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Friday March 20th 2020 Term 1 Week 8

Principal's Report

Diary Dates

March 25th

Parent Teacher Interviews

3.30—5pm

March 27th

Free Dress Day

Last day of Term One

School finishes 2.30pm

Dear Parents and Friends,

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

We are closely monitoring updates from the Department of Education & Training in relation to our school remaining open. The department is working closely with Victoria's Chief Medical Officer. Basically the advice on school closures is that we will stay open unless instructed to do otherwise by The Department of Education & Training.

Please be assured that the health and safety of our students, staff and the wider community is of utmost importance to us.

Please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well and we will call you if your child is feeling unwell at school.

As always please speak with us if you have any concerns.

Please Note as we receive updates we are posting them on our OuyenP12 College Facebook site.

Important: if the school closes we will need updated email addresses from all families as a contact for when we start to deliver a Remote Schooling option. (If no email then a current residential address). Teachers are currently working on Remote Learning options and packages in case we have to close. All families need to email the school with their name the name of their children and grades their children are in so we have an updated email list for communication in case of closure.

Email: ouyen.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

College Council

Congratulations to all our new current school councillors. Raelene Vine, Megan Hastings, Bree Scott, Toni Prentice, Tamara Allender, Lauren Wills, Fel Cua, Natasha Burns, Mel Grant & Nick Hulland.

I would like to especially welcome our student School council Representatives. Kylie Leviston (Yr 9) and Olivia Milne Yr (8).

We still have one parent and one community School council rep available if people are interested.

Uniform

Please note the skirt, dress & rugby top orders will start in Term 2

Parent/Teacher interviews

Reminder that these will be next Wednesday from 3.30—5pm.

End of term

Friday the 27th is our last day of term. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30 – 5.30 Wednesday 25th

Daniel Nemtsas
Principal

Please let us
know your
current email
address in case
we need to
update you over
the school
holidays

Dr Jane here

Next Wednesday

March 25th

Bookings through office



Attendances March 9th—13th

PREP	YR 1 ↓	YR 2/3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6	YR 7	YR 8	YR 9	YR 10	YR 11	YR 12
96.53%	97.11%	92.39%	94.74%	92.86%	71.67%	71.67%	95%	87.5%	88.75%	90%	83.33%



Schools hats are available at the office \$11 each

Ouyen P- 12 College Council

The new Council met for the first time on Tuesday, welcoming five new Councillors:

DET [staff]	- Tamara Allender
Parent	- Toni Prentice
Students	- Kylie Leviston and Olivia Milne
Co-opted	- Lauren Wills [Parents and Friends rep]

I hope the school community will support all our Councillors in the work before them in 2020. The Council conducted three meetings in the one sitting – the post-election meeting [like an AGM], finance, and general meetings with a full agenda to get through.

School councils play a key role in our government schools by setting the broad direction and vision for the school. Council leads school community conversations about key issues and challenges in education, having three main functions:

finance: overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation

strategic planning: participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan

policy development and review: developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan,

and a number of other functions.

The 4 year School Strategic Plan arising from last year's review was presented and adopted.

The Student Dress Code Policy was also worked through and adopted. Mr. Nemtsas will provide updates on it. Council hopes parents and students will note the uniform description and follow it as best they can to assist staff, who are generally required to enforce it. Of course, there is a phase in time for the remainder of this year. [e.g. grey school shirts may still be worn]. Supply is being finalised.

Another role of Council is to make an annual report of the school's progress to the community. This will take place in April prior to the next Council meeting.

There are still three vacancies on Council – one parent, and one community co-opted position. We would love to fill these. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Despite the current COVID19 crisis, I look forward to a year of success for the Ouyen P-12 College community.

Finally, I wish to thank the retiring Councillors for their efforts on behalf of the school – Terry Richardson [15 years?], Melanie Sporn, Pat Higgins [a past President], Kaitlin Latta, Liam Munro, and Lara Wakefield. I especially note Lara's dedicated and diligent leadership over the past two years.

Raelene Vine
President

A National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is held in March. This day involves Australian schools taking a stand together against bullying. Ouyen P-12 College will be celebrating this day in its own unique way on the last day of term (**Friday 27th March**). This special day will focus on recognising diversity and inclusion. On the last day of term we will be having a free dress day which highlights our unique selves by wearing something different. Such as novelty socks, your favourite colour, scrunchies or basketball tops. Celebrate being you! A gold coin donation for this day will be required, all money raised goes to "Dolly's Dream" which helps with raising awareness about the serious issue of bullying and its devastating effects.

Milla Searle - SRC



Parents & Friends Association

Meeting: Thank you to those who were able to attend our general meeting on Monday, and those who sent apologies. Our meeting was brief and quite a few items have been postponed until our next meeting.

** If any parents or friends of the school have been thinking of joining the P&F, now is a great time to get involved. Keep an eye out for meeting dates and times in future newsletters. We would love to see you there. **

Any agenda items can be passed on to me (phone: 0417 369 166 or e-mail: willsfamily.1@bigpond.com) or the school office.

Our role of President is also yet to be filled. If anyone is interested or would like to know more about what it involves, please contact our immediate past president, Raelene Vine.

Thanks were received from Mr. Nemtsas this week for the hand sanitiser that has been distributed among the class rooms. I think we can agree that this is a wonderful idea considering current world events.

Catering: Many thanks to those of you who helped out with catering for Frank Hahnel's wake. Catering is a huge part of the P&F fundraising and we couldn't do it without the help from our school community. Unfortunately, any catering jobs in the near future are unlikely.

Sheep Sale Roster: We have received correspondence from OLE in regards to COVID-19 and they have advised that sheep sales will go ahead at this stage.

They are requesting that all non-essential persons do not attend; we do however still need to open the kiosk. If you have any concerns about your upcoming scheduled date as a worker, please contact Raelene.

Please Note: We are awaiting information regarding the operation of the kiosk in coming times, and that it may be closed for the foreseeable future.

April 2 nd	COOKS:	Kate/Michael Pole Kylie Zanker Gail Griffiths/Daniel Borlase
	WORKERS:	Donna Nihill Melanie Grace
April 16 th	COOKS:	Catherine Phillips Brenda Dingeldei-Murphy Jamie-Lee Fox/R. Rolton
	WORKERS:	Raelene Vine

Complete roster for 2020 was attached to a previous newsletter, thanks to those of you who have advised a change in circumstances. If you do need to change your scheduled date, please organise a swap or contact our roster coordinator, Raelene Vine.

Lastly, Congratulations to our outgoing President, Raelene Vine, who has taken on the job as School Council President.

Lauren Wills
Secretary

Containers from catering are at the office to be collected

Ouyen P-12 College acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first people and traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.



SPORTS REPORT

2020 INTER-HOUSE BIATHLON

The weather was warm and windy for the 2020 Inter house Biathlon last Friday at the Ouyen Lake. As it was our first Biathlon at the Lake, the event was optional for students. It was great to see 65 students take on the challenge to compete for their house. The distances are achievable by all students if they are willing to accept the challenge, but the different swimming environment was certainly a new experience for many. For those participating, it was fantastic to the students competing with endeavour and enthusiasm.

Well done to students acting responsibly, looking after themselves and each other prior to and after their events. A special congratulations to the Year 7's who accepted the challenge and participated in their first Secondary Biathlon and the Year 12's who participated in their last School Biathlon.

Congratulations to **Olympic 376** who defeated **Insignia 342**.

I would like to thank the many people whose assistance ensured the Biathlon at the Lake was a success.

- Deane Munro who piloted his speed boat with Liam Munro ready to assist any swimmers who may have experienced difficulties (Fortunately they did not need to help anyone in the water). Deane was also the liaison person between the Lake Committee and the school, assisting with the planning and organisation.

- Geoff Amos who transported and helped set up and pack up the shades and tent.

- Liam Munro and Laura Hayter who were on hand to assist any swimmers who may have experienced difficulties in the water.

- Jarrod Munro, Leon Summerhayes and Liam Munro who cleaned the toilets and ensured they were in working order prior to the event.

- Mrs Marie O'Connor, along with Brock Payne and Riggs Lanigan who assisted with the setting up prior to the event.

- Fred Fuller who transported our students safely to and from the lake.

- Mrs Michelle Morrish who assisted with the course planning and construction.

- All of the Secondary Staff who manned check points and encouraged the competitors over their lunch break and period 5.

BIATHLON AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2020

(* Race Medallion winners)

12/13 Yrs GIRLS

1. *Regan Eames (I)
2. Kate Stone (O)
3. Mia Grayling (I)
4. Bridie Clarke (I)

BOYS

1. Matthew Erhardt (O)
2. Harry Scott (I)
3. Aidan Searle (I)

14 Yrs GIRLS

1. Brylie Allender (O)
2. Makenzie Clarke (I)
3. Ruby Pengelly (O)
4. Kodie Scott (I)

BOYS

1. *Jack O'Shannessy (O)
2. Jack Wisneske (I)
3. Jim Vallance (O)
4. Billy Cattanaach (O)

15 Yrs GIRLS

1. *Georgia Latta (O)
2. Lilly Cattanaach (O)
3. Jade Eames (I)
4. Kylie Leviston (I)

BOYS

1. *Joel Grace (O)
2. Sam O'Shannessy (O)
3. Ben Nihill (O)
4. Will Nihill (I)

12 - 15 Yrs MC -

1. Blake Thatcher (I)

16 Yrs GIRLS

1. Chloe Latta (O)
2. Hollie Munro (I)
3. Nat Nihill (I)
4. Indie Wisneske (I)

BOYS

1. Aden Pengelly (O)
2. Ethan Munro (O)
3. Evan Comrie (I)
4. Tim Vine (I)

17 Yrs GIRLS

1. *Ella Hastings (O)
2. Jasmine Anderson (O)
3. Lucy Hill (I)
- 4.

BOYS

1. Tyler Dummett (O)
2. Jarn Clarke (I)

18-20 Yrs GIRLS

1. Emily Phillips (O)
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

BOYS

1. *Liam Vine (I)
2. Riggs Lanigan (I)
3. Casey Mitchell (O)
4. Alex Hill (I)

OPEN CHAMPIONS 2020

Lauren Grace (O) and Nic Stone (O)

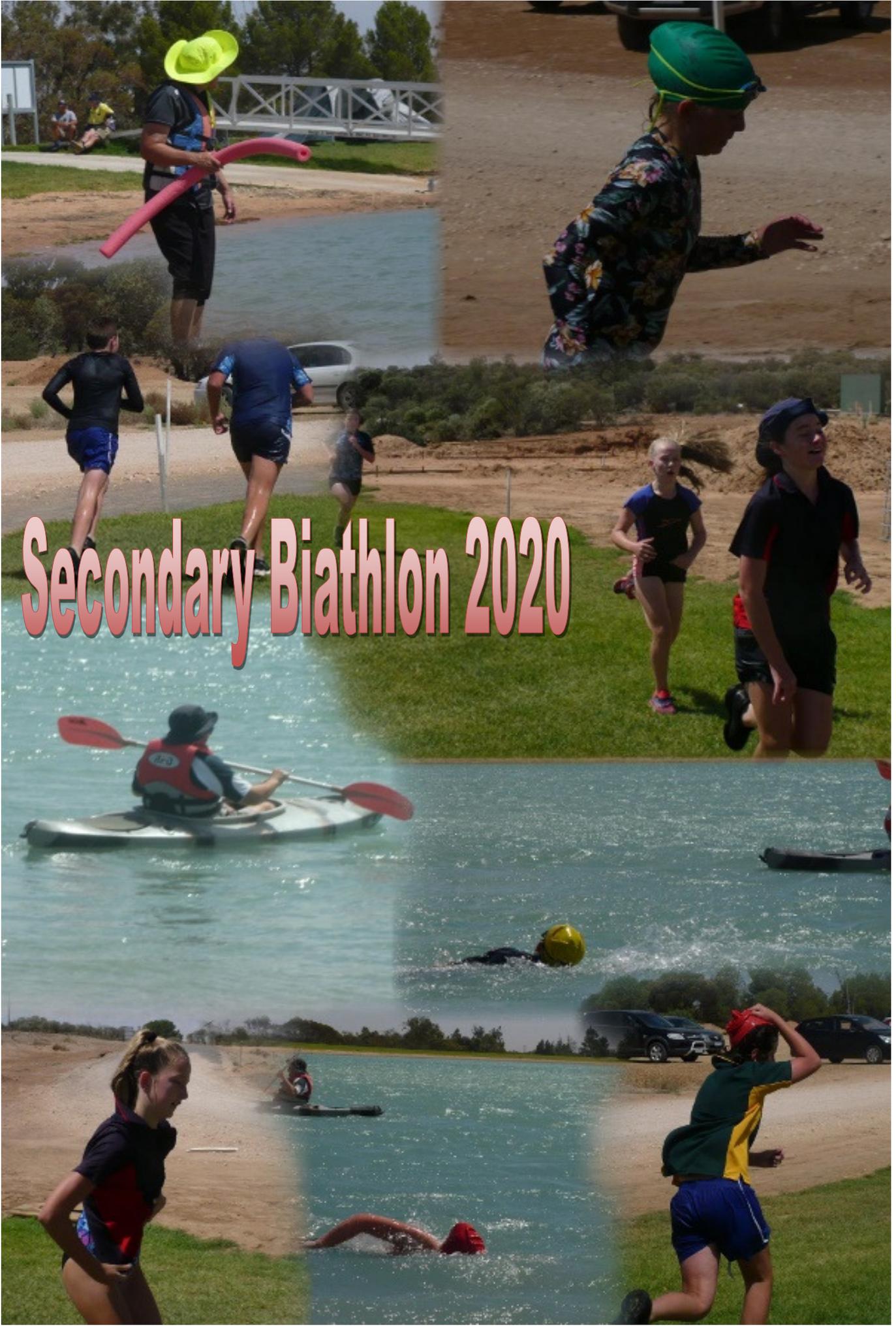
SSV LMR SWIMMING - POSTPONED

Due to the COVID - 19 restrictions, the Regional Swimming has been postponed until further notice.

Well done to those students who have been regularly

training in preparation for this event.





Secondary Biathlon 2020

Primary Biathlon

Last Friday the 13th of March our Primary students participated in the Biathlon at the Ouyen Swimming Pool. The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students headed down to the pool and enjoyed a beautiful day in the sun, and a little bit of wind as well as some healthy competition!

Congratulations to all students who participated! It was great to see everyone having a go and trying their very best for their team. The winners on the day were **OLYMPIC** – congratulations to all these students

Year Group Champions

Grade 3: William Pole & Lexi Munro

Grade 4: Kai Wethers & Ruby Clarke

Grade 5: Adam Grace & Claire Latta

Grade 6: Kyle O'Brien & Ava Wakefield



AROUND THE ROOMS

FEATURING - GRADE 1

Year Ones have settled extremely well into 2020, ready to blast off into learning.

Students have enjoyed reading and writing a range of Narratives and can use the words Orientation, Complication and Resolution to describe the features.



In Maths, we have looked closely at 2D shapes and number patterns.
Counting by 2s and 5s is very useful for counting large groups quickly.
Our story corner is a comfy spot to relax with a book during After
Lunch Reading. Students wait patiently for their turn to chill in the beanbags and read.



We have spent time thinking and talking about something we'd each like to learn more about.
Mrs Grace helped us decide on a SMART class goal as well as individual goals to achieve by the end of term. Many Year 1s have already completed their goals!



Blurt Blocks is happening in our room. Every morning, we grab 4 little blocks to keep on our table. If anyone forgets their manners, calls out or interrupts, Mrs Grace will take one of our blocks. At the end of the day, all the blocks we have left are tipped into a treat jar. As you can see the treat jar has a few more blocks in it. Than Mrs Grace's jar and the treat is not too far away. Never mind Mrs Grace. Maybe next term you will fill your jar first.



Ouyen MALLEE ROOT Festival

FRIDAY 15TH 4PM-LATE
SATURDAY 16TH 10AM-5PM
MARCH 2020

LATE-NIGHT TEAM EVENTS - FOOTBALL RELAY
FACEPAINTING - BYO CUPS - MALLEE ROOT TOSSING
VARIETY OF FOOD AVAILABLE - 50% OFF MALLEE STUMPS
ROOT LOTTO IS BACK - ALL KINDS OF PRIZES TO BE WON
Location: Towamba Ouyen (front of the pub)



FREE LIVE MUSIC

JEFF TYNAN - JULIA WOODALL - WOODVILLE CREATURES

Find us on Facebook - Ouyen Mallee Root Festival