Cluster Day
On Monday of this week we hosted 140 staff from our five cluster schools here at Ouyen. The purpose of the day was for staff to attend Professional Learning workshops. This year the workshops were based around working with students with Dyslexia, differentiating curriculum and the use of the ABLES program to plan for and track students with learning difficulties.

Our Parents Association, with support from parents and students, catered for the day which was a huge undertaking. I would like to thank everyone involved in cooking, serving and cleaning up. It was great to see students giving up their time to work all day alongside their parents. The money raised by Parents Association goes directly to our school programs to benefit the students.

Merit Procedure
Attached to this week’s newsletter are the guidelines which are used to determine awarding of school Merit Certificates for the year. These have been adjusted to reflect what happens at the school and the programs students can be involved in. The purpose of a Merit is to recognise students’ efforts, high levels of behaviour and participation in school activities. This year, for the first time Years 5 and 6 will be included.

Cross Country
Our Cross Country competition was held this week. Primary students from Underbool and Tempy participated along with the Ouyen students P-12. It is always great to see the high levels of participation and the good spirited manner in which the students encouraged each other.

Thank you to Mrs Michelle Morrish, Mrs Lonergan and all the staff who assisted to make the day so successful. Thank you also to Phil Heenan from Ouyen SES who handled traffic and ensured the safety of senior competitors.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

Recycling:
Our junior students are doing a fantastic job of collecting the recycling each day.
Hayley Downes and Matthew Erhardt are pictured returning Mrs Dawes’ recycling bin.
Well done to all the students who are involved in this wonderful program.
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.”

~ Desmond Tutu ~

Happy Birthday:

May 1st - Zandi Elliott

May 7th - Hannah Gall

PLEASE

COLLECT:

We are collecting zippers and the button and button hole panels from old clothes for practising fine motor skills in the Prep room. If you have old clothes that are to be otherwise thrown away, could you please send them in to us first so we can remove the zippers and buttons.

Thank you,

Bree Lacey and Shelley Woodall

National Family Reading Month!

May is National Family Reading Month and we would like to encourage all students from Prep to Grade 6 to read every night for at least ten minutes with their family. Scholastic is running a competition as a bit of incentive for students and their families to read more. Students could win $250 in book vouchers for themselves as well as winning books for their classrooms.

Simply fill in the ‘Read More in May Challenge’ sheet and return to your teacher at the start of June.

Happy Reading!

BOOK CLUB:

All orders should be brought/sent to the General Office. Orders must be paid by cheque or credit card. Cash will NOT be accepted.

SCHOLASTIC

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WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Tanner Eames
Grade 1: Milly O’Shannessy
Grade 2: Harry Scott
Grade 3: Lara Cronin
Grade 4: Courtney Maynard

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Anthony Warby
Grade 1: Maggie Smith
Grade 2: Liam Bond
Grade 3: Porscha Vasic
Grade 4: Amelia Campbell

Literacy Award:
Prep: Adam Grace
Grade 1: Marie Standish
Grade 2: Hayley Downes
Grade 3: Thomas Vasic
Grade 4: Blake Smith

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?
ARE YOUR CHILD’S EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

If anything has changed for you and your family please pass on your new details to the General Office so we can update our records.

It’s important for us to have up to date information in case of an emergency.

Operation 1 Road to Recovery Rally

On Sunday, May 17th The Operation 1 Road to Recovery Rally will be stopping the night in Ouyen. This Rally is to raise money for the ‘Defence Shed’ Concept. It offers hands-on activities, projects and social activities, health and welfare advice and counselling for returned servicemen and women (and those currently serving).

Organisers are extending a warm welcome to all the community to come down to Blackburn Park and talk to the participants of the Rally Monday evening and engage with some returned servicemen and women championing this cause. With our recent ANZAC day remembering 100 years, let’s not forget our current heroes. If you have the time drop in and have a chat and show your support.

Parents of Year 5 students will be catering for this event to raise funds for Pushcarts.
Congratulations to the SRC for the ANZAC ceremony conducted last Friday. The junior and senior SRC members, in conjunction with the school captains, paid a fitting tribute to the ANZAC’s who made the ultimate sacrifice 100 years ago to enable to live the lifestyle we do today.

Under President Aidan’s guidance, the ceremony ran smoothly. Mrs Woodall’s primary students sang a great rendition of “Two Little Boys” and Harry led the junior SRC members to lay the wreaths under the flag, while Hannah Vine played the last post. A huge thank you to Hannah for being part of the ceremony.

The children wore red on the day as a sign of respect and a range of activities were held in classes to celebrate the day. Many of the classes made Anzac biscuits to eat during the celebrations. Year 7 Textiles group added poppies to the wall at the Roxy Theatre and the Prep students read special stories.

Thank you to Tim Gloster and his AV crew who ensured the ceremony ran smoothly, to Mrs Stone for the wreaths made in primary art classes and Noela Hill for the wreaths she donated to the school.

SRC members Sarah, Adriana and Harry represented the Ouyen P-12 College at the ANZAC ceremony on Saturday and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. A range of wreaths made by each year level were also laid.
Work Experience / Structured Work placement

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

SPARK ENGINEERING HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Spark Engineering Camp is a Youth Without Borders initiative that provides an opportunity for Year 10 – 12 students to experience university life and see what engineering has to offer. Students stay on university grounds at a residential college with activities planned throughout the city.

Types of sessions you can expect include: Engineering Activities, Information Seminars, Personal Development, Mentoring, Team Building & Social Activities.

Melbourne Camp Dates: 6th – 11th July
Camp Cost: Free
Applications Close: Friday 29th May
Application forms available from the Careers Office.

VCE / VCAL CAREERS TRIP FOR YEAR 11
When: Sunday 9th – Tuesday 11th August
All Year 11 students have received an ‘Expression of Interest’ form for the Careers trip to Melbourne.
I welcome parent and student involvement, please add your suggestions, sign and return so as planning can commence.
Deposit of $100 per person will be required by Friday 29th May 2015.
Please make contact if you have any concerns or questions.

EXPERIENCE UNI AND BE YOU AT VV
When: Wednesday 8th July (School Holidays)
Take part in workshops with current students and staff and explore your passions, interests and career options.
Register for Be You At VV www.vu.edu.au/be-you-at-vu

MOVING INTO MEDICINE – THE RURAL WAY!
Are you interested in a career in Medicine? In Year 10, 11 or 12 You are invited to an Information evening to be held at the School of Rural Health Mildura.
When: Thursday 21st May 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Light refreshments supplied
Guest Speakers: Julie Baxter, Admissions Unit Clayton
Local senior academic staff
Former and current medical students
Enquiries and RSVP by Friday 15th May to Jenny Timmis 5022 5521 or email jenny.timmis@monash.edu

THE CAREER INTEREST EXPLORER - THE AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS INFORMATION SERVICE
The Career Interest Explorer
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 several 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 career-related discussions with careers advisers in schools.

WORK EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME – IT’S BACK MARK YOUR DIARY
Victoria University’s connection to industry is legendary.
After the phenomenal success of the inaugural program, Work Experience of a Lifetime returns in 2015 with an impressive line-up of opportunities.

Year 10 & 11 students are invited to show their passion for their future careers with an entry in the Work Experience of a Lifetime competition.
Creative students can vie for the opportunity to spend a week immersed with one of our special partners
- HM Group – Graphic Design;
- Mushroom Music – Music Industry;
- Bonds - Fashion;
- Hacer - Construction;
- Leo Burnett – Advertising;
- Quest Apartments - Hospitality Management,
- Nova – Broadcasting.

Entries for this experience open May 4 & close May 29, 2015.
Students can register online at www.vuworkeperience.com.au

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY Has limited areas for the work experience program and these will depend on availability:
- Unisports – Eammon Gill
- Hospitality & Events – Nigel Watene
- Business – Helen Ryan
- School of Engineering and Information Technology - School Administration

Please call 1800 333 864 or email info@federation.edu.au

Online Program Finder
Marketing and Communications at FedUni have an online program finder available as a resource for students
www.federation.edu.au/programfinder

TERTIARY STUDIES & CAREERS EXPO – ADELAIDE
When: Sunday 14th Monday 15th June 2015
Where: Adelaide Convention Centre
Free Admission

Career seekers of all ages will find:
- Universities: Australian/International including faculty representatives
- Employers: National local and government
- Private Education and Training Colleges
- Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Defence Force Recruiting
- TAFE SA programs and courses
- Alternative pathways and scholarships

A chance to win an Apple Watch. www.CareersEvent.com

THE MACPHERSON SMITH RURAL FOUNDATION
MSRF is a charitable institution dedicated to the needs of rural and regional Victorian communities.
Open: Friday 1st June Closes: Saturday 18th July (midnight)

Program Aims
- Provide access to tertiary study to outstanding rural Victorian youth by reducing or removing financial barriers
- Promote the value of tertiary study to rural Victorian youth by providing role models/advocates
- Improve the availability of needed skills in rural Victoria by providing scholarships to students who plan to return to a rural Victorian community after graduation
- Support the transition from school to university, and (where required) from a rural community to a city university by outstanding rural youth
- Build a network of young rural leaders in Victoria

Program Overview
- Scholarship consists of three elements: financial support, mentoring and leadership development
- Financial support is valued at $45,000 ($15,000 per annum for three years)
- Open to rural Victorian VCE students who plan to attend university after they complete year 12
- Rigorous, competitive application and selection process
- Selection criteria include: demonstrated leadership capacity/potential, desire to return to rural Victoria after graduation, and previous community contribution

Limited to 1 or 2 applicants per school.

Please see Sue Sly if you are interested in applying for this scholarship.
CROSS COUNTRY:
Congratulations to all students on their excellent efforts and positive attitude towards cross country yesterday. They all competed with enthusiasm and it was great to see parents in attendance to cheer on the children.

A REPORT & PHOTOS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER.
Students who have qualified to represent the school at District level in Mildura on Monday, May 18th will receive information to take home next week.
Selected students will be required to attend at least three training sessions per week leading up to the event. Students with any questions need to discuss them with Mrs Morrish.

The Year 10 Ag students worked hard this week to see most of the quadrangle come together. Wednesday and Thursday mornings were dedicated to planting the numerous plants chosen for the space, including 148 Tom Thumb hedge plants! Our aim has been to achieve an area for students that is cool, calm and relaxing, which we are hoping to achieve through our selection of ornamental pears and maples, hedging plants, pencil pines, agapanthus and a variety of cottage plants. To complete the space we now need to install our irrigation system and top dress with mushroom compost.

TENNIS COACHING
Bill McDonald tennis coach based at Mildura is keen to offer tennis coaching during term 2. If you are interested please contact Bill direct on 029 770 857 or ontourtennis@gmail.com

Coaching to be on Monday or Tuesdays depending on names and will be $12.00 per session. Coaching to be conducted on Ouyen P - 12 tennis courts.

OUYEN GYMNASTICS CLUB:
Enrolment, Information & Come and Try TUESDAY, MAY 4th
4pm – 5pm
Ouyen Community Centre
Gymnastics will be held each Tuesday of Terms 2 & 3.
Session times may vary according to numbers.
Enquiries to Anne Bush Ph: 50922081
Sympathy: Parents Association extends sympathy to the Baker family on the unexpected passing of Mrs. Judith Baker. Her connection to the school has been a long and caring one. Her involvement as an educator, staff partner, musical director, parent, and SRI teacher was passionate and centred on the benefit of the children. Earlier this year she expressed regret that she probably wouldn’t be able to continue to teach SRI this year and would miss the children. She will be missed.

ANZAC Day: Congratulations to the SRC and student body on the ANZAC Day commemoration service held last Friday.

Cluster Day: We pass on thanks from Mrs. Dawes and the Cluster organisers to all who helped in any way with the catering on Monday. The Catering Team especially thanks the 10 students who worked so diligently and capably over a number of hours – wouldn’t have done it without you.

Cross Country: Well done to all who stepped up to the challenge of the various Cross Country events.

Meeting/ Memberships – Thanks to those who have sent in membership money and slips. Any parent/guardian is welcome to join. Just pop $5 in a labelled envelope and send to the office. If you’d like minutes, note it on the envelope, too. Ta. Next meeting – May 11th 7:00p.m. in the Conference Room. Guest speaker being arranged.

Catering –
May 1st – Year 5 – lunch for 18 – Lorraine Shaddock’s garden – all sorted
May 14th – MTH&CS – Volunteers Thank you lunch – Yrs 7/8 and 11/12 – list attached. Note year level change.
May 17th – The Operation 1 Road 2 Recovery Car Rally – Tea – Yr 5
July 12th – Afternoon tea at Trotting Club for Stan Healy’s 90th

Tiqbiz – remember to register and give it a go – phone or pc

Parents Victoria On-Line Conference – will be held from Monday, May 18 to Thursday, May 21. Six topics, with associated message boards, will run for four days:

ACCESS TO EDUCATION, What has been the greatest impact on your family getting your children back to school this year? Possible examples: cost of uniforms, BYOD, no EMA, location of school, moving schools.

PARENT CLUBS, Is there still a role for parent clubs/associations in schools? Does your school have a club? If not how is the parent voice heard? How can schools encourage parents to get involved? How can we ensure that parent groups are representative of the school community?

SOCIAL MEDIA, We often hear only the negative side of social media use, what are the positives? How is social media being used in your school? Do the students use it? Does your parent group have a Facebook page? Jump on board and leave your thoughts about the use of social media in the school environment.

ONLINE REPORTING, Many schools are moving to online reporting. What do you think about this change? How do you receive your child’s report? Do school reports provide you with the information you want and need to monitor your child’s progress at school? What could be improved?

FUNDING EDUCATION, What should the Government pay for? What, when and how should assistance be provided for disadvantaged students?)

ADDITIONAL OPEN FORUM & CAREER & PATHWAYS GUIDANCE, An extra discussion message board has been provided to give you an opportunity to raise other education issues you believe are also important

The conference will run continuously, with message boards open from 6am to 11pm, for four days, until 11pm on Thursday 21 May. The online conference will feature six moderated online discussions, each of them hosted, at different times, by a member of Parents Victoria and/or special guests from the Department of Education and Training (DET) and different associations. Messages posted between 11pm and 6am may not appear until the following day.

Register for this event, at no cost, at: http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/.

Justine Cresp – President, Raelene Vine – Secretary
Donations of money to purchase meat, bread rolls, apple slice etc. are welcome

Donations of goods and time as follows

Yrs 7/8 Contact Fe Latta 0427 141 515
1 x 2L milk
1 x 250g butter
3 x 1kg carrots
2 punnets strawberries
50 medium washed red potatoes
3 kg whole beans
2 x 600ml cream (not Light)
25 firm medium tomatoes
1 Kent pumpkin
3 x tray cauliflower au gratin (trays available)
[can be broccoli and caul]
2 x trifle slice [trifle in a lasagne dish – custard must set]

Workers:
Wednesday afternoon 4-6pm – 2 workers
Thursday morning 9-11:30 am – 3 workers
Thursday 11:30am- done – 4 workers & 3 to wait tables

Yr 11/12 contact Melanie Shaddock 0419 941 220
1 x 2L milk
1x 250g jar honey
2 x 275g jellied cranberry sauce or 1 large jar
3 x 300mL sour cream or 2 x 500
50 medium washed red potatoes
1 bunch spring onions
3 trays cauliflower au gratin (tray supplied)
2 x 1kg carrots
2 kg whole beans
1 Kent pumpkin
25 firm medium tomatoes
1/2 loaf bread made into crumbs
2 x trifle [in lasagne dish – custard must set – not be poured from a carton]

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Thursday morning 9-11:30a.m. 3 workers
Thursday 11:30a.m. - done – 4 workers & 3 to wait tables

All goods (except au gratins and trifles) preferably to be delivered to Blackburn Park Function Centre 4:00pm Wednesday, May 13th. Au gratins may be delivered Wednesday afternoon or by 10:00a.m. Thursday. Trifles can be delivered by 11:30 a.m. Thursday. THANKS

$ donations can be sent in to school in a marked envelope.
Any questions – call Raeline (0407 849 174/ 50921598)

Any Senior students willing to help out Wednesday afternoon are welcome – call a contact person. Ta
Counting on Parents

The 2015 Australian Early Development Census

Every Day Counts

Promotion of Education and Early Childhood Development

Getting to Why is important

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Primary school attendance

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**Merits**

**Purpose:**
Merit Certificates aim to recognise meritorious endeavour, interest and effort by students in all facets of school life. They are available to all students in Years 5-11 and are presented at the Ouyen P-12 College Annual Presentation Evening.

**Guidelines:**
To receive a Merit, a student must:

- Achieve effort and behaviour ratings of Very Good or Excellent with 75% or more being excellent. A student receiving two Acceptable or below ratings may be eligible for a Merit award at the Level Coordinator’s discretion.

and

Students must have been involved in at least three (3) of the following extracurricula areas

- Dramatic Arts – Positively and actively participate in the College Revue or College production and or other drama presentations
- Music performance – Positively and actively participate in the College Arts evening or other music performances representing the College
- Public Speaking - debating (other than in class debating) or other public speaking opportunities/competitions.
- Sport – Positively and actively participate in all college based sporting events (swimming, biathlon, cross country, athletics)
- Or
- At least two of the available interschool competitions (swimming, cross country, athletics, winter/summer games) and at the recommendation of Sports Coordinator.
- Curriculum Extension – non-compulsory subject competitions or extension work.
- Elected Administration - SRC/House organisation/leadership roles; with significant contribution and at the recommendation of the relevant Coordinator.

There may be students who have positively contributed to the school in other major school-based extracurricular activities or through exemplary assistance to staff or students in Technical/IT and other areas. Staff should report such contributions to level coordinators in writing.

Level Coordinators may rule a student ineligible due to:

- Suspension.
- More than one official lunchtime detention.
- Persistent breaches of rules.
- Serious and/or inappropriate behaviour towards staff, students or school property at any time.
- Poor attendance
- Insufficient participation in an early start program

Students who are unable to participate in an event but have a medical certificate or other reasonable excuse supported by evidence and a history of preparation or clear intention of participating in an activity may be considered as satisfying that requirement (for one category only) at the discretion of the Level Coordinator.
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