PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to school for Term 3. This term we have a number of events scheduled. The Year 10 Canberra camp took place this week along with the Year 11 Work Experience program and some Year 9 students were involved in a Health Careers Expo at the hospital. We have a thorough careers program operating at our school with pathways mapped out for students from Years 9 onwards. Students are given many opportunities to explore a variety of possible career options. We have students involved in School Based Apprenticeships where they work in industry one day each week, while other students participate in our Vocational Educational Program learning skills applicable to trades.

Athletics sports for both primary and secondary are scheduled for later this term. The primary house competition will be held on Friday, August 8th & the secondary competition on Tuesday, August 19th.

Our school revue, involving students in Years 5 to 12, will be held on Tuesday, August 5th. The theme this year is ‘Musicals’ and this will be an enjoyable time to look forward to.

We have a Pupil Free Day on September 5th which will be a Mallee Schools Cluster Day for staff of the participating schools. This is to be held here in Ouyen with our Parents Association catering and will be an opportunity to showcase our new school. Workshops will be held during the day providing professional development for staff.

Success for former Ouyen students
Congratulations to Benjamin and Laura Gloster who were recently awarded prestigious scholarships and prizes from St Ann’s College in Adelaide. Ben received the Bob Hill-Ling Scholarship while Laura received the Sixth Collegians Award. It is great to see our country kids recognised for their excellence.

SRI – Religious Education
The government has put out new guidelines for the teaching of Religious Education in schools. One of the requirements is that parents are asked to complete a generic permission form for students to participate. These forms were sent home a few weeks ago. Anyone requiring a replacement form can contact the school, unfortunately students are not able to take part in SRI until these are returned.

Transition
This Thursday we welcomed our 2015 Year 7 students from Tempy and Underbool Primary schools for the day. These students will join with the Ouyen Year 6 students one day each week for the rest of the term. This is an opportunity for everyone to get to know each other and to become familiar with the school before next year.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING : August 11th
Melbourne Theatre Company Youth Scholarship Course

Each September the MTC welcome young people from across Victoria for their annual Youth Scholarship Course, a life-changing week of intensive drama workshops. This program is offered free of charge to students who would not otherwise have access to an extra-curricular drama program due to economic, geographic or personal barriers. Students are nominated by a teacher at their school, with one nomination accepted from each school. The 2014 course will run from 22 to 26 September.

Further information can be found below, or on their website: http://www.mtc.com.au/education/youth-scholarship-course/

If any parents or students are interested in applying, could they please contact Melanie Grant at the school, to register their interest by Friday, August 1st. Students must be aged between 14-16 years.

Melanie Grant

FAIRFAX FESTIVAL:

Ouyen P-12 College has a very exciting opportunity to be involved in the 18th Annual George Fairfax Festival in Swan Hill, this year. Ten Year 8 students have been selected as part of the Drama program for Semester 2 to participate and are very excited to begin preparation for their performance.

As well as creating a performance for the Fairfax Festival to be held in September, students will be participating in workshops at school to develop their skills further. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students and we will be sharing updates throughout the process.

What is the Fairfax festival?
The Fairfax is a series of workshops, activities and performances specifically for young people aged between 12 and 17 from regional and remote Australia.

The Fairfax has three distinct phases

- Four in-community workshops to help create a 10min micro performance piece
- Four days of rehearsals and workshops in Swan Hill, Victoria

A final outdoor performance at the YESFest (Young Entertainers in the Street Festival)

What does the Fairfax festival do?
The Fairfax brings top Australian actors, directors, filmmakers and musicians to the country. It gives young people and their leaders the chance to learn from the best in a series of in-community workshops, before bringing everyone to Swan Hill in September for four days of learning, fun, workshops, performances and a street party like no other.

Fairfax pairs each group with a professional arts company to help us along the way, as well as provide sessions with the Festival Director and Young Artist in Residence throughout the year.

When does it all happen?

July and August

The In-Community Development Sessions happen throughout these months. Professional artists from leading arts companies are sent to school, to help us create our 10min micro-performance. This means, there will be 4 in-school workshop days with Fairfax organisers and artists, to develop skills and create our performance.

Our workshop days are:

- Thursday July 24th & Friday July 25th & Thursday August 28th & Friday July 29th

The final presentation is held in September, throughout a 3 night camp in Swan Hill. There are 4 days of workshops, rehearsals and activities, to celebrate country kids and the performing arts. The school will provide transport to and from Swan Hill, for the camp.

September

Tue 16 - Participants arrive around 2pm and the Fairfax officially opens with theatre games, rehearsals and workshops.

Wed 17 - 9.30am – 5.30pm – Workshops and Rehearsals and then groups travel to the Harrison Theatre to see a touring production by VCA graduates.

Thu 18 - 9.30am – 5.30pm – Workshops and Rehearsals, after which all the Fairfax participants return to the Town Hall for the Little Big Shots Film festival.

Fri 19 - 9.30am – 5.30pm Workshops and Rehearsals before the closing celebration of the Fairfax, the YESFest. The young participants present their performance piece alongside young regional musicians in a street party like no other.
Happy Birthday: July 19th - Drew Latta

Active After School Term 3
Active After School is back and will kick off in Week 2 this term!
Sports we will be looking at this term are Soccer on Monday nights and Tennis on Tuesday night.
Students will meet straight after school for a healthy snack in the discovery centre and the session will run from 3:30 to 4:30. Prompt pick up would be appreciated.
If students are to walk home after the session can parents please notify the school or their teacher to save any confusion at the end of the session. Students are to sign up in the office and any new students need to fill out the registration form also available from the office.
For further information please feel free to contact me.
Looking forward to seeing everyone this term.
Casey Stoetzer

PUSHCARTS UPDATE:
Pushcarts are well underway for 2014! We have been flat out getting all of our preparation done and looking at beginning to practice the racing and also prepare our presentation for the big event. It has been at this time that the students and teachers have had to call for parent support and the call has been answered with enthusiasm and many great ideas. We cannot thanks those who have helped in some way enough.

Working Bee
On Sunday morning parents and students gathered at Murray Hynam’s shed to make some alterations to the pushcarts. It was a fantastic turn-out and with some very handy people guiding the way, we were able to make the alterations we wanted and construct what will surely be a couple of super-fast pushcarts.

Community Engagement Project
The Pushcarts program received a much needed boost with our successful application for funding from the Community Engagement Project. The purpose of the fund is to provide opportunity for community groups to pursue sustainable projects which benefit the community. The support of Iluka and Ouyen Inc through the Community Engagement Project is invaluable in building the link between the community and our school. Without support like this, programs like the pushcarts would not be able to run.
The staff and students relish the opportunity to participate in event like these and also to represent the school and community in an environment that is both engaging and educationally constructive.

Catering
On Saturday, July 12th, some Year 5 students along with some Year 5 parents catered for an Ouyen United Football and Netball Club home game. It was a huge success & an invaluable fundraising opportunity. A huge thank you to all the parents that contributed dishes, even more so to those who contributed multiple dishes and for those who helped out on the night. A special, extra thank you to Donna Nihill for coordinating the event.

It is always amazing to see the parents of our students supporting the extracurricular endeavors by volunteering their time, skills & enthusiasm.

Student Update
The last few weeks we have been working hard in our pushcart sessions. So far we have been thinking of fundraising possibilities, we have also been writing letters to local businesses around the Mallee. Also on June 22nd some Year 5 students participated in modifying the pushcarts in Murray Hynam’s shed. We added a shopping trolley ‘type’ push bar and had many test runs and races. Overall, we have an extraordinary time in Pushcarts.

Lauren and Elena
Work Experience / Structured Work placement Dates – 2014
Year 10 – August, 11th 15th
Year 11 – July, 14th / 18th
July 14th – 18th (Optional School Holidays)

Monday 21st July – Year 10 & 11, Fed Uni presentation
Tuesday 5th August – Year 12/Parents, ‘Where to Now’, Mildura
Thursday 24th July – 2014 Future Careers Expo @ SuniTAFE
Sunday 10th – Tuesday 12th August- Year 11, Melbourne Trip
Monday 11th – Friday 15th August - Year 10, Work Experience
Sunday 17th August- Day Trip Students/Parents, S.A Universities Open Day

YEAR 11 CAREER TRIP – Final Payment due by Friday 25th July
Please see Bobbie Stacey if you are unsure of your balance owing.

COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION
St Marks College Adelaide Applications now open, www.stmarkscollege.com.au
Aquinas College Adelaide - Applications should be made as soon as possible http://www.aquinas.edu.au/enrolment
Lincoln College – Applications open 1st July http://www.lincoln.edu.au/aspx/
Flinders University – http://www.flinders.edu.au/living/on-campus/applications/
Most Victorian University Accommodation Applications Open after their Open Day – check individual University’s for details

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - Aspire / Early Admission Program
Is an early entry program for domestic undergraduate school leavers for 2015.
Community Engagement + School Recommendation = Aspire Early Offer
Applications Open: July 1st 2014
Applications Close: 31st August 2014
Outcome: Beginning of September 2014
www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY (FEDUNI)
Open Access Selection Model (replacing REEP)
• is based on applicants meeting prerequisite subject requirements, rather than a minimum ATAR.
Includes degree programs in Humanities, Business, Science and Nursing.
For a full list of programs visit www.federationedu.au/openaccess

UNITEST ENTRY TO FLINDERS UNIVERSITY
You will be eligible to compete for a place in your preferred course at Flinders on the basis of
• Atar (inclusive of relevant bonus points)
• Combination of your Year 12 performance and the uniTEST results
Any other selection methodology for which you are eligible
The online uniTEST will be held at the school under examination conditions.
Names to Sue Sly please.

A CAREER IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY
Radiation Oncology is the treatment of cancer using Radiation Therapy. There are three main careers within the field including Radiation Oncologist, Radiation Therapist, and Radiation Oncology Medical Physicist. The three professional groups all work together using the latest technology to deliver highly accurate treatment to patients with cancer, caring for them whilst they undergo treatment.

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS AND VET PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES WERE EXPLORED DURING WEEK 1 OF TERM 3 BY OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS
Ouyen P-12 College is very appreciative of the support and the excellent opportunities that the following employers provided for our students this year.
Lee Conlin Hannah Down
Ryan Vallance Building The Mineral Spa Hepburn Springs
Micheal Gardien Tim Gloster
MTHCS – Allied Health Monteith Auto Services Colac
Moi Huang Shania Lanigan
MTHCS – Administration Mildura Special Development School
Kaitlyn Manley Charlotte Nixon
Pattinson House Hostel St Marys Primary School Swan Hill
Ashlee Morrish
North West Ag Services
Charlotte Nixon
St Marys Primary School Swan Hill
Rose Vallance
Mildura Art Centre

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
PRIMARY SPORT

Ouyen P-12 College Primary Level Sports – Friday, 8th August

Underbool Sports – Thursday, 14th August.

We are asking for parents to volunteer on both of these days to assist with running the long jump and shot put events. Also, we would like parents who would be able to take charge of a year level and take them around to their events on the day. Please contact Michelle Morrish or the General Office staff if you can help.

A parent roster for assistance at various events will be on the newsletter next week, along with information regarding the days and times for the high jump event.

The program for the Primary Sports has been distributed to all students.

NIGHT NETBALL

The final ladder is:

Geckos                  32
Drop Tails              16
Komodo Dragons  12
Iguanas                 4

The finals will start at 4pm Geckos vs Iguanas (Duty team one player from Drop Tails and Komodo Dragons)

5pm Drop Tails vs Komodo Dragons (Duty team one player from Geckos and Iguanas)

The grand final will be played the following week between the two winning teams.

SPARK ENGINEERING CAMP

For one week of the school holidays I attended the ‘Spark Engineering Camp’ which was held at the University Of Melbourne & I stayed at the Queen’s College. The camp was an opportunity to meet new people and learn more about engineering and university life.

Students from Years 10 to 12 came from all over Australia, some from as far as Perth and Brisbane to attend.

The camp had a variety of mentors who were students of Universities studying Engineering. Throughout the camp I was able to speak to them about their different fields of engineering and how they have coped with Uni life.

We participated in many activities throughout the week such as Bridge Building, Egg Drop, Workshops, field trips and our last night together we had a disco & Red Faces.

As well as hands on activities, there were many Engineers that spoke about their experiences of graduating, travelling around the world and building million dollar buildings. It was so interesting listening to them.

From this camp I have made many new friends and learnt a lot of new skills as well.

It was a fantastic experience and I recommend it to students for next year.

Jaivon Stacey

OUF&NC

There will be no Junior C or minis netball games this Saturday, July 19th due to one court times.
WINTER GAMES
29/7/2014
Winter Games will be held on Tuesday, July 29th in Robinvale.

The cost of travel is $10 and must be paid by Monday, July 28th to the General Office. The medical permission form must also be returned by this date. At the discretion of the Sports Coordinator any student who has not paid or brought back their form by this time may be asked to remain at school.

The teams have been selected and are found on the Noticeboards around the school.

If your name is not on a list or if you have any queries or problems, please see Mrs. Lonergan on Monday.

DEPARTURE FROM OUYEN-
Buses will be leaving OP-12 from the Community Centre bus area as close to 8.45 a.m. as possible.

All students should assemble at the bus area by 8.35 a.m. Medical forms need to be signed and returned along with $10 that MUST be paid to office prior to departure.

FOOD AND DRINK - there will be some food and drink available for purchase at the venues. Students should still bring some of their own food and drink for the day.

UNIFORM - NO UGG BOOTS OR THONGS. SPORTS SHOES AND SPORTS UNIFORM ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

FOOTBALL - BLUE OR WHITE FOOTBALL NIX, BLUE OR BLACK FOOTY SOCKS WHERE POSSIBLE. JUMPERS WILL BE SUPPLIED ON THE DAY, BUT STUDENTS WILL NEED TO WEAR AN OSC RUGBY TOP OR PLAIN BLUE WINDCHEATER, WITH BLUE OR BLACK TRACK PANTS TO AND FROM THE VENUE.

FORTHCOMING DATES
Winter Games
Tuesday, July 29th
Robinvale

House Athletics
Tuesday, August 19th
Ouyen

LUNCHTIME TRAINING
As the House Athletics Sports are fast approaching, students may like to begin some training. Students wishing to practice on their athletics events may attend lunchtime trainings.

SPORTS SINGLETS WE NEED THEM!!!
Thank you to all those families who have returned interschool OSC Sports singlets. At present several shirts have been brought back, however, some of them are still missing from our store and need to be returned. These shirts are school property and are only loaned out to students. It is important that the shirts are returned by Monday if you have one at home as we need them for the Winter Games.

NO SHIRTS OR WINDCHEATERS WITH EMBLEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. OUyEN UNItEDE, WoomELANG & WalPy/UNDERBOoUL RUGBY TOPs ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

NETBALL -
OUyEN UNItEDE NETBALL DRESSES OR WALPEuP UNDERBOoUL AS ORGANISED

NO SHIRTS OR WINDCHEATERS WITH EMBLEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. OUyEN UNItEDE & WALPy/UNDERBOoUL RUGBY TOPs ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

SOCCER- BLACK OR BLUE SHORTS WITH WHITE SHIRTS.

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO WEAR AN OSC RUGBY TOP OR PLAIN BLUE WINDCHEATER, WITH BLUE OR BLACK TRACK PANTS TO AND FROM THE VENUE.

NO SHIRTS OR WINDCHEATERS WITH EMBLEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. OUyEN UNItEDE & WALPy/UNDERBOoUL RUGBY TOPs ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

RETURN FROM ROBINVALE-
Buses will return by 3.15p.m. in time for buses.

HELP NEEDED
If any parents wish to help out at the Winter Games umpiring netball or football it would be greatly appreciated.

The House and Mallee District Athletics Sports are fast approaching and we will again require assistance from our parent body to run events. If you can help at either or both of these sporting days, could you please let the sports staff or General Office know.
New Term: PA has made a busy start to the term with catering, sheep sale preparations, equipment purchases, and thinking about what we can do to help around the school. It’s already full on activity for our students. Well done to our Year 10s visiting Canberra. Parents enjoyed sharing the Last Post Ceremony the students participated in via the live stream from the War Memorial. We are fortunate our children have so many different opportunities to broaden their experience of the world. Cross Country finals, camps, work experience, Athletics, Winter games, and The Revue! – lots to experience.

Meeting: Our next meeting will be our regular scheduled August meeting – to be held on August 11th.

Catering: A huge “Thank You” to all who provided the delicious food for Kath Lewis’s 90th birthday celebrations last Sunday – greatly appreciated. Thanks to Fiona, Mila, Janis, Vanessa, and Liam for your time in the kitchen; and to Jo for coordinating the list. Another successful effort.

Save the Date: PARENTS VICTORIA CONFERENCE – AUGUST 29 & 30 – Melbourne Zoo

Help your child succeed at school by Improving Concentration: Everyone has concentration problems from time to time. This is especially true when we are tired, overloaded, stressed, or hungry. Different kids [and adults] have different types of difficulty in concentrating. In extreme cases, a consultation with a clinical psychologist and a paediatrician may be helpful. Medication has a role with some children. Even with kids who have minor difficulties settling themselves and focusing, there is lots that can be done at home to help them. Getting a handle on the type of kid you have will help you help them. Andrew Fuller has named common types of kids who have trouble concentrating as: Happy Wanderers, Frequent Flyers, Spies, Finger Safari Experts, Star Trekkers Social Secretaries, and Amplifiers. What are yours?, and how do you help them? Next edition.

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary
Throughout August we will be celebrating the 50th birthday of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Each time you return a book you have borrowed, you will be asked a question about the book. If you get this right you get a draw from the lucky dip. In this will be 5 golden tickets. If you are lucky enough to draw a Golden Ticket you will receive a copy of the book, plus a surprise, so start reading now!