P-4 Concert
Our P-4 End of Year Concert will be held next Thursday evening starting at 7.30pm. Awards will be presented and students will participate in a concert item. Everyone is invited to come along and help us celebrate our achievements for 2015.

Parents Association and College Council December Meetings
The final meetings for PA and College Council will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings next week. Members are asked to notify the office if they are attending. This is a chance to look back over 2015 and recognise our achievements.

P-6 Swimming
Our swimming program has begun this week and will continue next week with students swimming every day. In Victoria, this year, there have been 107 drowning incidents with 47 fatalities. There was an increase in the fatal drowning rate per 100,000 persons in most age groups in 2013/2014 compared with the 10 year average (2003-2013) so it is vital that we teach our children to be safe around water. Statistics show that the highest percentage of drownings take place in rural, remote areas & inland waterways.

Mallee Catchment Management Authority Activity Book Launch
Our Year 6 students were part of the Catchment Management Authority’s launch of an activity book for children related to the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park. Students, accompanied by Miss Burns and Mrs Richardson, travelled to Hattah and officially launched the Wildlife Detective Activity Book which contains some great information for children about the park and the animals which make it their homes. We have since had some great feedback about our students and their excellent manners & behaviour.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

Next week will be the last Newsletter for 2015.
Mallee Catchment Management Authority Activity Book Launch

On Wednesday, the 2016 Year 7 students travelled to Hattah Kulkyne National Park as guests of the Mallee Catchment Authority. This was for the launch of their new Wildlife Detective Activity Book. Our students were lucky enough to have a sneak preview of this fantastic resource and were also given the honour of launching the book for the group. Ebony, Ella, Lauren and Blake spoke about their experiences at the Park and why they think the book will be an asset for students and families. We were treated to a delicious morning tea and the opportunity to speak to representatives from local groups that support the park. Our students were commended on their behaviour and they were excellent ambassadors for Ouyen P-12 College.

Sarah from EnvioEdu, the author of the book and Susan Saris from Mallee CMA then led the students through a range of fun and engaging activities. Students were given a copy of the book and presented with a headlamp for completing activities. The activity book is available at the Hattah Kulkyne National Park Visitors Centre.

The day finished with a tour of the pump station and lunch by the river. We all had a magnificent day and enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about our unique natural environment.

Natasha Burns & Elaine Richardson

Library News:
The Library is now closed for the year. All books should be returned as soon as possible for stocktake.

Bus Travellers:
Primary Students
Parents are asked to send a note or make a phone call to the office when your child/ren are not going to travel on the bus. If we do not have a note or have not received a phone call, your child will be required to travel on their designated bus.

KIDSafe Victoria
Child restraint checking days
Community Roadsafe Mildura has joined with KIDSafe Victoria to check your child restraints.

Don’t risk your child’s safety. Come and visit us at Big W on 8 December.

Date: 8th December, 2015
Time: 10:30 to 2:30pm
Venue: Car Park – Big W – Fifteenth Street, Mildura.

Ring to clean from Community Roadsafe Mildura on 0430441118 to book a personal session.
Ouyen P-12 College, P-4 Concert
Thursday, December 10th
7:30 p.m.
Ouyen Community Centre

The venue is booked and preparations have begun for our exciting yearly extravaganza. All children will take part in one item with their class group and two whole group numbers. Those students taking individual drumming and guitar lessons also have specific items planned. Individual teachers will let you know if special costumes or props are needed, but we always try to ensure that these require minimal expense and effort. Awards for academic achievement, effort, citizenship and You-Can-Do-It will again be presented for each year level.

There will be a small raffle at the door for those families and audience members who would like to purchase tickets. These will be $1 each and proceeds go towards concert expenses and Performing Arts at Ouyen P-12 College.

We have included a page of lyrics (Page 7) for P-4 students to practise at home. This is a very good reading exercise and the more thoroughly the students know the lyrics, the better the performance.

We look forward to seeing you all at this glittering occasion.

GOOD MANNERS AWARD:
Congratulations to Allie Winslow who was the November winner of the General Office Good Manners award.

Well done to Will Torpey, Lachie Comrie and Tim Vine whose use of good manners was also noted.

The December good manner users are being awarded candy canes, and so far this week the recipients have been Will Nihill, Lachie Comrie, Will Torpey and Blake Gaulke.

OUYEN JUNIOR CRICKET 10s & UNDER
Tom Huf from Cricket Victoria will be in Ouyen this Saturday to run the junior session.

Any new players are welcome to attend.

Play starts at 8.30am.

SRC NEWS:
Our final activity for 2015 is a Christmas Wishing Tree. The tree is located in the school entrance and families are asked to donate a gift that will go to a worthy recipient. Once the gifts are collected, they will be donated to the wishing tree at K-Mart to be passed on.

We are accepting gifts for boys and girls in the following age groups:
- 0-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-15 years
- 15-18 years

Age Tags are available at the Office to attach to the gift when you place the present under the tree.

Gifts will be transported to Mildura on Wednesday, December 16th. Thank you to everyone for supporting this cause.

SRC Members
**Year 12 Important Dates**

**VICTORIA**
- **Change of preference** Re opens Monday 23rd November
  Closes Monday 21st December (12 noon)
- **Scholarship Application** close Friday 16th October
- **VTAC Personal Statement and Supporting documentation** Closes Friday 4th December
- **STAT** see VTAC/SATAC guides for closing dates for Mildura
  situations
- **VCE and ATAR results** Monday 14th December (7am)
- **Round 1 offers** Thursday 18th January 2016
- **Round 2 Offers** Thursday 4th February 2016

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
- **Equal Consideration** closing date Monday 30th November
- **STAT applications** see VTAC/SATAC guide
- **Change of preference** close Monday 4th January 2016
- **Main Round Offers** Tuesday 19th January 2016

**FIRST AID TRAINING - YEAR 9**
A key element in the College’s Occupational Health and Safety program involves providing workplace level First Aid training.
- **Dates:** Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December
- **Instructor:** Natasha Anderson
- **Certificate II First Aid (Workplace)**

There is no cost to the student but it is essential that students attend all three days to complete their qualification.
Students may come to school in appropriate and comfortable casual dress and will spend the three days working in both practical and theory sessions.

If there are any unforeseen circumstances that might prevent a student from being at school during the First Aid training, please notify Sue Sly ASAP.

Please note: this training has traditionally been done in Term One, BUT in an effort to ensure less disruption to classes, it will now take place during EARLY START

The unique student identifier will be required prior to commencing the First Aid Training and Construction Induction Card (to be held in 2016)

**YOUTH ALLOWANCE**
All Year 12 students are encouraged to visit the Centrelink office and apply for Youth Allowance as soon as possible after your last exam.

Remember no two applications will be the same; $1.00 fortnightly payment is all that is required to qualify for the following scholarships that are distributed through Centrelink.

New Commonwealth Scholarships (Start Up and Re-location scholarships) are now paid to eligible higher education students by Centrelink.

**CHANGES TO YOUTH ALLOWANCE ELIGIBILITY**

will make it easier for rural and regional students to attend university. The changes passed by Federal Parliament recently will lead to all dependent children being considered in assessment for eligibility. This will result in more regional students qualifying for Youth Allowance.

**MAS NATIONAL – AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICE-SHIP SUPPORT NETWORK**

Thinking about a traineeship or apprenticeship?

“Job matching” – Register at Apprenticeship Central website

Apprenticeship Central is a free job matching site that helps apprentices and employers connect – matching candidates with jobs and jobs with well suited candidates.

The site offers a range of tools to help select, compare and apply for apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies online anywhere in Australia.


“Find your dream job” - Join the Talent Community

Join the MAS Jobs Community for exclusive job opportunities – search by location, employer and job type on web and mobile.


Free online tools to help start your career.

“Get noticed by recruiters in 6 seconds” - Create your very own AirCV

Make your career stand out from the crowd with AirCV.

Build your AirCV and transform your resume! Let your experience, qualifications and achievements shine. Make it easy for employers to know when events occurred in your career via your AirCV Career Timeline.

Get noticed by recruiters and employers! Stand out from the crowd by having your skills and experience quickly and easily read in seconds. [www.masjobs.com.au/CreateAirCV](http://www.masjobs.com.au/CreateAirCV)

“Easy to download free on your phone” - CareerMe app

CareerMe – Plan Career Paths and find Job Opportunities.

CareerMe is a free app for all Apple and Android smartphones and tablets to help people plan career paths and find job opportunities.

- View industry profiles
- View the Top Jobs and Skill Shortages for every sector.
- Learn about specific jobs

**Visit our website**


Please contact Fiona Dimasi on 8658 0080 (yes it is a Mildura number!) between 9am - 3pm for an appointment.


Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
**LEAP ROADSHOW EXCURSION:**

Students in Years 9 and 10 this week travelled to the Mildura campus of the La Trobe University and SuniTAFE for a day immersed in further education opportunities. LEAP (Learn Experience Access Professions) travelled from Melbourne to provide a full day of activities for the Ouyen P-12 College students.

We were lucky enough to experience a live performance highlighting the concerns, excitement and problems faced by students beginning the next chapter of study.

The day also included a scavenger hunt on the university and TAFE grounds along with current uni students, searching for clues throughout the grounds and buildings in Amazing Race style. A big box of chocolates was taken home by the winning team!

Students also attended small group sessions with professionals in the Health field, learning about Epipens and had the chance to use simulation equipment used by nursing students. The day concluded with a question and answer session with the Uni students who joined in the scavenger hunt.

Thanks to the LEAP Roadshow team for fully funding the day and allowing us the opportunity to strengthen our understanding of further education possibilities. The LEAP website is a fabulous resource for information about different professions: [www.leap.vic.edu.au](http://www.leap.vic.edu.au).

Thank you also to Donna Gregg, Sue Sly and Renee McCuish for their assistance on the day.

Narelle Latta
PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

**Meeting:** Our final meeting for 2015 is scheduled for December 14th. It will be a dinner meeting at the Victoria Hotel with some small items of business. Mrs. Dawes will fill us in on snippets of school news and plans. Please let Justine [0438 618 544] or Raelene [0407849174] know if you plan to attend, for booking purposes. Hope to see a few there.

**Transition:** It was a privilege for PA reps to join the Prep and Year 7 parent information sessions during this Early Start/Transition time. The school has a strong Transition program that helps new students and families to familiarise themselves with routines and spaces. The planned learning opportunities are varied and engaging – great preparation for 2016.

**Congratulations: [from eyewitneses]** - to the Year 5 and 10 Energy Breakthrough teams on their superb results from the event. The Year 10s placed first in their Display and Presentation [it was a well rehearsed, informative, comprehensive, and well delivered gig] and finished 5th overall. The Year 5 Design and Construction presentation was incredibly well done, earning them a 4th place in their category. They performed well in other events, too. Students, staff and parent supporters served themselves and the school with credit. Take pride in your achievement and cherish the experience.

**Catering:**
Thank you to the Year 7, 8 and 11 families who served up the delicious fare for the Garden Club’s Christmas event last Friday evening under the organisation of Fiona Latta.

**Thank you to all parents, friends and students who have helped Parents Association with time, food and donations throughout the year with Sheep Sales and various catering and waiting jobs.**
It is much appreciated by those tasked with organising the events we are asked to supply things for, and by the students and staff that benefit from the funds raised. We hope you gain, too – whether intrinsically or through connections made as tasks are shared.

**Best wishes:** to all students busily preparing for our end of year events – P-4 concert and presentations next Thursday; and the 5-12 Presentation evening on the 15th. A mountain of preparation goes into these two events.

Time rolls on: Both Justine Cresp [President] and Raelene Vine [secretary] have done extra time in their PA offices. Please consider taking on one of these roles for/ from 2016 as their terms expire. Interested? Talk to them about the tasks that go with the job.
"The Power Of Love"

The power of love is a curious thing
Make a-one man weep, make another man sing
Change a hawk to a little white dove
More than a feeling that's the power of love

Tougher than diamonds, rich like cream
Stronger and harder than a rockin' machine
Make a bad one good make a wrong one right
Power of love that keeps you home at night

[Chorus 1:]
You don't need money, don't take fame
Don't need no credit card to ride this train
It's strong and it's sudden and it's cruel sometimes
But it might just save your life
That's the power of love
That's the power of love
First time you feel it, it might make you sad
Next time you feel it, it might make you mad
But you'll be glad baby when you've found
That's the power makes the world go 'round

[Chorus 2:]
And it don't take money, don't take fame
Don't need no credit card to ride this train
It's strong and it's sudden it can be cruel sometimes
But it might just save your life
They say that all in love is fair
Yeah, but you don't care
But you know what to do
When it gets hold of you
And with a little help from above
You feel the power of love
You feel the power of love
Can you feel it?
Hmm- hmmm

[Chorus:]
Don't take money, don't take fame
Don't need no credit card to ride this train
Tougher than diamonds and stronger than steel
You won't feel no-thin' till you feel........
You feel the power, just feel the power of love
That's the power, that's the power of love,
You feel the power of love.
You feel the power of love, you feel the power of lo-o-o-ve...

Parents NB: Lyrics have undergone minor adjustment from the original version.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkAVfsw5xSQ
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFo8-JqzSCM

Johnny B Goode.

Deep down Louisiana close to New Orleans
Way back up in the woods among the evergreens
There stood a log cabin made of earth and wood
Where lived a country boy named Johnny B. Goode
Who never ever learned to read or write so well
But he could play the guitar just like a ringing a bell

Go go
Go Johnny go
Go
Go Johnny go
Go
Go Johnny go
Go
Johnny B. Goode
He used to carry his guitar in a gunny sack
Go sit beneath the tree by the railroad track
Oh, the engineers would see him sitting in the shade
Strumming with the rhythm that the drivers made
People passing by they would stop and say
Oh my that little country boy could play

Go go
Go Johnny go
Go
Go Johnny go
Go
Go Johnny go
Go

Johnny B. Goode
His mother told him "Someday you will be a man
And you will be the leader of a big old band
Many people coming from miles around
To hear you play your music when the sun goes down
Maybe someday your name will be in lights
Saying Johnny B. Goode tonight

Go go
Go Johnny go
Go
Go Johnny go
Go
Go Johnny go
Go
Johnny B. Goode

Read more: Chuck Berry - Johnny B. Goode Lyrics | MetroLyrics

Parents NB: We have simplified the ending.
Mallee Track Health & Community Service would like to invite you to their 2015 Community Christmas Celebration

Held on the grounds of the Ouyen Hospital

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Everyone Welcome
(BYO Chair)
Free Activities
Free BBQ Tea
Soft Drinks available for purchase

This is a drug & alcohol free event

Sausage Sizzle
Jumping Castle
Face Painting
Temporary Tattoos
Photo Opportunity with Santa