



**August 13th
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Principal's Report

Return to School

It has been fantastic to welcome the students back (albeit a bit unexpected) this week so we can resume our school programs. I'd like to thank the students and parents for their approach to this.

I'd also like to thank our wonderful teaching and support staff for their professionalism in making the necessary changes to return to school. I know the work that went into getting packs out etc. on Friday, with staff creating work designed for home and planning out their weeks, only to be told with a few hours' notice we would be back on-site.

In a very challenging 18 months, it has been a constant source of pride the way our school community has adjusted to these bouts of Remote Learning.

Date Changes

Secondary Athletics	Wednesday 18 th August
UDSSA Primary Athletics	Friday 27 th August
School Revue	Wednesday September 15 th
GAT	Postponed
School Photos	Thursday 26th August (TBC)

We will continue to keep our school community informed as we work through these and other proposed dates, and we are doing our best to be as flexible as possible.

Parent Visitors

Unfortunately, we still can't have parents as visitors on-site, which has meant some changes for our Athletics and Subject Selection process. We will do our best to keep progressing things as best we can, but please continue to contact the school when you need more information.

Have a great weekend

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Principal

Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice at school recently. Parents are asked to check their child/ren's hair regularly and report any cases to the office. Students are not permitted at school with live lice.



SPORTS REPORT

Secondary House Athletics Next Wednesday

The House Athletics Sports will be held next Wednesday 18th August 2021. House Captains are currently finalising teams from the choices that students have made.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, there will be no spectators allowed. We will attempt to make photos and video's available after the competition.

High Jump and 1500m events have been completed during Sport and lunchtimes, however those students who have not competed these events will need to do so during lunch times Monday and Tuesday next week.

REMINDERS FOR SPORTS

All students are expected to be appropriately attired in House colours and House Shirts on sports day. NO casual/fashion Tshirts will be allowed. Inappropriate sports uniform will lead to disqualification. Track pants can only be worn to compete in Shot Put, Javelin and Discus events. Track suits/ rugby tops should be worn between events if the weather is cool.

All competitors in 100m, 200m, 400m and 4x100 relay events must use a **crouch start**.

SHOT / DISCUS / JAVELIN athletes **MUST** enter and leave through the back of the circle/throwing area. All student spectators and waiting competitors must remain well behind the throwing areas.

Please check the program carefully and ensure that you are at the appropriate area on time.

Running events take priority over field events. If you have a clash in events, report to the field event before going to compete in your track event. After your track event, return promptly to your field event.

Ouyen P- 12 College Council

College Council will meet next Tuesday. The process for preparing the 2022 budget begins. We are tracking progress against our Annual Implementation Plan, have buildings and grounds items to consider, and, while recognising the importance of curriculum and achievement, we will give time to well-being. Springing in and out of lockdowns, and negotiating the various associated requirements, takes a mental and emotional toll. Keeping tabs on this, and ensuring we have resources in place to support where needed, is vital to our school health; and actions our values.

It was wonderful to see the flashing 40 signs in operation. Looking back through P and F minutes, I note this was raised at the meeting on June 24th, 2019, and a letter to VicRoads began the campaign. Denis Jewell at VicRoads acknowledged the need; it was prioritised but had to wait on funding. Peter McNair's arrival gave us an ally. We are grateful for his efforts in pursuing the completion of the project. We trust it will add a much needed layer of safety to the crossing.

Raelene Vine – President

Parents and Friends

Sheep Sale Roster

Sales are scheduled to go weekly as the spring flush of lambs arrives. However, some sales may be cancelled due to insufficient supply. You will be notified asap if your sale is cancelled.

August 19th Worker Carolyn Pengelly/ Renae Hulland

Cooks Renae/ Andrew Lanigan Hayley/ Ash Jackson Tamara/ BJ Allender



August 26th Workers Raelene Vine/ Jona Kilaton

Cooks Milla/ Doug Kerr Jac/ Mark Dowell Kristine/ Mark Sims

September 2nd Workers Megan Hastings

Cooks Cara/ Scott Brady Lee/ Scott Brown Sharon Doyle

PRIMARY SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE to the primary students who participated in the athletic sports today.

The oval was awash with Olympic and Insignia colours and there were many happy and smiling faces.

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, parents and friends were unable to be part of the carnival, but this allowed the Year 9 & 10 students to step up and assist with the coordination of the events.

The students did a fantastic job and were a pleasure to work with. The primary students enjoyed showing off their skills to the older students

Thank you to all staff who assisted and coordinated events – it was certainly a team effort to put the sports on.

The high jump competition was conducted during PE classes. It was great to see the students cheering each other on when they were competing.

All results will be published in the newsletter next week.



LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS

The Grade 5 & 6 students have the opportunity to participate in the Sunraysia South Lightning Premierships carnival next Wednesday.

A note outlining the arrangements for the day has been sent home.

Ouyen students will be combining with students from Underbool to enter two soccer and two netball teams. Unfortunately due to the border bubble, Murrayville are unable to take part.

Good luck to the students and their coaches – Miss Manley, Miss Amos and Miss Brown from Underbool.

YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP

Last Monday, 20 excited Year 10 boarded the bus bright and early to head off to Bogong for a week's adventure in the snow.

Due to COVID restrictions, all students and staff were required to undertake a COVID test before they could access the slopes. A huge thanks to Tracey Eames and MTH&CS staff who organised and tested everyone.

Luckily, every one returned a negative result, which enabled us to access Falls Creek on Tuesday for some downhill skiing – or should that be downhill crashing!

The group were greeted with a snowy but windy day, but it didn't deter their enthusiasm to master the slopes.

The students picked up the skills quickly – or looked like they did and they whipped down the slopes – with and without their poles.

The students learnt to navigate the chairlift, although when it stopped halfway down the mountain it caused a bit of excitement!

Isaac finally mastered the conveyor back up the slope after an interesting crash off it and Caleb learnt that you should go right to the end and not try to get off early. Both incidents led to plenty of laughs.

Wednesday was a day in camp, with students experiencing rock climbing, native animals (thank goodness the python was hibernating and didn't come out for a visit) and a bushwalk to the local falls.

Thursday was a very busy day with a two hour trip to Mt Buffalo to experience cross country skiing. After a massive snowball fight, Joel – the tricks king – decided to demonstrate his skills with interesting results! He then followed this up with nearly falling off the mountain.

On Thursday night the students were lucky to listen to Phill – one of the camp staff about his experiences as he has represented Australia in the last two Winter Olympic Games teams. It was very interesting and the students were able to ask questions.

A huge thank you to Sonya from Murrayville who did the majority of camp organisation and to the Murrayville students who withdrew from the camp to provide the opportunity for the students to attend the camp.

Thanks to Mr Morrish for his assistance and Rhyce the bus driver who transported us safely to and from camp.

This was my favourite camp so far. I enjoyed the activities and they were fun. I felt very lucky to be able to go in between lockdowns

Camp was lots of fun. It was really cool to see snow for the first time. I enjoyed watching Mr Morrish take a few stacks!!



I really enjoyed cross country skiing and can report I only ran into one little kid and fell over six times







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ICAS Assessments are designed to extend and reward students for their efforts, motivating them to attain greater academic success. Students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. Their achievements are recognised with certificates and medal ceremonies for top performers. ICAS is delivered online, improving accessibility and fast delivery of results.

A **Parent Payment System (PPS)** has been set up, which allows parents to purchase and pay for papers directly with ICAS. To access this please use the link and code below:

- Parent page link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>
- School access code: **EBO634**

The table below shows the competitions that are available (and for which Year Levels), the price per paper, the sitting dates and the closing dates for parents to purchase using the Parent Payment System.

ICAS Assessment	Year Level Availability	Price per Paper (Inclusive of GST)	Sitting Dates	Closing Date for Parents to Purchase via PPS
Writing	3 – 12	\$21.45	9 – 13 Aug	25 th July
Digital Technologies	3 – 10	\$17.05	9 – 13 Aug	25 th July
English	2 – 12	\$17.05	16 – 20 Aug	1 st Aug
Science	2 – 12	\$17.05	23 – 27 Aug	8 th Aug
Spelling Bee	2 – 7	\$17.05	23 – 27 Aug	8 th Aug
Maths	2 – 12	\$17.05	30 Aug – 3 Sep	15 th Aug

Amanda Elliott
Competitions Coordinator

Ouyen P-12 College

Photo Day 2021
Thursday 26th August

To Order Photos:

Go to www.msp.com.au and click "Order Photos". Enter your child's personalised shootkey and follow the prompts.

Order your School Photos before midnight 2nd September

Late Orders can be accepted after 2nd September by contacting **03 5482 3190**. All late orders incur an extra \$20 for postage and handling.

Family Photos – Please order online prior to photo day with the unique shootkey on the Family form. These are available from the school office. One shootkey per family.



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