Principal’s Report

Early Start
This week our 2015 Year 7 students have participated in an introduction to their 2015 classes and Home Groups. This has been a really positive program, well received by all. Next week our P-6 area joins the program with the 2015 Preps coming until 2.00pm on Wednesday.

An information meeting for 2015 Prep parents will be held from 1.20pm in the Prep classroom and is an opportunity for parents to pick up information booklets and learn a little more about our school and what to expect next year.

P-6 Swimming
An intensive swimming program for P-6 students began this week and will continue next week. Our aim is to skill students up to be swim and be safe around water before the summer holidays begin.

P-4 Concert
Congratulations to everyone involved in the P-4 Concert. Staff and students put a great deal of effort into their performances. The evening was once again expertly put together by Mrs Woodall. I would particularly like to thank Tim Gloster for organising our sound and light and his team of assistants for all their hard work.

Code Red Status
Our school was recently placed on the DEECD’s Bush Fire At-Risk Register. Inclusion on this register is a trigger for the school to pre-emptively close on days declared Code Red in our Bureau of Meteorology district.

Where possible, up to 3-days’ notice of a planned closure will be provided; parents and carers should, however, expect that in some instances fewer than 3-days’ notice may be given.

Once the final decision to close is confirmed at 12 noon the day prior, this decision will not change – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and help your family plan for how your children will be cared for when the school is closed.

Advice will be provided to you directly.

When a school closes for bushfire, no staff will remain on site.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

PRESENTATION EVENING

Years 5-12
Ouyen Community Centre
Tuesday, December 16th
7:30pm (Please note new starting time)

Students must be in uniform and will be seated in Year level groups.

Parents, grandparents and community members are all welcome to help celebrate the successes of 2014.
DRUM AND GUITAR LESSONS:
To all those who have signed up for drum and guitar lessons - we have been successful in obtaining tutors for both instruments. Parents may expect a phone call from the respective tutors in the coming weeks to make personal contact and explain arrangements. We are very excited to offer this opportunity and encourage those who are interested but have not signed up yet, to please do so. Lessons will begin in early Term 1, 2015.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:
We are looking for volunteers to man the kiosk for the first sheep sale in 2015.
This sale will possibly be held on January 15th.
If you can work or cook please contact the school or Michelle Morrish.

2015 FEES:
Fee schedules for 2015 will be included in student report envelopes. These will be handed out on December 16th. Please keep an eye out for them.
Payments may be made at any time.
If you are having problems paying fees please speak to our Business Manager, Bobbie Stacey, to organise a fee payment plan.
If paying online banking details are:
BSB - 063-732
Account # - 10001994
Please use your family name as a reference.

Some 2014 fees are still outstanding. These are not voluntary fees.
Technology subject fees must be paid before projects are allowed to go home. Outstanding statements will be sent out next week.

JUNIOR CRICKET:
Our junior cricketers are thrilled to be able to have their very own cricket pitch on the old hockey oval. Thank you to Iluka for their fantastic sponsorship that enabled the pitch to be laid. Huge thanks to Riley O’Connor and Geoff Amos for all the work they put in prior to the pitch being laid. Thank you to all those who helped in any way and to those who donated freight. The Junior Cricket Association would like to thank everyone involved and hopefully there will be some budding cricket stars in the future.

BOOKLISTS:
Booklists are due by December 9th.
Book pick up will be Wednesday, January 28th between 12 noon & 2pm.
(Not Tuesday as stated on the booklists)

FOR SALE:
Ouyen P-12 College School Dress
In excellent condition
$30
Ring Shelley Woodall - 50921384

Happy Birthday:
December 8th - Cal Beckman

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale
What a wonderful success the swimming program has been this week. The students have been enjoying themselves and learning some very important skills. Thank you to the parents who have assisted and the staff for their help. Thank you to Mr Stoetzer for his bus driving skills, they have been much appreciated.
Congratulations - to the P-4 students and staff on a wonderful concert last night. It’s great to see the effort, concentration, pizzazz, and enjoyment that the challenge of performing allows to be displayed. Especial congratulations to all who received awards for their work throughout the year. Of course, all students progress; all should be able to look back with some pride and satisfaction on their own achievements throughout 2014. Thanks to all involved in this special night.

Meeting: We will have our final meeting for the year on Monday, December 8th. It will be a dinner meeting side by side with the Preschool Handover meeting so any involved in both kinder and School can be part of both. We will be at the Ouyen Community Club from 6:30p.m. Just a few bits and pieces on the agenda – one funding request to consider, some end of year awards to formally approve, and Mrs. Dawes will update us on a number of things [in general and for the start of next year’s school term]. Agenda items / queries/ bookings/ apologies can be given to Raelene Vine 0407849174.

Catering: Thanks to those who have offered to help but we haven’t quite covered everything for Nancye Munro’s 90th birthday afternoon tea. Please check out the list below for what’s needed to cater for Nancye Munro’s 90th birthday at Blackburn Park on December 6th. It is open to all Year levels. Please contact Raelene Vine 0407849174 if you can help at all.

New Equipment: The new interactive support material for the Maths program has been ordered ready for the start of the year. We’re sure it will be a valuable tool to assist the students’ learning.

Parents Victoria – Will begin meetings with new Minster for Education, James Merlino. Check out the PV website for all sorts of information and updates. It has information from the DEECD about EMA, Schoolkids Bonus, Bully Stoppers and more, plus the recent on-line conference and issues receiving attention. www.parents.victoria.asn.au

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Justine Cresp
President

Raelene Vine
Secretary

Catering – Nancye Munro’s 90th – December 6th – Blackburn Park – contact Raelene Vine 0407849174

4picks mixed sandwiches – 2 white/ 2 wholemeal Hastings 1, Sporn 1, NEED 2 more

1 savoury platter Munro

1 dozen savoury scons [then halved] T. Coffey

1 sponge cake

1 ½ doz jelly slice

1 ½ doz lemon flavoured slice Hill

1 ½ dozen vanilla slice

1 dozen sweet scons – jam/ cream O’ Callaghan

1 chocolate cake Hill

1 ½ doz hedgehog Gloster

1 ½ doz hazelnut slice Linklater

1 ½ doz apple/ sour cream Hill

Other Done

Please deliver all food to Blackburn Park between 1:30 and 2:00p.m, or make other arrangements. Ta. Apologies if you offered and it’s not recorded. Refresh with us, ta.

2 - 3 workers to plate up and serve from 2:00p.m. Vine, O’ Callaghan, More Needed

2 - 3 workers to clear away from 3:30p.m. Vine, More Needed

Thanks in anticipation.

Note – the Rams will be playing cricket – double the entertainment.
VTAC
Monday, November 24th, 9am:
Change of preference opens
Friday, December 5th, 5pm:
Very late course application close
Monday, December 15th, 7am:
VCE results and ATAR available online
Monday, December 22nd 2014 12 noon
Change of Preference Closes
SATAC
Monday, January 5th 2015
Deadline for existing applicants to change their preferences to most courses and still be guaranteed equal consideration
Monday, January 5th 2015
Deadline for applicants who have applied by 1 December to pay their application fee and still be guaranteed equal consideration
Thursday, January 15th 2015
Main January offer round for semester 1 2015

PROPOSED WORK EXPERIENCES DATES FOR 2015
Year 11 – Monday, July 13th – Friday, July 17th
Year 10 – Monday, August 10th – Friday, August 14th
Students may also undertake work experience during the holidays in Term 1, 2 and 3, but not during the holidays at the end of the year.

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS
AusNAC Mildura has employers with the following Apprenticeship vacancies:
To apply for these positions please contact the employer directly.

**Butcher (ASbA)** The Meat Hub (formerly Warburton's Discount Butcher). Drop off resumes in person to Nathan Hawkes (employer) 848 Fifteenth St, Mildura

**Retail/Café Assistant (PT/ASbA)**
Apco Service Station, Ash Erdogan, 03 5021 2661

**Electronics & Communication**
*Mildura Communication*
Luke Richmond luke@milduracom.com.au 0419 282 345

**Carpenter**
Lifestyle Developments Luke Tierney luke@lifestyledevelopments.com.au 0408 057 059

**Diesel Mechanic**
Primtec Tractors, Isabelle Primaranoprimtec@bigpond.com.au 698 Benetook Ave Mildura 03 5022-1004

**Cook**
Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club Ltd Vicki Appleton, Vicki.Appleton@coomeallclub.com.au 03 5027 4505

**Painter & Decorator**
Sam Spary Painting - Sam Spary samuelspary@y7mail.com 0400 276 900

**Light Vehicle Motor Mechanic**
Murray Mallee Training Company (MMTC) Sally Shelly sshelly@mmtc.com.au
*Applications close 10/12/14 with attached covering letter & resume*

**The UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS**
Summer School programs at the Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music give students a chance to train and work with experienced, engaging staff.

**Visual Art Summer School**
The VCA Visual Art Summer School provides a special opportunity for young people (ages 15 – 20) with an interest in contemporary visual art to explore and develop their own artwork at a level that suits their individual needs.
**Dates:** Tuesday, January 13th – Friday, January 16th 2015
**Time:** 10:00am – 4:00pm each day
Early bird enrolments closed on Tuesday. Enrolments close Thursday, January 8th (unless sold out prior).

**Theatre Summer School**
The VCA’s week-long Theatre Summer School workshops cover all aspects of acting and theatre making for ages 15 - 20. The days start with voice and movement training followed by afternoon classes in the students chosen stream:
• Body Talk – Physical Theatre and Ensemble Performance
• Exploration of Impro
• Much Ado About Something
• Soap Up – from Ramsay Street to Summer Bay
• Theatre Making
VCE Drama Unit 3
**Dates:** Monday, January 19th – Friday, January 23rd 2015
**Time:** 10.00am – 4.00pm each day
Early bird enrolments close Monday, December 8th. Enrolments close Wednesday, January 14th(unless sold out prior).

**Pop Song Writing Bootcamp**
Behind every good pop song is a skilled songwriter, and this intensive course is perfect for aspiring songwriters who dream of a career in the music industry.
Students will receive valuable feedback from an experienced and professional tutor who will help improve and develop students’ song writing practice. Suitable for students aged 16 and over.
**Dates:** Monday, January 19th – Friday, January 23rd 2015
**Time:** 10.00am – 4.00pm each day
Early bird enrolments close Monday, December 8th. Enrolments close Wednesday, January 14th(unless sold out prior).
For further details on these programs go to:

**IS IT POSSIBLE TO DO A BACHELOR OF ARTS AND THEN MEET THE PREREQUISITES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY?**
To be eligible to apply for the Doctor of Physiotherapy, students must have completed the following subjects – one in anatomy “ANAT20006 Principles of Human Structure” and the other in physiology “PHYS20008 Human Physiology”.
As a result, an Arts student would just need to do the following two prerequisite subjects to qualify for the level 2 subjects (as mentioned above).
• BIOL10004 Biology of Cells & Organisms
• BIOL10005 Genetics and the Evolution of Life.
Therefore, a student would need to have completed the above four subjects in breadth to be able to apply to the Doctor of Physiotherapy.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator