Principal’s Report

Investiture
I was very proud to be part of our school’s 2016 Investiture Ceremony this week. It is great to see our young people accepting leadership positions and taking on extra responsibilities. I am sure our College Captains, Adriana Smith and Aidan Down will represent our school in an excellent manner and ably assisted by our Music Captain, Bethany Burns, our Public Speaking Captain, Sarah O’Connor and our SRC representatives will lead our school to success in 2016.

Instrumental Music
This year our school is able to subsidise the private Drum and Guitar lessons which students across all year levels are involved in. Lessons for Term 1 will be subsidised at a rate of $10 per lesson. The school will pay this directly to the tutors and parents will then be charged the remainder. The amount subsidised may vary according to the numbers of students taking lessons. Please contact Shelley Woodall if you have any queries about this program.

Student/Parent/Teacher Meetings
It was very positive to see parents coming to meetings over the past two weeks to discuss their child’s learning goals for the year. The partnership between the school and home is vitally important to ensure the best possible outcomes for students. Please feel free to contact Home Group Teachers if you have any concerns or queries. Parents are welcome to call the school and arrange a time for staff to call back.

Cluster Day
Next Wednesday, February 24th, is a pupil free day for our school. Students are not required at school on this day. Staff will be involved in a Cluster wide professional learning program – Writing Across the Curriculum.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

Next Parents Association Meeting AGM - March 7th - 3:30 pm - Conference Room
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."
~ Confucius ~

WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Neil Shine
Grade 1 & 2: Claudia Maynard
Grade 3 & 4: Maya Scott

Literacy Award:
Prep: Mia Munro
Grade 1: Claire Latta
Grade 1/2: Brooklyn Singleton
Grade 3: Jaydah Martin
Grade 4: David Gall

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Tom Cronin
Grade 1: Nathan Burns
Grade 2: Bailey Petersen
Grade 3: Regan Eames
Grade 4: Jack O'Shannessy

Attendance Bear:

Aussie of the Month:

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
Rachael Cook (50921585)
Megan Alger

COOKS
Anne Bush
Tanya Revell
Amanda Foster

DATE: March 10th

WORKERS
Noela Hill (0447 622 770)
Debbie Brauer

COOKS
Melissa Morrish
Yvonne Sporn
Fiona Latta

FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVING IN MAY FOR ONE TERM!

SEEKING VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES IN OUR AREA

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (a registered not for profit organisation) is seeking volunteer host families in the Ouyen area to host international exchange students from France arriving in mid May 2016 for a stay of one term.

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP AND LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln once wrote: “the best way to predict the future is to create it.” Volunteer to host an international high school student from France arriving into Australia in May 2016 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light. You’ll have fun learning about cultural differences and language. Carefully selected students from France will arrive in mid May for one term. With excellent English language skills, they will attend a local Secondary High School, arrive, with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au email scceaustr@scombe.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information.
YEAR 1 & 2 HUMANITIES:
Chinese New Year
Students have been learning about how the Chinese people celebrate the New Year. 2016 is the Year of the Monkey. They were all able to make their own monkeys and display them in the classroom. The children were encouraged to think about the characteristics of a monkey; confident, clever, skilful, enthusiastic, happy and flexible, and see if they could use these at school.
Students also made some rather scary looking dragons, and decorated them with gold and red traditional colours of the celebration.

Cheryl Mole

FOOD TECH:
Quiche and baked apples were on the menu in Year 10 Food Tech this week.

The Year 7 students have made a great start in Textiles with many projects already on the go.
SPORTING DATES – TERM 1

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TENNIS:
All the best to Ethan, Tim, Chloe & Hollie who are representing our school in the Division final next Thursday.

SWIMMING SPORTS:
Ouyen P-12 Primary Campus held their swimming sports last Friday in perfect conditions. The students participated enthusiastically with the juniors showing off their swimming skills across the pool. The highlight of the morning events was the prep and grade 6 buddy race.

The senior swimmers participated enthusiastically during the afternoon. Val Holland presented the "Bob Holland" memorial shield to winning House - Olympic. The shield was accepted by House Captains Chloe and Aden and both made excellent speeches thanking the students, staff, parents and pool staff for their work and support.

A team of swimmers will be selected from the UDSSA swimming sports which were held today to represent the school at the Division swimming sports in Mildura on Wednesday, 24th February.

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MILDURA SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
The Mildura swimming carnival will be held next Wednesday, 24th February at the “Waves” swimming pool. Winners from events at the UDSSA sports will qualify to represent the school at these sports.

The list of swimmers will not be finalised until after the sports on Friday. Qualifying students will receive a note to take home from the pool. Only students in the 11 and 12 year age groups will be eligible to compete at Mildura, but the winners of the 10 year age groups will qualify through to the Regional finals in Swan Hill.

The school will provide a bus to transport the swimmers to Mildura next week, and this will be organised with swimmers at the conclusion of the Underbool sports on Friday.

Please contact Mrs Morrish if you have any questions.

As this is a new event in 2016, there are some teething problems so the patience of swimmers and parents is greatly appreciated.