Principal’s Report

Classroom Observations
I have been involved in classroom observations across all year levels at our school lately. Our school has an agreed lesson structure to be used by all teachers to ensure high quality teaching and optimum learning. As I move around classes I am impressed not only by the structure of the lessons themselves and the planning and preparation teachers put into these but by the positive relationships being developed within the groups. Our classrooms are usually calm, well behaved and focussed and I congratulate staff and students on their efforts.

Cluster Day
Next Friday, September 5th, is a Pupil Free Day (students are not required at school on this day). Staff from across our Mallee Schools Cluster will be meeting here at Ouyen. The day will involve a range of workshops related to the theme ‘Today is practise for Tomorrow’.

Bullying Survey
We have recently conducted a survey of all students around the incidence of bullying at our school. Students identified as bullies have been spoken to and parents notified so that we can address this issue together. Another survey will take place in the next couple of weeks to follow up. In addition to this, P-6 classes are presently looking at bullying and what we can do to prevent it at our school.

SRI
It is time to order the new student books for SRI (formerly CRE). A considerable number of the new DEECD forms for SRI have yet to be returned. To allow accurate ordering, could families wishing their child/ren to participate in the SRI classes please return the forms or come to the office to complete one. We apologise for all the changes with this but we must follow the new Ministerial guidelines carefully. Orders will be placed next Wednesday.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

The Year 10 Ag. Hort. students have been enjoying pottering around the farm with the aid of our student teacher, Mr Burns. ▼

Diary Dates

September
1st - Primary Athletics Mildura
3rd - Secondary Mallee District Athletics
5th - Cluster PD Day (Pupil Free Day)
8th-12th - Year 5/6 camp, Melbourne
15th - Parent Teacher Interviews
16th-19th - Fairfax Festival Swon Hill Year 8 Drama

Expression of Interest - Running and Walking Group
Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Families,

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from Ouyen P-12 College students and their family members in participating in a morning running and/or walking group. It would take place two mornings a week during Term Four, starting at around 6:45-7am and would be purely running or walking for the health and mental benefits exercise provides (no racing!). It would be aimed at students who are Year 5 and older, and their families.

This idea is only in its initial stages and if there is sufficient interest from those keen to get involved there will be more information provided.

If you are interested in participating can you please pass your name to Mr Stewart or Mr Stoetzer.
Happy Birthday:

September 2nd - Tim Vine

FARM SAFETY:
On Wednesday, the Year 3/4 and 7/8 students jumped on buses and headed out to the Hastings Farm for the annual Farm Safety Day. The weather was glorious and provided a fantastic backdrop to the many attractions. The day amalgamated the talents of many local experts, all demonstrating their skills by showing students the ins and outs of the dangers associated with their respective areas.

The main attraction, in the form of professional ABC presenter Chris Humphry as the resident species expert, captivated the attention of all the students across the year levels. The culmination of a variety of species holding; including snake, lizard and bird; chasing down an escaped sheep; checking out grenades and C4 supplied by the Police and playing around on the Tractors; there seemed to be something for everyone. A special mention to Nurse Annie. She did a fantastic job in bandaging up Maddy’s arm after she had chopped off her hand in one of the many first aid scenarios acted out on the day.

A big thank you to our bus drivers for getting us there and back safely and all the teachers for giving up their time at school to ensure the students were able to participate in the day.

A final congratulations goes to all the VCAL students for their work throughout the day. They were very professional and the students were able to relate easily to their presentations.

Mr Stewart

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.” ~ Winston Churchill

MALLEE UP IN LIGHTS:
The “Mallee Up In Lights” opening is to take place down at the Roxy Theatre on Friday October 3rd. It is an incredibly important occasion for our community with an exciting program planned. Our students are all invited to participate, and we are preparing for this here at school by learning songs and making lanterns. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please stay tuned for more details as they become available.

YEAR ONE ART:
Year One Students are asked to bring a 600ml plastic water bottle or soft drink bottle (washed) to use in Art next week. We are going to turn them into lanterns for the “Mallee Up in Lights” opening.

DRUMMING LESSONS:
Early next year it looks as though we will have the opportunity for individual drumming lessons here at school. These lessons cost $25 per half hour and go for a ten week block. At the moment these will take place during the school day, however we are still working out the finer details. If your child is interested, please contact Mrs Woodall here at school via phone, email or note.
CONGRATULATIONS to the students who competed in the Underbool District School Sports event last Thursday.

In pleasant, sunny conditions the students competed to the best of their ability and it was great to see so many happy, smiling faces amongst the competitors.

A huge thank you to:

⇒ Geoff Amos for his hard work preparing the grounds
⇒ Roxanne Simmonds for her “pre event” work in organising the paper work to enable the day to run successfully
⇒ All staff and parents who assisted at events
⇒ The year 11 and year 9 students who helped rake, collect and run messages

Well done to Dustin O’Shannessy & Liam Bond for achieving 21 points on the day. Congratulations to the age group champions:

6 year old girls – Mia Grayling
6 year old boys – Liam Bond
7 year old boys – Dustin O’Shannessy
8 year old girls – Brylie Allender
9 year old boys – Samuel O’Shannessy and Joel Grace
10 year old girls – Ebony Greig
11 year old girls – Lauren Grace
12 year old girls – Lily Munro

A team has now been selected to represent Ouyen P-12 College at the Sunraysia South Mini Olympics to be held in Mildura on MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Students selected in the team will have received a note outlining the details. We wish these students the best of luck and look forward to hearing of their achievements.
**SSV MALLEE DIVISION ATHLETICS**

We will welcome competitors from Robinvale, Manangatang, Murrayville, Werrimull, Tyrrell AND St. Mary’s next Wednesday for our Annual SSV Mallee Division Athletics. Geoff Amos has been busy preparing the oval so that it is ready for competition.

**Starting Time - 10.00 a.m.**

The teams have been put up on general noticeboards and in Home Group rooms so that all students know what events they are now in after the challenges have been completed.

If for any reason students cannot compete in events, changes MUST go through Mrs. Lonergan. No student should find their own replacement for an event.

Please check the teams and program so that you know what events you are in and at what time they are scheduled.

Good luck to all of our competitors.

Thank you to the parents who have offered their assistance in running the sports - more help would be greatly appreciated.

Please let the office know if you are available.

Competitors placing 1st will qualify to compete at Northern Zone in Bendigo.

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**SPORTS SINGLET WE NEED THEM!!!**

There are still a lot of sports singlets that have not been returned from previous events. These shirts are school property and it is disappointing that some students don’t return them straight after events.

We are in the process of ordering new shirts but need all the current shirts returned for these sports.

If you have one at home please return it on Monday as we need them for the Athletics team.

**Forthcoming Dates**

SSV Mallee Division Athletics

Wednesday, 3rd September

Ouyen

**SSV LMR Athletics**

Thursday, 9th October

Bendigo

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**REMINDEERS FOR SPORTS**

Students will be selected to help out at the various events next Wednesday.

All competing and assisting students are expected to be appropriately attired in Inter school, School Sports Uniforms on sports day. NO casual/fashion T-shirts will be allowed.

Inappropriate sports uniform may lead to removal from events. Track pants can only be worn to compete in Shot Put, Javelin and Discus events. Track suits/rugby tops should be worn between events if the weather is cool, but also be prepared for warm weather.

All competitors in 100m, 200m, 400m and 4x100 relay events must use a crouch start - “ON YOUR MARKS” “SET” “GO” (The Gun)

**SHOT / DISCUS / JAVELIN** athletes **MUST** enter and leave through the back of the circle/throwing area. All spectators and waiting competitors must remain well behind the throwing areas.

Please check the program carefully and ensure that you are at the appropriate area on time.

Running events take priority over field events. **If you have a clash in events, report to the field event before going to compete in your track event.**

After your track event, return promptly to your field event.

Please check the team sheets to ensure you know what events you are in next Wednesday.

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**COMPETITORS UNIFORM**

- Navy or black shorts or tights
- White Ouyen P-12 polo shirt
- Ouyen P-12 Rugby Jumper
- Blue or black track suit pants if cold.
ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS are invited to meet with Sue Sly as soon as possible to receive support applying to TAFEs, Universities and Apprenticeships. Assistance with applications for accommodation scholarships, special schemes and other relevant support can be provided.

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN – TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION

Thanks to Todd McCarthy from Mallee Family Care and students who listened to the information that Todd had to share on students moving away from home to employment and further study
#The Chances Tertiary Resource Guide
www.chancesforchildren.com.au
# Budgeting a great phone app that may help "Track My Spend"
# Accommodation Options- College Vs Private rental,
# Centrelink – everyone is encouraged to register and find out what payments are available to you.
# Scholarships are available through Chances for Children

NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND SUPPORT SCHEME (NAHSSS)  
Applications close 15th September 2014

C.A.S HAWKER SCHOLARSHIP

Opens 8th December and closes on 2nd January 2015
The application form is now available - www.hawkerscholarship.org

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICE/TRAINEESHIPS

STUDENTS NEED TO CONSIDER:
# Do you have an employer who can take you on for the required hours?
# Does your career plan indicate that you intend to pursue this type of career?
# Would you be able to handle, work, training and school at this time in your school program?
# Is the SBAT going to place additional pressure on your VCE or VCAL program?

DOXA CADETSHIP PROGRAM

Applications close Friday 31st October 2014
This program supports talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to progress through university and into a professional role.
As part of the program cadets receive a number of benefits. Sponsorships in2015 will include opportunities for students completing areas of study in Commerce, Law, Banking, Finance, Accounting, Engineering, Science, Psychology, Communications, Marketing, Arts and a range of other fields. www.doxa.org.au

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Access Melbourne – provides an opportunity to explain the circumstances that have affected their chance of gaining a place at the University of Melbourne
Are regularly offered a place in courses when their ATAR is below the course clearly-in-rank.
Applicants eligible for the disadvantaged financial background and/or from rural or isolated areas categories selection is guaranteed if course prerequisites are satisfied and the following ATAR is achieved:
78 or above - Arts, Environments or Science
88 or above - Commerce
95 or above – Biomedicine
Application for Access Melbourne are made using VTAC’s SEAS application.

SUNITA FE – MILDURA

HEALTH AND WELL BEING INFORMATION SESSIONS SELECTION PROCESS FOR PROGRAMS IN 2015

Diploma of Community Services Work
Wednesday 22nd October, 6pm – 8pm
Certificate III Aged Care and Diploma of Nursing
Tuesday 14th October 5pm – 7pm
Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care and Diploma or Early Childhood Education and Care
Wednesday 25th November 6pm – 7pm or Wednesday 21st January 6pm – 7pm
Certificate III in Hairdressing Tuesday 18th November 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Certificate II in Nail Technology and Certificate III & IV in Beauty Services
Wednesday 12th November 5.30pm – 6.30pm
All information sessions will be held in SunIAFE Auditorium
Phone Linda on 50 223 769 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT (ICHM)

Adelaide, 2015 Prospectus and Scholarship Application forms are available from the Careers Office. www.ichm.edu.au

CULTURAL CARE AU PAIR – U.S.A

Cultural exchange and personal growth.
One year living with an American host family, caring for their children, a weekly wage of US$195.75, 2 weeks paid vacation and more. www.culturalcare.com.au

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY DEAKIN ASSURED OFFER PROGRAM

save yourself the stress of waiting for an offer. Eligible students will receive an offer in November.
Applications close Wednesday 29th October. www.deakin.edu/assured

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY MY CAREER MATCH

Help students discover their perfect career and course options.
Completing ACU’s My Career Match survey will help students find suitable careers and occupations based on their strengths and personality style.
My Career Match produces a specific report for each individual which will help students:
• Discover their strengths and talents and the careers that match
• Boost their awareness of the things they are good at
• Use personal content from the report to strengthen resumes

View ACU course options that match the possible careers and help plan the educational pathway.
Follow the course links in the report and be transferred to the ACU website where students can explore the study options available.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thanks – to staff for organising Todd McCarthy’s visit and info session about Chances for Children’s scholarships for those in Years 11 and 12 this week.

Best wishes to all participating in special activities – Farm Safety, Drama workshops, Athletics, camps – always variety and busyness.

Meeting – Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 8th from 7:00p.m. – probably in the Food Tech classroom (Community Centre). It would be great to hear ideas and good feedback about your child’s time at school, along with innovative suggestions for developing the school environment and programs. We will have one of the staff as a guest speaker giving information on a school program. Details next week.

Catering / Sheep Sale – For the next few weeks, sales will be weekly while stock numbers are sufficient. For those taking a turn in the kiosk – the buyers, vendors etc have asked if the kiosk could be opened a little earlier on these chilly mornings. They’re looking for a hot cuppa to warm them up. If you can do that, it would be greatly appreciated.

Parents Vic Annual conference – Today and tomorrow at the zoo. Theme – Education for Everyone – Let’s Engage. Program includes: performance by Thomastown West Primary School choir; opening by Martin Dixon; Using digital technologies to support learning; delivering lessons that count: learning not teaching; web conferencing and on-line connections – e-learning; using on-line resources and supporting safe and responsible use of digital technologies – hints and tips for parents; conference dinner at Visy Park with entertainment by Simon Pampena – National Numeracy Ambassador/ Stand- up Mathematician; Bernie Geary – commissioner for Children and Young People; Connecting Authentically with Teenagers – Reach Foundation; How does a Parent Club add value to a school; How to run a successful parent club.

Catering: Thanks to those who have committed to helping with the upcoming catering tasks. We’re going to need a lot of support to succeed with the busy schedule, so the contact people will look forward to hearing from you with your offers. Some will require a little more work than others but if as many as possible can put their hands up to help out – the load is shared, and we will be able to help with more new equipment for the school.

September 4th – Lions’ Club Dinner -2 course dinner – Prep/ 1/ 2 – contact person – Pat Higgins See next page
September 5th – Mallee Schools Cluster Day – morning tea and lunch at the school – 3/ 4/ 5 & 6 – Contact people – Melanie Grace and Donna Nihill – see next page
September 14th – Kidzfix Car Rally – tea at Blackburn Park [yes, we know it’s Vote Count Day for many – all sorted] for about 50 – Yrs 7/8 and 12. Contact people – Jo Linklater and Tracie Corbett Details next week’s newsletter
October 8th – Seniors Day lunch – at school – Yrs 9 and 10. Contact person – Therese Jolly
October 22nd – Year 12 lunch – at school – Yr 11 – contact person pending
December 6th – Nancye Munro’s 90th birthday – afternoon tea – wait and see.

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary

WELFARE NEWS:
Achievement by Proxy
What is it? Achievement by proxy is basically a parent or coach experiencing the success of a young person. This is often experienced through sporting and athletics achievements, but can also be experienced through music and academic achievements as well. A result often seen is the desire of the parent for the child to strive more, higher, and to achieve greater levels of success, becoming routinely dissatisfied with their child’s achievements. An underlying issue of the parent can be a sense of failure or inadequacy due to their own inability to achieve as a young person.

Ways to gauge whether this may be an issue for you include:
♦ The level of sacrifice you ask your child to make, e.g. sacrifice to their social life; which often causes friction at home.
♦ Seeing your child through the lens of achievement; such as having to produce another medal, an extra competition winner, or a participant in every possible talent show.

These actually demotivate your child and they begin to feel that they are only loved by their behaviour or achievements and not who they are.

Healthy ways to help your child:
♦ Maintain a healthy relationship between you and your child. Give this priority over any participation in a competition or whether they succeed in the career choice you wanted for them.
♦ Have a greater interest in their involvement than the outcome. Make the goal increasing their skills, rather than winning the prize.
♦ Acknowledge that they are still a child and that they will have their own goals and dreams which may be different to yours.

“Become more interested in the process of their involvement than the outcome of it.”
Marie Kilpatrick SWW
101 Practical Ways to Motivate Your Child, Lane, Nigel, HSM Publishing 2010, Belmont Vic.
Catering: Lions Club Dinner at Blackburn Park, September 4th

Serving time yet to be confirmed – possibly 7:15 – 7:30pm
Prep/ 1/2 families Contact Pat Higgins – 0427 669 331
Donations towards the purchase of meat, rolls and various other items are welcome

Food donations are asked to be delivered to Blackburn Park as soon after 2pm as possible. If sending in to school, please advise so we know to collect.

2L milk
250g butter
2.5kg carrots
40 medium potatoes
1 punnet strawberries
4 kiwi fruit
½ loaf bread - crumbed
1 small jar honey
1 x 600ml cream, 1 x 600ml cream, 1 sponge cake (by 6:30)

3 trays cauliflower au gratin (if cold – by 6, 6:30 if hot)
1 Kent pumpkin
2.5kg beans
24 firm medium tomatoes
2 trifles (by 6:30)
1 x 600mL cream – whipped (by 6:30)
1 jar cranberry sauce
1 bunch spring onions
2 x 300g sour cream

Workers: Thursday: 2:00p.m. – some food preparation: 3 people:
Thursday evening 6:00p.m. – cooking, heating, gravy: 3 workers
- plating up 4 or 5 7:15p.m.
3 or 4 to wait table – looking for student volunteers - help greatly appreciated.

Thanks in anticipation.

Catering: Cluster Day
Ouyen P- 12 College
September 5th

For about 80-90
Yr 3/ 4 – contact Melanie Grace 0437865010
Yr 5/ 6 – contact Donna Nihill 0428142656

All food has been provided for this catering commitment but we are desperately seeking workers for all time slots.
If you can help please contact Mel or Donna.

Workers: 2 or 3 to set up a.m. tea – 8:45a.m. – Community centre
3 or 4 to prepare lunch from 10:30 a.m.
2 or 3 to clean up from 12:45 p.m.

SHEEP SALE Roster

September 4th
WORKERS
Carmel Vallance
(50921684)
Fiona Scott

COOKS
Loretta Smith
Renae Lanigan
Leanne Lennon
Marcell Gardien
Robyn Woodyard

September 11th
WORKERS
Janis Nulty
(50922144)
Bec Hynam

COOKS
Di Boseley
Lyndal Munro
Jo Hogan
Peter Treloar

September 18th
WORKERS
Noela Hill
(5092 2770)

COOKS
Helen Chisholm
Effie Conlin
Helen Lam
Julie Quinn