**Principal’s Report**

**Welcome Back**

It was great to see everyone back at school for Term 4 refreshed and ready to work. This is usually a very busy term culminating with exams and end of year reports. Our Year 12 students finish formal classes on October 19th with a luncheon provided by Parents Association to celebrate their time at Ouyen P-12 College. Exams then begin for Year 12 VCE subjects on Wednesday October 26th.

I would like to thank Mrs O’Connor and Miss Pain for organising and supervising practice exams over the holidays and Mrs Nerida Morrish for taking her Art students to a revision lecture over the holidays, as well.

**Regional Sports**

This week we had secondary students representing our school in Bendigo at the Regional Athletics Competition. Next Monday our Primary qualifiers also travel to Bendigo to compete. I would like to congratulate all those involved and commend the efforts of those attending training sessions and training at home over the holidays.

**Flying Start**

Our 2017 school starters began a Flying Start Program this week at the school. The program, aimed at developing school readiness, will take place each Friday afternoon until November 25th and is free of charge. Students will work on a language based program with two experienced Prep teachers. We hope that this program will give our children a great start to school in 2017.

**Hats**

Our SunSmart Policy requires students and staff to wear broad brimmed hats throughout Terms 1 and 4. Many students remembered their hats however there are still some without them. Please ensure your child has a named hat for school. Those without hats are required to be in the shade. No hat – No Play.

**Gastroenteritis**

A new strain of the most common cause of viral gastroenteritis, norovirus, has been detected in Victoria and health experts warn it could become an epidemic. We are appealing to people to reinforce the need for their children to wash hands regularly in order to try to prevent this becoming an epidemic at our school. Hand Sanitiser will be provided in classrooms as well. Anyone who has contracted gastro should not return to school for at least 48 hours after the symptoms disappear as this is still the peak infectious period.

**The Book Club brochure will be sent home next week. Orders are to be returned NO LATER than Monday, October 17th. Parents are reminded that we do not take cash. Please send a bag for your child’s books to be sent home in.**

**Year 7 Art**

Students showed great enthusiasm while painting their papier mâché creations.
P-4 Weekly Awards

Super Star of the Week:
- Prep:
- Grade 1 & 2:
- Grade 3 & 4:

Attendance Bear:
- Grade

Literacy Award:
- Prep:
- Grade 1:
- Grade 1/2:
- Grade 3:
- Grade 4:

Numeracy Award:
- Prep:
- Grade 1:
- Grade 2:
- Grade 3:
- Grade 4:

Sheep Sale Roster:

October 13th
- WORKERS
- WORKERS
- NEEDED
- COOKS
- Pat Higgins
- Simone Grayling
- ONE MORE
- NEEDED

October 20th
- WORKERS
- WORKERS
- NEEDED
- COOKS
- Leisa Cronin
- Kaela Thomson
- Tracy Gibson

November 3rd
- WORKERS
- AND
- COOKS
- REQUIRED

Thought for the Week

True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.

Charles Caleb Colton

Thanks from Jason Erhardt & Family:

Jason and his family would like to thank all the people who have shown their concern for Jason since his accident. Jason has been inundated with best wishes and get well cards, phone calls and messages. Special thanks to Fiona Latta, Lyndal Munro, Rebecca Prentice, Toni Prentice, Michelle Morrish & Bree Scott who were so helpful on the day of the accident. Also, thanks to Daryl and Paul who were on ambulance duty that day. Jason is getting better every day.

Jason Erhardt & Family

Food Tech:

This week’s offerings were spinach & cheese muffins and a banana smoothie. The spinach was picked fresh from our vegetable garden immediately before preparation.
CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND WOOL WORKERS:
As part of the Year 10 PreCal project we have been working on a Cathy McKechnie Memorial Garden. We are asking anyone from around the community if they are willing to knit or crochet 20cm x 20cm squares so that we can ‘yarn bomb’ the trees. Squares can be any colour or pattern and they can be left at the General Office at school. Thanks.

Candice Beasley

HPV:
The HPV event is closing in fast with only six weeks to go. So far our team has accomplished a lot; we have raised some money and with the help from our sponsors we’ll be ready to take the journey to Maryborough. We have been training on our practice bike and our race bike is currently getting a service. The team is currently working together to organise the last of our sponsorships, food we need, camping equipment and transport. Preparations for our presentation are coming along well, but we still have a long way to go before we get near last year’s team, who won their presentation section. Our team is very excited about the event and we plan to keep you posted.

Toby, Adam and Jarrod
KING OF SPADES Sports writers.

TEXTILES:
The Year 6 Textiles students have begun creating drawstring bags. The students are learning the intricacies of the sewing machine and the quick unpicks.
In Science the years 5 and 6 have been studying electricity. They have been looking at the role of electrons in transferring energy in electric circuits. They particularly enjoyed designing, making and testing their boats which used simple electrical circuits to propel them.
YEAR 7/8 CAMP

The Year 7/8 students headed off to camp in the Grampians in the second last week of Term 3. After a delayed start, with bus troubles, the journey finally began and the students arrived at camp mid afternoon. After being assigned rooms and a camp briefing – the students headed on a walk to the Bumble Bee falls – of course a visit to the falls wouldn’t be complete without someone falling in – would they Darcy??

After the evening meal, Miss Wilton organised a quiz night for the campers – unfortunately the teachers weren’t able to pull off a victory, even though they tried very hard and used all possible means to do so!

Tuesday was the start of a range of activities, with the students in three groups – rotating through different challenges – raft building and canoeing, archery/giant swing and abseiling. Over the next day, the students changed activities, and new activities were introduced on Wednesday with rock climbing, low ropes/hut building and leap of faith. Evening activities such as movies, a camp fire and games kept the campers busy and made sure they were ready for bed each night.

Unfortunately, the rain came down on Thursday night and Friday morning, causing roads to start flooding, so the group headed into Horsham before heading home on Friday, rather than visiting Halls Gap. A great week was had by everyone. A huge thanks to the staff at Roses Gap who looked after everyone, especially the cooks who served us some great meals.

Thank you to Mrs Michelle Morrish, Mr Hussey, Mr Morrish, Miss Wilton (student teacher) and a huge thank you to Camron Linklater for driving the bus and his assistance at a range of activities.
We have a new Careers website
www.ouyep-12collegecareers.com

Year 12 – VTAC / SATAC - Important Dates
VICTORIA
VTAC Course Application close Thursday 29th September
Payment Deadline – Monday 19th December 2016
Change of preference closes Tuesday 8th November
(Re opens Monday 21st November
Closes Tuesday 20th December (12 noon)
SEAS Application close Tuesday 4th October
Scholarship Application close Friday 14th October
VTAC Personal Statement and Supporting documenta-
tion close Friday 21st December
VCE and ATAR results Monday 12th December (7am)
Round 1 offers Wednesday 18th January 2017
Round 2 Offers Tuesday 7th February 2017

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
SATAC Course Application
Friday 30 September 2016 - Deadline for early applications,
please remind students to pay their $30 SATAC fee (students will pay a late fee of $119 after this date)
Change of preference close Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Main Round Offers Tuesday 17th January 2017

VTAC Personal Statement & Supporting
Documentation
Closing Date Friday 2nd December
Please check ‘Additional Considerations’ for courses you have applied for.
The following may apply to you.
All applicants are strongly advised to complete a Personal
Statement in support of their application. The Personal State-
ment should address how the applicant has demonstrated the
following attributes and capabilities: motivation to teach; in-
terpersonal and communication skills; personal strengths; and
learning goals.’

Centrelink-Student Start-up Loan & Re location
Scholarship
centrelink/student-start-scholarship

Student Start-up Loan From 1 January 2016, the Student
Start-up Loan replaced the Student Start-up Scholarship
for new recipients of Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY
Living Allowance who are in higher education. Read more about
repayment thresholds on the ATO website.

Relocation Scholarship
centrelink/relocation-scholarship
An annual payment to help eligible ABSTUDY or Youth Allow-
ance students with their higher education if they have relocat-
ed to or from a regional or remote area to study
To be eligible for the Relocation Scholarship please check the
following link.
centrelink/relocation-scholarship

DOXA Cadetship Program Applications now open
Our Cadetship program supports young people from chal-
lenging life circumstances to complete university and gain
the skills for an employable future.
Our program is more than a scholarship or internship, it’s a
holistic approach to the development of a young person.
This includes:
• Financial Assistance for living expenses
• Professional Training
• Annual Book Allowance
• Network of Cadet Newbies and Alumni
• Skilled Mentors who will guide and support you
Up to eight weeks work placement each year
Applications close at the end of October 2016
http://doxa.org.au/

VICTORIA
Year 11 – 20th December / 2nd December
Alternatively September School Holidays

Chances for Children New Scholarship
This scholarship is aimed to build the professional work-
force capacity in the Mallee’s agricultural business.
Value - $5,000
Duration - 3 years to a young person from north-west
Victoria or south-west New South Wales who intends
Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) at La Trobe, Mildura.

The scholarship will prioritise study in agribusiness man-
agement, sales and marketing, export, supply chain and
other diverse agricultural roles.
For further information regarding the scholarship, please
contact Chances on 0350 217 480
http://study.flinders.edu.au/pathways/year-12/principals-
recommendation-program/

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
around the classrooms
CATERING:

**Year 12 luncheon** for about 35-40 diners – 12:15p.m., October 19th in the staffroom

Yr 11 families to cater – No Contact yet – meanwhile Contact Raelene Vine 0407849174

2 or 3 Workers: 10:00a.m. – 1:30p.m.-ish

**Food items:**
- 2 cooked chickens
- 1 punnet cherry tomatoes
- 125g block tasty cheese
- 12 slices ham
- 1 doz boiled & peeled eggs
- 4 dozen homemade sausage rolls
- 2 trays pizza [swiss roll tin size]
- 1 mini loaf pkt mixed sandwiches
- 4 bags corn chips
- 2 x 300ml sour cream
- 5 x 2L fruit juice
- 1/4 watermelon
- 1/2 pineapple
- 2 pears
- 3 punnets strawberries
- 2 oranges

1 small tray celery
250g lettuce mix
3 carrots
10 slices mild salami
3 doz party pies
2 doz party pasties or similar
250ml tomato sauce
3 x 500g bag grated cheese
2 x large pkt mixed soft lollies
1 x 4L icecream
1/2 canteloupe
4 kiwi fruit
4 apples
4 bananas

Thanks from the Catering Team

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS:

**Meeting** – Some event planning and some good discussion about things that concern parents featured at Tuesday’s Parents Association meeting. The world offers many challenges to parents, teachers and students that are frightening when they sneak up on people who are unaware and, therefore, unprepared – a bit like Little Red Riding Hood. What strategies/programs are available to parents, schools and communities to help our young people and families become aware of some of the dangers that ARE around – real and close? Would parents attend if a workshop/forum could be organised? PA has agreed to purchase some biographies and support materials for students in years 4-9. A date for our next meeting will be set after confirming with College Council.

**Book Review** - Know a good book you’d like to recommend to others? Care to write a review on it? We’re looking for **parents, staff and students** willing to share some thoughts on a book through the newsletter – could be a school text, a classroom favourite, a parent resource, a provoking read ….. Catch up with Miss Cross if you’re interested.

**Well done** – to all Secondary students who competed in the Regional athletics carnival yesterday. Best wishes to the Primary students who will have their turn on Monday.

**Catering** – Thanks to Brooke and Fe and Year 7/8 families for looking after the annual Seniors Week lunch yesterday. There was a good roll up of Seniors to enjoy the food, sunshine, movie [Oddball] and company.

**October 19 marks the last day of school for our Year 12s**. The school’s tradition gives the year 11 families the honour of providing the annual Year 12 luncheon for the students and their teachers. We don’t have a Year 11 contact person for this yet – any volunteers? Please contact Raelene Vine 0407849174 if you’d like to do that role.

The light lunch for the parents and children of the Tempy/Patche Playgroup for Children’s Week is now being looked after by the Playgroup Dads.

**Parents Victoria Annual Conference** – is on next week in East Melbourne. The program looks very informative around the theme of What’s Great in the Education State. It includes sessions on: Capable parents, capable teachers, capable children: rethinking the relationship between teachers and parents and the role of schools today.
SUNRAYSI A SOUTH ATHLETICS:

Congratulations to the 28 primary students who competed at the Sunraysia South athletics carnival held in the last week of term 3. The students competed very enthusiastically in what can only be described as wet, windy and cold conditions. Thank you to Mr Roberts for his assistance on the day, along with Alana Linklater and Raelene Vine who helped out at the shotput and discus events. Well done to the parents, grandparents and friends who supported and cheered on the athletes.

Twenty one students qualified to compete at the Regional athletics carnival in Bendigo on Monday, October 10th.

A revised schedule was sent home yesterday with each student. Please make sure you read it carefully. The bus will now be leaving from the Fuller Street bus stop at 6:45am.

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- Hannah Gall
- Brylie Allender
- Emily Birch
- Makenzie Clarke

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- Brooklyn Treloar
- Montana Ezsey
- Jack O'Shanessy
- Madi Linklater
- Joel Grace
- Isaac Scott

GRADE 4
- Chloe Latta
- Blake Smith
- David Gall
- Dimity Birch
- Will Nihill
- Samuel O'Shanessy