PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Drama Workshops
This week our Year 8 Drama class participated in a two day workshop as part of the Fairfax Festival program. The goal of this workshop was to develop students’ drama skills and begin the development of a unique performance. The program will continue throughout the term at school, rehearsals and further workshops will be held from September 16 -18 in Swan Hill with final performances on September 19 as part of the Young Entertainers in The Street Festival.

New Furniture and Equipment
Parents Association is in the process of organising new play equipment for the playground. A sandpit play wheel as well as a moving pirate ship will make their appearance in the primary play area in the coming weeks and a large sized chess set is planned for the senior area of the grounds.

New furniture has also arrived for the Music Room – the brightly coloured tables will enable the instrumental music practice areas to be set up.

Year 9 Community
Our Year 9 students participate in a community based program this semester. The purpose of this program is to encourage the development of practical and life skills while contributing to our local community. Groups of students identify and plan projects across a number of areas. A group I met with this morning is planning to develop an area of the grounds between the Community Centre and the Administration block. A range of other activities are also taking place around the town.

Dropping Students at School
As mentioned in previous newsletters, College Council is working closely with the Mildura Shire to establish a Traffic Management Plan for the school. We have noticed that over time the traffic flow has settled down as parents and students become familiar with the layout. We do ask parents not to drop students off at the front of the Community Centre as this is presently the bus drop off and pick up zone. Very shortly signage and markings along with defined footpath areas will be installed which will make the traffic process clearer. In the meantime I thank everyone for their cooperation in keeping our students safe.

Internet Safety
Our VET Information Technology students have been engaged in researching and presenting information relating to the safe use of technology. Attached to this newsletter is a brochure developed by a Year 11 student regarding the safe use of the Internet.

College Council
At the July meeting of council it was decided to trial an earlier start for Presentation Night for 2014. This year the start time will move to 7.30pm instead of 8.00pm. Council also approved a range of school policy updates to ensure that these reflect the current guidelines. All our school policies are available on the school website.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

PRELIMINARY NOTICES

REVUE:
Tuesday, August 5th
This year’s theme is Musicals.
Start time to be advised.
Entry is a gold coin donation at the door

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY:
Monday, August 18th
Last week, many of the Year 10 students visited the nation’s capital – Canberra. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Below are some comments from the students, along with some photos. (More comments and photos are available on the website at http://ouyenp12college.vic.edu.au/page/74/9-10)

One of my favourite moments of the trip was the visit to the Australian War Memorial. Watching the soldiers during the ceremony was definitely a great experience.  

Josh Brauer

I liked the National Film and Sound Archive because it’s where all Australian movies, sound and radio history is kept. I liked seeking the film of the original Ned Kelly shooting scene. I also liked the National Library of Australia and going to the basement where all the books were stored on the movable shelves.  

Gabby Torpey

My favourite parts of the camp were ice skating and Questacon because they were the most active events during the camp.  

Riley O’Connor-Byrne

I enjoyed visiting Parliament House, although we didn’t get to see the politicians in action. The War Memorial was my favourite experience because it was truly beautiful. Ice skating was a fun finish after a busy week.  

Bethany Burns

The War Memorial was breathtaking. It is one of the best tributes to the soldiers involved in the war that could possibly have been created. The stories of the soldiers that we were told were unbelievable.  

Hannah John

The Australian War Memorial was the best activity on camp because we got to learn a lot more about the war and see some of the aircraft and submarines that were used.  

Kyle Sporn

Ice skating was the best part but camp was fun overall.  

Brody Morrish
AROUND THE SCHOOL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

No birthdays this week.

VCAL NEWS:
NEW CANTEEN OPEN
Last week the new Ouyen P-12 College canteen was re-opened and ready for business. The cafeteria is now run by the Mallee Bakery five days a week.
There is a wide range of food that can be purchased; choices are all healthy foods, which includes yoghurt lollies. Canteen products are preferred “Green” food endorsed by the Education Department. There is a general menu for the basic food that you are able to order for lunch time; also every day is a special order day eg: Friday pie day. There is now room for students to sit down and eat lunch in the warm cafeteria.
Kira Bramfit

LALs - Knitting Program:
As part of LALs we will be participating in the Wool in Schools program later this term.
If anyone has any 8 ply balls of wool or 4mm knitting needles they would like to donate, we would be extremely grateful.
The finished project will be a blanket made of squares (hopefully more than one!), to be donated to a charity.

VCE News:
It was great to have past students, Thomas Elliott, Lynden Burn, Laura Gloster, Kate O’Connor and Laura Down, attend the College last Friday to talk to our current Year 12s about their university experiences. The past students all completed Year 12 last year and attend a variety of Universities both in Victorian and South Australia. They shared information and provided an interesting insight into the courses they are completing, the universities they attend and their accommodation.
The session was very informative and I thank Thomas, Lynden, Laura, Kate and Laura for giving up their time.
Marie O’Connor
Year 11/12 Coordinator.

KNITTING:
The Year Five students have been lucky enough to start knitting this term with the CWA ladies and family members who have joined in. It is a great program that links the school with the community and also gives students that opportunity to learn the art of knitting (we are getting good already!!).
We are creating squares for a blanket that we will stitch together and donate to a charity at the end of the term. If any one wants to knit a square to donate it would be more then welcome.
The Year 9 Health Day was sponsored by Cheryl Linklater and Carmen McLean Branch Managers from Ouyen NAB. Cheryl and Carmen had a quick chat about the banking business and the careers available within the finance sector, also letting students know how to do their own banking from now and into the future. As a thank you the NAB supplied each student with a $20 gift voucher to be redeemed by coming into the Ouyen branch. Please remember other family members can make use of this voucher.

Thanks to the Lions Club who kindly cooked the BBQ.
FLINDERS UNIVERSITY – NEW COURSES FOR 2014

- Creative Arts (Fashion)
- Creative Arts (Visual Arts)
- Tourism Management
- Design and Technology Innovation
- Psychological Science / Business (Human Resource Management)
- Rehabilitation Counselling
- Engineering (Honours Program)
- Science Combined Degrees

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY OPEN ACCESS SELECTION MODEL

Federation University Australia (FedUni) is dedicated to increasing the participation of students from regional and rural areas in higher education. To support this aim, we are pleased to announce our new Open Access Selection Model which will replace the Regional Education Entry Program (REEP) in 2015. For current Year 12 students this means their ATAR is not a factor in our decision to offer them a place, provided they have met the prerequisites of their chosen program of study.

From the student’s perspective, this means:

- More opportunities to access Higher Education
- Offers based on individual study scores rather than ATAR

Early indication of offer upon receiving school results in December – if prerequisites have been met, a Main Round offer will be made (subject to availability of places)

For a full list of programs, visit: federation.edu.au/openaccess

SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY NUCLEAR MEDICINE AT RMIT

Up to five scholarships per year will be awarded to Victorian students with an ATAR > 85 who enter nuclear medicine at RMIT immediately after Year 12. Value: $10,000 over three years.

The RMIT Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) Nuclear Medicine is a three year program of study which includes clinical placements. It requires a one year internship after graduation.


For more information about the scholarships go to: http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp148

OYVEN P12 COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FABULOUS INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

Thanks to Kim Darley who coordinated a well presented day for our Year 9 students. They were able to gain first-hand experience of some of the many fantastic employment opportunities that are available within MTH&CS and the Emergency services in our area.

Mallee Minors Child Care, Pattinson House, Hostel, Hotel Services, Maintenance, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Allied Health, Podiatry, Administration, Social Work, Optometry, Country Fire Authority, Paramedic, Police.

Sue Sly

Careers Coordinator

WANTED

Long sleeved burgundy shirts and jumpers.

If anyone has “secondary sized” winter clothes no longer required by students in your home, please consider donating them or offering them to us for a small cost.

This would be much appreciated.

Vinnies has a good supply of very reasonably priced Primary school aged clothing if anyone is looking for a uniform item.

Glenda Pearson
Meeting:
Our next meeting is Monday, August 11th. All welcome.

Sheep Sales:
From next week sheep sales will be weekly.

The outdoor chess set has arrived and will be operational soon. We are purchasing some sand play equipment and a boat for the new grassed area.

Justine Cresp – President
Raelene Vine – Secretary

SHEEP SALE

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Ouyen P-12 College Primary Level Sports – Friday, 8th August
Underbool Sports – Thursday, 14th August

STEPA THON:
Would you like to take part in a stepathon?
Go to http://stepathon.org.au/ and follow the prompts as shown here.
The first 25,000 students who register will receive a pedometer to help count the steps they take in the month of September.

The Health and Well Being team will be running activities during this month – stay tuned for further details, but don’t forget to register and receive your free pedometer.

NIGHT NETBALL:
Congratulations to Geckos and Komodo Dragons who will be playing off in the grand final on Monday, 28th August.
A team member from Iguanas and Drop Tails is required to score the game.
The match will commence at 4.30pm – all supporters are welcome.

HIGH JUMP ROSTER

To assist with the organisation of the athletic sports on Friday, 8th August, we will be conducting the High Jump during class time. Parents are welcome to come and watch their children participating.
The events will be held on the gymnasium.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST
11.30 am – 6 year and under boys and girls
12 noon – 7 year boys and girls
12.30 pm – 8 year boys and girls
1.00 pm – 9 year boys and girls

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST
1.30 pm – 10 year boys and girls
2.00 pm – 11 year boys and girls
2.30 pm – 12 year boys and girls
STATE CROSS COUNTRY FINALISTS

Congratulations to the 5 students who travelled to Melbourne last Wednesday to compete in the Girls 14 Year Old Race at the 2014 SSV State Cross Country Championships.

They are among an elite few who reached this level of competition. All students represented the school admirably and showed great sportsmanship. The race had 90 runners.

The weather was cold and windy with rain threatening on the hill at Bundoora as our students prepared to tackle the very long slope that makes up the first third of the course. We were very lucky to complete the race before the rain and hail storm hit.

A big thank you to parents Marie O’Connor, Amanda Hayter, Sally Renkin, Darren Latta and Jackie-Lee Fawcett who travelled to Melbourne to support our students.

Well done to the girls who were the fourth placed team last Thursday, with most improving the times they achieved last year.

The official placings are as follows:

- Demi Elliott 13th 11:38.0
- Kaitlin Latta 45th 12:22.2
- Megan O’Connor 58th 12:35.0
- Macey Evans 76th 13:13.7
- Laura Hayter 82nd 13:23.5

Team Placing 4th (first country school)

WINTER GAMES

29/7/2014

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. Students have been given a note with all information about the day and this was also published in last week’s newsletter.

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

HELP NEEDED

If any parents wish to help out at the Winter Games next Wednesday, 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.

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 training on - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

It would be great to see some new faces. For hygiene purposes, students need to bring a change of...