Principal’s Report

After some extremely hot weather I’m sure we are all enjoying the mild cool change. Many students are participating in swimming training each evening and our thanks must go to Mrs Lonergan, Mrs Morrish and other PE staff for conducting these sessions in their own time. It is obviously paying off, with several of our primary swimmers yesterday qualifying for the next stage in Swan Hill. Our secondary students will have their chance next week in Mildura.

On Wednesday, our school hosted a Professional Development activity for all teachers in our cluster. It was a terrific day, with a focus on writing across all subject areas. Lots of great ideas and strategies to improve the writing of our students were presented. As a cluster, we have a focus on improving oral language skills and vocabulary in order to increase the writing skills and understanding of our students and this PD was a great springboard.

The Parent Association once again provided a delicious lunch and morning tea, with many compliments from our visitors. Thank you to all who assisted.

Homework classes are held on Monday afternoons from 3.20 in Room 8. Students from Years 5-12 are welcome to attend and assistance is always available from the teachers.

Breakfast club continues to run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with many students enjoying the toast, fruit and juice offered.

We are over half way through this term already, and much has been achieved. The next few weeks will be very busy with the HPV meeting, Swimming Carnival, Biathlon and several teachers attending subject specific PD. We thank Jac Dowell, Kyra Nathan and Kristen Brown – no strangers there! who are helping us out with some CRT (casual relief teaching).

Shelley Cross  
Acting Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

The Ouyen Lions Youth of the Year competition will take place on Tuesday, March 1st. The event will begin at 7pm at the Senior Citizens Centre. Participants will present a five minute rehearsed speech and two impromptu speeches. All are welcome to attend and support our participating students:

Bethany Burns, Sarah O’Connor, Adriana Smith and Nicholas Vine.
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it."

~ Confucius ~

SUPER STAR OF THE WEEK:
Prep: Ruby Clarke
Grade 1 & 2: Jobe Clarke
Grade 3 & 4: Jim Vallance

LITERACY AWARD:
Prep: Taj Munro
Grade 1: Lucy O’Shannessy
Grade 1/2: Maggie Smith
Grade 3: Hayley Downes
Grade 4: Kodie Scott

NUMERACY AWARD:
Prep: Roy Grayling
Grade 1: Adam Grace
Grade 2: Caleb Gall
Grade 3: Matthew Erhardt
Grade 4: Billy Cattanach

ATTENDANCE BEAR:

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FOOTBALL:
The Ouyen Junior Cricket Association will start its finals this Saturday.
Semi final draw – Feb 27th
Kiamal vs Tigers (BP)
Ouyen vs Galah (SC)

The Grandfinal will be held on March 7th
at Blackburn Park 4pm start.

A training and coaching day by Cricket Victoria is being held at the Tempy Cricket Ground on March 5th starting at 10am.

All junior aged cricketers are welcome to attend.

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@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information.

ENGLISH TUTORING AVAILABLE
Improve in reading, writing (including creative writing), spoken English, understanding texts and essay construction. VCE students welcome.
Naomi Leach 0459578062.
MEMORIAL FOR MRS MCKECHNIE:
We started off by measuring the perimeter of the garden. We put in pegs on all four corners and then ran a string line to them so we could see the area we have to work in. We then cleaned up the area, raking up sticks and levelling out the ground. We cleaned up the trees and cut some branches down which made a huge difference. After we were happy with the area we rotary hoed the dirt and grass so it was easier to work with.
We are going to mix in some better sand and add some manure for the plants to grow in. We have started putting some pavers down for a border.
It’s going to look pretty good when it is all finished.

Year 10 Literacy PreCal Students

YEAR 8 SCIENCE:
The Year 8 students have been constructing some molecular models in science to demonstrate elements and compounds.
The students used toothpicks and marshmallows to make a range of substances such as water, carbon dioxide, table salt to name a few.
The best part for some students was being able to eat the marshmallows at the end of the lesson.
## SPORTING DATES – TERM 1

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Underbool & Mildura swimming. Photos courtesy of Bree Scott.
CONGRATULATIONS to the primary swimmers who represented the school at the UDSSA swimming sports last Friday and the District swimming sports in Mildura on Wednesday.

The school were the UDSSA champions and then winners of the first Sunraysia South swimming carnival – a fantastic achievement. A report on the Sunraysia carnival will be in the newsletter next week, along with information regarding the next stage of competition in Swan Hill on Thursday, 17th March.

Well done to Lilly Cattanach and Joel Grace – 11 year champions and Ethan Munro – joint 12 year champion in the UDSSA competition.

A huge thank you to:

- Staff from competing skills for fulfilling jobs on the day
- Ouyen P-12 College staff for their assistance
- Mrs Simmonds for administrative work prior to the sports
- Pool staff for their hard work
- The swimmers from all schools for their cooperation and enthusiastic approach to the events
- Mrs Lonergan, Mr Clark, Mr Hussey and Mr Morrish who have been training the students after school

Students who have qualified for the next stage are required to attend training at least three sessions per week. Training commences at 4.30pm Monday – Friday and 1pm on Sundays. If students have trouble meeting this requirement they should speak to Mrs Morrish.

Students selected in the Swan Hill will have received a letter on Friday, outlining the events they are competing in.

**RECORDS:**

- Joel Grace – 11 year boys backstroke – 29.70 seconds
- Jack Wisneske from Underbool set two new records
  - 10 year boys freestyle – 23.40 seconds
  - 10 year boys butterfly – 31.72 seconds
SSV Mallee Division Swimming 2016

This team has been selected from the results obtained in the Inter House Swimming Carnival, challenges during Sport and from students who have been regularly training. It is posted on the Noticeboards and in Home group rooms around the school. It is important that students know what events they are in so should check the team.

We do not have much preparation time left for the Swimming Carnival in Mildura next Wednesday March 2nd. Students are expected to have completed two training sessions this week.

Training sessions are available in Ouyen and Underbool. Training sheets can be obtained from Mrs Lonergan for any students who cannot get to organised training sessions.

A bus has been booked to transport students to the carnival. Arrangements are in the right hand column. Students must bring back their signed permission forms by Tuesday.

**BATHERS REQUIREMENTS**

- Boys competing in Mildura will be required to wear speedo type lycra material bathers, girls a one piece.
- No board shorts will be accepted.
- Students who do not have the correct bathers may not be allowed to swim. If you have difficulty obtaining the correct bathers or are unsure of what is acceptable, please see Mrs. Lonergan as soon as possible. Do not go and buy new bathers - please consult with Mrs Lonergan first.

**NEW RECORDS 2016**

**G 12/13 Yrs 30m Freestyle** Molly Grigg 20.6  
(Yvette Carmichael, 1984, 20.9)

**G 15 Yrs 30m Backstroke** Hallie Wills 24.4  
(Annalise Shaddock 1986, 24.4)

**G 12/13 Yrs Free Relay Olympic** 1:28.2  
(Olympic 2013, 1:33.3)

**B 18-20 Yrs Individual Medley** Peter Darley 1:32.7  
(Peter Darley, 2015, 1:40.3)

**B 17 Yrs 60m Backstroke** Peter Darley 42.8  
(Josh Timmers, Peter Campbell 43.2)

**B 18-20 Yrs 30m Butterfly** Peter Darley 17.5  
(Brad Vallance 2005 18.9)

**MD SWIMMING TEAM TRAVEL**

EVENTS BEGIN AT 11.A.M.  
OP-12 STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT THE POOL BY 10.30 A.M.

BUS TRAVELLERS NEED TO BE AT THE BUS AREA AT 8.45 A.M. THE BUS WILL NOT BE STOPPING ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE POOL.

**UNIFORM – OP-12 WHITE OR MAROON SHIRT, BLUE/BLACK SPORTS SHORTS, RUNNERS. BATHERS – GIRLS MUST WEAR ONE PIECE BATHERS AND BOYS SPEEDO TYPE BATHERS. IF COLD – BLUE/BLACK TRACK PANTS AND OP-12 RUGBY OR TRACKSUIT TOP. BOARD SHORTS, FOOTY NICKS OR BAGGY SPORTS SHORTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE POOL. NO THONGS ON THE BUS – RUNNERS TO BE WORN TO AND FROM THE POOL.**

**BRING AN ACCEPTABLE HAT TO WEAR.**

STUDENTS WITH INCORRECT BATHERS MAY NOT SWIM – IF UNSURE OF WHAT YOU HAVE IS ACCEPTABLE CHECK WITH MRS. LONERGAN.

**A NORMAL BREAKFAST SHOULD BE EATEN ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. NO LOLLIES OR JUNK FOOD IS TO BE EATEN UNTIL YOUR EVENTS ARE COMPLETED. IF YOU ARE ONLY IN A LATE EVENT, YOU SHOULD EAT A LIGHT SNACK MID MORNING AND THEN WAIT UNTIL AFTER YOUR EVENT TO EAT MORE. YOU SHOULD DRINK WATER REGULARLY DURING THE DAY.**

**BUS TRAVELLERS MUST PAY $10 TO OFFICE BY TUESDAY**

THE BUS WILL NOT BE STOPPING ON THE WAY HOME SO FOOD MUST BE BROUGHT FROM HOME OR PURCHASED FROM THE KIOSK WELL BEFORE DEPARTURE.

**NO CHEWING GUM ALLOWED.**
There is a lot more to Surveying than taking measurements outdoors using the latest technology. Surveyors are experts in property law and the creation of land titles. They advise developers, lawyers and architects on how they can maximise the outcome of land development projects. They also are the only ones who can sign off on the position of new title boundaries, and provide specialist advice on title disputes.

For more information about study and employment pathways, visit our website [http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au?utm_source=ZohoCampaigns&utm_campaign=Career+Advisors+Resource+Request+2016+-+Vic 2016-02-03 &utm_medium=email or call (03) 9326 8173.]


Are you going through some first-time experiences like buying your first car, moving out of home, first job or getting your first big bill? Everyone’s a rookie first time around and its easy to make mistakes – mistakes that could cost you a lot. Be a MoneySmart Rookie and make smart decisions about your money.

Under 25’s
- Credit and debt
  - Getting a car
  - First job
  - Moving out of home
  - Mobile phone deals and plans
  - Online transactions
  - Studying

- How to find a job
- Your study options
- Moving out of home
- Getting your drivers license
- Travelling around Australia or overseas
- Managing your money
- Your rights as a young Victorian

People who are doing interesting things and making stuff happen

**Chances for Children funding round is due to open**

**29th February – Closing 22nd April 2016.**

Chances invest in the future of our children and young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential.

An application form (which includes eligibility guidelines) is available for download from our website: [www.chancesforchildren.com.au](http://www.chancesforchildren.com.au)

If you would like to know more about Chances, or would like to discuss a potential application, please do not hesitate to contact us on 5021 7480.

**SpotJob.com**

Jobseekers can search and filter jobs by location and working conditions, including the time of day they’d like to work and preferences such as working indoors or outdoors, or in a customer-facing role. [https://www.spotjobs.com](https://www.spotjobs.com)

**Umat Preparation Course**

The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on their website. [http://umat.acer.edu.au/](http://umat.acer.edu.au/)

Date: Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th April 2016

Venue: St Joseph’s College, Mildura

Cost: $220

**Sue Sly**

Careers Coordinator

**Medicine and Dentistry**

It is possible to study medicine/surgery at Deakin (Geelong), Monash (Clayton and Gippsland), and Melbourne universities. The ONLY University in Victoria offering an undergraduate medical degree is Monash. Acceptance into this course is based on a combination of ATAR, UMAT result and a mini-interview.

Some interstate universities also require the UMAT as part of the application process for medicine, dentistry and some other medical-related courses. Monash also offers a post-graduate degree in medicine, as do Deakin and Melbourne universities. Monash has very specific requirements for entry to the post-graduate degree, including that from 2017 the undergraduate degree MUST be a Monash degree (preferably the B. Biomedical Science, or alternatively the B. Pharmacy or the B. Physiotherapy, or in a small number of cases the B. Science). Most applicants for the Melbourne degree would complete either the B. Biomedicine or the B. Science at Melbourne first. Deakin also does not specify the under-graduate degree. NOTE: Many post-graduate medical degrees require applicants to sit for a test known as the GAMSAT. See: [http://gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://gamsat.acer.edu.au).

Dentistry is only offered in Victoria as an undergraduate degree at La Trobe University (Bendigo) and as a post-graduate degree at Melbourne University.

**Bachelor of Health Sciences at Monash**

Students enrol in the course relevant to their specialisation: B. Emergency Health, B. Human Services (can lead to Masters in Social Work), B. Public Health Science and B. Radiation Science.

Physiotherapists assess, treat and prevent disorders in human movement caused by injury or disease. They work in private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, health department, mental health, school systems and some with sports clubs. Most young aspiring physiotherapists want to work as sport physiotherapists, however, you need to understand that many, in fact, work with elderly patients. Physiotherapy is taught at Monash, La Trobe, Charles Sturt and Melbourne Universities. ACU is introducing the course at Ballarat campus in 2017.

**Myotherapy**

Myotherapy is a remedial massage course which assists in rehabilitation, pain and injury management. The Advanced Diploma takes two to three years to complete. Some students who are interested in physiotherapy but who are not able to obtain the required ATAR find myotherapy a satisfying alternative. It is offered at a number of institutions such as Box Hill, Chisholm, Holmesglen, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT and Victoria University.

**Occupational Therapy** involves working with individuals, groups and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do. It is offered at ACU, Charles Sturt, La Trobe, Deakin (Geelong), and Monash universities.

**Prosthetics** Learn about artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supporting devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weaknesses. In Victoria this degree course is taught only at La Trobe University.

**Positions Vacant**

If you are interested please contact Fiona or Breece at MAS National for further information Phone 03 8658 0080 / 03 5023 6166

Apprenticeships
- Painter
- Bistro – Trainee Front of House
- Metal Engineering (April 2016)
- Chef
- Electrician
- Diesel Motor Mechanic – Specialised Equipment

Sue Sly

Careers Coordinator
More Congratulations: The hard work of students, teachers and parents has brought strong results in the pool recently. Well done to all who competed in swimming and tennis this week. All the best to those who swim next week.

Thank you: to all the families that helped us successfully feed around 140 people at the Mallee Cluster Writing day on Wednesday. The food you prepared was wonderful and the diners did it justice. The kitchen crew teamed brilliantly over several hours. Containers, trays and platters can be collected from the college foyer. An especial mention to Nat Nihill who assisted all day, including selling drinks for the Year 5 Push Carters.

Meeting: Our AGM is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 3:30p.m. We shall endeavour to keep it as brief as possible. We have had some interest in the positions which may move things along a bit. Roles to be filled are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Parents Victoria rep, Kiosk Supervisor [Sheep Sale], Sheep Sale Roster Co-ordinator, Catering Team [3 people]. We are still waiting to hear from parents who will be reps for each year level. Not an onerous responsibility but another way of connecting with the school and your children’s education.

Contact the school or Justine Cresp 0438 618544, Fiona Latta 0427 141 515 or Raelene Vine 0407849174, if interested.

Sheep Sale – Watch out for the roster and your turn. Thanks to those parents who indicated they’d do an extra turn. 2015’s Sheep Sale kiosk raised $4,000.00 for the school. Funds raised from the sheep sales and other catering fund a variety of things at the school – some asked for by the staff, others suggested by parents. In 2015 we paid for each child’s Mathletics subs, the Year 5 knitting program, the new sports singlets and the school set of sports shirts, the Castaway Boat and sand wheel, Spelling and Grammar programs, new athletics equipment and equipment for the food technology area. What will 2016 bring?

Catering –
March 11th – cakes and slices for morning and afternoon teas for the Quilters’ Weekend Day 1 [150 people at the Roxy] – Primary families – F – 6. We need 34 dozen pieces of cake/ slice/ biscuits for the morning and afternoon tea containers. Slices to be cut approx. 6cm x 4cm – approx. 18 pieces to a tray; cake not to be cut. Food can be sent to school on Thursday 10th or Friday 11th OR deliver to the Roxy around 9 – 9:30 on Friday morning [11/3/16]. The following are examples for variety’s sake.

F/ 1/ 2 – Contact Melanie Shaddock 0419941220 – 12 doz cakes/ slices
- Hazelnut   Jelly   Vanilla   butternut snap & caramel   cupcakes   other
3/ 4 – Contact Pat Higgins 0427669331 – 11 doz cakes/ slices
- peppermint   Brownie   hedgehog   orange cake   yo-yos   other
5/6 – Contact Raelene Vine 0407849174 – 11 doz cakes/ slices
- Caramel   lemon   apple & sour cream   Banana cake   ginger   other

Contact people - Thanks to those who have volunteered and to those filling in for the current events.
P/1/2 - Melanie Shaddock  3/ 4 - Pat Higgins;  5/6 – Melanie Grace
7/8 – vacant  9/10 – Fiona Latta  11/12 – Yvonne Sporn

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

Justine Cresp                                           Raelene Vine
President                                               Secretary

RED CLIFFS PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
The Red Cliffs Swimming Club are holding their annual primary swimming carnival on: MONDAY, 7th MARCH, commencing at 5.45pm.
Age groups start at 7 years and under and to 11 and over. The events available on the night are:
Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly for senior swimmers and freestyle relay.
The program is on the primary sports boards in the junior and senior areas.

Ribbons are awarded to students who finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Entry to the pool is free on the evening, but programs will cost $1.

An entry form is attached to the newsletter and must be returned by Monday, 29th February to Mrs Morrish. Students can swim in all events on the evening and are encouraged to form their own relay teams. If a student wants to swim a relay and doesn’t have a team, please indicate this on the sheet and a team will be organised.
If there are enough students interested, the school will run a bus to the event for swimmers and parents.

This is a good fun night and a chance to have a competitive swim before students have to compete at Regional swimming in Swan Hill.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Morrish.
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Type our name into the search bar.
Select us from the results.

Tick
Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you.
When the tick turns green, you're connected.

Inbox
Click on the inbox icon.
This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

Find and tick

Mon 28 March
No Activity
Easter Monday

Tues 29 March
Master Chef Challenge
Are you a master chef?
Get cooking with the kids!

Wed 30 March
Sand Tobogganing at Perry Sand Hills
Beach day fun for the whole family!

Thurs 31 March
Inflatable World @ Lifestyle Plus
Fun for the whole family!

Fri 1 April
Laserforce
Laser tag is the ultimate team-building activity!

Mon 4 April
House of Bounce
Bounce, jump and have fun at our House of Bounce!

Wed 6 April
Digital Scavenger Hunt
Hidden in the school, find the clues and win the prize!

Thurs 7 April
Woodwork Session
Create your own wooden masterpiece!

Fri 8 April
Art Day @ Mildura Arts Centre
Get creative and make your own art project!
PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF RED CLIFFS SWIM MEET ENTRY FORM  
MONDAY 7th MARCH 2016  
RED CLIFFS POOL 5:45 PM START.  
ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 1 MARCH WITH SCHOOL SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR.

LAST NAME________________________  FIRST NAME________________________
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What we aim to do!
Mildura Academy of Music and Performance aims to provide individual instrumental and music theory lessons of the highest standard.

What we offer!
Individual half hour or hour lessons in
VOICE, PIANO, GUITAR, BASS GUITAR & DRUMS
Group One Hour lessons in
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Why MAMP?
Our MAMP master classes are what sets us apart from a regular music school. Students get to experience all kinds of musical instruments, styles and genres on top of their chosen instrument!

For lesson and general enquiries please contact us via the information above!

"I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but more importantly music, for in the patterns of music and all the arts, are the keys to learning." - Plato