Principal’s Report

Parents Association

It was great to see a good ‘turn up’ for last Monday’s Parents Association Meeting. Nerida Morrish spoke about the Year 9 Community Program, its purpose and the benefits for both the students and the community. Parents Association is a valuable support for our school, I appreciate their support and advice. The funds everyone works so hard to raise directly benefit our students.

Student ID Cards

From the beginning of 2015 we will be able to provide official Student ID Cards for students in Years 7 to 12. Parents Association has purchased the hardware to make this possible. Students will be able to use the cards for concessions and identification.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held in the Community Centre for secondary students and their parents on Monday, September 15th from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. No appointment times are necessary, tea and coffee will be available. We ask that interviews are kept to 10 minutes in length; anyone wishing to make an appointment for a longer discussion is welcome to contact us. Mid-semester reports have been sent home this afternoon.

Student Led Conferences

Appointment times for primary Student Led Conferences were sent home this week. I would encourage parents to come along to these valuable meetings and let their child explain what they are learning and where they might need extra help.

2015 Years 11 and 12 Meetings

Meetings for parents of students going into Years 11 or 12 in 2015 will be held in Room 9 after Parent/Teacher Interviews next Monday. The Year 11 meeting will be held from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm and the Year 12 meeting from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. We encourage students to come along, as well.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

Aussie of the Month:
The Aussie of the Month award is designed to recognise students who have made a contribution to the College and to encourage all students to be proud of themselves, their school and their community.
The Aussie of the Month for August is Dylan Crespo from Year 7 for the positive and cheerful contribution he makes to every aspect of the school community.

Diary Dates

September
15th - Parent Teacher Interviews
16th-19th - Fairfax Festival
Swan Hill Year 8 Drama
19th - Last Day Term 3

October
6th - School return.

BUS NEWS:
Due to the Senior Citizen’s Concert being held at our College next Wednesday afternoon, September 17th, the school buses will be picking students up from the Fuller Street bus shelter/stop.
Parents are respectfully asked to keep the bus pick up point in Fuller Street clear for that afternoon.
**Happy Birthday:**

September 12th—Adrian Fidge
September 15th—Blake Smith
September 15th—Jaimie Darley
September 16th—Mahanie Clarke

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

Norman Vincent Peale

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**MALLEE UP IN LIGHTS:**

Dear Parent/Carer

In the last few weeks your child may have participated in a “lantern making project” at school or may soon do so.

The MALLEE UP IN LIGHTS committee would now like to invite them to take a very special role in the celebrations to be held on Friday night, October 3rd.

A lantern parade involving children from all over the district will start the nights festivities. Parents and siblings who also wish to take part are welcome to create their own lantern. Flameless tea lights will be provided on the night. More detailed information will follow in a notice soon and while this is not an official school function it will be an important community celebration and we would love your involvement.

For more information please feel free to contact me.

Tracey Lawson
MALLEE UP IN LIGHTS
Local Leader
0448 922346.

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**LOST:**

Nicholas Coe has lost / misplaced his medic alert bracelet. It is silver and 19 cm long.

Please contact Nick or Lydia on 50921001 if you know its whereabouts.

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**JSC**

**Super Hero Day**

**When:** Last Day of Term - Friday, September 19th

**What:** Dress up as a Super Hero

**Who:** Years P-12

**Why:** To raise money for Muscular Dystrophy research

**Cost:** Gold coin donation
Macbeth Excursion – Wednesday, August 20th

As part of the Year 10’s current study of Shakespeare’s Macbeth, the Year 10 English class participated in an excursion to Melbourne to attend Bell Shakespeare’s performance of the iconic play, at the Arts Centre’s Playhouse. Presented in a modern setting, with traditional Shakespearean language, it was interesting to see the play in a new light. The actors were extremely entertaining, and it was noted by all students how they captured our attention and brought the play to life.

As well as seeing Macbeth, we took the morning to visit the National Gallery of Victoria to see the works of William Blake on display, as well as the “Pastello: Draw Act” exhibit which brought out our creative and artistic sides.

Upon returning to Ouyen, the feedback from students included:

“I really enjoyed the performance. If I had my way I would have made the play longer because of how good it was.”

“I loved how much effort went into the play. All the actors remembered their lines superbly.”

“Overall the trip was great. It helped me get a better understanding of Macbeth. It was also great seeing the story in another perspective besides reading the book.”

Thanks to Nerida Morrish and Paul Emms who attended this trip as supervisors and drivers – it was a worthwhile experience for all!

Drama Workshop

Last Thursday and Friday, the Year 8 Drama students participated in their final workshops in preparation for the Fairfax Festival, with their visiting artist, Lukus Robbins.

Lukus and Fairfax coordinator, Tam, visited from Adelaide and Swan Hill to prepare our students for their upcoming performances.

The days involved lots of drama games, learning new skills, and constructing a horror story extravaganza. This involved using digital recording equipment that Lukus works with, to create a soundscape adventure around the school and on an app.

All participants thoroughly enjoyed their time and loved working with Lukus and Tam.

Fairfax Festival

The Fairfax Festival is coming up next week and Ouyen is fortunate enough to be a part of this wonderful opportunity. Ten of our Year 8 Drama students will be participating in the event in Swan Hill from Tuesday, 16th September – Friday, 19th September.

Each day, students are involved in workshops with professional performing artists, developing their skills and learning new methods of drama, involving apps on tablets, smart phones and computer programs to construct finished pieces. Our participants will be able to learn the performance style and techniques of seven very different companies, as well as continuing to perfect their own performance piece through daily rehearsals with our partnered artist, Lukus Robbins.

The Festival concludes Friday night with a street party called the YESFest (Young Entertainers’ Street Festival). Parents, friends and community members are welcome to attend with free entry for under 18’s and a paper donation from all others. Estimated finishing time is 9pm.

Outlines of each day are:

**Tuesday** will see the Welcome to Country, theatre games with our artists and then the first of the rehearsals starting. It will be a nice easy beginning to what will be a very busy week.

**Wednesday** will start at 9.30am and continue through to 5.30pm. After dinner the participants travel to the Harrison Theatre to watch a performance by 2013 VCA graduates and undertake a Q & A session afterwards.

**Thursday** again starts at 9.30am with workshops and rehearsals finishing at 5.30pm. After a very quick dinner all our participants, leaders and artists return to the Town Hall for the Little Big Shots Film Festival.

The final day of the week starts late; groups tidy their accommodation and head into the venue with bags and props in tow. Final workshops and rehearsals take place before an early dinner at 4pm, allowing our groups to get ready before the YESFest kicks off at 5pm. Taylor Henderson is the headline act for the YESFest, and any community members are welcome to attend!

This is a very exciting opportunity for Ouyen to be a part of and I thank everyone for their efforts so far, in helping to coordinate and organise this excursion. Updates will follow from what can surely be a very exciting, fun-filled week of drama!

Melanie Grant
Year 8 English teacher/Drama teacher
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MALLEE DIVISION
ATHLETICS

A warm Spring day provided perfect conditions
for the students contesting the annual SSV Mal- 
lee Division Athletics Carnival.

Mr. Amos had the oval well prepared and look- 
ing professional. We are extremely lucky to 
have such a dedicated groundsman. His 
efforts go beyond the call of duty.

As seems to happen each year, several changes 
needed to be made prior to and during the 
sports to accommodate illness and injury.
Thank you to the students who valiantly took up 
the challenge of events they were not prepared 
for.

The competition was fierce, but a consistent 
effort by all Ouyen athletes competing deter- 
mindly in events, resulted in five out of the six 
Age Group Aggregates and 3 Age Group Cham- 
pions, along with many students placing in the top 
4 of their age group. Well done to all, the train- 
ing does pay off!!!

Congratulations to the following Ouyen P-12 
College students who were named Champions 
of their age groups.

GIRLS 12-13 Yrs    Kaitlin Latta
GIRLS 15 Yrs      Madeleine Hahnel
GIRLS 16 Yrs      Ellen Morrish

Thank you

- to Tania Down and the
- other parents who helped during the day, 
  helper students and staff members whose 
  assistance was vital to the successful running 
  of the carnival.
- Mr Amos for his many hours of preparation 
  on the ovals.
- Mrs. M. Morrish for assistance coaching 
  training sessions at lunchtimes and helping 
  set up and pack up on the day.
- to the SRC for providing the BBQ.
- Again, Mrs. Sly deserves a special mention for 
  the many hours spent organising the marshall- 
  ling sheets and the recording information.
  Her efforts are invaluable and greatly appreci- 
  ated.

Records will be published next week.

FORTHCOMING
DATES

LMR
Athletic Carnival
Thursday, 9th October
Bendigo.

SSV State Finals
Athletic Carnival
Tuesday, 21st October
Melbourne

SPORTS SINGLETS
WE NEED THEM!!!
Can all students return the 
athletics singlets that were 
borne Tuesday. These shirts 
are school property and are 
only loaned out to students. 
It is important that the shirts 
are returned as soon as possi- 
ble as we need to do a stock 
take.

BENDIGO QUALIFIERS

12/13 YRS
Gemma French - Long Jump, Relay
Kaitlin Latta - 400m, 800m, 1500m, Relay
Hallie Wills - 100m, Relay
Jessica Down - 200m, Relay
Jesse Floyd - Discus

14 YRS
Alana Linklater - High Jump, Relay
Charlotte Vine - Shot Put
Allie Winslow - Javelin, Relay
Laura Hayter - Relay
Annie Brown -Relay
Megan O’Connor - 1500m
James Doyle - Javelin
Jake Cresp - Shot Put
Alex Maynard - 1500m

15 YRS
Madeleine Hahnel - 100m, 200m, Relay
Macey Evans - High Jump, 1500m, Relay
Parris Linklater - Long Jump, Relay
Charlee Pengelly - Relay
Peter Darley - 800m
Tom Morrish - 1500m
Matt Dale-Hill - 1500m
Harrison Jolly - Triple Jump

16 YRS
Ellen Morrish - Long Jump, High Jump, Hurdles, 
200m, 400m
Sarah O’Connor - 800m, 1500m
Bethany Burns - 1500m

17 YRS
Ashlee Morrish - Shot Put
Kelsey Richardson - 800m, 1500m
Kaitlyn Manley - Javelin
Briderick O’Connor-Byrne - Relay
Tim Gloster - 1500m, Relay
Bryce Kerr - 100m, Relay
Micheal Gardien - Relay
Bailey Harker - 1500m

18-20 YRS
Tori Linklater - High Jump, Discus
Jaeden Corbett - 1500m

LUNCHTIME
TRAINING
MONDAY & FRIDAY
All other events.

WEDNESDAY
High Jump

TUESDAY & 
THURSDAY
Relay Training.

TRAVEL
ARRANGEMENTS

Travel arrangements to Bendigo must be final- 
ised by next Wednesday, September 17th.

Please let Mrs. Lonergan know how you plan to 
travel to Bendigo for the LMR Athletics by this 
date, as a coach may need to be booked.
“Walk to School” is back for the month of October. Once again, students and staff are encouraged to take part and walk to school each day for the month of October.

Record sheets for each class will be in Home Group Rooms or classrooms and students are encouraged to track their walking for the month of October.

Students and parents can also download the “Walk to School” app on phones and track walks. There will be plenty of prizes on offer for individuals and classes who take part. To assist bus travellers, students will be invited to walk a marked circuit around the school. Any parents or staff who would like to walk with the bus travellers are asked to contact a member of the Wellbeing team – Mrs Grace, Mrs Morrish, Miss Lacey or Mrs Pearson. If there is enough interest a roster will be drawn to walk with the students.

BIKE RIDING:

The bike riding group will also be back for the month of October – commencing the second week of term. Further details on both the bike ride and walking routes will be in the newsletter next week. Additional information can be found on the Walk to School website – www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

So dust of the runners and get ready for a month of walking and talking in October and hopefully win some great prizes along the way.

VCE NEWS:

The College will be holding a VCE Information evening on Monday, September 15th, following Parent Teacher Interviews.

Two sessions will be held:
Session 1: 6:30-7:30 for students entering Year 11 in 2015.
Session 2: 7:30-8:30 for students entering Year 12 in 2015.

Both sessions will be held in Room 9. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

VCE practice exams
Practice exams will be held for students completing a unit 3/4 subject. The exams will take place on Monday September 22nd and Tuesday September 23rd (the first week of the holidays). The exams have proven very beneficial to both students and subject teachers and I urge all students to attend.

If students are unable to attend and parents contact the College, other arrangements may be made. A copy of the practice exam timetable will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Marie O’Connor
VCE Coordinator
All Year 12 Students and Parents are invited to meet with Sue Sly as soon as possible to receive support applying to TAFEs, Universities and Apprenticeships. Assistance with applications for accommodation scholarships, special schemes and other relevant support can be provided.

Year 12 Important Dates
All Year 12 students who are applying for Victorian or South Australian University or TAFE courses should have their VTAC / SATAC applications completed by Tuesday, 30th September.

If you have not yet done this please note the following timelines for submission of your information.

Remember also:
- applications are not valid until the fees have been paid
- Supporting documentation must be sent to VTAC by the due dates.
- All documents relating to study claims, and Personal Statement support documents need to be certified hard-copies
- Make sure you attach your personalized VTAC documentation cover sheet which can be found in your VTAC User Account under the ‘Coversheets’ tab

Victoria
- VTAC Course Application close Tuesday, 30th September (5pm)
- Change of preference closes Friday, 24th October (5pm) Re opens Monday, 27th November Closes Monday 22nd December (12 noon)
- SEAS Application close Tuesday, 7th October (5pm)
- Scholarship Application close Friday, 17th October (5pm)
- Personal History Online Form close Friday, 25th October (5pm)
- STAT see VTAC/SATAC guides for closing dates Mildura sitting
- VTAC Course Application closing date Tuesday, 30th September for most courses
- Equal Consideration closing date Monday, 1st December
- STAT applications see VTAC/SATAC guide
- Change of preference close Monday, 5th January 2015
- Round 1 offers Thursday, 19th January 2015
- Round 2 Offers Wednesday, 5th February 2015

South Australia
- SATAC Course Application closing date Tuesday, 30th September for most courses
- Equal Consideration closing date Monday, 1st December
- STAT applications see VTAC/SATAC guide
- Change of preference close Monday, 5th January 2015
- Round 1 offers Thursday, 15th January 2015

Flinders University – Principal’s Recommendation Program
Your performance in Year 12 is not always a true indicator of your ability to succeed at university. Therefore, Flinders University will consider your school’s recommendation about your academic performance and potential for university study for admission to selected Flinders courses. Selection criteria, Courses available under the program and application forms are available at http://www.flinders.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/year -12-entry/principals-recommendation-program.cfm

Doxa Cadetship Program
Applications close Friday, 31st October 2014
www.doxa.org.au

SUNITAFE – Mildura
Health and Well Being Information Sessions Selection Process for Programs in 2015
Diploma of Community Services Work
Wednesday, 22nd October, 6pm – 8pm
Certificate III Aged Care and Diploma of Nursing
Tuesday, 14th October 5pm – 7pm
Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care and Diploma or Early Childhood Education and Care
Wednesday, 26th November 6pm – 7pm or Wednesday, 21st January 6pm – 7pm
Certificate III in Hairdressing Tuesday, 18th November 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Certificate II in Nail Technology and Certificate III & IV in Beauty Services Wednesday, 12th November 5.30pm – 6.30pm
All information sessions will be held in SunitTAFE Auditorium.
Phone Linda on 50 223 769 for more information.

Australian Catholic University My Career Match
Help students discover their perfect career and course options My Career Match

Scholarships
The Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarship
- Support Year 12 male students to undertake tertiary studies.
- Who intend to enrol in a full-time course at a Victorian university in 2015.
- The scholarships are valued at $15,000 per annum
Applications open on 2 September 2014.
Applications close on 12 December 2014.

Additional Information
Year 12 female students may apply for the Mary Lewis Scholarship. Information about the Mary Lewis Scholarships Foundation and the Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarships can be found at: www.lewisscholarships.org.au

C.A.S Hawkins Scholarship
Opens 8th December and closes on 2nd January 2015
www.hawkerscholarship.org

Australian College of Nursing
Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS)
Applications close 15th September 2014

Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health
Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS): Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Allied Health Scholarships:
http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level
Applications Open September 2nd.
Close 3rd November
Notification of outcome November 21st

Centrelink - Student Start-up and Re Location Scholarship
If you are eligible, you will receive a Student Start-up Scholarship / relocation Scholarship with your first student payment after 24 February.
You need to receive at least $1 of your student payment in the relevant fortnight to qualify for the scholarship payment. More details from http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/

Chances for Children Funding Round is Now Open
Closing on November 7th 2014.
Application forms which includes eligibility guidelines are available for download at www.chancesforchildren.com.au

Monash Art, Design and Architecture (MADA) Workshops:
Three day workshop for Year 11 & 12 students.
From 24 - 26 September at the, Caulfield campus. www.monash.edu/mada/ workshops
**Latitude Australia**
Are you thinking about taking a gap year next year? If interested in immersing within a new country and culture it’s not too late as we still have some volunteering placements available. http://www.latitude.org.au/how-to-apply/apply-now-for-2015

**Hospitality Triple Certificate Courses**
MADEC Mildura
Food Handlers 7 Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)
Monday 29\(^{th}\) September, 9am – 5pm

PASEC (Coffee Course)
Tuesday 30\(^{th}\) September, 9am – 1pm

Responsible Service of Gaming (RSG)
Wednesday 1\(^{st}\) October, 9am – 1pm

PASEC $75
Food Handlers $50
RSA $50
RSG $50
Names to Sue Sly asap

**The University of Melbourne Undergraduate Course Guide**
Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences
AgriScience, Food Sciences & Veterinary Science
If you are considering veterinary science at the University of Melbourne, then the Pre-vet Club is for you.
Register your interest at www.vet.unimelb.au/pre-vet

**Registrations are now open for the Discover Deakin**
September school holiday program. This is your chance to be a university student for a day!
You will be able to:
- hear about the opportunities Deakin University offers
- hear from current Deakin students
- explore the areas of study you are interested in by attending two workshops of your choice.

Registration will close on Monday, 15 September 2014.

**Discover Deakin at Waurn Ponds**
Monday, 22 September 2014
9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Waurn Ponds Campus

**Discover Deakin at Burwood**
Tuesday, 23 September 2014
9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Melbourne Burwood Campus

**Christmas Casual Opportunities with Dick Smith**
Dick Smith a leading retailer of consumer electronics with brands Dick Smith, Electronics powered by Dick Smith in select David Jones locations and their fashion forward MOVE stores...For more information go to http://dicksmithholdings.com.au/work-with-us/

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH PROGRAM

Last Thursday, September 4th, representatives from the Year 5 Push Carts team and the Year 10 Human Powered Vehicle team (HPV), met with the president of the Lions Club to discuss the process which leads up to the final event held on the 20th – 23rd of November in Maryborough Victoria. Event durations differ for year levels, with the Year 10s competing for 24 hours straight on the Saturday and Sunday.

The Lions Club were happy to sponsor both teams, with a $500 donation to the HPV team and $200 to the Push Cart team. Their sponsorship is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to ensuring the success of both programs.

MEETING:
There will be a **Year 10 Energy Breakthrough** meeting on Monday, September 15th following the Year 10 going in to Year 11 Information Session at 7:30.

WELFARE:
**Worry is our worst enemy**
Sometimes by worrying, you actually attract trouble.
Fear of what might happen, is a waste of time and energy.
If the thing you are worrying about doesn’t happen, you have wasted all that time for nothing.
Think about the worst thing you fear. Now think about the worst thing that *could* happen.
Is it really *likely* to happen? Is there something you could learn from it if it does happen?
Think about things you have feared in the past, and how you feel about them now.
Fear can stop you from trying new things.
The best way to overcome fear is to imagine in your mind a picture of yourself handling the problem with great confidence.

*Marie Kilpatrick SWW*
*Julie Davey, A for Attitude, 2012, BPA Print Group*

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM:
**Grief and loss** are issues that affect all of us at some stage of our lives.
At Ouyen P-12 we recognise that life can be difficult when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances. Loss also includes things such as moving and losing your friendships, the loss of a family pet, and other similar circumstances.
We are offering a very successful program called **Seasons for Growth**. This program is an opportunity for you to learn with a small group of peers who have experienced similar issues.
The program will help you to learn new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. It focuses on developing strengths in areas such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and building support networks.
Seasons for Growth is not counselling. It is an education program that uses a wide range of creative activities to help you learn how to manage well in times of change.
Seasons for Growth has been timetabled to run for eight weeks and each weekly session is approximately 40 – 50 minutes. The program concludes with a ‘Celebration’ session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on earlier learning.
If you are interested in being involved in Seasons for Growth please complete the form below and return it to the main office before the end of this term. If enough expressions of interest fl will run this program during term 4.

*Marie Kilpatrick*
*Student Wellbeing Worker*