Principal’s Report

Attendance
I am very concerned about the high rates of absence by some students. It is a legal requirement that children between the ages of 6 and 17 years of age attend school or (for older students) participate in some form of education and training.

Parents are required to ensure their child attends school and to provide an explanation for their child’s absence from school.

Coming to school every day provides students with the building blocks for their future both educationally and socially. A child who misses a lot of school often feels stressed and left out when they do come to school.

It is not okay to schedule appointments during school time unless this cannot be avoided and it is not okay for students to ‘have a day off’.

At our school we genuinely care about giving each individual student the best start we can in life. Please help by ensuring your child comes to school unless they are sick.

It is not okay to be away!

Food Allergy Week
This week is Food Allergy Week with the theme: Be Aware. Show You Care.

Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates with 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today developing a food allergy.

At our school we have a number of students with food allergies, the most serious of which is related to nuts. All our staff are trained in Anaphylaxis and we ask parents to help by not sending nuts or foods containing nuts to school.

Australian Early Development Census
Between May and July our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This is a nationwide census of early childhood development aimed at helping the government to understand how children are developing before they begin school. It is conducted by the teachers and the children are not required to do anything other than attend class as usual.

During the census teachers record information based on their knowledge and observations of each child in the Prep class. Once the census is completed some data will be made public, however no student names, ages, addresses or schools are included.

This is an ‘opt out’ program so parents not wishing their child to be involved need to contact the school. More information will be sent home to Prep parents in the coming weeks to explain in greater detail.

ANZAC Day
All students and staff at our school were involved in ANZAC Day Commemoration activities today and over the last week. Thank you to community members who came along to support this program and to Mrs Michelle Morrish for organising the day.

Leanne Dawes
Principal
Experience Uni and Be You at VU
When: Wednesday 8th July (School Holidays)
Take part in workshops with current students and staff and explore your passions, interests and career options.
Register for Be You At VV www.vu.edu.au/be-you-at-vu

IT Work Experience at Coles

The annual week-long Coles IT Work Experience Program will be held in their Melbourne office for high school students (Year 10, 11 and 12). This year’s program will run from the 29th June to 3rd July and they are looking to extend the opportunities to students with disability.

The program’s goals are to:
1. Educate students on a career in IT/Digital in order to increase interest & uptake in tertiary IT courses.
2. Develop Coles as a destination to build a great career.
More details for Coles IT Work Experience details
Contact: Kaeden Trinh, Organisational Development Project Manager | Talent & Diversity
Email: Kaeden.Trinh@coles.com.au

SuniTAFE Mallee Campus in Ouyen is Open 4 Days Per Week!

Jenny Heaslip - SuniTAFE Co-ordinator is available at the Ouyen campus Monday and Tuesday 9am - 5pm, (Jenny is working from Mildura Campus Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).
Rod Yeomans - MADEC facilitator on campus Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 - 3.30pm Closed Fridays.
Jenny is contactable by phone or email at any time for any enquiries.
Or leave a message and she will return it as soon as possible.
Phone 5091 0409
Mobile: 0419 883 541
Email: jheaslip@sunittafe.edu.au

Moving into Medicine – The Rural Way!
Are you interested in a career in Medicine? In Year 10, 11 or 12?
You are invited to an information evening to be held at the School of Rural Health Mildura.
When: Thursday 21st May 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Light refreshments supplied.
Guest Speakers: Julie Baxter, Admissions Unit Clayton Local senior academic staff
Former and current medical students
Enquiries and RSVP by Friday 15th May to Jenny Timmis 5022 5521 or email jenny.timmis@monash.edu

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator

Career Induction Card

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who have successfully gained their Construction Induction Card for Occupational Health & Safety on Wednesday.

Declan Anderson  Lachlan Boseley
Liam Brackenridge-Blume
Jacob Coe  Jack Cook  Brandon Corp
Matt Dale-Hill  Peter Darley  Macey Evans
Cale French  Laura Hayter  Harrison Jolly
Yasmine Kerr  Nate Lynch  Ryan McKay
Tom Morrish  Charlee Pengelly  James Phillips
Mykel Pierson  Allie Winslow

This course was partly funded by MIPS. Thanks to Cathy Keeble from SuniTafe Mildura for conducting this course.

The Construction card is needed for work experience in industries such as plumbing, building, carpentry, electrical, landscaping engineering and architecture. However it also can also be required by students considering options such as civil engineering and food.

Sparks Engineering Holiday Program
Spark Engineering Camp is a Youth Without Borders initiative that provides an opportunity for Year 10 – 12 students to experience university life and see what engineering has to offer. Students stay on university grounds at a residential college with activities planned throughout the city.

Types of sessions you can expect include: Engineering Activities, Information Seminars, Personal Development, Mentoring, Team Building & Social Activities.

Melbourne Camp Dates: 6th – 11th July
Camp Cost: Free
Applications Close: Friday 29th May
Application forms available from the Careers Office.

VCE / VCAL Careers Trip for Year 11
When: Sunday 9th – Tuesday 11th August
All year 11 students have received an ‘Expression of Interest’ form for the Careers trip to Melbourne.
I welcome parent and student involvement; please add your suggestions, sign and return so as planning can commence.
Deposit of $100 per person will be required by Friday 29th May 2015.
Please make contact if you have any concerns or questions.

School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships Forum
Over 30 students and parents attended the information evening on Wednesday to gain a better insight to the opportunity a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship can offer, and the process by which it is achieved. SBAT’s allow students a real opportunity to develop a career and receive qualifications that are nationally accredited and count towards their VCE or VCAL.

Guest speakers included Sara Wrate Chaffey College, Debbie McKinnon St Joseph’s College, Ian Westhead, NMLEN, Jenny Heaslip SuniTAFE, and Ryan Grayling & Alex Wilson Ouyen Steele.
Please see the following links for snap shots of SBAT’s in our community: https://youtu.be/v_x_itBMsMo https://youtu.be/NSYWxCR1eWs
If you require more information on SBAT’s please contact me at the school.

Work Experience / Structured Work Placement
Dates – 2015
Year 10 – August, 10th / 14th
Year 11 – July, 13th / 17th
July 6th – 10th (Optional School Holidays)
MUSIC: If anyone is interested in private drum or guitar lessons for their child, could they please notify the office or Mrs Woodall directly. There are a couple of places available for those who are quick.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"Take charge of your attitude. Don’t let someone else choose it for you."
~ Author Unknown

Happy Birthday:
April 28th - Liam Bond
April 29th - Milly O’Shannessy

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE: Monsters in My Wardrobe
A reminder that our Cultural Performance for all students in P-6 will be held on Tuesday, April 28th.
If you have not already paid please send $5 in a marked and named envelope with your child on Tuesday. (Monday—no school for students)

WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Gareth Morrish
Grade 1: Breanna Coe
Grade 2: Maya Scott
Grade 3: Tamzin Elliott
Grade 4: Ziyoun Lam

Literacy Award:
Prep: Ryley Sims
Grade 1: Rayne Duiker
Grade 2: Bridie Clarke
Grade 3: Brylie Allender
Grade 4: Georgia Latta

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Tyrone Dixon
Grade 1: Caleb Gall
Grade 2: Talia Munro
Grade 3: Dustin O’Shannessy
Grade 4: Will Nihill

National Family Reading Month!
May is National Family Reading Month and we would like to encourage all students from Prep to Grade 6 to read every night for at least ten minutes with their family. Scholastic is running a competition as a bit of incentive for students and their families to read more. Students could win $250 in book vouchers for themselves as well as winning books for their classrooms.

Simply fill in the ‘Read More in May Challenge’ sheet and return to your teacher at the start of June.

Happy Reading!

QUADRANGLE:
Work continues in the quadrangle with Mr Chris Burns and his team cleaning up the garden beds and bringing in fresh loam. With the aid of his Dingo digger, Chris was able to spread the loam out and the quadrangle is now ready for the next phase of work.
### Ouyen P-12 College Cross Country

**Thursday, April 30th**

10.00 am  
9/10 Year Old Girls (2km)

10.20 am  
9/10 Year Old Boys (2km)

10.40 am  
11/12 Year Old Girls (3km)

11.00 am  
11/12 Year Old Boys (3km)

11.20 am  
6 Year Old & under (400m)

11.25 am  
7 Year Old Boys & Girls
(400m)

11.30 am  
8 Year Old Boys & Girls
(450m)

11.40 am  
Girls 12-13/14 Years (2km)

12.00 pm  
Boys 12-13 /14 Years (2km)

12.20 pm  
Girls 15/16/17/21 Years (3km)

12.50 pm  
Boys 15/16/17/21 Years (3km)

**Whole School Presentation – 2.50pm**

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**Prep / Grade 1 / Grade 2**

**Distances:**

- Prep / Grade 1 - 400 metres
- Grade 2 - 450 metres

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**Years 3-6 students** are encouraged to bring their runners and sports shirts to change into for junior sport and physical education classes. They are also welcome to attend cross country training at lunchtimes, and should bring a top to change into. Students will be given time to eat their lunch at the end of training.
HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The Inter house Cross Country will be staged Thursday, April 30th rain or shine. With the House carnival tally one a piece, the competition is set to be fierce. Cross Country is both an individual and team event and it is important that all house members compete to the best of their ability. The Junior students (13 & 14 Years) will be racing over approx. 2km and the Senior students (15, 16, 17 & 18-20 Years) approx. 3km.

The event is completed over periods 3 & 4 and all students are expected to be at school for the whole day. If for some legitimate reason you are unable to participate, please give a note to Mrs. Lonergan prior to race day.

It is important that students remember to bring their sports uniform on Race Day so that they can compete in the Cross Country. Students must change into sports uniform prior to their event, in time to be at the starting line at least 10 minutes before their race is scheduled to start.

Track suit pants and rugby tops will be discouraged while running the races, however students may wear them before and after their race. Tights or shorts and house shirt are preferable to run in.

A map of the course will be found on notice boards around the school and is the same as in previous years, encompassing the school boundaries and bottom oval area. Parents and friends are encouraged to come along and support the runners.

SCORING
1. Medallions to winners in Junior 12-14 Years, Intermediate 15 & 16 Years, Senior 17-20 Years and Open (16-20 Years) Sections.
2. Ribbons to placegetters in each age group.
3. Scoring is based on time achieved.
4. Teams - The best five (5) scores in each section: 12-14 Years, 15 & 16 Years and 17-20 Years.
5. Overall Aggregate - Total team points earned in all sections.
6. Cross Country performances are a vital element in the selection of all teams for the Mallee Division Winter Games Championships.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Ouyen P-12 Cross Country
Thursday, April 30th Ouyen

SSV Mallee Division Cross Country
Friday, 15th May Ouyen

SSV Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country
Tuesday, 2nd June St. Arnaud

OUYEN P-12 COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH

11.40am Girls 12-13/14 Years (2km)
12.00 pm Boys 12-13 /14 Years (2km)
12.20 pm Girls 15/16/17/21 Years (3km)
12.50 pm Boys 15/16/17/21 Years (3km)
WHOLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION – 2.50pm
Cluster Day: Thanks to those who have offered to help out with food/ cash and / or time on Monday – the list on the next page is nearly covered.
However, we need extra help as we now have 50 more staff attending. Some things we will purchase - milk, juice, salad, fruit, gluten free needs etc.

Needed: 1 extra quiche 1 extra lasagne 1 extra pkt of sandwiches extra batch of scones

Please contact Raelene Vine with your offer 0407849174

Could all the slices be the tray, rather than 1 doz pieces, please.

A couple of students have offered to help – any more offers gratefully received.

Cuppa from 8:45a.m. Morning Tea: 10:00a.m. Lunch: 12:20p.m

Meeting/ Memberships – we have received a handful of membership slips but little feedback on preferences for PA meetings. It would be encouraging to have some more members and an idea of what times might suit you to come to a PA meeting.

Membership is $5/ family – this covers administrative costs and entitles you to minutes, lets you vote at meetings, and allows you to hold office!

Please fill in and return to the office with your membership fee. Please note a preference, if you have one, for PA meeting times. Slips attached below.

Next meeting – May 11th 7:00p.m.

Catering –
April 27 – Mallee Schools Cluster Day – Yrs -P/1/2, 5/6, and 9/ 10 – morning tea and lunch – see list below
May 1st – Year 5 – Push Carts – lunch for 25 – Lorraine Shaddock’s garden – note going home
May 14th – MTH&CS – Volunteers Thank you lunch – Yrs 3/4 and 11/ 12 – list next week
May 17th – The Defence Network Car Rally – Tea – Yrs 7/8 (may be given to Push Carts – Yr 5)
July 12th – Afternoon tea at Trotting Club for Stan Healy’s 90th

Tiqbiz – remember to register and give it a go – phone or pc (lots of info in last week’s newsletter)

Justine Cresp – President, Raelene Vine – Secretary
Catering: Cluster Day for 139  Ouyen P- 12 College April 27th

Morning Tea for 10 a.m. delivered by 9:15a.m. to Community Centre

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Lunch for 12:20 serving – delivered by 10:45. If quiche and lasagne are coming hot – 11:30

Workers: 3 or 4 to set up a.m. tea – 8:45 a.m. – Community Centre
8 to prepare lunch from 10:45 a.m.
6 to clean up from 1:00 p.m.

School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships Forum

Thank you to the wonderful presenters who came to our school to give our students a better insight into the opportunity a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship can offer, and the process by which it is achieved.
### Sheep Sale Roster

**DATE:** January 15<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
**COOKS**  
Angela Greed  
Vanessa Anderson (50921379)  
**DATE:** January 29<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Tania Down (50824304)  
Renae Hulland  
**DATE:** February 12<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Alison Brackenridge-Blume  
Justine Cresp  
**DATE:** February 26<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Bec Hynam  
Debbie Brauer  
**DATE:** March 12<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Rachael Cook (50921585)  
Megan Alger  
**DATE:** March 26<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Raelene Vine  
Kim Mudge  
**DATE:** April 9<sup>th</sup> (Holidays)  
**WORKERS**  
Elaine Richardson (50921579)  
Donna Wills  
**DATE:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Therese Jolly (50936274)  
Brooke Smith  
**DATE:** May 7<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Yvonne Sporn  
Melinda Clarke  
**DATE:** May 21<sup>st</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Vanessa Anderson (50921379)  
Angela Greed  
**DATE:** June 4<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Janeceeh Hahnel (50921634)  
**WORKERS NEEDED**  
**DATE:** June 18<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Katrina Erhardt (50922109)  
Kellie Eldridge  
**DATE:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> (holidays)  
**WORKERS**  
Michelle Morrish  
Bec Prentice  
**DATE:** July 16<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Megan Hastings (50922126)  
Shelley French  
**DATE:** July 30<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Amanda Hayter  
**WORKER NEEDED**  
**DATE:** August 6<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Jo Linklater  
Marcella Sharp  
**DATE:** August 13<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Raeene Vine (50921 598)  
Karen Gall  
**DATE:** August 20<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Megan Hastings  
A.Akkary  
**DATE:** August 27<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Sam Trigg  
Seija Peck  
**DATE:** September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Carmel Vaillance (50921684)  
Fiona Scott  
**DATE:** September 10<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Janis Nulty (50922144)  
Bec Hynam  
**DATE:** September 17<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Olivia Cheerna  
Narelle Latta  
Kylie Zanker  
Kirstyn Campbell  
**DATE:** September 24<sup>th</sup> (holidays)  
**WORKERS**  
Jan Morrish (50921 494)  
Donna Nikill  
**DATE:** October 1<sup>st</sup> (holidays)  
**WORKERS**  
Shelley Woodall  
Helen Gloster  
**DATE:** October 8<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Melinda Lynch (50946238)  
Kerryn Harker  
**DATE:** October 15<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
Karen Grigg (50841205)  
Gemma Munro  
**DATE:** October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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COOK NEEDED  
**DATE:** November 5<sup>th</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
COOK NEEDED  
**DATE:** December 1<sup>st</sup>  
**WORKERS**  
COOK NEEDED  

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL SHEEP SALE ROSTER.**
We’re pleased to inform you that we have launched a school app. The school will be using the app to send out general updates, reminders, events and more! The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.

We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find and tick the school. When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family.

You’ll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date. You will be able to submit student absence via the app, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger!

We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.

A third of our families is already using tiqbiz. We need everyone to download and use the app to make it worthwhile.

If you are having trouble or don’t understand the instructions on how to download the app please come and see us in the General Office. We will be only too happy to give you some instructions on how to download and use the app.