Thank you to Ms Cross for her work as Acting Principal last week in my absence. We are lucky to have such an experienced leadership team at Ouyen P-12 College, all of whom are capable of making decisions and taking the lead in my absence.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to our Cross Country representatives who travelled to St Arnaud on Tuesday this week to compete in the regional event. Students have been training hard at lunchtimes and this hard work paid off with all doing very well. We had three teams finishing second in their age groups and two students, Sarah O’Connor and Kaitlin Latta winning through to compete in Melbourne at State level.

**Student Free Day**

Friday this week is a Student Free Day. No students are required to attend school on this day. Teachers will be writing and organising reports. Semester reports will be sent home at the end of the term – Friday June 26th.

**It’s Not Okay To Be Away**

At Ouyen P-12 College we are committed to giving your child the best education possible. Please help by ensuring your child does not miss school unnecessarily. While we understand that sick children should be at home, it is important that we don’t allow unnecessary days off and that appointments are made outside of school hours whenever possible.

*Leanne Dawes*

**Principal**

**Prep Excursion:**

On Tuesday, June 16th at 10am, the students who work in the Prep room will be visiting Pattinson House. They will be singing some songs and re-telling some stories for the residents. Staff have booked the school bus to transport them there and back.

**GOVERNMENT FUNDING:**

**FOR HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDERS:**

If you hold a current Healthcare Card then you may be eligible for CSEF.

This financial assistance could be of benefit to your family.

Bring your Healthcare Card to the General Office for more information and/or help.

Applications close June 26th.
Last Wednesday the Year 9 & 10 students travelled to Hope-town to attend a live performance of *Macbeth: Undone* by Bell Shakespeare.

At just $5 a student, thanks to funding from the school, students were fortunate to be able to experience the play in action, with a relevant link to their learning.

As part of the Year 10 curriculum at Ouyen, students study Shakespeare’s infamous play of tragedy, focusing on action, consequence and guilt of conscience. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to gain an understanding of the play and its complex language, prior to beginning their study of the text.

With a unique twist on the play, the actors intertwined explanations of scenes and character’s as well as directorial interpretations with presenting the play on stage to an audience. It was pleasing to see our students asking questions to the actors and taking their responses on board in a positive manner.

**Macbeth: Undone Performance**

**Found:**

Have you lost your DVD case?
This was found on the side of the road in Ritchie Street.

Also found is a reasonably new maroon, woollen school jumper with logo.
There is no name or sizing on the jumper. If you own either of these items please pick up from the General Office.

There are plenty of items in the junior lost property bin. If your child has lost an item please check the bin in the P-4 area.

Melanie Grant
Year 10 English

Approximately 75 out of 152 families have already downloaded our tiqbiz app. Please download the app and you’ll be able to receive current information as we post it. You can notify us of any absences your child may be having, tell us if your child/ren are off the bus or, if you’d like to get in touch with a staff member, you can ask for a meeting through tiqbiz.

I’m sure there are plenty of other things you’ll be able to think of to use this app. It’s very simple to use but if you are having trouble come and see us in the Office.
**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

It’s great to be great, greater still to be human.

*W.G.P.*

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**Happy Birthday:**

June 11th - Jacob Zanker

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**WATER BOTTLES:**

Students are permitted to bring a pop-top water bottle to school to use during class time. Please ensure the bottles are named.

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**SCHOOL BANKING:**

A reminder to all parents that school banking is on Wednesdays.

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**VISITORS:**

All visitors to our school, including parents, are expected to report to the Office to SIGN IN.

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**FORMS:**

In the past couple of weeks students (eldest in family) from Years 7 –12 would have brought home a Parent Occupation Confirmation form, including an update of information for any possible changes to address, phone number and emergency contact details.

Please ensure you fill in the form and return it to the General Office whether there have been any changes or not.

In the next few weeks these forms will be sent out to students in Years Prep to 6.

We would appreciate all forms being returned ASAP.

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▲ I.D. Cards are now available at a cost of $5. Many students have already taken up the opportunity. See Mrs Patching in the Office if you would like one.

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Congratulations to all the Year 10 students and Mrs Latta on a job well done in the Quadrangle. The arbour and gardens look magnificent. Students will have a tranquil place to sit and enjoy.

Thank you to Mr Vine who has spent many hours helping with the project, including staining the timber and helping install the watering system.
CROSS COUNTRY – ST ARNAUD:
Congratulations to the Primary Students who battled the cold conditions in St Arnaud on Tuesday. The students ran very well, with many students setting and achieving personal goals on the day. While final times and placings are not available at this stage, all students should be very proud of their efforts on what can only be described as a hilly and difficult course. The addition of dogs and kangaroos certainly made it a real cross country course.

A big thank you to:
- Mrs Grace and Mrs Nihill for their assistance with organisation and supervision on the day
- Mrs Lonergan for assistance with training the students at lunch time
- Parents and grandparents for their support on the day of the carnival

Well done to all runners – you should be proud of your commitment to training and efforts on race day.

LIGHTING PREMIERSHIPS:
The lightning premierships for football (AFL9’s) and netball will be held at Blackburn Park on Wednesday, June 10th, starting at 10am.

Students will leave school at 9.30am and walk to Blackburn Park.

They will need to have:
- Lunch and snacks
- Drinks
- Uniform – this will be organised at school this week.

At the completion of the carnival, students will walk back to school for afternoon classes.

Any parents who are able to assist with umpiring for both the AFL 9’s competition and netball are asked to contact Mrs Morrish.

Students selected in the teams will be provided with a note on Thursday, outlining the details of the day.

ATHLETIC SPORTS:
The primary athletic sports date for 2015 is Thursday, August 7th. This is the Thursday of Speed Field Days. Please mark this date in your calendar. The parent roster will be sent out in the last week of term. If you are unable to assist on the day, please contact the school.

Walk to school
Last Friday we celebrated Walk to School and what a magnificent bird’s-eye view it would have been with 74% of our students registering as walkers. Many of those stopped by Breakfast Club for a piece of toast, fruit and juice, while bus travelers were offered the chance to walk a fast pace with Miss Burns around the grounds. Congratulations to all those who participated, especially Year 1 who were awarded with milkshakes for a 90% walk-rate, and those walkers whose names were drawn out for a prize.
While the mornings are getting cooler, walking to school might be something families could consider making a regular habit. If not for the benefits of exercise, then the social interaction before and after school.

Prep – Claire Latta
One – Milly O’Shannessy
Two – Bridie Clarke
Three – David Gall
Four – Rasith Welendawe
Five – Lilly Cattanach
Six – Molly Grigg
Seven – Emily Phillips
Eight – Sophie Nihill
Nine – Annie Brown
Ten – Charlee Pengelly
Eleven – Daniel Kay

A big thank you to Mrs Grace for coordinating the day and organising the fruit platters, the Breakfast club organisers for their assistance, and Miss Burns for the fast paced walk!!
Year 9 Science:

This week, the Year 9 Science class has been learning about the Endocrine System. They have been studying the organs/glands, the hormones they secrete and what affect it has on the body. The students took their task to a whole new level and there were some FANTASTIC models made. We had a cake, plasticine model, Big Jake, Big Alien Chick, movies and even a Big Mr. Stewart drawn in chalk. Well done, Year 9’s!

Ms McCuish
**LMR CROSS COUNTRY**

**TWO QUALIFY FOR STATE FINALS**

Fifty One secondary students travelled to St. Arnaud on Tuesday to represent the College in the combined Primary and Secondary SSV LMR Cross Country. St Arnaud greeted us with very icy conditions, but luckily no rain.

All students ran well against strong competition with 2 students clearly qualifying to compete at the State Finals in Melbourne early next term. Because there is a City Regional Final and a Country Regional (St Arnaud) the first team and the first 7 individuals after the team members are removed from the results qualify to compete at State Finals.

**Well done to TEAMS**

- **Girls 13 Years** 4th
- **Girls 15 Years** 3rd
- **Girls 17-20 Years** 2nd
- **Boys 14 Years** 3rd
- **Boys 17-20 Years** 2nd

**CONGRATULATIONS TO STATE FINALISTS**

- **Girls 14 Yrs**
  - Kaitlin Latta

- **Girls 17-20 Yrs**
  - Sarah O’Connor

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**LMR RESULTS**

**GIRLS 13 YRS** - Abbey Latta 15th, Heidi Linklater 43, Greta Hayter 51st, Marissa Prentice 65th, Emily Phillips 67th.

**GIRLS 14 YRS** - Kaitlin Latta 7th, Jessica Down 28th, Chyna Maynard 30th, Gemma French 57th, Billi Lanigan 59th

**GIRLS 15 YRS** - Macey Evans 17th, Laura Hayter 25th, Megan O’Connor 26th, Allie Winslow 45th

**GIRLS 16 YRS** - Madeleine Hahnel 19th, Parris Linklater 20th, Charlee Pengelly 25th, Annie Brown 38th

**GIRLS 17-20 YRS** - Sarah O’Connor 9th, Kelsey Richardson 13th, Adriana Smith 23rd, Ebonnie Summerhayes 26th, Gabrielle Torpey 33rd, Bethany Burns 34th

**BOYS 13 YRS** - Corey Cupper 25th, Alex Hill 53rd, Casey Mitchell 61st, Liam Munro 64th

**BOYS 14 YRS** - Reece Anderson 38th, Benjamin Morrish 54th, Bailey Pengelly 56th, Bradley Marks 57th, Nic Erhardt 59th

**BOYS 15 YRS** - Alex Maynard 31st, Jake Cresp 52nd, Adam Morrish 53rd, Tyson Manley 54th,

**BOYS 16 YRS** - Tom Morrish 15th, Matt Dale-Hill 23rd, Peter Darley 27th, Harrison Jolly 30th, Riley O’Connor-Byrne 48th

**BOYS 17-20 YRS** - Nic Vine 10th, Matthew Cresp 11th, Tim Glover 28th, Daniel Kay 34th, Lee Conlin 35th

**THANK YOU** to Mrs Morrish, Mr. Stewart, Sue Sly and the parents for their support and supervision. Also, to Peter Floyd for driving us safely to and from St Arnaud.

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**FORTHCOMING DATES**

- **SSV State Finals Cross Country**
  - Thursday 16th July
  - Bundoora

- **SSV Mallee Division Winter Games**
  - Tuesday, 28th July
  - Robinvale

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**SPORT NEXT WEEK**

**JUNIOR**

- **Winter Games Practice**
  - Boys Football
  - Girls Netball
  - Mixed Soccer
Work Experience / Structured Work placement

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

2015 VCE/VCAL CAMPUS TRIP – YEAR 11

When: Sunday 9th – Tuesday 11th August
Cost: $250

The next instalment is due by students and parent attending by Friday 26th June

Bethany Burns  Leanne
Maddie Comrie  Heath
Aidan Down  Tanya
Madeleine Hahnel  Linton
Bailey Harker
Hannah John
Daniel Kay
Parris Linklater  Parent
Brody Morrish
Sarah O’Connor  Marie
Riley O’Connor Byrne
Chloe Phillips
Adriana Smith
Ebonnie Summerhayes  Jenny
Gabby Torpey
Nic Vine  Parent

Please make contact with Sue Sly if you have any concerns or questions.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY’S MILDURA CAMPUS is holding its first Experience La Trobe event on Friday July 3. This is a free school holiday program aimed at school students whereby they come on campus and participate in a few workshops experiencing what it’s like to be a Uni student for the day. Registrations are now live and students can register by visiting http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events/mildura-program

We’re also encouraging parents to register and come along for the day, they’ll have a separate program whereby they can learn more about how they can support their child through VCE to transition to University.

Lunch will be included on the day for people participating.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATROBE UNIVERSITY

Register online to receive all the latest information about La Trobe courses and events. You also go into the draw to win the ultimate travel experience worth $4,500. (terms and conditions apply) http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/feature/education/keep-in-touch

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - ASPIRE

Aspire is an exciting initiative open to Year 12 students who volunteer in their local community and are hoping to take up study with us. Applications are assessed on a student’s level of community engagement and a school’s recommendation will also form part of the assessment.

The Aspire Program recognises that you are worth more than your ATAR score and gives you the opportunity to be rewarded for your contribution. Applications are open to all of our courses and early offers will be conditional upon meeting the minimum ATAR requirement and prerequisite for the course.

Most courses have a minimum ATAR of 50, but some professional degree programs have higher requirements. More information is available from http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/minimum-ATAR-requirements

Types of volunteering
To apply for the Aspire Program, you must be able to demonstrate the impact of your volunteer contributions to the community. This may be through:
• religious/cultural group activities
• participating in social justice groups or a school leadership role
• being involved in sport, the performing arts or charity fund-raising group activities

THE CAREER INTEREST EXPLORER - THE AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEEENSHIPS INFORMATION SERVICE

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service has launched a new resource that aims to help students identify the strength of their career interests. The resource provides statements illustrating characteristics of seven broad work types. Students respond to these based on their level of interest resulting in a listing of the work types according to the relative strength of interest. From these outcomes, students can search for related information based on specific occupation ideas or industry based career information available on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website.

The resource will help students refine their thinking about their potential career pathways. It can also be part of their careers-related discussions with careers advisers in schools.

The Career Interest Explorer is available on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website – www.aapathways.com.au/explore

MY CAREER MATCH CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY SERVICES INDUSTRY SKILLS COUNCIL

Discover career opportunities in construction and property services. Matching who you are with what you do seems like a good idea, yet most people are in jobs that don’t match their personal style and natural talent.

My Career Match is a FREE online resource that will help students discover their strengths and talents and the careers that match in the construction and property services industry and whole lot more. Go to www.constructmycareer.com.au/My_Career_Match and find what Career Match you are.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – ENGINEERING AND IT SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The University of Melbourne offers a range of exciting opportunities for secondary school students to visit Parkville campus and experience Engineering & IT. Register now for the upcoming programs at www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/schools

Hands on Engineering - Thursday 2nd July
Hands on Computing - Tuesday 7th July
Programming Challenge for Girls, (PC4Girls) - Wed. 11th November,

TERTIARY STUDIES & CAREERS EXPO ADELAIDE

TSCEA is an important event for anyone seeking to explore their tertiary study, training and career options. With an overwhelming number of courses on offer each year and constantly changing career opportunities and pathways, entry requirements and study options, it is vital you keep up to date with the latest information on your career prospects. At TSCEA you are in the right place to find the best study and career options to suit your needs.

Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers and support agencies, TSCEA offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career!

Where: Adelaide Convention Centre
Date & Time: Sunday 14th June, 10am – 4pm
Monday 15th June, 9.30am – 1.30pm

More information on visiting TSCEA is available at http://www.careersevent.com/tscea/visitor-information/

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL – SUNTAFE

If you want to work in any bar, restaurant or venue in Victoria that serves alcohol you will need a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate recognised by Liquor Licensing Victoria

The next RSA course is Monday 15th June at 5.30.
For more information call SuntAFE 1300 478 648 or visit www.suntafe.edu.au

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Leanne Dawes on 50921182 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Vale Joan Kirner AC – It is with sadness that Parents’ Association notes the passing of Joan Kirner – teacher, wife, parent, advocate, visionary, pot stirrer, politician, Nana, and the list goes on. Joan’s passion for education led her into politics. As a teacher she cared greatly for her students; as a wife she fought for the right to be able to teach; as a mother she wanted the best educational opportunities for her children and the children throughout Victoria. She became involved with Mothers’ Clubs which became Parents and Friends groups, eventually becoming State leader. When she launched the Parents Victoria history in 2012, she shared memories of her many journeys to Ouyen and Mildura and time spent with our area’s reps like Peg Clark and Ann McLeish. She also reminisced about a Mothers’ Club meeting she attended at Underbool in the 70s. Joan’s drive for Victoria’s children connects with the motto – OUR CHILDREN, OUR CONCERN. No matter what you think of Joan’s politics or Premiership, her legacy to children, schools, teachers, community and education is immense.

[A copy of the book Parents Victoria Our Children, Our Concern 1925 -2012 is in the school library]

Meeting – Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th. It will be held in the cafeteria from 3:30p.m. so children can play just outside and be seen. It will also be handy for those going to gymnastics. Our guest speaker will explain the new spelling program that all classes from Foundation [Prep] to Year 9 are learning with. Agenda items and/ or apologies to Raelene Vine 0407849174.

Catering –

Thanks from the Riding Clinic participants to the year 5 families for feeding them over last weekend.

Saturday, June 27th – we have been asked to provide [no workers] food for Bev Morrish’s special birthday afternoon tea – probably Years 3/4 – confirm next newsletter

July 12th – Afternoon tea at Trotting Club for Stan Healy’s 90th

Justine Cresp – President, Raelene Vine – Secretary

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Parents Association
What is it?
An informative presentation for community volunteer groups.
Where are our future volunteers coming from? What are the changing patterns, motivations and barriers to volunteering? What are the opportunities for volunteering for young, aging, mobile and new populations, despite populations in decline?
The session will open up many possibilities for engaging volunteers in new and meaningful ways.
Please join us.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

WEP Student Exchange – Learn and Discover the World!
WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.