Leadership Conference
This week Shelley Cross and I attended a leadership conference – Engaging and Empowering School Principals. As well as hearing the state government’s Vision for Public Education from the Hon. James Merlino, Minister for Education and Deputy Premier, we attended presentations and workshops with leading educationalists. Topics included The Future of Learning, Purposeful, Practical and Powerful Collaborations for Learning amongst others.

Conferences such as these help to ensure that we are aware of current educational thinking as well as providing a great opportunity to meet and network with principals from across Victoria. We both came home energised and as always, proud of what our small school achieves.

State Library Victoria Young Researcher Fellowships
We have been given the opportunity to participate in a program designed to enhance the learning and development of Gifted and Talented students. The Young Researcher Fellowships program is collaboration between our Mallee Cluster and the State Library Victoria. The program involves identifying and nominating students with the attributes required to participate in this project. Students would participate in two free visits to Melbourne and the State Library, learning from the Library’s teachers, collection experts and publishers, participation in an online learning program and research project, meeting with other students and learning more about an area of interest. Students involved will carry out, publish and present their research. This is an exciting project aimed at students in Years 5 & 6 in 2016, the results of which will be used to design similar projects across the state in the future. It is also an opportunity for us to focus on and extend our high achievers.

Parking
We understand how busy it is in Ritchie Street at the end of the school day especially in this cold weather when everyone tries to park as close to the gates as possible, however we are appealing to parents not to block the driveways into the bus and car garages. Having the school’s bus stuck waiting for cars to move only makes traffic congestion worse.

School Fees
Do you still have some outstanding school fees? We still have some unpaid Netbook lease payments as well as yearly school fees unpaid. At our school we are committed to Parent Payments in line with DET policy and as low as possible and charge much less than many other local schools. We are happy to work with parents to set up payment plans for leased items and have spare computers for student use here at school for those who choose not to lease. Computers with unpaid leases will need to be collected at the end of term.
Details of programs and funds available to assist families facing financial difficulties can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Leanne Dawes
Principal
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others."

~ Confucius ~

WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Nathan Batterham
Grade 1: Bailey Petersen
Grade 2: Regan Eames
Grade 3: Jim Vallance
Grade 4: Ziyoun Lam

Literacy Award:
Prep: Tyrone Dixon
Grade 1: Marie Standish
Grade 2: Talia Munro
Grade 3: Lara Cronin
Grade 4: Savanna Arnold-Rickard

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Terah Martin
Grade 1: Ava Wakefield
Grade 2: Harry Scott
Grade 3: Annahera Martin
Grade 4: Blake Thatcher

Attendance Bear: Year 2

Pen License:

VCE NEWS:

Information Sessions
The College will be holding a VCE Information evening in the final week of Term 3.
Two sessions will be held:
Session 1: for students entering Year 11 in 2016.
Session 2: for students entering Year 12 in 2016.
A date and times are yet to be determined but all parents and students are encouraged to attend.

VCE Practice Exams
Practice exams will be held for students completing a Unit 3/4 subject. The exams will take place on Monday, September 21st and Tuesday, September 22nd (the first week of the holidays).
The exams have proven very beneficial to both students and subject teachers and I urge all students to attend.
If students are unable to attend and parents contact the College, other arrangements may be made. A copy of the practice exam timetable is printed below.

Marie O’Connor
VCE Coordinator

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN:

Chances for Children is a fund that aims to remove financial barriers for children and young people in the Mallee to achieve their potential.
Chances is set aside from other funds and programs in that it is a locally based fund, established by the local community, and supported both financially and in kind by local individuals and businesses.
Two other funds available are:
The Connecting Kids with Community Fund has now re-opened and is taking applications for assistance for kids to ‘have a go’ and participate in extracurricular activities and The Keeping Kids at Secondary School Fund is available for students in Years 11 and 12 (or equivalent) to keep them engaged with education.
For more information about how to apply for any of these funds please contact the school.

Uniform Assistance
Anyone interested in assistance with the purchase of school uniform is invited to contact us at the school.
The State Government recently allocated extra funds to expand the work of the State Schools Relief program. This program can be accessed to assist with the purchased of school uniforms.

Practice Examination Timetable Units 3/4

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GOAT NAMING CHALLENGE RESULTS:

Our goat naming challenge across all year levels has come to an end with the Year 9 Science students (who are primarily responsible for the goats welfare) voting on the winners. Our names are as follows:

**Crunchie Top Deck Butter Chicken** – nominated by Year 7 who thought this sounds like a tasty combo while thinking “outside the box”. May be shortened to “Butter Chicken”??

**Shazza** – nominated by Year 11, who think it is a “fun and punchy name….a bit tomboyish…a nd friendly”

**Lieutenant Dan** – nominated by years 5/6 who think our male goat “will be in command of the patch.” He will be “responsible for plant maintenance and looking after others”.

GALLERY FOR A DAY:

On August 26th a collector of artwork and an illustrator came to our school. Their names were Amanda Cooper (collector) and Kerry Argent (illustrator). Amanda brought a lot of artwork. One of the pieces of artwork she brought was a picture from the book ‘Flood’. Amanda said the illustrator drew with his wrong hand which was their left hand.

My favourite piece of art was a diorama because it was 3D and the artist had used recycled things like packaging foam, match sticks and balsa wood. My second favourite piece was from the book ‘39-Storey Treehouse’. It was great because the picture looked exactly like the one in the book.

**Darcy Cresp**

I had a great time at the gallery on Wednesday, August 26th with art collector Amanda Cooper and illustrator Kerry Argent. It was very interesting with all the drawings, paintings and dioramas. I also found out that Kerry Argent drew some of the books I own. My favourite piece of art was the amazing diorama.

**Aden Pengelly**
Ouyen P-12 College staff and students participated in a range of activities to celebrate “National Science” week.

The prep – grade 4 students participated in tours to the “patch” to make friends with the goats and chickens. The year 9 Ag/Hort students showed the students around the area, pointing out the vegetable plots, showing the shed where hard work is done and allowed the students to pat and talk to the goats!

Tuesday was the great “Egg Drop” challenge, with teams of grade 5, 6, 7 & 8 students pitted against each other. Students were in teams of three and could purchase three products from a list of materials to help their egg survive when dropped from various heights. Many creative protective devices were created, from parachutes, from tightly wrapped eggs in newspaper to eggs stuffed in toilet rolls and the ends covered in straws.

After many drop offs – two grade 6 teams were declared the winners, successfully protecting their eggs from smashing at a range of drop heights.

Wednesday morning saw the Textiles room converted into a Science wonderland, where the Year 7 students entertained the grade 1 & 2 students with a range of experiments. Activities such as lava lamps, volcanoes, static electricity and milk explosions kept the students entertained.

Friday lunchtime Mr C welcomed students to the science room, where he wowed them with a range of tricks to demonstrate electricity.

Big thank you to all Science staff and students who contributed to the activities and participated in the range of events. Whoever said Science was boring – obviously hasn’t been to any of Mr. C’s classes!
YEAR 9 COMMUNITY AND OUYEN PRE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP:
This semester the Year 9 Community class has formed a partnership with the Ouyen Pre-School, assisting with catering at the Speed Field Days and helping with the smooth running of the inaugural Ouyen Pre School Bush Kinder experience.

Thanks to Megan O'Connor, Charlie O'Connor-Byrne, Jake Cresp, Alana Linklater, Madelyn Hastings and Lucy Morrish for working with the kinder parents selling pies at the Field Days. Pies were kept hot and customers kept happy! Various site holders also appreciated the offers of assistance from these Community students, whether running errands or purchasing coffees to keep them charged during their busy day.

Bush Kinder involved travelling to the Nunga Bush Reserve, South of Ouyen, to participate in bush/natural play with the Ouyen Pre School children. This unique opportunity provided the students with three hours of uninterrupted play in the bush, using what nature has provided as learning materials. Students joined in with the Pre School children as they built cubbies; discovered spider and ant holes; collected wildflowers, seeds and nuts; climbed trees; threw boomerangs and attempted the didgeridoo; and cooked damper on a stick.

Aboriginal Park Ranger, Willy Hannah, also attended these sessions, telling stories and connecting with both the younger and older students. Along with assisting and supervising the younger children, the Community students were given the opportunity to try and light fire with sticks, throw the boomerang and make ‘noise’ with the didgeridoo. Willy shared many stories with the Community students and we all learned much about traditional aboriginal culture.

Prior to Bush Kinder over three consecutive Thursday mornings, the Community students visited the Ouyen Pre School on the preceding Monday to meet the children and become a ‘familiar face’ to them before the bush kinder experience. The following students participated in this experience and should be commended on their maturity, leadership and commitment to the partnership program:

Annie Brown, Natasha Beckman, Jarrod Fuller, Ruby Magnisalis, James Doyle, Molly Risstrom, Toby Harker, Cal-lum Nixon and Maddie Gaulke.

Narelle Latta
The scholarships are valued at $15,000 per annum after 24 February.

Scholarship with your first student payment centrelink/C

Undergraduate Nursing Scholarship is valued up to $30,000

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The main fund provides financial assistance for young people to participate in tertiary studies (university, TAFE & apprenticeships).

Integration aide support and elite sport and music activities Connecting Kids with Community Fund provides financial assistance for young people to participate in extra-curricular activities like school camps, sports and music.

Keeping Kids at Secondary School Fund provides financial assistance for Year 11 & 12 students covering textbooks, stationary, curriculum fees, curriculum related equipment / materials, and curriculum based camps and excursions.

Application forms which includes eligibility guidelines are available for download at www.chancesforchildren.com.au

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS) http://www.rcna.org.au/wcm/

Undergraduate Nursing Scholarship is valued up to $30,000 or $40,000 for the Bachelor of Nursing/Midwifery Applications Close 21st September 2015

C.A.S Hawker Scholarship www.hawkerscholarship.org

Valued up to $45,000 over 3 years.

Opens 7th December and closes on 8th January 2016.

The application form is now available.

The Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarship Support Year 12 male students to undertake tertiary studies. Who intend to enroll in a full-time course at a Victorian university in 2016.

The scholarships are valued at $15,000 per annum

Applications close on 11th December 2015.

Additional Information

Year 12 female students, applications opening soon for the Mary Lewis Scholarship.

Information about the Mary Lewis Scholarships Foundation and the Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarships can be found at: www.lewisscholarships.org.au

Centrelink - Student Start-up and Relocation Scholarship

If you are eligible, you will receive a Student Start-up Scholarship / relocation Scholarship with your first student payment after 24 February.

You need to receive at least $1 of your student payment in the relevant fortnight to qualify for the scholarship payment. More details from http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/

The 2016 Country Education Foundation Tertiary Scholarships Guide!

With over 1,000 scholarships it’s a must-read for rural and regional students (and parents) looking for help with tertiary study. The Guide contains listings from more than 20 CEF partner universities across Australia - from $500 textbook grants to $40,000 per year for fees and living expenses. https://cef.org.au/students/scholarships/?utm_source=Database%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=183f1480b8-2016_Scholarship_Guide_newsletter_list8_24_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a00858790b-183f1480b8-88728513

NICA - Work Experience and Student Placements

Depending on students’ interest, ability and availability, students will have a first-hand opportunity to participate in training in the studio, as well as administration and marketing. http://www.nica.com.au/index.php

Xmas Casual Opportunities with Super Retail Group

Super Retail Group is offering Christmas casual opportunities for students with their iconic brands in locations across Australia.

For more information and available jobs please visit http://careers.pageuppeople.com/4377/caw/en/job/837763/unwrap-a-great-job-this-christmas

La Trobe University News

Accommodation applications now open

Online applications are now open and cost $53 per student.

Accommodation Services Access and Merit Scholarships

Are now open which reward students with a $3,000 rental discount. First year students must apply via VTAC and applications close Friday 16 October. http://www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation/how-to-apply

Offers for accommodation will be made in mid-late January to eligible applicants who received a first round VTAC offer.

Flinders University News

– Principal’s Recommendation Program

Your performance in Year 12 is not always a true indicator of your ability to succeed at university. Therefore, Flinders University will consider your school’s recommendation about your academic performance and potential for university study for admission to selected Flinders courses.

Selection criteria, Courses available under the program and application form is available - http://www.flinders.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/year-12-entry/principals-recommendation-program.cfm

La Trobe University - Take your business anywhere

Your first year of business leads to any Bachelor of Business Degree - at any campus.

Start a Bachelor of Business at your local campus and, after satisfactorily completing the first year, you can transfer to any of the specialist Bachelor of Business courses offered at other campuses, with full credit.

Students’ successfully completing first year can transfer to any other La Trobe campus to complete any of the Bachelor of Business degrees offered there.

You have the advantage of being able to select from the full range of Bachelor of Business specialisations within La Trobe Business School’s exceptional portfolio. You can then graduate with a Bachelor of Business degree in the discipline of your choice. http://www.latrobe.edu.au/business/study/anywhere

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
**My Skills** website is the national directory of vocational education and training (VET) organizations and courses to help people make informed decisions about their education and training needs. It is a federal government initiative to enable consumers to search for, and compare, VET courses and training providers.

www.myskills.gov.au

**SMGT - Try A Trade 2015** - was held in Mildura on Friday, August 28th. Our Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of trade activities including Horticulture, Engineering, Electrical, Hospitality, Hair & Beauty. Students could also discuss the benefits and career pathways available to them if they were interested in an apprenticeship after finishing school. Thanks to Mrs Lonergan for driving the school bus.

On Monday, August 31st the Year 9 Community boys hosted a football clinic for Prep to Grade 4. We raised $170 for the Fight Cancer Foundation. We covered two types of football, Soccer and AFL.

Skills were taught and practiced and this was followed up with a game of Football and Soccer. The drill components for Soccer and AFL ran through essential skills for both sports such as passing and shooting goals/points.

The students had a great time, with some of the teachers joining in. Hawthorn, Footscray, Port Adelaide and Melbourne City Soccer donated a variety of prizes. The highlight was the authentically signed Footscray posters and Port Adelaide footballs.

Toby Harker, Callum Nixon, Ethan Mallinson, James Doyle, Adam Morrish, Jarrod Fuller, Jake Crespo, Lochie McCormack and Charlie O’Connor Byrne
MUSICAL REHEARSALS:
We would like to thank all cast members, the sets and props team and the sound and lighting team for their continued commitment and hard work as we come into the final weeks of rehearsal, as well as the families who support them. Please bear with us as we juggle all of our academic, musical and sporting commitments. Ironically this is the main theme of our production!!!
Could the cast please ensure their costumes are finalised. The ones on parade at our last rehearsal looked great. ‘Jocks’ need to wear black shorts with their red singlets and we are still on the lookout for eight white lab coats. Included is an updated rehearsal timetable for planning purposes, still subject to change in case of unexpected circumstances. The Props and Set team and the Sound and Lighting team will need to be ready to attend some sessions, both during and after school.
Consultation and communication continue to be vital. Do not hesitate to ask questions or let us know of issues.

SECONDARY SPORT REPORT:
Yesterday Ouyen P-12 College hosted the 2015 SSV Mallee Division Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all of our students who competed with enthusiasm and showed great sportsmanship. A full report will be published next week. Students who qualify to go to LMR Track and Field in Bendigo on October 8th, will be notified early next week. Those that do qualify will need to let me know their transport arrangements by Thursday, September 17th.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION:
Meeting – our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th. The time is yet to be confirmed but will probably revert to the evening. Any agenda items can be given to Raelene Vine [Secretary] on 50921598 or 0407849174.
Funding of equipment – College Council has approved some PA spending recently:
- Food Technology - $500 for new aprons and equipment
- New Athletics singlets - $2000
- Sunscreen – 1 pump bottle per classroom/ home room
- From proceeds of UDSSSA lunch – new small sized shot puts and two long jump take off mats
Thanks to all parents and students who assist us in raising the funds to support the school in these and many other ways.

Sheep sale: Thanks to those who are helping fill the gaps – much appreciated.
School activities – we are fortunate that our children are able to participate in a wide variety of activities over a range of learning areas. There’s been plenty of variety to engage and challenge them with Science Week, Sports, forums, Arts and excursions. The efforts of the staff to plan and present these opportunities are appreciated.

Justine Cresp, President Raelene Vine, Secretary

SHEEP SALE ROSTER:
Thank you to Janis Nulty who stepped in to fill the worker gap at the last sheep sale. We appreciate your efforts, Janis.

September 10th WORKERS
- Janis Nulty
- Bec Hynam
- Lyndal Munro
- Leisa Cronin
- P. Schultz

September 17th WORKERS
- Noela Hill
- Cathryn Prentice

COOKS
- Helen Chisholm
- Effie Conlin
- Prue Munro
- Julie Quinn

SRC UPCOMING EVENTS:
Last day of term will be a free dress day with a gold coin donation.
Also during the last week of term a fun run will be held to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. More details to come in next week’s newsletter.
MINI OLYMPICS:  
Congratulations to the 33 primary students who have been selected to represent Ouyen P-12 College in Mildura on Tuesday, September 8th. The students have trained very hard over recent weeks. A big thank you to Jim Valance, Jack O’Shanessy, Jade Eames and Courtney Maynard who have also trained and assisted the team.

A team meeting will be held **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**, at recess, outside the grade 5/6 rooms. Students requiring a school t-shirt will be issued with one and final arrangements will be discussed.

Bus travellers should meet at the Fuller Street bus stop by 7.50am ready for an 8am departure. Students need to bring warm clothes, lunch and a drink.

Due to the large number of students participating, the school would be grateful if parents intending to bring children home in their car could also transport their child to the event, as there is limited room on the bus. Travel arrangements need to be confirmed and money for bus travellers settled by Monday.

When the program is available, it will be sent home with the students. The team has been placed on the notice boards outside the 5/6 and 3 & 4 rooms.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact either Mrs Morrish or Mrs Stone.

UPCOMING DATES:

**TERM 4**

**Monday, October 12th** - Regional Athletics  
Bendigo

**Friday, October 23rd** - State Athletics  
Melbourne

**Tuesday, November 10th** - Year 5/6 T-20 Blast Cricket  
Blackburn Park

Ticket Sales:
At the General Office from Friday, September 4th. Tickets must be paid for before seats are allocated.

Performance Dates:
Ouyen Community Centre  
Wednesday, October 7th, **2.00pm**.  
Friday, October 9th, **7.30pm**.

Ticket Prices:
Adults $10.00  
Families $25.00  
Students & Pensioners $5.00
Contact Nadiene Lynch on 0419 371 445 to ensure your seat. Last bookings taken today—Friday, September 4th.

MY FAIR LADY:
Red Cliffs Musical Society’s latest production is the iconic My Fair Lady. The musical features a cast of 35, exquisite costumes and amazing sets! My Fair Lady is Lerner and Loew’s musical adaptation of George Bernard Shaw’s ‘Pygmalion’. Set in 1912, the play follows the fortunes of a common flower girl when she attempts to rise above her station in life with the help of the sarcastic linguist Henry Higgins. Only 5 performances at the MAC from September 10 to 13 so don’t miss out!

Michele McGauchie
Administrative Assistant
Mildura Eisteddfod Society Inc.
Mobile No: 0429 481 898

DID YOU KNOW...?
According to Time Magazine in 1918, ‘Pink was considered a more decided and stronger colour... more suitable for the boy; while blue, which is more delicate and dainty, is prettier for the girl’

Isn’t it interesting how each generation seems to have their own ideas on what is ‘normal’? In 2015 it’s now acceptable for people of all genders (and there’s many of them) to wear whatever colour they like without being stereotyped. Well we hope that’s the case!

Tania Down
Health Promotion
Women’s Health
Loddon Mallee