Principal’s Report

Parents Association Meeting
The next PA Meeting will be held on Friday, November 7th at 2.25 (following the Primary Assembly) in the Conference Room in the Administration Block. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Attendance
Congratulations to Year 12 for achieving the highest class attendance rate for Term 3. Other year levels were close behind however we still have concerns about attendance in Years 1, 2 and 9.

Please don’t allow your child to miss school unless it is absolutely unavoidable; we understand that sick children need to stay home but even though we are coming to the end of the school year every day at school counts.

Farmers Festival
Next Tuesday is a Council holiday to celebrate the Ouyen Farmers Festival. No students are required to attend school on this day and school buses will not be running.

Year 9 Rubicon Camp
Our Year 9 students have been away at the Rubicon Adventure Camp this week. By all accounts they have had a great (and challenging) time. Thank you to Mrs Lonergan, Mr Emms and Mr Rowe for accompanying the group.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

STATE ATHLETICS:
Congratulations to Jasmine Anderson and Lauren Grace who represented Ouyen P-12 College in the Primary State Athletics Finals which were at Lakeside Stadium, South Melbourne on Monday, October 27th.

In very trying conditions, the girls performed extremely well and represented the school with distinction.

Lauren achieved 15th place in the 11 Year Girls discus throwing a distance of 14.93m. After a count back to determine places, Jasmine finished in 11th place, jumping a height of 1.25. She was equal on this height with four other competitors in the event.

Well done girls.

Thank you to Mrs M. Morrish who accompanied the students to Melbourne.
DRUM AND GUITAR LESSONS:
It is not too late to express your interest, if you would like to learn drums or guitar from a private tutor. The more interest we have the better, as this ensures more secure employment for the tutors and increases the likelihood that lessons will be on-going. At the moment, drum lessons are definitely going ahead and will commence in Term 1, 2015. There has been a great deal of interest in guitar lessons which increases our chances of obtaining a tutor. Guitar lessons are still in the planning stages and have not yet been confirmed.

JEFF TYNAN CONCERT:
On Monday, November 3rd our Years 5-9 students will be attending the Roxy Theatre at 2pm for a concert with Jeff Tynan. Jeff is an ex-student of our school and has made a career out of music. He will be officially launching his first video clip at this concert. Year 7 students will be privileged to have a workshop with Jeff during Period 4 on the same day to discuss the themes of his video, how his career path developed and, hopefully, will include a jam session. There is no cost for the students. Town students will be dismissed from the Roxy. Bus students will be brought back to school to catch their buses.

PLANET RHYTHM:
On Friday, November 14th at 9.10 am, John Rattley will be attending our school to run his Planet Rhythm Workshop. This presentation was originally scheduled for Term 2 and we are lucky that John has been able to fit us in. Planet Rhythm includes P-6 students and costs $5 per student. This payment can be sent to school and handed to class teachers or the office.

P-4 CONCERT:
The date has been set for our P-4 End-of-Year Concert. Please reserve Thursday, December 4th at 7pm for this special occasion. Further information regarding acts, costumes and so on will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

BOOKS WANTED!

We are looking for copies of books to build up our class sets for use in Years 7 to 9. Some of these have been set texts in the past and may be lurking on your bookshelves! We are happy to buy the books from you...and equally happy if you would like to donate them!

We are looking for:
- Holes
- Bridge to Terabithia
- The Outsiders
- Looking for Alibrandi
- Tomorrow When the War Began
- Boy Overboard.

Thanks in advance – Shelley and Mel

UPCOMING EVENTS

T-20 CRICKET:
Grade 5 & 6 Primary T-20 Blast Carnival will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at Blackburn Park. The event will commence at 10am. Teams will be selected early next week and students and parents will be notified of the arrangements for the day next week.

WALK TO SCHOOL:
Well done to the students who have risen to the challenge and walked to school for the month of October.

Final results will be calculated and winners will be announced in the newsletter next week, but why stop now?? Why not keep the walking up for the rest of the year??

A tally sheet will continue to run in each class/home group room for students to tally the walks for the rest of the school year, with prizes being awarded at various times to walkers – this is available for students who ride or scooter to school. Stay tuned for further details.

The bike riding group will continue each Tuesday and Thursday. Any one is welcome to join the group.

happy Birthday:
November 3rd - Jim Vallance
November 6th - Lachie O'Callaghan

Thought for the week:
Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss you’ll land among the stars.
- Les Brown
YEAR 9 COMMUNITY: ▼►
Today during community, we went to Pattinson house to help Julie out. The range of tasks included sanding outdoor bench seats, cleaning out the fish tank and doing some weeding in the garden. I really enjoy being out of the school ground and being involved in the community.

Allie

MUSIC:
The Music elective for students not participating in sport gives students the opportunity to try different instruments, as well as to extend their abilities and repertoire with a particular instrument.

Examples include: Lee Conlin recently joined the class and is learning chords and strum patterns on guitar playing Donovan’s Catch the Wind, Gabby Torpey negotiated the intricacies of rosin, tensioning, holding and controlling the bow while playing the violin for the first time this week, and Josh Brauer is learning two new pieces on flute - Silent Night and Zelda’s Theme.

CRICKET CLINIC:
Monday morning the 27th of October we had a cricket clinic. The coaches’ name was Alex. One of the games we played was Rapid Fire where we hit the balls off the cone then we ran to each wicket. The reason we did this is to practice our hitting, fielding and bowling. We had lots of fun with Alex. At the end we all got a little packet of milo and Liam said thank you for coming to us and teaching us how to play cricket. William, Blake, Riggs, Cal and Brock.
I really enjoyed playing the game rapid fire – Darcy C.
It was a really fun way to spend the morning and improve my cricket skills – Sherri.
The cricket clinic was great experience and we all got to learn lots from Alex (from Cricket Victoria) – Abbey.
I really liked the cricket clinic. I learnt lots because we practiced our accuracy, agility skills and teamwork – Liam and Heath.
I thought the cricket clinic was great. It was a good opportunity to learn some cricket skills and new games. I enjoyed playing rapid fire. - Lily

Pictured are examples of some of our Year 12 VCD & Art folios. Students spent many weeks developing ideas to come up with a final product.

► Iesha’s final Art work.
Gus’s final VCD display. ▶
Recently, Year 5/6 students participated in a literacy activity. Students wrote procedures and completed the steps to make jelly creations.

In Literature Circles the students celebrated end of term with pizzas.

YEAR 5 STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT FACIAL PROPORTIONS IN ART.
SUPER 8 CRICKET STATE FINALISTS

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 T20 Blast Cricketers who were successful in winning all of their matches at Robinvale last Thursday. Although the weather was quite hot, our students played with enthusiasm and endeavour against Robinvale and St. Mary’s. The practices certainly paid off as our students demonstrated some excellent skills in batting, bowling and fielding. A big thank you to Nic Vine and Aidan Down who travelled to Robinvale and umpired games all day.

This now means that we have 5 teams heading off to the Western State Finals in Melton in November. Our Year 9 and 10 girls and boys teams have also been invited to play at the Western State Final as no other teams entered the Zone competition that was scheduled for Ouyen earlier in October.

WELL DONE TO -

YEAR 7 BOYS TEAM
Benjamin Morrish   Liam Munro
Lachie Comrie      Reece Anderson
Bailey Pengelly    Jesse Lynch
Will Torpey        Bradley Marks

YEAR 7/8 GIRLS
Maddy Hastings    Megan O’Connor
Charlotte Vine    Natasha Beckman
Lucy Morrish      Chyna Maynard
Billi Lanigan     Gemma French
Sophie Nihiil     Jessica Down
Greta Hayter      Kaitlin Latta
Hallie Wills

YEAR 7/8 BOYS TEAM
Toby Harker       Jake Cresp
Charlie O’Connor-Byrne  Tyson Manley
Callum Nixon      Lockie McCormack
Adam Morrish      Nicholas Erhardt
Christopher Richardson

REMINDERS

SPORTS SINGLETs
WE NEED THEM!!!
Can all students return the athletics singlets that they have at home? These shirts are school property and are only loaned out to students. It is important that the shirts are returned as soon as possible as we need them for next week’s cricket teams.

FORTHCOMING DATES

9/10 T20 Blast
Cricket
Western State Final
Melton
Wednesday, November 12th

7/8 T20 Blast
Cricket
Western State Final
Melton
Wednesday,
JOB SEEKERS & SCHOOL LEAVERS
SMGT are holding a FREE Registration Day
When: Friday, November 14th
Where: SMGT, Corner of Langtree Ave & 11th Street,
Time: 9am – 4pm
Ask about
• Apprenticeships
• Traineeships
• Labour Hire
• Job Ready Courses
• Pre-Apprenticeship Courses
Register and go in the draw to WIN an Apple iPad Mini
Phone: 5022 1833
www.smgt.com.au

CAREER TRENDS
A set of fact sheets provided by the DEEDC outlining the current trends in Australia’s industries.

OUTDOOR RECREATION TRAINEE 2015
Rubicon Outdoor Centre is a multi-campus Victorian government school delivering outdoor and environmental education programs within the state system. Nayook campus is located 30 min. north of Warragul, West Gippsland and Thornton campus near Alexandra and Lake Eildon. Positions are available for both campuses. We are seeking enthusiastic and motivated trainees for 2015. Trainees will work at the centre whilst completing a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation. The positions would suit a year 12 graduate wishing to pursue a career in Outdoor Education/Recreation. Must possess a sense of adventure and enjoy working with young people.

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN MEDICINE, DENTAL SURGERY OR ORAL HEALTH? If so check out the following video Studying Medicine at The University of Adelaide http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1LGRizacZy&index=4&list=PLPq4o7bZTQS5kvc5LX_CDb8OP xpiCsuDab

FACE YOUR FACEBOOK
When applying for courses and jobs, remember that the decision makers can find out about you online. A recent survey by recruitment giant Career Builder reveals that 45% of employers screen potential employees using social media (Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, MySpace and blogs). Of the 45% of employers who have screened using social media:
• 35% have not hired a candidate based on their findings
• Only 18% have been persuaded to hire based on their findings.
Ensure your social presence is working for you, not against you. Your presence may include more than your own page, so if you need to ask friends to remove content, now is the time. You should also make sure you have a professional email address and voice mail message. As your first points of contact, they form an employer’s first impression of you.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE
All Year 12 students are encouraged to visit the Centrelink office and apply for Youth Allowance as soon as possible after your last exam. Payment Finder at www.humanservices.gov.au will assist in what benefits you may be entitled to.

Remember no two applications will be the same: $1.00 fortnightly payment is all that is required to qualify for the following scholarships that are distributed through Centrelink.
New Commonwealth Scholarships (Start Up and Relocation scholarships) are now paid to eligible higher education students by Centrelink.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Also Links to External scholarship. These links are provided for your information only. If you have any queries in relation to any of these scholarships, you will need to contact the relevant organization directly. http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships/external-scholarship-opportunities

Flinders University http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/index.cfm/scholarships/search
University of South Australia http://www.unisa.edu.au/Study-at-UnISA/Scholarships/
The University of Adelaide http://www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/undergrad/
Federation University Australia (Ballarat University) http://federation.edu.au/

COUNTRY HEALTH SA (CHSA) : CHSA SA AMBULANCE SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP
http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/index.cfm/scholarships/display/ac42b5
Closing Date: 21st December 2014 Value $5,000

VENERE SCHOLARSHIPS http://www.vener.com/blog/scholarship/
Tourism & Business, Closing Date December 31st Value $1000

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA RURAL RECONNECT RELOCATION SCHOLARSHIPS http://www.unisa.edu.au/ruralreconnect Value $6,000

• Open December 1st
• Closing Date January 23rd 2015
• Value $5,000 may vary

Please note: Applications for the La Trobe University and Bendigo Bank Scholarship open on December 1st & close on December 19th 2014.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
Meeting: Unfortunately, we didn’t get a quorum for our October meeting with 3 parents attending. After discussion, it has been decided to meet on Friday, November 7th following the P-4 assembly. Venue is Conference Room at 2:25. We will not have much business to get through but there are some funding requests, end of year things to decide, and some issues/programs to report back on. We welcome any parents to come along and learn more about the school and what your children may be doing. Younger children are welcome.

Best wishes to our VCE students currently studying for, and completing, exams.

World Teachers Day is today. This is the day that the Victorian community can pay tribute to the state’s 90,000 teachers who work in government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan and regional Victoria.
The Victorian Institute of Teaching has invited well known Australians who have achieved in the fields of science, sport, business, the arts, entertainment and public office, to say ‘thank you’ to their teachers. You can check this out in The Age.

On behalf of the students and parents of Ouyen P-12 College, we would like to thank our teachers for your dedication to our children’s development and learning - the planning, reflecting, camps, excursions, games, chats, facilitating, advising, guidance, and all that teachers do.

Catering:
Josh Gregg’s 21st supper: Thanks to all who happily supplied food for the evening so those in the kitchen [Nadiene, Pat, Megan & Raeiene] could enjoy plating up and serving it. Another job well done.

Parents Victoria – the on-line conference was on this week from 6:00a.m. October 27 – 30 [11:00p.m.] with parents, statewide, taking the opportunity to join in the information sharing and topic discussions. Topics for discussion - Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), with Funding being the ongoing topic.
The PV website also has information from the DEECD about EMA, Schoolkids Bonus, Bully Stoppers and more.
www.parents.victoria.asn.au

Andrew Fuller: Helping Your Child Succeed at School – Improving Concentration – The Spies
You’ll know if you have one of these kids as it’s virtually impossible to have a private discussion without them picking up on it. [Future ASIO recruits]. Spies are easily distracted by sounds and all the wrong sounds seem to be amplified in their minds. When children know what distracts them they are more able to develop strategies to focus. As they are sensitive to distracting sounds they need to learn to reduce their exposure to these. For this reason, sitting closer to teachers is important. Often they respond well to soft background music when they are learning. A particular piece of classical/instrumental music may enhance their learning – experiment to see what suits your child best.

Justine Cresp  Raeiene Vine
President  Secretary

HEAD LICE:
Once again head lice are infecting some of our students. Please be vigilant and check your child’s head for nits.

Our Head Lice Policy is available on our website & the back page of this newsletter.