I hope everyone has enjoyed a little break from the heat this week.
The staff tennis competition has continued, with a few emerging contenders for the title, and the Year 10 students have completed their First Aid Course.

A huge thank you to Travis Latta for dismantling and removing the aging and rotted pergola in the quadrangle – Mrs Latta and the ag students now have a fairly blank canvas to begin their landscaping.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the UDSSSA Swimming Carnival today. Next Wednesday our secondary swimming team will compete in Mildura. We wish all swimmers the best of luck. Following the Labour Day holiday, our Year 7 and 8 students will be off to their beach camp.

Mrs Nerida Morrish has been away this week competing in a National Equestrian Event. This event showcases the best horses, riders and trainers in Australia. She has worked hard to achieve inclusion at such an elite level in her field and we are sure she will enjoy the success she deserves.

**STUDENT LEARNING PLANS:**
We are committed to meeting the learning needs of all students at our school. ‘One size does NOT fit all’ and teachers work very hard to differentiate the curriculum to suit student needs. Learning Plans are one way of recognizing individual needs and ensure that students are given every opportunity to achieve success.

A number of students have plans in place: for extra support, to extend their knowledge, to assist them to gain skills or to build confidence.

Next Thursday afternoon the level coordinators of Years 7 to 10 will be available to speak with parents and students about these plans and letters will come home with your child if they have such a plan in place. Primary staff will discuss their student learning plans with you at Parent Teacher interviews during the first week of term two.

More details about Student Learning Plans can be found in the Newsletter from February 13th and on the school’s website.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**
Nominations for Ouyen P-12 College School Council are now closed and as the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies I would like to congratulate and welcome the following people to our school council:

- **Parent Category**
  - Terry Richardson, Tania Down, Camron Linklater, Nathan Pengelly and Brendan Allender

- **DET Category**
  - Janece Latta, Dawn Geary & Shelley Cross

The Annual General Meeting along with the election of office bearers will take place before the March school council meeting on March 17th beginning at 7.00pm.

Shelley Cross
Acting Principal

**Reminder - Information Session**

**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.
Happy Birthday:
February 27th - Meilyn Lam
March 5th - Harrison Linklater

MUSIC:
If your child would like to receive individual tuition in either drums or guitar, it is not too late to express your interest. If we can continue to provide a full program for our tutors, we have a greater chance of them coming back for a second term. A couple of places have become available in the guitar timetable if anyone is interested in taking them up straight away. Please phone or email the school office.

Many guitar students are taking up the offer of leaving their instruments in the music room on the day of their lesson. Could everyone please remember to collect them at the end of the day, as part of gaining the most from individual lessons is daily practice at home. This cannot be happening if guitars are being left at school all week. It is also timely to remind all instrumental students that it is their responsibility to be punctual for their lesson and to plan ahead if swaps are needed for such things as swimming.

MUSICAL:
For the first time in approximately twenty years, Ouyen P-12 College is to stage a musical production. The idea is to re-invent the format of the Revue, traditionally held in early August, with something that is co-ordinated across the 5-12 year levels. It will still involve all the same skills such as acting, drama, singing, comedy and instrumental work on stage as well as costumes, props and a multitude of organisational tasks off stage. Rehearsals will need to start much earlier.

Students should start to think about how they would like to be involved. We are now in the exciting process of choosing a script! We would welcome offers of help from Families and Community Members in whatever their chosen capacity.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your ATTITUDE!"
~ Dennis S. Brown

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program is no longer available. This means that School TFN forms can no longer be processed through the College.

The Australian Taxation Office has informed the College that students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'.

Funky Hair Day!
On Friday, March 6th the SRC is holding a fundraiser for Shave for a Cure - Leukaemia Foundation.

- Gold Coin donation.
- Come to school with funky hair and bright clothes.
- Mr Amos has gladly volunteered to shave his head!
- We are asking that everyone brings an extra coin so we can make a big S.
The Year 7 students are busily constructing a range of products in their Textiles class. This week they are showing off an array of Sprocket Pillows and Cushions.

YEAR 7 TEXTILES
YEAR 11 PHYSICAL EDUCATION:
Students have been studying basic anatomy and physiology and finished off the unit by dissecting long bones.

YEAR 7 BASKET LUNCHEON:
Last Thursday the Year 7 students welcomed their parents to school to share a luncheon with the Year 7 teachers. It was a great opportunity for staff, parents and students to mix in an informal setting and put some faces to names!

FIRST AID TRAINING - YEAR 10
Our Year 10 students have successfully completed their “Apply First Aid” certificates this week, they have developed the skills and knowledge necessary to provide first aid response; life support; management of casualty(s); the incident and other first aiders until the arrival of medical or other assistance. Thanks to Natasha Anderson.
Work Experience / Structured Work placement

Dates – 2015
Year 10 – August, 10th / 14th
Year 11 – July, 13th / 17th
July 6th – 10th (Optional School Holidays)

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION CARD

YEAR 10 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd.

THE LEAP PROGRAM aims to demystify the links between school, university and professions.
LEAP seeks 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 covered.

All LEAP activities are provided free of charge to LEAP priority schools.
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

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: 1st April 2015
Further information www.leap.vic.edu.au/leap-activities/health

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
Expressions of interest due by: Monday, 23 March 2015
Further information www.leap.vic.edu.au/leap-activities/law

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.
Expression of interest www.leap.vic.edu.au/leap-activities/engineering
Further information leapintoengineering@latrobe.edu.au

UMAT – University Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test

UMAT Preparation Course

Date: Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st March 2015
Venue: St Joseph’s College, Mildura.
Cost: $220.00

More information is available from the Careers Office.

UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on their website.

UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT Consortium universities ONLY in the year following the test. For example, results from UMAT2015 can be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2016 but NOT 2017.

Do not register for UMAT2015 unless you are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2016 AND you meet the eligibility criteria specified in the UMAT2015 Information Booklet.

Link: http://umat.acer.edu.au/

You will need a UMAT score to apply for undergraduate admission to any of the following courses*: The University of Adelaide - Medicine, Dental Surgery Bond University - Medicine Charles Darwin University - Clinical Sciences Flinders University - Clinical Sciences/Medicine, Vision Sciences La Trobe University - Health Sciences (Dentistry), Oral Health Science

Monash University - Medicine
The University of Newcastle/ University of New England - Joint Medical Program The University of New South Wales - Medicine, Optometry
The University of Queensland - Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science
University of Tasmania - Medicine
The University of Western Australia - Medicine (assured entry), Dental Medicine (assured entry)
University of Western Sydney - Medicine University of Auckland - Medicine University of Otago - Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Dental Surgery

YOUTUBE LINKS FOR THE 2 SBAT COMMERCIALS which started airing last week on local T.V. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5YWxCREeW8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_itBMxMo

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator

SITUATION VACANT – JUNIOR KITCHEN HAND POSITION

Mallee Track Health & Community Service

MTHCS is seeking a student over the age of 15 years to work in the Hotel Services department (Kitchen)
Duties - 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

Applications close:
March 13th 2015 at 5pm.
SSV Mallee Division
SWIMMING  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. It is important that students know what events they are in so should check the team.
We do not have much preparation time left for the Swimming Carnival in Mildura on March 4th. Students are expected to have completed two training sessions, one of which was Sport in the week leading to the carnival.
Training sessions are available in Ouyen and Underbool. Training sheets can obtained from Mrs Lonergan for any students who cannot get to organised training sessions.
A bus has been booked to transport students to the carnival. Arrangements are in the right hand column.

BATHERS
REQUIREMENTS
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 may 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.

NEW RECORDS 2015
B 16 Yrs  Individual Medley Peter Darley  1:34.7
(Dean Brown, 2002, 1:43.4)
B 16 Yrs 150m Freestyle Peter Darley  1:48.4
(Dean Brown, 2002, 1:55.9)
B 15 Yrs 60m Butterfly Peter Darley  17.5
(Adam Robertson, 1996, 20.2)
B 16 Yrs 60m Freestyle Peter Darley  35.1
(Nick Timmers, 1998, 37.8)

FORTHCOMING DATES
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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

MD SWIMMING
TEAM TRAVEL
EVENTS BEGIN AT 11 A.M.
OUYEN P-12 STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT THE POOL BY 10.30 A.M.

BUS TRAVELLERS NEED TO BE AT THE BUS AREA AT 8.50 A.M. THE BUS WILL NOT BE STOPPING ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE POOL.

UNIFORM –
OP-12 WHITE OR MAROON SHIRT, BLUE/BLACK SPORTS SHORTS, RUNNERS.
BATHERS – GIRLS MUST WEAR ONE PIECE BATHERS AND BOYS SPEEDO TYPE BATHERS. IF COLD – BLUE/BLACK TRACK PANTS AND OP-12 RUGBY OR TRACKSUIT TOP. BOARDSHORTS, FOOTY NICKS OR BAGGY SPORTS SHORTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE POOL. NO THONGS ON THE BUS – RUNNERS TO BE WORN TO AND FROM THE POOL.
BRING AN ACCEPTABLE HAT TO WEAR.

STUDENTS WITH INCORRECT BATHERS MAY NOT SWIM – IF UNSURE IF WHAT YOU HAVE IS ACCEPTABLE CHECK WITH MRS.LONERGAN.

A NORMAL BREAKFAST SHOULD BE EATEN ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. NO LOLLIES OR JUNK FOOD IS TO BE EATEN UNTIL YOUR EVENTS ARE COMPLETED. IF YOU ARE ONLY IN A LATE EVENT, YOU SHOULD EAT A LIGHT SNACK MID MORNING AND THEN WAIT UNTIL AFTER YOUR EVENT TO EAT MORE. YOU SHOULD DRINK WATER REGULARLY DURING THE DAY.

BUS TRAVELLERS MUST PAY $10 TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY
IT'S BACK – RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY - so dust off the bikes, check the tyres and get riding as Friday, March 20th is our selected Ride 2 School Day.

Students are encouraged to ride – the whole way or part of the way. Walkers can also take part – keep watching the newsletter for further details over coming weeks.

There will be fruit and juice for riders and walkers as well as prize draws for students who register upon arrival at school.

PRIMARY DISTRICT TENNIS CARNIVAL:
Best of luck to Lauren Grace, Molly Grigg, Dylan Davis and Sam Scott who are representing the Underbool District in the district tennis carnival at Red Cliffs next Wednesday. We look forward to hearing how the students went.

PRIMARY HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS:
Well done to all students who participated in the swimming sports last Friday. It was great to see the number of parents and friends who braved the warm conditions to support the swimmers.

The junior students participated with great enthusiasm as they swam across the pool on noodles and kickboards. Once again, the buddy race was the highlight of the junior swimming carnival with great competition between the preps and their buddies.

The senior competition was very well contested with many close races on the day. Swimmers winning races at this carnival will represent the district at regional swimming in Swan Hill later in March. More details will be in the newsletter over the next few weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS Lauren Grace – who set two new records in Breaststroke and Freestyle – well done Lauren.

WELL DONE OLYMPIC who were the winning house in a very tight competition. The winning house captains – Ella and Sam – were presented with the Bob Hudson Shield by Mrs Val Holland. The school is very grateful to Val for her continued interest in the students and their swimming.

THANK YOU to all staff who worked in hot conditions, the pool staff, Mrs Simmonds for her paperwork and the House Captains who assisted staff by organising their students on the day – the carnival cannot run without the assistance and hard work of everyone – it is really a team effort.

Congratulations to the age group champions on the day.

9 YEARS - Brylie Allender and Ziyoun Lam
10 YEARS – Lilly Cattanach and Joel Grace
11 YEARS – Georgia Phillips and Ethan Munro
12 YEARS – Lauren Grace and Samuel Scott
**SWAN HILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

**JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Sunday March 22nd
8.30am start
$10 per entry
Must be able to serve.
Contact Megan Hastings 0417353631 if interested.

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**COMMUNITY**

**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 student absences through this app. Notifications come straight to the school email address. Please take the time to read the article and download 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.

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**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR**

**GARDENING EQUIPMENT**

- OLD AND NEW!

The Ag students have been busy in both the quadrangle and the vegie patch and are light on in necessary tools.

We would LOVE any shovels, rakes, secateurs, wheelbarrows etc that you have at home that you are willing to pass on!

Donations both old and new of any gardening equipment would be gratefully appreciated and well used by the students at school.

Our goals for this year include beautification of the quadrangle and various herb/vegetable enterprises up at the school farm.

Thanking you in advance, we look forward to some fresh landscaping and produce throughout the year.

Any queries, please contact Narelle Latta at school.
Congratulations to the students who took part in the Lions Youth of the Year event this week. It provides a great platform for personal learning and extending many skills:
- All those who represented the school at the UDSSSA swimming sports today – well done.

Parents Association thanks the Year 5 families for providing some lunch fare at the sports.

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.

Who does what?

President – chairs meetings and oversees general running of PA, liaises with Principal over ideas that arise, is a spokesperson, pulls things together, signs paperwork, writes the annual reports for Granary and AGM, and presents some awards

Vice-President – fills in when the President is unavailable, helps out

Secretary – records minutes, keeps a register of members, prepares agenda with the President, writes letters and notes [newsletter], deals with correspondence, liaises with President, Principal and Business Manager, presents some awards

Assistant Secretary – fills in when Secretary is unavailable, helps out

Sheep Sale kiosk supervisor – makes sure kiosk is stocked and ready for each sale – urn and pie warmer ready, counter fringe on, pastries thawing, sufficient drinks, tea, coffee etc; washes sale day tea towels, checks for dust storm dirt, flood damage, clean fridges and defrosted freezer

Sheep Sale Roster Co-ordinator – prepares annual roster, sends out info letters to Team Leaders prior to sale, places roster reminders in newsletter, prepares cash tin pre and post each sale

Catering Team – prepares menus and catering lists as required, liaises with Contact people and clients; prepares quotes for clients and invoices for Business Manager; takes responsibility for organising and leading at catering events.

College Council has a position for a co-opted member of PA, too.

Interested parents/guardians who just wish to come along to meetings.

Any 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 Vallaance; 5/6 – Melanie Grace

7/8 - vacant 9/10 - vacant 11/12 – Melanie Shaddock

Catering –

March 10th – Years 3/4 – afternoon tea for Phyllis Munro’s 100th birthday – see below

March 12th – Years 11/12 – light lunch for opening of the Truck Wash at the Ouyen Livestock Exchange

Shirts – PA has worked with the school over recent months to have a school set of College Sports shirts for Interschool events. These new shirts are being funded by PA. They match the rugby top/sports singlet colour scheme. It was great to see the children in them at the Underbool & District Sports being held today.

Justine Cresp – President, Raelene Vine – Secretary

Catering

Years 3/4 families for Phyllis Munro’s 100th birthday party – 2:00p.m. at Blackburn Park, Tuesday, 10th March. Food to be delivered to Blackburn Park by 1:30 p.m. Contact Carmel Vallaance – 50921684 or 0428335714 with your offer.

2L milk  1 savoury platter
2 pkts mixed sandwiches – white bread 3 doz mini quiche
1 pkt mixed sandwiches – wholesome bread 6 doz sausage rolls
1 doz savoury scones - 1 doz scones – jam/ cream
18 cup cakes 2 doz yoyos
1 ginger fluff 1 plain sponge – filled and iced
1 doz apple/ sour cream slice 1 doz lemon slice
1 doz hazelnut slice 1 doz jelly slice
1 doz vanilla slice 1 doz hedgehog
or mint slice
2 doz rumballs
3 workers to plate up from 1:30
3 workers to help serve and clean up – anytime from 2 til?

Year 11/12 families for Truck wash opening at Livestock Exchange Kiosk area – 12 noon Thursday, March 12th. Food to be delivered to Kiosk by 11:00 a.m. Contact Melanie Shaddock 50922047 or 0419941220

DATE: April 9th (Holidays)

COOKS

Therese Jolly (50936274) – Cheryl Linklater
Brooke Smith – Leanne Burns
Megan Alger – Petrina Nunan

DATE: March 12th

COOKS

Rachael Cook (50921585) – Cheryl Torpey
Alison Brackenridge
Tanya Revell
Amanda Foster

DATE: March 26th

COOKS

Elaine Richardson (50921579) – Kylie Pengelly
Mandy Comrie
Brenda Dingeldei-Murphy
Debbie Vallaance