Principal’s Report

Debating Finals
Congratulations to everyone involved in the Senior Debating Finals held in Room 9 on Wednesday evening. Two Insignia teams battled it out, debating the pros and cons of space exploration. I was very proud of our students who not only spoke well but competed in good spirit making the evening enjoyable for us all. Thank you to Miss Karen Pain for organising our debating competition this year and to our College Captains, Miss Grant and Miss Jordan for officiating.

Parent Opinion Surveys
Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to fill out and return the Parent Opinion Surveys that were mailed home earlier this week. These surveys were due back to school today but we will be very happy to accept them next week, as well.

School Hours
A reminder that students should not be at school before 8.30am in the morning as we have no staff on supervision before this time.
I would also ask that parents wait outside for their children at the end of the school day as classes are frequently being held in the shared spaces between the classrooms. Once the bell has sounded parents are more than welcome to come inside.

Cyber Safety
This week we welcomed Andrew Downes from Victoria Police to speak to our Year 7 to 11 students on Cyber Safety. Hopefully, students will have listened carefully to his message and realise the dangers they face when not using online platforms safely.

School Trailer
This week we took possession of a new tipper trailer. School Council saw the need for a trailer which could be used to load and unload materials easily. The trailer has been put to use already preparing for the P-6 Arbor Day activities.

Arbor Day
On Friday, this week, our P-6 students worked in multi-aged teams on a range of environmental activities. Coordinated by Mrs Latta and Miss Burns the purpose of the day was to involve students in helping to green up our school grounds. Each class now has a garden bed with vegetable and flower seedlings to look after and every child has a tree or shrub to care for. Thank you to Kevin O’Neill and Geoff Vine for assisting with preparations for the day.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

CURRICULUM 2017

As of next year we are required to deliver the new Victorian Curriculum - replacing AusVELs. Although many aspects are similar, staff will begin an audit of our current courses of study next Wednesday, August 3rd. Interested parents and students are invited to join our discussions on this day from 9am.

Next Parents Association Meeting -
Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Taj Munro
Grade 1 & 2: Angel Forse
Grade 3 & 4: Drew Latta

Literacy Award:
Prep: Roy Grayling
Grade 1: Terah Martin
Grade 1/2: Nathan Burns
Grade 3: Matthew Erhardt
Grade 4: Kodie Scott

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Blythe Revell
Grade 1: Dejanae Elliott
Grade 2: Boden Hastings
Grade 3: Talia Munro
Grade 4: Makenzie Clarke

Attendance Bear:
Grade 3

SHEEP SALE ROSTER:

August 4th WORKERS
Carmel Vallance 50921684
Fiona Scott
COOKS
Loretta Smith
Renae Bonica
ONE MORE REQUIRED

August 11th WORKERS
Jo Linklater
Marcella Sharp
COOKS
Trish Torpey
Mila Kerr
Jenna Singleton

August 18th WORKERS
Melinda Lynch 5094 6238
Kerryn Harker
COOKS
Sally Renkin
Vicki Manley
ONE MORE REQUIRED

SHEEP SALE CHANGES:
The cash tin and keys for the sheep sales can be picked up from the Ouyen Newsagency from 8am on sale days. However, due to an update to auditing processes, these must be returned to the Ouyen P-12 College General Office after each sale. If there is any need to pick the tin up earlier than Thursday morning please contact the school on 5092 1182. Arrangements will be made with the worker in charge during the school holidays. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

GARDENING:
Despite the cold weather, Mrs Wills, Chyna and Dylan braved the outdoors on Wednesday. They were helping maintain the quadrangle with some weeding and trimming.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

NIGHT NETBALL

1st Semi Final
Komodo Dragons (25) defeated Iguanas (20)

2nd Semi Final
Geckos (39) defeated Drop Tails (38)

GRAND FINAL – Monday, 1st August
4 pm Komodo Dragons vs Geckos
(Scorers: team member from Iguanas & Drop Tails)
FOOD TECH:
This week the students conquered scone making, as well as making zucchini & bacon soup and pumpkin soup.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE:
The New Zealand Playhouse will be performing for our students on Friday 5th August. “#The Fairest of Them All” is for all primary students (P-6) at 9.00am and is described as a sequel to "Snow White" with a technological twist!
“As You Write It” is based on the works of Shakespeare and is for our secondary students in Years 7/8/9 & 10. Payment envelopes have been sent home with students who do not have sufficient funds in their school account to cover payment.

MUSIC NEWS:
Much goes on behind the scenes in the running of our many and varied programs here at Ouyen P-12 College which often goes unnoticed. I would like to thank Luke McCarthy, The Baker family, Melanie Shaddock, Pam & Sophie Elliott and Craig Woodall, for their donations of time, expertise, goods and equipment in support of our Music and Performing Arts program.

Shelley Woodall

Ouyen P-12 College Revue- a night at the movies

When: Tuesday, August 2nd, 7.30 pm
Where: Multi-Purpose Hall, Ouyen Community Centre
Who: Our Students, Staff, Families & Wider Mallee Community.
What: Carefully prepared, skilled performances, covering all areas of the Performing Arts.
Why: Fun-filled entertainment for the whole community.
BLUE LIGHT DISCO:
The Ouyen SRC in conjunction with MRCC will be holding a “Blue Light Disco” on FRIDAY, 19TH AUGUST from 7pm -10pm at the Ouyen Community Centre. Cost is $10 which includes free water. Buses will be available to transport students from Speed and Underbool. Further details coming soon, so please support your SRC.

THE PREP MINI OLYMPICS IS COMING!!
On Thursday, 4th August – the prep students will be transported to the Olympic Games as they take part in the Prep Mini Olympics, being conducted by the Year 11 PE class. A range of fun activities is being organised with students representing various countries on the day.
A letter explaining arrangements will be sent home to prep parents next week. Parents are welcome to come and support the “mini Olympians” on the day.

CHAT TO A CHAMP:
The Years 5 & 6 classes have been lucky enough to have had the opportunity to chat with Alex Rowe who has been training to make the Olympic Track and Field team to compete at Rio. The students have had two sessions with Alex, learning a great deal about his training. Unfortunately, Alex was unable to run the qualifying time, so the students will now have another track athlete to chat to live from the Olympic village in Rio, in the next few weeks. Attached are some photos of the Olympic village in Rio, that were sent through to the students.

PRIMARY SPORT:
Students in Years 5 & 6 are welcome to attend lunchtime training to fine tune their skills for the athletic sports in two weeks time.
The athletic sports on Friday, 12th August will commence at 10am. The rotations have been on the previous newsletters and are on the web site. Students are encouraged to wear their Olympic or Insignia tops on the day, and any face paint or hair spray must be applied before the students come to school. Further details and the parent roster will be on the newsletter next week.
Thank you to the parents who have offered their assistance on the day – it is appreciated – any parents who are able to help are asked to contact the office.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ.
We would like to invite your students and families to our FREE Live Online Sessions in August. Students are welcome to register for Thursday, 11th August at 5.30pm - 6.30pm AEDT. If this session does not suit, there will be another online session on Thursday, 1st September at 7.30pm. The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available in 2016.
Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 26 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2016. We offer scholarships and discounts worth over $100,000 to students each year.
SENIOR DEBATING FINAL:
Congratulations to all Insignia students competing in Wednesday night’s senior debate final on the topic ‘Space exploration is a waste of time and money’. Adjudicators and guests were extremely impressed with the calibre of the arguments presented and the confidence with which they were delivered. It was a remarkably close debate with only two-points separating the two teams in the end.
Megan O’Connor was awarded the title of best speaker and she effectively had the audience hooked from her opening words. There were students behind the scenes who worked with their team in all of the debates from the first heat through to the final who also deserve congratulations.
Special thanks to the chairperson, adjudicators and time keeper and warm thanks to the family members and staff who supported our students throughout the competition.

Senior Debating Champions
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Runners up
Maddy Hastings
Sarah O’Connor
Charlotte Vine
Supported by Lachie Comrie, Matt Dale-Hill & Sophie Nihill

Karen Pain
Debating Coordinator
Work Experience / Structured Work Placement Dates
Year 10 – Aug 15th / 19th: Alternatively July/Sept School Holidays

We have a new Careers website – a ‘One Stop Shop’ for everything you need with Career Planning.
Our aim is to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school.
You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VCE, search for job vacancies and much more.
Feel free to drop into the Careers Office if you have any questions or would like to know more about the program.
Check it out now www.ouyenp-12collegecareers.com
VTAC / SATAC / …... VET
Latest News and Events Work Experience
Do an Interest Test Find a Job
Choose a University Gap Year
Create a Resume Defence Careers Youth Allowance and more
The best way to predict the future is to create it.

UP COMING EVENTS
Monday 1st August – VTAC / SATAC Opens
Sunday 8th – Tuesday 10 August Careers Trip Melbourne Year 11
Friday 12th August Try a Trade Mildura Year 10
Sunday 14th August – Uni S.A, Adelaide Uni Open Day
Monday 15th – Friday 19th August – Work Experience, Year 10
Friday 2nd September – Fed Uni Presentation Year 10 & 11

VTAC/SATAC applications Open Monday 1st August
Check out course information in CourseSearch, VTAC or Explore
SATAC website. www.vtac.edu.au www.satac.edu.au
Year 12 students and parents are welcome to make an appointment if assistance is required.

Year 11 VCE Career Trip Melbourne
Activities for the three days include
Sunday 7th
Departure Time: 5am sharp Bus Shed, Bronzewing, Speed Pick Up.
Open Day – La Trobe Bundroora - Monday 10th
University of Melbourne, Deakin Burwood, The Project
Tuesday 11th
University of Ballarat - Mt Helen Campus
Estimated time arrival in Ouyen is 5.30pm
Accommodation is at Vibe Hotel, Carlton. Breakfast on Monday is included in the cost. All other meals & movie are at your own expense.
Photo I.D & covered in shoes are a must.
Students are encouraged to bring snack food and drinks.
Staff attending are Karen Pain & Sue Sly.
Final payment is required prior to attending. Please see Bobbie Stacey if you are unsure of your balance owing.

Uni S.A / Adelaide University – Open Day Bus Trip
Date: Sunday 14th August Cost: $25 per person
Open to: Students and Parents Payment required by Friday 20th July.
A range of accommodation tours will be available on the day.
Flinders University Open day for 2016 is Friday 12th and Saturday 13th August.
If there is enough interest shown I may be able to organize a ‘Ghost tour’
This trip will only go ahead if we have enough numbers.
Names to Sue Sly or add your name to the list in the Careers Office.

The University of Melbourne’s 2016 Open Day
When: Sunday 21st August
Where: Parkville & Southbank campuses
Time: 10am – 4pm
Open Day program is now available openday.unimelb.edu.au

S.A - College Accommodation
St Marks College Adelaide www.stmarkscollege.com.au
Flinders University – http://www.flinders.edu.au/living/on-campus/applications/
Most Victorian University Accommodation Applications Open after their Open Day – check individual University’s for details.

Available from the Careers Office
Bendigo TAFE 2017/Course Guides or download in PDF format www.bendigoatafe.edu.au/Courses/Pages/Default.aspx
Deakin College Student Guide – excellent pathway to Deakin University
Flinders University Information brochures
Kangan Institute Course Guide www.kangan.edu.au/courses
Longerenong College – Course Guide
Monash University Undergraduate Course Guide
The University of Melbourne Undergraduate Prospectus for 2017

La Trobe University News -
Open Day planner and app – Get the most out of your day by using the Open Day planner before attending the event. The planner is a handy tool for browsing all Open Day sessions and it even lets you build a personalised schedule to follow on the day. We recommend you also download the La Trobe Open Day app which you can use to access your timetable as well as maps to help find your way around the campuses.
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday/mobile

Accommodation (important: revised application dates)
Applications for all campuses will open on the same day.
Sunday 7 August
Enabling students who would like to apply for more than one campus to submit all applications on the same day.
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation
Since places are strictly limited, it’s recommended that you submit as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Flinders University News - uniTEST Entry pathway for 2017
An aptitude test that has been developed to assess the kinds of generic reasoning and thinking skills that underpin studies at higher education and that are needed for students to be successful at this level.
uniTEST is offered at no cost and they cannot be disadvantaged by participating.
Flinders University will select applicants based on both their Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR score) and uniTEST performance (40%)
More information can be found at http://www.flinders.edu.au/uniTEST
The online uniTEST will be held at the school under examination conditions. Names to Sue Sly by Friday 5th August

2017 New Courses
In recent years, courses such as Criminology, Sport, Health and Physical Activity, Media Arts, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Fashion and Visual Arts have proven to be popular choices for students.
Please visit the 2017 new courses web page.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
The Year 9 Community Group is holding their annual RSPCA Cupcake Day on Tuesday, August 16th.

Cupcakes are $2.50 each & can be ordered using the order forms distributed at Home Groups.

Notes and money MUST be returned to school by Tuesday, August 2nd.

Funds raised will be used to help animals in need and support recovering animals.
PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Well done - to the two teams of debaters that argued their way through this year’s Senior Debating Final on Wednesday night. They had well-constructed arguments, and appeared to enjoy the experience of persuading the small audience to dis/agree that Space exploration is a waste of time and money.

There is so much happening at the school – Athletics, choir, VCE countdown/Uni prep, organisation of Work Experience, camp plans, garden development, Energy Breakthrough prep, music lessons, curriculum development and innovation.

As parents we are lucky to be able to partner with the staff to maximise our children’s educational opportunities at Ouyen P-12 College.

Meeting – As usual, there was a range of things to discuss at Tuesday evening’s meeting. Mrs. Dawes and Miss Cross updated us on some of the things happening around the school, noting new government initiatives around curriculum and Child Safe Schools criteria [different to the Federal Safe Schools], and this week’s session with Swan Hill Police rep around cybersafety/cyber-bullying. There are plans being set down for Early Start – K-12.

Parents Association is contributing funds for the revamped grand stand seating and for a shelter over the stand. We floated the idea of a regular book review section in the newsletter; and we began a review of some of our procedures in light of the recent visit from “the auditors”. These changes are being auspiced by College Council. Parents will be made aware of them as they are finalised.

Catering – This Sunday, the school has been asked to provide afternoon tea for about 80 people for the Gregg’s Electrical golf event. In return, Gregg’s Electrical will make a donation to the school towards the development of the Cathy McKechnie Memorial garden. Any parent or student or staff member who is able to help with this is asked to contact Raelene Vine on 0407849174 asap, please.

Need: 2 pkts mixed sandwiches white bread 2 pkts mixed sandwiches wholemeal bread
7 doz e.g. sausage rolls/mini quiche 13 doz pieces cake/slice/scones/...
2 people to plate up from about 1:45p.m. at the Golf Club

Heads up – we have a catering task at the school on Monday, August 15 – mainly morning/afternoon tea food for a Professional Development day. Numbers to be confirmed today. Details for this next week – Years 9/10.

Years 5/6 are being asked to look after the SES dinner for 30 at the SES building [cooking in Community Centre] on Monday, August 22nd. Details next newsletter.