

June 19th 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends,

Today we ran our F-6 Cross Country in the afternoon. As I write this I don't have any results to share but I will say it was sight to see and hear when on yard duty this morning listening to all the children cheer for their team. If cheering was an event today I'm unsure who would win.

School Holidays

With remote and flexible learning it seems the children have barely been at school this term. We cannot thank families enough in helping us with implementing learning in a different way. The school holidays start next Friday at 2:30pm. We hope all our families and students have a great break and are ready to return to school on the 13th of July refreshed and attending school as close to normal as possible.

Uniform

Thank you to the parents who have returned the forms to purchase dresses and Rugby tops. We need another 40 more rugby tops and 14 dresses so we can process the order this week. Please note rugby tops can be purchased and worn by students from grade 3 -12. (Forms have been handed to children and available on website)

Sick children

Winter has brought some colder weather and with it some sniffles and coughs. We are very appreciative of all families who are supporting the school with swift pick up. We ask parents to understand in the current climate when we make decisions about a child's health we are following department process. Under the Department's guidelines if a child is displaying Covid -19 like symptoms (very similar to a Cold and Flu) a teacher will refer the child to our First Aid officer and then the child is assessed. If it's confirmed they have Covid-19 like symptoms the child is isolated and then parents are contacted to come and collect their child. The advice from Department of Education is the child should stay home until all symptoms are no longer. Please note it's not mandatory to go get a Covid 19 test or a Doctors certificate of health before returning to school.

Reports

Teachers are working on Semester One reports and they will be sent home in week 3 of Term 4.

Daniel Nemtsas

Principal

Conflicting but important to consider:

I have included an insert from Mallee Track Community health Service which went to all their staff this week. While some of the expectations are different from the our school process I feel it's important to share this info so parents can make a choice of steps to be taken when a child is being sent home with Covid-19 like symptoms

Children who are unwell: *A reminder to everyone that if your child is unwell and displaying flu like symptoms it is important that you have your child tested and that they remain at home until their COVID-19 swab result is known – please do not send them to school. This is an important strategy to support the safe return to school for our community. 'We protect and care for our reputation and build community trust' through our vigilance at this time for ourselves, our families and our community. Lois O'Callaghan*

Dates to Remember

July 13th First day Term 3

June 24th Secondary Cross Country

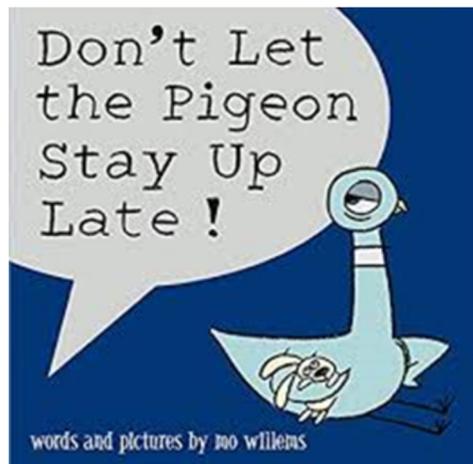
June 26th Last day of Term Two

School finishes at **2.30pm**

August 6th School Photos



Year One News



This week the Year1s have continued to look closely at Persuasive texts and this one has been a favourite.

The pigeon wants to stay up late, giving plenty of reasons to convince us.

The Year 1s were set the task to write to pigeon and give reasons why it would be a good idea to go to bed. Here are some of our letters.

Dear Pigeon, I know you want to stay up late but you need to go to bed. If you don't you'll be tired tomorrow for school and you are not staying home! **Chelsea**

Dear Pigeon, I know you want to stay up late but you will be angry tomorrow and you won't make any friends. **Alice**

Dear Pigeon, You need to go to bed because you will be grumpy. **Arley**



Dear Pigeon, You have to go to bed. If you don't you will be angry all day. **Lucas**

Dear Pigeon, You need to go to bed because you will be sleepy tomorrow and you are a bad boy. **Louise**

Dear Pigeon, I know you don't want to go to bed, but you have to because if you don't you will be tired tomorrow. And you will also be grumpy and you'll have no friends. That's why you should go to bed. Ok? **Eve**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
NETBALL CLINIC
SWAN HILL STADIUM**



Thursday 2nd July 2020
9am - 11.30am: 7 - 11 yrs
12.30pm - 3pm: 12 - 15 yrs
Cost: \$45 per participant



Limited spaces available due to COVID-19 restrictions

Every participant receives a Netball
Book Online: www.juliecorletto.com



AROUND THE CLASSROOMS—INTRODUCING GRADE 5

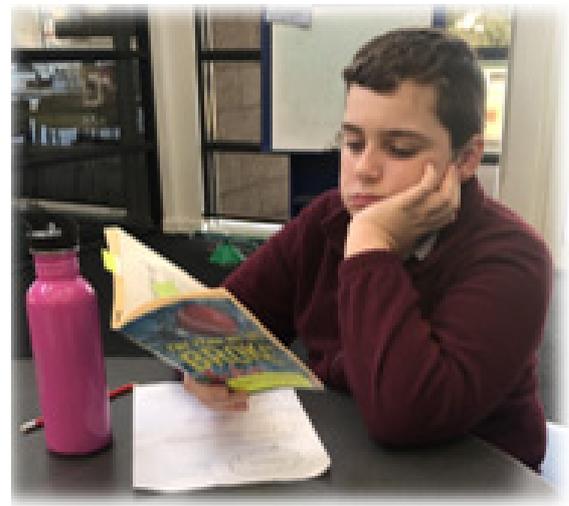
The Year 5 classroom has been buzzing with energy with the students and teachers very excited to be back in the classroom learning!

The students did a fantastic job to continue their learning at home, but they are very happy to be back with their friends.

Lit Circle discussions are back as students complete their roles and try to win “Role of the Week”.

Although the restrictions meant the students missed the usual knitting program, they are looking forward to starting the Pushcart Program!

Grade 5 are looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting second half of the year.



LIT CIRCLES



Youth Art Prize 2020 – Youth Services Mildura

We would like to give a massive congratulations to Milla Searle for winning the Photography section for Years 9-10 for the 2020 Youth Art Prize, run by Youth Services Mildura! We would also like to congratulate Georgia Latta who entered her watercolour bird from last year. She received such a wonderful reception on their Facebook page that she also received a voucher for her entry!

Well done to both girls – keep up your awesome work!!



Ouyen P- 12 College Council

Council met via Webex this week, welcoming new Councillor Peter McNair to his first meeting with us. Peter's input and community knowledge will be an asset to the College council. We worked through a large agenda and have a considerable amount of work on the table including policy development [you may have completed the netbook lease related mini survey], budget reviews, preparation for the 2021 budget, moving ahead with a review of our Vision and Values, finalising the 2019 Annual Report, planning and prioritising buildings and grounds work [some of which is government directed], 2020 school camp decisions, canteen replacement options, OH and S, Councillor training, and more.

If you're interested in joining us, there are two parent vacancies which we would love to have filled as we work to the ongoing improvement of our school, for the benefit of our children.

Wellbeing is as important as an engaging curriculum. It was encouraging to hear positive reports of the work being done to support families back in to the rigours of school-at-school. It is important, too, that families support the well-being of our staff. The strong avenues of communication that grew during remote learning will have great value for our children's learning. Stay interested and in touch.

A working party will soon begin gathering information for the review of the current netbook lease system – a complicated process. Orders are being taken for sports rugby tops [Years 3- 12] and school dresses[F-12]. We hope to have a major safety announcement soon; and you may have seen the media reports of funds for some specific building maintenance. Please think about your Vision for the school, and what values would enable Ouyen P- 12 College to achieve that Vision. As noted – busy.

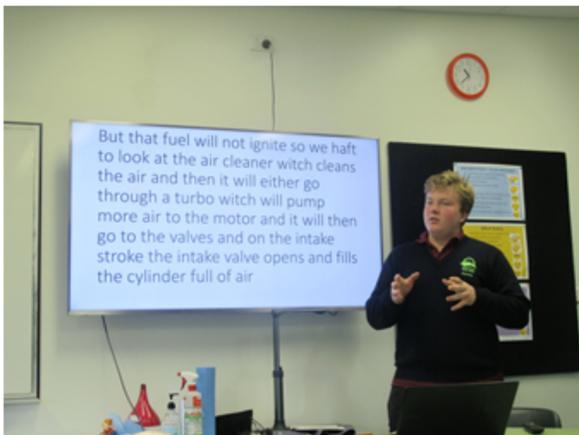
Raelene Vine
President



VCAL Intermediate Literacy

“Instructional” Oral Presentations

“How a Diesel Engine works”



“How to drive a Tractor”



Hamish Farnsworth did a PowerPoint presentation on how a diesel engine works and how John Deere 7800 works. He told us how a diesel engine works and what parts are in the engine. He told us about some “dos” and “don’ts” when you are using that engine. Hamish talked about his tractor and how to work and drive it and he told us the “right” and “wrong” things to do in the tractor. He told us that you can’t just start it and let it crank over you have to wait for the pre starts first, then you can turn the key and it would be right to go.

“How to ride dirt track”



“How to make a 5 poster Bullbar”



I did a PowerPoint presentation on how to ride dirt track. I talked about the right and wrong things to do and what tyres to run. I also talked about skills that you need including, balance and strength. You should always have your boot on the ground when going around the corner and it is always important to never brake early when going into a corner.

My next presentation was how to make a 5 poster bullbar. I talked about what tools and metal were needed and I told them the steps that were needed to make the bullbar. I played a video at the end of my presentation about why they are the safest bullbars to have.

By Riggs Lanigan

SECONDARY SPORTS REPORT

SSV UPDATE

Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions placed on Sport in schools and in the community, SSV have cancelled State Finals and Regional events for Cross Country and Swimming. Due to the time constraints involved, Cross Country will not progress past our House Competition. Students are welcome however to enter their times and distances into the Virtual Cross Country event on the School Sport Victoria website using the link –

<https://ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/VirtualCrossCountry.aspx>

We are hoping that Athletics will continue through the traditional pathway towards State Finals over Term 3 and 4.

The Secondary Inter-house Cross Country will be taking place next Wednesday, June 24th. Please find the information below.

Unfortunately due to the rules governing schools and COVID-19, parents, guardians and friends **will not be permitted** to enter the school grounds to cheer on the competitors. We will however, be taking lots of photos and video that parents will be able to access.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2020

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE OUYEN P-12 COLLEGE OVAL

Events commence at 1.25 p.m.

Approximate Secondary Race times will be:

1.25 p.m.	Girls	15/16/17/21 Years	3 km (3 laps)
1.45 p.m.	Boys	15/16/17/21 Years	3 km (3 laps)
2.10 p.m.	Girls	12-13/14 Years	2 km (2 laps)
2.35 p.m.	Boys	12-13 /14 Years	2 km (2 laps)



PRESENTATIONS - THURSDAY - TBD

If for some legitimate reason students are unable to participate, they must give a note to Mrs. Lonergan prior to race day. Students have been practicing during PE and Sport, and the distances are achievable by all.

Students are reminded that this is a House Competition. They should challenge themselves to do their best and run their own race – not treat the event as a social occasion.

It is important that all students remember to bring their sports uniform on race day so that they can compete in the House Cross Country. Students must change into sports uniform prior to their event, in time to be at the starting line at least 10 minutes before their race is scheduled to start.

Track suit pants and rugby tops will be discouraged while running the races, however students may wear them before and after their race. Tights or shorts and your house shirt are preferable to run in.

A map of the course and race times will be found on notice boards around the school.

Parents and Friends – Sheep Sale

Sheep Sale Roster



June 25th	Worker	Justine Cresp
	Cooks	O and A Cheema, M and H Comrie, L and J Wakefield
July 9th	Workers	Angela Greed and Helen Searle
	Cooks	F and A Hulland, Gail Nash, Julie Barnard
July 23rd	Workers	Katrina Erhardt and Kellie Eldridge
	Cooks	A Foster/ S. Clarke, B and R Scott, L and S O'Callaghan

Thanks to those who have kept the kiosk operating through lockdown – there are some small changes at the sale-yards but they're not overwhelming. Please let Raelene know if you have organised a roster swap.

Raelene Vine – Sheep Sale Kiosk Co-ordinator

This message is from the Secretary of the Department of Education and Training, Jenny Atta.

Dear parents and carers,

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, parents and carers, in partnership with teachers, school leaders and support staff, have made an extraordinary effort these past few months.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has asked a lot of teachers, schools, parents, and carers, and I am grateful for the support we have collectively given Victoria's children at a very challenging time. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

Despite difficulties, the various innovative and creative approaches adopted by schools have been outstanding. I know many schools will bring these new approaches with them back into the classroom, to benefit students for years to come.

I've heard many stories of school communities forging stronger relationships and partnerships, and stories of families and teachers gaining a mutual appreciation of their respective contributions to school education.

In preparation for the return to classrooms, DET has worked closely with the Victorian Chief Health Officer to enable schools to protect the health and safety of students and staff, and schools now have precautionary measures in place, taking into consideration the uniqueness of each school site. I appreciate the detailed attention and planning that school leaders have applied to this task.

Schools are continuing enhanced cleaning routines and encouraging frequent hand washing, consistent with health advice. Schools have also implemented physical distancing arrangements for adults, including changes to drop-off and pick-up times, restrictions on access to school sites, and changes to the way parent-teacher meetings and interviews are conducted.

I hope these measures - along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning - have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The Department's highest priority continues to be supporting students to achieve excellence, and student health and wellbeing is a significant part of that. Schools see children and young people every day, and can therefore play an active role in identifying signs of physical and mental health issues, and provide early support and referrals to services where necessary.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child are unwell, please stay at home.

Information about [how to speak to your child about coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) is available on the Department's website.

Please also visit the [return to school and coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) page on the Department's website for the latest information.

Thank you for supporting your child's school through this period.

Jenny Atta
Secretary
Department of Education and Training

For Students

VicSRC is seeking feedback from Victorian students about their experiences of remote and online learning during Term 2. They want to know what worked, what didn't, and what we can learn to make education better for all students! There are two ways students can share their thoughts and experiences with VicSRC:

Complete their [10-minute survey](#)

The results and recommendations from the survey and consultations will be taken directly to the Minister for Education, the Department of Education and other key education stakeholders.