Principal’s Report

2015 Planning
Planning for next year is well underway with student subject selections completed and a draft timetable tabled for feedback from staff.
In 2015 we will welcome three new primary staff and a new secondary staff member. These teachers will replace Mr Stoetzer, Ms Jenner and Mrs Dowell. Miss McCuish will replace Mrs Dowell while she is on leave.
Class Teachers in the primary area will be as follows: Miss Lacey – Prep, Mrs Mole & Mrs Grace – 1/2, Mr O’Brien – Year 3, Miss Ginn – Year 4, Mr Roberts – Year 5, Miss Burns – Year 6.
Mrs Stone will take PE, Art and support literacy and numeracy in years 5 and 6. Mrs Jan Morrish will teach science P-6 and support years 3 and 4. Mrs Woodall will teach music and support Prep-2 and Mrs Geary will take Reading Recovery, some secondary classes and provide support in the P-2 area. The extra staff will enable us to give extra support to our students for literacy and numeracy.
The secondary timetable will be ready for publishing in the next week or so.
If you have any queries regarding arrangements for 2015 please contact the school.

School Start Dates 2015
Teachers will be on duty from Wednesday, January 28th 2015. Students in Years 1-12 begin school on Thursday, January 29th and Prep students will start school on Monday, February 2nd.

Student Enrolments
Legally we are required to sight birth certificates before enrolling new students. Please be aware of this requirement when completing the enrolment papers.

Transition
Our school’s transition program – Early Start, will take place from December 1st and involves students moving up into the next year level in preparation for the coming year and as far as possible the teachers they will have will take the classes. For secondary students the program runs for two weeks and this year primary students will take part in the program for one week (rather than a single day as in previous years). 2015 prep students will come to school for a one day as a whole group and then at appointed times to enable testing to take place – information has been sent out to parents regarding these times.
A Parent Information Meeting for parents of students going into Year 7 will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd in Room 14 at 4:30pm. This meeting provides parents with a chance to meet teachers and learn more about what to expect from our school.
A meeting for 2015 Prep Parents will also take place before the end of the year – notes will be sent out regarding this meeting shortly.

Primary Swimming
We run an intensive swimming program for primary students before the end of the year. The reasoning for this is that students will develop skills around water before the season gets fully underway and before the holiday break when children often spend time in and around waterways. More information about the program can be found in this newsletter and will be sent home soon.

Leanne Dawes
Principal
MUSIC:
Our Year Seven Music Group made its way down to the Ouyen Pre-School last week to perform some carefully prepared items and help the kinder students learn some ukulele skills. Here are some of their impressions.

- The Kinder Kids really enjoyed the song. I think this was because it was familiar to their ears. I think it was fun teaching them how to play because they were having heaps of fun. **Jesse Lynch**
- I think the reaction on the kids’ faces was more like a happy face than a listening to music face. I wish we had a bus. We could have got another song in each! **Liam Munro**
- I liked going to the Kinder and singing because it was fun. Also I liked teaching them how to play the ukulele. I think that we could have picked a pop song. **Greta Hayter**
- I loved going to the Kindergarten and playing “Home Among the Gumtrees.” They liked getting up and dancing, but we could have sung louder. It was good to see them enjoying themselves. I would like to do it again. **Billi Lanigan**
- I thought that the Kinder visit was lots of fun. I think my group got the kids involved and it looked like they were having lots of fun. It was great because they were sitting down for a while listening to other songs, so it was great for them to be able to get up and dance about by doing the actions. **Kaitlin Latta**
- The kids were great and very willing to learn. **Bradley Marks**
- I thought teaching the Kinder Kids was fun. It was interesting because they were only little, they could still strum and put no more than one finger on the strings at a time and if you made a mistake they wouldn’t really care much. **Lachie Comrie**
- I think the Kinder Kids thought it was great learning how to play the ukulele. They were having fun doing all the dance moves for “Home Among the Gumtrees.” **Reece Anderson**
- I really enjoyed the visit because the kids were excited to see us and keen as a bean to learn the chords. I wasn’t as scared (to perform) this time. **Bailey Pengelly**
- My thoughts and feelings about going to the Kinder are being inspirational to the little kids and I hope they follow music in the future. I hope we can perform there again. **Oscar Smith**

Shelley Woodall
Music Coordinator
P-4 CONCERT:
Our P-4 End-Of-Year Concert is planned for Thursday, December 4th at 7pm at the Community Centre.
We would like the students to arrive, ready to start at 6.45pm.
There is no cost for admission, but there will be a small door raffle where families may choose to buy a ticket for $1 each.

Every student in Years Prep- Four is involved in a year level item and a singing item, with some carols to close the evening’s entertainment. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the items.

We would like all students to wear something ‘Christmas-y’ (hat, hair tie, headband, t-shirt, accessory etc.) for the final item. There is no need for any expense or stress over costumes or props.

- Year 3-4 Students will receive a separate note with their requirements listed.
- Year 2 Students will receive a separate note with their requirements listed.
- Year 1 Students have already received a note explaining requirements.
- Prep Students will need to wear neat casual clothes.

We have also distributed the words for the songs your child will be singing in order to practise at home. They will be pasted into reading logs or planners. It will be easier if everyone knows the words from memory.

We are looking forward to sharing this special occasion with you and celebrating all the accomplishments for this year. If there are any questions, please direct them to your home-group teacher or to myself.

Shelley Woodall
Performing Arts,
Ouyen P-12 College

UNSW Competitions
Certificates have been awarded to the highest achieving participants in each year level from 3-11, in six subject areas that students elected to compete in.
This is an international competition. Almost one million entries are received each year.
At the school assemblies this week we recognized the participation of our students and congratulated them on their efforts and achievements.
The following students received certificates at the Year 5-11 Assembly:

Science
Samantha Sharp Merit
Aidan Down Merit

Computer skills
Samantha Sharp Credit

Spelling
Lauren Grace Credit
Elena Huggins Credit
Abbey Latta Credit

English
Elena Huggins Credit
Liam Vine Credit
Charlotte Vine Credit
Samantha Sharp Distinction
Nic Vine Credit
Sarah O’Connor Credit
Aidan Down Merit

Mathematics
Elena Huggins Credit
Liam Vine Merit
Charlie O’Connor Byrne Merit
Charlotte Vine Credit
Megan O’Connor Credit
Samantha Sharp Credit
Laura Hayter Credit
Nic Vine Credit
Sarah O’Connor Credit
Aidan Down Distinction
Riley O’Connor Byrne Credit

The Principal’s Awards went to the highest ranked student in each subject from any year level.
We congratulate:
Lauren Grace for her Writing result
Abbey Latta for Spelling
Samantha Sharp for English (Top 10%) and Computer skills.
Aidan Down for his top 5% score in Mathematics

At the Assembly on Friday, Year 3-4 results were announced.
They were:

Science
Ziyoun Lam Credit

Spelling
Ziyoun Lam Credit
Tim Vine Credit

Mathematics
Tim Vine Credit
Joel Grace Credit
Georgia Latta Credit

The Principal’s award for Science, went to Ziyoun Lam.
Thank you to Mrs Roxanne Simmonds for her assistance with these assessments.
Every student also received an envelope detailing their test efforts and a comprehensive report about each competition they participated in.

Glenda Pearson
Competition Co-ordinator
**Year 12 Information**

It’s your dreams versus the reality of your score: What do you do if you need to change your preferences?
Libbi Gorr talks to the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre’s (VTAC) Laurene Coller and Adrian Blades on Sunday, 774 ABC Melbourne.

**VTAC**

**Monday, November 24th, 9am:**
Change of preference opens

**Friday, December 5th, 5pm:**
Very late course application close

**Monday, December 22nd, 12 noon**
Change of Preference Closes

**SATAC**

**Monday, December 1st, 2014**
Equal consideration closing date for most undergraduate courses. New applications after this date are not guaranteed equal consideration for selection. Check with SATAC before applying after this date.

**Monday, January 5th, 2015**
Deadline for existing applicants to change their preferences to most courses and still be guaranteed equal consideration

**Monday, January 5th, 2015**
Deadline for applicants who have applied by December to pay their application fee and still be guaranteed equal consideration

**Thursday, January 15th, 2015**
Main January offer round for semester 1 2015

*Year 12 students have been emailed a list of scholarships that may be of interest. This list is only a small selection of what is available if you choose to do some research. You continually need to check for the latest up to date information including closing date as this does change from year to year.*

**Thinking of Changing Your Preference**

Universities will be offering Course Information sessions, one-on-one appointments and Change of preference expos during December. Please check with the Universities you are intending on applying to for further details.

**Unique Student Identifier (USI)** — bringing your skills together
If you’re studying nationally recognised training in Australia from 1 January 2015, you will be required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

Your USI links to an online account that contains all your training records and results (transcript) that you have completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. Your results from 2015 will be available in your USI account in 2016.

When applying for a job or enrolling in further study, you will often need to provide your training records and results (transcript). One of the main benefits of the USI is the ability to provide students with easy access to their training records and results (transcript) throughout their life.

You can access your USI account online from your computer, tablet or smart phone anytime.

**Discover Your Future at Flinders** http://www.flinders.edu.au/events/show/event/discover-your-future-at-flinders
Visit the Uni information and experience days and take a closer look at what you could be studying next year.

**Tuesday, December 2nd**

What Happens When Gases Cool? Study Chemistry or Physics –10am – 1pm

Experience Nursing 10am – 1pm or 4pm – 7pm

Optometry & Vision Science, 4pm – 5.30pm

School of Health Sciences, Life Sciences 5.30pm – 7pm
- Health Promotion,
- Health Management,
- Disability and Community Rehabilitation,
- Nutrition and Dietetics,
- Environmental and Public Health,
- Physiotherapy,
- Occupational Therapy,
- Speech Pathology
- Medicine

Game of Thrones & Social Role-Play 5.30pm – 7.30pm

**Wednesday, December 3rd**

Flinders Business School-The Flinders Business Lounge, 12pm-6.30pm

Law, Justice & Criminology, 2pm-3pm

Health Adventure with Medical Science 5.45pm-7.30pm
- Medicine,
- Optometry,
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Speech Pathology.

**SMGT Up and Coming Courses**

**Food handlers**

- Date: Wednesday, November 26th
- Time: 5pm-8.30pm
- Cost: $65

**Responsible Service of Alcohol**

- Date: Thursday, November 27th
- Time: 1.30pm-5pm,
- Cost $65

**C1 Card,**

- Date: Monday, December 8th
- Time: 9am-2.30pm,
- Cost: $150 per person, $120 per student

Contact SMGT Hayley Wilson, Business Development Officer, Phone 5022 1833

**Sue Sly**

Careers Coordinator

**Apprentice Mechanic - Cert II Automotive – Light Vehicle**

Application process requires a Resume and cover letter to Sally Shelly for more details by Wednesday, December 10th.

Email sshelly@mmtc.com.au
Phone 5022 9420
147th Tenth Street, Mildura, 3500
2014 PATTINSON HOUSE ENTERTAINMENT:
A large gathering of Pattinson House residents and community members were delightfully entertained by thirteen Ouyen P-12 students on Monday, November 17th. Lee Conlin very capably compered the concert. Instrumental talent on the piano, trombone, flute, ukulele, cornet, guitar, tambourine and drums were combined with vocals for some items and Elena’s ballet presentation presented a different talent. The audience really appreciated the wonderful performances and hummed or sang along with the tunes known to them. Thanks were expressed to the students on the day and there has been much positive community feedback from individuals in the audience who look forward to the next concert! Congratulations to all students involved and thankyou for sharing your talents. Thanks also to Mrs Mole and Mrs Lonergan for driving the bus and to Mrs Vine for helping transport instruments.

Rosemary Jackson
Nic: Thanks to the residents of Pattinson House for giving us the chance to entertain them. It was a neat Variety Concert with some fine performances which the residents really enjoyed. Well done to all performers and to Lee as MC. Thanks to Mrs. Jackson for organising it.

Ziyoun: I played Roar on the cornet. It was exciting playing to them.

Charlotte: It was a great experience for us and the residents at Pattinson House. They love to have young people go to visit. It was lovely to see and hear everyone singing along to ‘Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer’ as Elena played it on piano.

Liam: I really enjoyed playing for the residents at Pattinson House and watching others play and perform.

Tim: I really loved performing to the residents of Pattinson House and their visitors. I thought it was brilliant.
CRICKET:
On November 11th we went to Blackburn Park for Kanga Cricket/T20 Blast at 9:30am in Ouyen. My partner was Corey Cupper. We had 4 matches each round. The teams were St Marys Robinvale, Underbool, Tempy. If we made it to the next level it was Swan Hill then MCG then MCG again. The partners on our team (Ouyen 2) Lauren and Ella, Molly and Bryanna, Darcy and Adrian, Me and Corey and the Captains were Darcy and Adrian. They were very good, mostly Adrian because he helped everyone on the team a lot. We won our first match against St Marys 3 by a lot. We had a minute silence at 11pm for Remembrance Day. Then we had food, then got back into it. We won again against St Marys 1. 99-88. We had more food then got back in to it again. We lost against Tempy but it didn’t matter as long as we had fun. Then we played Underbool for a final to get 3rd place but we lost so we got 4th place after all. I was really proud of my team because we all supported each other and went off the field with a smile. The Grand Final was Ouyen 1 vs Tempy and Ouyen 1 won so now they get to go to Swan Hill for Regionals. Dylan Davis

On Tuesday, November 12th the Year 5/6 students went to Blackburn Park to play cricket for the T-20 blast competition! Four Year 8’s came down to help us score. The teams were Underbool, Tempy, Ouyen #1, Ouyen #2, Ouyen #3, St Marys #1, St Marys #2, St Marys #3 & St Marys #4. There were two pools in the round, we played two games & one final. We were supposed to play St Marys #5 but they didn’t show up. The first game we played was St Marys #2 and the score was 90-129 our way. The second game we didn’t play because St Marys #5 wasn’t there! The third game was St Marys #4 we won 24-90. The next game we played was the grand final, we played Tempy & we won 75-136. I had a great day & can’t wait to go to Swan Hill if I get chosen in the team!! Emily Phillips

Congratulations to the students selected to represent the school in the T-20 blast regional final to be held in Swan Hill next Tuesday.
Students are required to attend training Monday lunchtime to finalise arrangements. All students have been provided with a note outlining the arrangements for the day. Permission forms and money must be returned prior to leaving.
The bus will leave from the Fuller Street bus stop at 7.45am promptly – students should be at the bus stop at least five minutes before.

The team is:

GIRLS: Emily Phillips, Lily Munro, Abbey Latta, Jasmine Anderson, Lauren Grace, Molly Grigg, Ella Hastings, Georgia Phillips, Natalie Nihill

BOYS: Heath Smith, Alex Hill, Liam Vine, Corey Cupper, Adrian Fidge, Jarn Clarke, Darcy Cresp, Sam Scott, Dylan Davis

HUME SHIELD TENNIS:
The Hume Shield, Ken Wright Cup and Len & Melva Spence tennis tournament will be held in Mildura on Sunday, November 23rd.
Any students interested in playing and have not given their names to Mrs Morrish, can do so until Saturday.

2014 SWIMMING PROGRAM:
The Primary Swimming Program will run from December 1st to 12th with all students having the opportunity to access quality instruction from qualified swimming teachers. Students will attend daily for one hour sessions. This is a free program to those students with season’s passes (available from the pool). All other students will need to pay the cost of entry to the pool only, $18 for the ten sessions, as soon as possible. Parents are invited to attend.

Years 5/6 at 11.30  Years 2/3/4 at 12.30  Prep/1 at 2.00pm

HOT SHOTS
– FREE
SHIRT OFFER:
Are you a Hot Shots fan – would you like to receive a free t-shirt and help the school raise funds to purchase equipment?? If so, log onto the hotshots website and go to the free t-shirt offer. When applying, click the Ouyen Secondary College button and you are on your way to receiving a free t-shirt and other goodies. Registrations must be completed today.
T20 BLAST CRICKET WESTERN STATE FINALISTS

On November 18th, eleven Year 7 & 8 girls, six Year 8 boys and ten Year 7 boys travelled to Ballarat with Jon Cresp, Mrs. Morrish, Snoopy Floyd and Mrs Lonergan in preparation for the Western State Cricket Finals at Melton the next day. The weather dawned perfect for cricket, although as the day progressed, regular sunscreen applications were required.

YEAR 7 BOYS
With Mrs Lonergan in charge, the Year 7 boys approached the first match against Castlemaine with great enthusiasm. Scoring was very even with the overall result seeing Castlemaine 103 defeat Ouyen on 93. Seeing the need for a greater run rate, the boys went into the next match against Kyabram determined to improve. They won, however not due to making runs, it was a result of 6 bowlers getting 9 wickets with Lachie bowling 4 in one over. With each wicket putting 5 runs onto our score the final result was Ouyen 113 d Kyabram 107.

In the final match the boys faced a tough opposition with Emmanuel, the eventual runners up in the final. They were a big hitting team, with everyone on their team hitting at least one 12. As a result the boys lost 283 to 114.

Highlights
* The whole trip.
* Lachie’s 4 wickets in one over in Game 2.
* The very close first two games.
* Everyone had a real go.
* Ben’s field setting.
* When we hit 12’s.

Not when Emmanuel hit lots of 12’s!!

Thanks to Jon Cresp and Mrs. Morrish for their coaching and assistance throughout the trip. Also thank you to Snoopy Floyd for driving us safely to and from this event.

YEAR 8/7 GIRLS
With Mrs Morrish coaching, the girls approached the first match against Warrnambool with some trepidation, but produced some great batting and fielding on the wet and muddy oval to win by 6 runs.

In their second match against Ballarat High, the girls played with more confidence and produced some excellent plays to achieve a win. (O 119 d B 89)

In the final match, the Girls were up against St. Bridgids who proved to be their toughest competition all day. Unfortunately, the girls went down 144 to 91. There was quite a wait to find out who the finalists would be - unfortunately they narrowly missed out on competing in the final on run rates—finishing 3rd overall.

Highlights
* Chyna slipping over. Billi falling asleep.
* Everyone falling over on the wet grass.
* Winning the first game by 6 runs.
* Everyone putting in, trying their best and having a real go.
* Learning that if you run on wet muddy grass you will slip over and mum won’t want to do the washing.

* A great day with great cricket played - all girls trying their best at batting and bowling and succeeding.

YEAR 8 BOYS
With Jon Cresp at the helm, the boys went into the first match determined to win. With a very wet field, batting and fielding involved a lot of slipping and sliding. Luckily the boys overcame the challenges to win against Maryborough 117 to 96.

The field was getting slipperier and more muddy as the boys tackled Donald in their second match. They were competitive, but unfortunately went down 151 to 122.

In the final match against St. Josephs College, our boys were no longer wearing white and blue, but brown as they spent a lot of time in the mud. This team was more formidable, taking several of our wickets and hitting many boundaries. The result saw the boys go down 266 to 78.

Highlights
* Nic falling over 3 times in our last game.
* Jake going out heaps of times in the last game.
* Chris falling over after he bowled.
* Lachie’s wicket catch and fielding throw in trick.
* Jake making 1 run and getting covered in mud in the last game.
* Toby “almost” getting a Maiden Over.
* Winning the first game.
New Equipment: Last term, Parents Association ordered a sand mill for the sandpit and a Castaway boat for the playground. These items have arrived and will be affixed over the summer break. Funding of Interactive Math program material was approved this week, too.

Meeting: We will have our final meeting for the year on Monday, December 8th. It will be a dinner meeting. Venue to be decided.

Best wishes – To all students, staff and parents currently involved in the Energy Breakthrough event at Maryborough: Push Carts – Year 5 and Human Powered Vehicle – Year 10. No doubt it will be educational, challenging, and enjoyable.

To Year 10 and 11 students as they prepare for the forthcoming exams.

To all participating in the Year 5/6 cricket finals

Congratulations – To all who represented our school at cricket this week

To all who were recognised for their efforts in the UNINSW tests

Catering: Details for catering Nancye Munro’s 90th birthday at Blackburn Park on December 6th are attached. It is open to all Year levels. Anyone wishing to be the contact person, please contact Raelene Vine 0407849174.

Parents Victoria – Check out the PV website for all sorts of information and updates. It has information from the DEECD about EMA, Schoolkids Bonus, Bully Stoppers and more, plus the recent on-line conference and issues receiving attention.

www.parents.victoria.asn.au

Andrew Fuller: Helping Your Child Succeed at School – Improving Concentration – Finger Safari Experts

These kids are always touching, fiddling, feeling, twisting, picking away at something. Their fingers are always busy. These kids have tactile distractibility. The sort of kid that sits, not taking in one word, as they become absorbed in twisting their hair.

The upside is that these kids are often sensitive people who read feelings well, and have both good eye-hand and fine motor co-ordination.

These kids learn and concentrate best when they can be “hands on”. Caring for pets and learning chess and musical instruments can be helpful.

Some Finger Safari Experts are insatiable in terms of acquisitions (this often develops into ambition!) Helping them to build collections can be worthwhile. When they become insatiable in their demands, they can be helped to focus by adding to their rock, stick, flower collections. Lego, Building models, learning knitting or sewing, mechanics sets, jigsaw puzzles, Rubik’s cubes, mazes, constructing and painting small figures, and crafts are just some of the activities that help Finger Safari Experts to learn how to concentrate.

Justine Cresp
President

Raelene Vine
Secretary

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Catering – Nancye Munro’s 90th – December 6th – Blackburn Park contact person to be arranged; meanwhile contact Raelene Vine 0407849174

4pkt mixed sandwiches – 2 white/2 wholemeal
1 dozen savoury scones [then halved]
1 sponge cake
1 ½ doz jelly slice
1 ½ doz lemon flavoured slice
1 ½ dozen vanilla slice

1 savoury platter
1 dozen sweet scones – jam/cream
1 chocolate cake
1 ½ doz hedgehog
1 ½ hazelnut slice
1 ½ doz apple/sour cream

Variations are welcome – just need variety

2 -3 workers to plate up and serve from 2:00p.m.
2 -3 workers to clear away from 3:30p.m.

Happy Birthday:

November 24th - Isabella Price
November 24th - Jarne Clarke

THought for the Week

Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s party!” ~

Robin Williams