles that will be available to be filled to help make the Parents’ Association the strong, positive influence all good schools have. We have: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Sheep Sale kiosk supervisor, Sheep Sale Roster Co-ordinator, and Catering Team. College Council has a position for a co-opted member of PA, too. Next week’s newsletter will have some info on what each role involves. We have had some interest in some positions – would love more. For further queries, please catch up with either Justine Cresp [out-going President] or Raelene Vine [out-going Secretary].

Contact people – Thanks to those who have already volunteered to take on these roles.

P/1/2 – Pat Higgins; 3/4 - Carmel Vallance; 5/6 – Melanie Grace
7/8 - vacant
9/10 - vacant
11/12 – Melanie Shaddock

Catering –
- February 27th – Year 5 – Sandwiches, rolls and fruit salad for UDSSSA swimming sports. Funds raised will go towards the 2015 Push Cart event. See below
- March 10th – Years 3/4 – afternoon tea for Phyllis Munro’s 100th birthday – details next week
- March 12th – Years 11/12 – light lunch for opening of the Truck Wash at the Ouyen Livestock Exchange – details next week

UDSSSA swimming catering: Year 5
1 pkt mixed sandwiches- white bread
fruit for fruit salad – ¼ watermelon, cantaloupe, kiwi, apples, grapes, strawberries …
1 pkt mixed sandwiches- wholemeal bread
1 doz bread rolls
ham, silverside, chicken, lettuce, cheese, tomato …
Volunteers to make rolls and fruit salad, and package sandwiches from 9:30 on sports day, and to sell them at the sports. Contact Raelene Vine 0407849174

Justine Cresp, President / Raelene Vine, Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER:
- Friday, February 27th - UDSSA Swimming Sports (Representative Team)

SHEEP SALE Roster

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Please note changes to workers.
All LEAP activities are provided free of charge to LEAP priority communities to consider higher education as a future option, through a particular curriculum. The LEAP program aims to demystify the links between school, university and careers. LEAP aims to encourage secondary students from low SES communities to consider higher education as a future option, through a focus on the professions. By offering access to a range of university campus, workplace and school-based activities along with online resources, LEAP aims to help students learn more about their career options in selected professions, and the role of university study in attaining their career goals. Business, Design, Engineering, Health, Law and Science are the six professional fields that students can choose from.

### Note Change of Date

**Construction Induction Card Year 10 Wednesday, 22nd April**

**First Aid Training - Year 10**
A key element in the College’s Occupational Health and Safety program involves providing workplace level in First Aid training. Natasha Anderson will be conducting the training. Students may come to school in appropriate and comfortable casual dress and will spend the three days working in both practical and theory sessions.

**Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th February**

There is no cost to the student but it is essential that students attend all three days to complete their qualification.

**The Unique Student Identifier will be required prior to commencing the First Aid Training & Construction Induction Card**

**Unique Student Identifier USI - bringing your skills together**

If you're studying nationally recognised training in Australia from January 1st, 2015, you will be required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

Your USI links to an online account that contains all your training records and results (transcript) that you have completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. Your results from 2015 will be available in your USI account in 2016.

When applying for a job or enrolling in further study, you will often need to provide your training records and results (transcript). One of the main benefits of the USI is the ability to provide students with easy access to their training records and results (transcript) throughout their life.

You can access your USI account online from your computer, tablet or smart phone anytime. [http://www.usi.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.usi.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx)

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Where travel may be a barrier to participation, LEAP has some funds available to support schools and individual students. How to apply for travel support [https://www.leap.vic.edu.au/about-leap/leap-travel-support](https://www.leap.vic.edu.au/about-leap/leap-travel-support)

**Year 11-12 - Next Step - Health Workshop**

Which Health profession is right for me? What subjects do I need? What is university study like? Can I do it? What courses are there? You’ll get to explore the health care industry in depth and find answers to help you to make informed decisions about your next step – into university as well as demystifying uni life.

**Event code: HEA-04-009**
**Date/time: 10 April 2015, 9:30am - 1:30pm**
**Location: The Alfred Hospital, Prahran, Melbourne**

Expressions of Interest due by: 14th April 2015

Open to students in Year 11 and 12


Further information leapinthehealth@monash.edu or [www.leap.vic.edu.au](http://www.leap.vic.edu.au)

**Year 10, 11 & 12 - Legal Studies & Australian Politics (LSAP) Workshop**

If you’re a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who has decided on a career in the legal profession, or are thinking seriously about it, this intensive LSAP (Legal Studies & Australian Politics) workshop is aimed at developing your confidence in all the different skills you need to succeed, including communication, teamwork and leadership.

**Event code: LAW-03-007**

**Date/time: 9 April 2015, 10:00am - 10 April 2015, 4:00pm**

**Location: Victoria University (Melbourne) - two day workshop**


Further information leapintolaw@vu.edu.au or [www.leap.vic.edu.au](http://www.leap.vic.edu.au)

**Year 11 & 12 - Advanced Engineering Workshop**

This workshop is run in conjunction with the Engineering Link Group as part of the Engineering Link Project.

This two day workshop gives you an opportunity to explore in depth different engineering disciplines. Each day begins with career presentations by engineers from the local community. Then in a group with other students, you will address a model problem, considering the issues, testing materials, designing solutions and producing proposals. Your proposal will then be assessed by an engineer and you will get to build and test the solution to see if it works. Each day you will have the chance to choose a different field of Engineering.

**Event code: ENG-01-009**

**Date/time: 8 April 2015, 9:00am - 9 April 2015, 4:00pm**

**Location: La Trobe University, Bundoora (two day workshop)**

Expressions of interest due by: Friday, 20 March, 2015

*This activity requires students to currently be undertaking VCE Maths Methods. Students also studying Specialist Maths and/or, Physics are particularly encouraged to apply.


Further information leapintoengineering@latrobe.edu.au or [www.leap.vic.edu.au](http://www.leap.vic.edu.au)

**SITUATION VACANT - Junior Kitchen Hand Position**

**Mallee Track Health & Community Service**

*This position has become available at the Health Service*

MTH&CS is seeking a student over the age of 15 years to work in the Hotel Services department (Kitchen).

The position requires the successful applicant to assist with general kitchen duties, including meal preparation, washing dishes, cleaning and meal delivery to the wards.

The applicant must be enthusiastic, willing to work and relate well to older members of our community.

Shifts are for 2 hours in the afternoon (4pm – 6pm) Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays.

**Enquiries to:**

Mrs Louise Plozza
Acting Hotel Services Coordinator
Ph: 03 5092 1111

**Applications to:**

Mrs Kylie McKenzie
Payroll Officer
Mallee Track Health & Community Service
PO Box 130, Ouyen. Vic. 3490
Ph: 03 5092 1111

Application close: Friday, March 13th at 5pm.
Congratulations to OLYMPIC 152.48 who defeated Insignia 137.23 in the 2015 Inter-House Swimming Carnival on Thursday, February 12th.

The weather was very kind to us, being warm but overcast so sunburn was not an issue. It was fantastic to see everyone cheering on the swimmers, no matter what place they were coming. It is great to know that our students can see the worth in participating and trying your best. Everyone who swims contributes to the house tally during the day.

Well done to all students who competed keenly throughout the day and to the many students who filled in events at the last minute. Thank you to all students who carried event sheets all day and who volunteered to man the false start rope during the day.

Thank you to:
- Sue Sly who spent the days prior to the sports completing the entry and marshalling sheets
- Michelle Morrish who regularly takes after school swimming training and Maureen Wandel who trains students at Underbool.
- The Pool life guards for their assistance setting up and packing up.
- The parents, grandparents and friends who came to cheer on their competitors.
- The staff & Caitlin Vine who worked continuously all day and helped set up and pack up.
- To Mr. Amos, Mr. Stewart and Mr Emms for taking the equipment needed to the pool.
- Jeff Shaddock, Sandra Marks, Peter Lonergan and Michelle Morrish for the initial setting up of shades and blocks at the pool.
- SRC for running the annual Swimming BBQ.

A team effort is needed to organise and run a carnival such as this and I appreciate everyone’s assistance.

SSV MALLEE DIVISION SWIMMING TEAM 2015

This team has been selected from the results obtained in the Inter House Swimming Carnival, challenges during Sport and from students who have been regularly training. It is posted on the Noticeboards and in Home group rooms around the school.

We do not have much preparation time prior to the next Swimming Carnival in Mildura on March 4th. Students are expected to complete at least 4 training sessions two of which will be a school sports session.

Training sessions are available in Ouyen and Underbool. Training sheets can be obtained from Mrs Lonergan for any students who cannot get to organised training sessions.

Forthcoming Dates

Wednesday, 4th March
SSV Mallee Division
Swimming Carnival
Mildura
Tuesday, 17th March
VSSSA LMR
Swimming
Swan Hill
Wednesday, 25th March
O.S.C. Biathlon
Ouyen

2015 RECORDS NEXT WEEK

Swimming Training

OYUEN

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5.30pm,
Tuesday & Thursday 6pm

Sunday - No designated session, but training session sheets are available at the pool.

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LAURA HAYTER AND PETER DARLEY

CHAMPION HOUSE 2015

OLYMPIC

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

At present, we will be taking the school mini bus to Mildura. It is important that students let me know in advance how they will be getting to Mildura in case I need to order a bigger bus. I will be asking students on Monday whether they will be travelling with parents or in the school bus.

BATHERS REQUIREMENTS

A reminder -
- Boys competing in Mildura will be required to wear speedo type lycra material bathers, girls a one piece.
- No board shorts will be accepted.

Students who do not have the correct bathers will not be allowed to swim. If you have difficulty obtaining the correct bathers or are unsure of what is acceptable, please see Mrs. Lonergan as soon as possible. Do not go and buy new bathers - please consult with Mrs Lonergan first.
Secondary House Swimming Sports

Olympic Champions
Jaiyon & Kaitlyn

Open Champions
Peter & Laura

Brody
Sarah
Ben
Megan
James
Madeleine
Corey

Adam
Greta
Lucy
Ashlee & Tim
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, SMS, TiqItz App, Website. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1:00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.ouyep12college.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 097.