Principal’s Report

Swimming Sports
This week both Primary and Secondary House Swimming Sports were held. I would like to congratulate our students for taking part in such good spirit and thank my staff for all the hard work they put into making the days so successful.
Mrs Lonergan, Mrs Michelle Morrish, Mr Clark, Mr Morrish and Mr Hussey voluntarily conducted swimming training after school most week nights since school began which is a great effort and on behalf of our students I thank them very much.

Student Accident Insurance
The Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.
Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.
Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.
Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Traffic Around the School
I appeal to parents and community members to drive carefully around the school, abide by the 40km restrictions and watch carefully for students of all sizes. We had a near miss recently which, I am told, was the result of speed. All members of our school community deserve to reach school and home safely.

Attendance
In order for students to successfully complete their schooling for the year they need to attend school regularly. Parents of students with high absence rates will be contacted and invited to discuss any problems they may be having getting their child to school so that we can put attendance plans into place. We are going to be very strict about attendance this year in the best interests of our students – we can’t teach students if they are not here and they cannot hope to succeed if they miss too much school.

Investiture
Notes congratulating our newly appointed School Captains were sent home this week. The official Investiture for these positions, including our SRC representatives and Bus Captains, will take place at 9.00am next Tuesday, February 16th. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

⇒Nominations for School Council are now being called for.
⇒Nomination forms are available at the General Office.
⇒Nominations can be lodged between February 10th and up to 4pm on February 17th.
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your ATTITUDE!"

~ Dennis S. Brown

WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Macey Pengelly
Grade 1 & 2: Sienna Hulland
Grade 3 & 4: Lara Cronin

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Maya Barry
Grade 1: Meilyn Lam
Grade 2: Ava Wakefield
Grade 3: Liam Bond
Grade 4: Brylie Allender

Literacy Award:
Prep: Jolie Latta
Grade 1: William Shaddock
Grade 2: Bo Hastings
Grade 3: Harry Scott
Grade 4: Annahera Martin

Attendance Bear:

Aussie of the Month:

Families who have tiqbiz on their smartphones are asked to update the year levels they require relevant information for.

New families are asked to install tiqbiz on their smartphones so we can contact you at any time and you can contact us without a phone call.

P-4 Assembly

Dear Families,
You're invited to celebrate students’ achievements at our weekly P-4 assembly.
Assemblies will be held each Monday morning at 9am.

At the assembly students will be rewarded with awards such as:
+ Super Star of the Week
+ Little Legend Literacy
+ Magic Math
+ Special Academic Achievements
+ Special Sporting Achievements.

If your child is a recipient of any awards, you will be notified prior to the assembly.

SHEEP SALE ROSTER:

DATE: February 25th

WORKERS
Racheal Cook (50921585)
Megan Alger

COOKS
Anne Bush
Tanya Revell
Amanda Foster

This is a final call for anyone who can assist with sheep sales. Thank you to those who have already rung with offers to help – it is greatly appreciated.

The Year 7 students farewelled Brodee Lennon with a cake. Good luck in your new school, Brodee & Aiden.
BREAKFAST CLUB:
Breakfast Club commenced this week. Breakfast is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30 onwards.

FOOD TECH:
Getting into the Mardi Gras/ Pancake Tuesday theme the Food Tech students dabbled in a range of pancake recipes. The cooks made Mexican Pancakes with spicy cayenne mince and salad; easy pancakes with fresh fruit or vegie toppings; buttermilk pancakes [they made the buttermilk] with whipped cream and fresh peaches; and coconut pancakes with dark chocolate sauce. As well as the preparation and cooking of the food, aroma, flavour, texture, presentation, and timing were all worked on. Bon apertit.

The Year 10 Prelab students are looking for materials for a variety of projects. We would love to reduce, reuse & recycle the following: Treated pine poles, interesting metal pieces or machinery parts (rusty preferred) broken pavers, tiles and china, flat stones or pebbles and any old fish ponds!!!

Please let Miss Cross know if you have anything, but need it picked up! Otherwise, deliver to the patch.
Thankyou in advance.

SRC:
Congratulations to our elected members of the SRC.

Executive:
James Phillips - President
Laura Hayter - Secretary
Allie Winslow - Treasurer
Peter Hulland - Publicity Officer

Year 12
Adriana Smith & Aidan Down

Year 10
Megan O’Connor & Ethan Mallinson
Sophie Nihill & Will Torpey

Year 9
Abbey Latta & Tate Hulland

Year 8
Ella Hastings & Sam Scott
Madison Linklater & Evan Comrie

Year 5
Georgia Latta & Joel Grace

Year 4
Brylie Allender & Jim Vallance

Year 3
Maya Scott & Lukey Payne

Year 2
Maggie Smith & Boden Hastings
SPORTING DATES – TERM 1

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TENNIS:
Congratulations to Ethan Munro who won the boys competition and Chloe Latta who made it to the girls grand final but was beaten by Allea Heintze from Murrayville, in a very close grand final.
The students played a round robin, with the players with the highest amount of games playing off in the final.
They displayed good sportsmanship and had a good day.
Thanks to the parents who assisted on the day.

Ethan, Chloe, Hollie and Tim now have the opportunity to represent the school in the Division final to be held in Red Cliffs on Thursday, February 25th.
A note with all details will be sent home.

UDSSA SWIMMING SPORTS:
The UDSSA sports will be held next Friday, 19th August.
A team of students will be selected to represent the school at this event. Students in the team will receive further information at school early next week.
After the UDSSA sports a team will be selected to represent Ouyen P-12 College at the Division swimming sports to be held in Mildura on Wednesday, 24th February.
This is a pupil free day at school and parents will be required to transport the students to this event.
Further details will be sent home to students and parents towards the end of next week.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Any parent who is interested in enrolling their daughter for Net, Set, Go is asked to contact Mrs Michelle Morrish for more details.

MUSIC:
A reminder to all guitar and drum students to please be aware of changes to timetables and schedules, especially due to swimming and sports days. It is the responsibility of the students and their families to organise changes to lesson times with their tutors at least 24 hours in advance if they are unable to make their usual lesson time. Luke, Joel and Iwan have no choice but to charge for missed lessons without notification.
PREP NEWS:

On Tuesday, it was Pancake Day! We had been reading all about pancakes and made ourselves some, too. They were delicious. We also got to go swimming with our buddies, ready for our swimming sports! We trained hard for our piggy back race! Enjoy our pictures.

From the Preps!
Meeting: We had a good roll up to our first meeting for the year. Those attending appreciate the information, explanations and feedback from Mrs. Dawes. Mrs. Dawes explained some of the aims for the year and the reasons for some of these, including: improved student attendance, moving towards independent learners and what that looks like for the students; programs to engage students; raising literacy outcomes for all with a renewed focus on writing across all Key Learning Areas; the importance of Gonzolki funding to the school – especially for the equity it enables; and building relationships. The plans for the forthcoming Cluster Day were also explained.

PA is buying a set of guitars that will be for hire to students who wish to have guitar lessons but do not have an instrument to practise on.

We expressed the need for a whole school social activity – something we have not had since the school was formed. Suggestions were welcome – movie under the stars? Simple picnic event with games? What ideas do you have for this?

Best wishes to those students elected to special roles within the school - Captains, assistants and SRC – do yourselves, your families, and your school proud. Congratulations to all who participated for their houses in this week’s swimming sports.

Parent Reps for each Year Level – we are asking for a parent rep from each year level to bring different perspectives on things suggested, planned, happening ... to come along to meetings. If you become the rep you aren’t locked in but can ask another parent to pop along if you are unable to. New ideas and outlooks help to move events along. Contact the school or Justine Cresp 0438 618544, Fiona Latta 0427 141 515 or Raelene Vine 0409 749 174, if interested.

AGM: Due to basketball finals, the AGM has been moved to Monday, March 7th at 3:30p.m. [in the Conference Room at this stage]. Anyone interested in a role is most welcome to ask what’s entailed. There is some interest, so don’t think you’ll be pressured in to anything if you come along.

Prep for Parents – is a weekly email subscription for parents with children in Prep. It covers topics parents have said they want to know about: what children are learning in Prep; how to help your child with maths; and much more. Regularly during school terms, a new edition arrives in your email box. Each article has helpful tips and links to websites and other information.


More than this, come to the school’s information sessions for all year levels, and keep in touch with staff.

Sheep Sale – Watch out for the roster and your turn. If you’re happy to be on the roster more than once, Michelle Morrish would love to hear from you. Leave a message at the office. Thanks to those parents who have already said they’d do an extra turn. 2015’s Sheep Sale kiosk raised $4,000.00 for the school.

Catering – Upcoming events – sandwiches and rolls for the UDSSSA swimming sports Year 5 Pushcarts – Feb 19th. Feb 24th – Cluster Day – morning tea and lunch for about 100 staff. This will be for all families from Years 7 – 12. List will be out early next week – quiche, lasagne, side salad, sandwiches and morning tea items.

March 11th – cakes and slices for morning and afternoon teas for the Quilters’ Weekend Day 1 [150 people] – Primary families – F – 6. [List on next week’s newsletter]

Contact people – Each year we ask for volunteers to be the Contact People, attached to Year level groups, for our catering events. The contact people are the ones you catch up with to offer your help with whatever we have on. If you don’t contact them, they may contact you. The contact person liaises with the catering team/ Executive [depending on the event] to help bring it all together. They aren’t expected to work at every event they’re the contact person for. Anyone willing to take on one of those roles – please contact Raelene Vine or Justine Cresp – 0438 618544. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

P/1/2 – Melanie Shaddock
3/ 4 - Pat Higgins;
5/6 – vacant
7/8 - vacant
9/10 – vacant
11/12 - vacant

We look forward to a great year for students, parents, and staff at Ouyen P – 12 College in 2016.

Justine Cresp
President

Raelene Vine
Secretary

Mallee Track Health & Community Service

Position Vacant:
Hotel Services – Junior Attendant

MTHCS are seeking a student over the age of 15 who would like to join the Hotel Services department. This position includes cleaning, preparation and delivery of meals, and setting the kitchen up for the next day. The applicant must be enthusiastic, willing to learn and relate easily to residents. Shifts are for 2 hours in the evening, Monday – Friday, not including Public Holidays.

For more information about the position please contact:
Lynne Rogers
Food & Domestic Services Supervisor
P 03 05092 1111
E lrogers@mthcs.vic.gov.au

If you wish to apply, please forward your details and interest to:
Casey Kay
Payroll Officer
PO Box 130, Ouyen 3490
P 03 05092 1111
E ckay@mthcs.vic.gov.au

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MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL
2016 YOUTH AWARDS
NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Mildura Rural City Council
is seeking nominations for the
2016 Youth Awards.

The Youth Awards recognise the
achievements of young people
aged 12 to 25. Winners will be
announced as part of National
Youth Week Celebrations.

2016 CATEGORIES
• Youth Carer Award
• Youth Volunteer Award
• Youth Group Award
• Youth Artist Award
• (group or individual award)

Nominations close 19 February 2016
Nomination forms are available
from Council’s Youth Services team
youthservices@mildurovic.go.au
www.mildurovic.go.au/youth

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Tour de Murray
& Family Fun Day

Sunday, March 6th 2016
Mildura Lawn Tennis Club

Ride it.
• 55km & 130km
• Bike Family
Run it.
• 5km
Walk it.
• Riverside Walk
Round Trip 4km

Everyone welcome!

Entry fee includes Rotary BBQ Lunch & refreshments, plus midday auction.
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