Friday, June 17th 2016
Term 2, Week 10

Principal’s Report

SAFEMinds
On Wednesday this week, Mrs O’Connor and I attended SAFEMinds training in Mildura. One of the key goals for our school over the next four years is to support and enhance the wellbeing of students. Strong mental health is an important aspect of wellbeing. Emotional distress affects children and young people and school communities, this distress manifests itself in a number of ways including depression, anxiety and self-harm. These issues have a significant impact on children and young people, including their educational, developmental and wellbeing outcomes.

The SAFEMinds program will enable our school to tie together all the programs and procedures we currently have into a more cohesive unit involving home, school and outside organisations.

Politicians’ Visit
This Thursday we had a visit from the Shadow Minister for Education, Mr Nick Wakeling and Mr Peter Crisp MLA. I am always proud to show off our great school and advocate for education in our region and it was pleasing that Mr Wakeling and Mr Crisp took time out of their schedules to call in.

Uniform
Now that students are moving into winter school uniform for the colder weather the coming holidays provide the opportunity to ensure that your child has the correct uniform items, including black leather school shoes and socks without logos. The school jacket can be purchased at Totally Workwear in Mildura with the school’s logo on it. These jackets are not compulsory and a plain dark blue one without the logo would also be acceptable. Jumpers and fleece jackets (P-6) can be purchased from Country Clothing here in Ouyen. If you are experiencing any problems affording school uniform please contact the school – we can help.

Bus Safety Week
Next week is Bus Safety Week. With so many of our students travelling on school buses it is timely to consider the importance of bus safety. I would encourage families to reinforce the importance of moving safely and carefully to and from buses and sitting still while travelling. More information about school bus safety is available later in this newsletter.

Parents Association
Parents Association is a valued part of our school culture. Its fundraising efforts have provided many valuable resources for our children whilst I have appreciated advice and a forum to run ideas by. Unfortunately, while people are keen to assist with PA catering and fundraising they are unable to attend the meetings. Therefore at next week’s School Council Meeting we are suggesting that PA becomes a subcommittee of school council. A letter explaining the proposed change was sent home to every family this week inviting feedback. A copy of the letter can also be found on the school’s website.

End of Term
Next Friday, June 24th is the end of Term Two with Term Three beginning on Monday July 11th. Students will be issued with reports for the first semester and parents with any queries about these are encouraged to contact the school early next term. School will finish at 2.30 next Friday.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

Next Parents Association Meeting -
P-4 Weekly Awards

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Rory Nihill
Grade 1 & 2: Ryley Sims
Grade 3 & 4: Harry Scott

Attendance Bear:
Grade 4

Aussie of the Month:

Literacy Award:
Prep: Jolie Latta
Grade 1: Nathan Stephens
Grade 1/2: Joe Clarke
Grade 3: Zandi Elliott
Grade 4: Emma Higgins

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Caitlin Voysey
Grade 1: Meilyn Lam
Grade 2: Zac Ezzy
Grade 3: Maya Scott
Grade 4: Harrison Linklater

Sheep Sale Roster:

June 30th Workers
Jan Morrish
50921494
Donna Nihill

Cooks
Nicki Maynard
Lisa White
Rebecca Richardson
Yvonne Sporn

July 14th Workers
Megan Hastings
50922126
Shelley French

Cooks
Jo Morrish
Bree Scott
Sally Anne
O’Connor
Byrne

Late Passes:
Any student who is late for school needs to come to the General Office for a late pass. This ensures a student is not marked absent for the day.

School Banking:
A reminder to all parents that school banking is on Wednesdays.

Change of Address or Phone Number:
If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or changed employment, please advise the school. We require the correct address and contact numbers in an emergency.

Changed Medical Conditions:
Please remember to inform the school if your child develops a medical condition or allergy which you may not have included on your original enrolment form. It is extremely important for us to have accurate medical records if an emergency occurs.

Visitors:
All visitors to our school, including parents, are expected to report to the Office to SIGN IN.

Bus Travellers:
Primary Students
Parents are asked to send a note or make a phone call or notify via tiqbiz 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.

Water Bottles:
Students are permitted to bring a pop-top water bottle to school to use during class time. They are particularly important in hot weather. Please ensure the bottles are named.

Does Your Child Need Identification?
For $5 each your child/ren will receive an official Ouyen P-12 College I.D. card that can be used on public transport, to get into movies etc.
See the ladies in the Office if you require one.

Tiqbiz:
Families who have tiqbiz on their smart phones are asked to update the year levels they require relevant information for.
New families are asked to install tiqbiz on their smartphone so we can contact you at any time and you can contact us without a phone call.
If you’d like to know more about tiqbiz visit us at the General Office for information.

JUNE 17TH
LARA CRONIN

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.
Maya Angelou

2015 Student
Ouyen P-12 College
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Ouyen Victoria 3490

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Happy Birthday JUNE 17TH
YEAR 7 TECH CLASS:
The Year 7 tech class recently started electrical. We made a steady hand game by using batteries, copper, acrylic and a buzzer. First we learnt about insulators and conductors and then we gathered all the materials to start our project. We used the plastic bender to shape the frame and then cut 300mm of copper wire and polished it with steel wool. Then we bent it into the way we wanted our game to look. We used a range of tools including a drill with a 2mm bit, batteries, a hot glue gun, a solder iron, solder and glue sticks for the gun. We mounted all the components under the frame and tested it. I am happy with the way mine turned out.

Lauren Grace
lightning prems - football

Photos courtesy of Bree Scott.
LIGHTNING PREMS:

Netball Report
Team A
We played four games against lots of different schools. We won the first three games and lost the last one against Red Cliffs. We finished the day in second place. Everyone played well and had a go at every position. It was great to play with the Tempy and Underbool girls. Hollie Munro

Team B
Champions! We won every game. We changed positions and had a good crack at it. No matter where we played, no one complained. Everyone enjoyed it. The Tempy kids got to know us and we got to know them. Georgia Latta

Football Report
It was a nice, sunny day to play football. Good teamwork with passing and handballing to each other. We came second overall only losing to Robinvale. We played really well with our tackles, shepherds and voice which really helped us.

Year 5 and 6 boys
The fantastic weather allowed the footy boys to put on a great display. With some of the boys playing their second game of football ever, the team showed excellent leadership and perseverance. The biggest highlight of the day was the great response from the other schools noting our sportsmanship and commitment to the game. The team showed excellent skills through their wins and their one tough battle against a strong St Mary’s Robinvale side. The boys should be happy with the outcome and focus on continuing their great sportsmanship and teamwork into other school sporting events. Coach Roberts

DATES TO REMEMBER:
• Ouyen P-12 Athletic sports  Friday, 12th August
• UDSSA Athletic sports  Friday, 26th August
**Work Experience / Structured Work Placement Dates**

Year 10 – Aug 15th / 19th - Alternatively July/Sept School Holidays

**Flinders University Presentation** Monday 20th June 1.15pm

**Western Victorian Careers Expo.**

Date: Tuesday 21st June
Time: 7am   Leaving from Matheson Street Bus Stop
To get the most out of the careers expo please check out the website and plan your day: http://www.wimmeracareerexpo.com/
It is advised to bring your own food and drinks saving time waiting in queues and missing out on activities on offer.

**Australian Defence Force – Specialist Recruitment Team - Technical Trades**

When: Thursday 23rd June, 4.15pm
Suitable for all students in Year 9 – 12 who may have an interest in a Trade as future career pathway.

**VTAC Community Information Evening**

Date: Monday 25th July
Time: 6-8pm
Where: Mildura Senior College
The session will cover information about applying to Universities, TAFE’s and Independent Tertiary Colleges within Victoria as well as information about the ATAR, scaling and offers. This event is of particular relevance to students (and Parents) currently competing VCE who are considering their post-Year 12 study options
Students in Year 9 – 11 may also find the session helpful when choosing subjects for VCE. Register at www.lleo.com.au

**La Trobe University News**

**Experience La Trobe - Mildura** Year 10 - 12
Date: Friday 8 July (School Holidays) Free event, Lunch provided
Register online : www.latrobe.edu.au/experience

**Aspire - Early Admissions Program** Year 12 Students
Open: Wednesday 1st June. Close: Wednesday 31st August
www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire

**What is The Aspire Generation?**
Year 10-12 students. This is a community of young people connected by their aspiration to make a difference through community service and leadership. Limited places are available to Year 10, 11 & 12 students.
Register your interest : www.aspire.latrobe

**Spring into the Great Outdoors in the Holidays**
Find out what it is like to be an Outdoor and Environmental Education student at La Trobe University.
When: Monday 26th – Friday 30th September,
Where: Either canoeing on the Murray River OR bushwalking and climbing at Kooyonga State Park,
Cost: $100

**Women in Engineering**

When/Where: Melbourne Campus: Tuesday 12th July, 9 Bendigo Campus: Thursday 14th July
Register by contacting Bianca Van Meeuwen at b_vanmeeuwen@latrobe.edu.au by Tuesday 5th July

**Experience University @ ACU**

Date: Melbourne Tuesday 5th July Ballarat Tuesday 28th June
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/applying_to_acu/experience_uni_before_you_start/university_experience/ballarat

**RMIT News**

**Experience Days - RMIT** Year 10 – 12 students
Date: Term 2 holiday break
Free events
Information & Register: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

**Science in the City Lab Tours**

When: 11am-2pm, 27th June; Where: City campus; Bookings and information: www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/june/science-in-the-city-lab-tour/

**Medical Laboratory Visits** – year 10-12 students have the chance to visit medical laboratories across Melbourne and regional Victoria.
When: 9am-5pm, 4th-8th July; Bookings and information: www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/july/medical-laboratory-visits/

**The John Button Prize**

Are you interested in Australian Politics & Public Policy?

**Applications Close** Friday 24th June 2016,

**Value: $2,500 prize**

Open Year 10-12 student who successfully express their ideas about Australian politics and public policy

Please apply online : http://arts.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/john-button-school-prize

**Keeper for a Day - Werribee Open Range Zoo**

**Ages:** Years 7-12 students

**Cost:** $115

**Bookings:** 9285 9406
www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

**Keeper for a Day - Healesville Sanctuary**

Come to Healesville Sanctuary to learn about what it takes to work in a zoo!

To book phone 1300 966 784
http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

**Monash University News**

**Year 10 students Independence Day.**
Interactive sessions

• Choosing a course and university
• Finding out about prerequisite subjects and why you need them
• Meeting representatives from Monash faculties who will provide you with information you need about courses that interest you
• Exploration of the campus
• Where to from here? Advice for managing Years 11 and 12
• Seeing what university life has in store for you by participating in faculty workshop sessions.

**Date:** Thursday, 30 June 2016
**Time:** 10am – 2.30pm
**Location:** Clayton campus
**Register:** monash.edu/yearto-day

**Monash University - Monash Year 8 Challenge**

Experience 3 days of Engineering workshops these school holidays!

Dive into the wonderful world of engineering with 6 exciting workshops!

Learn about Chemical & Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical & computer Systems Engineering, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, and Recourses Engineering

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Monash University Year 8 Challenge.

Registrations close: 24th June.
Cost $200 per student
Information and registration
http://eng.monash.edu.au/challenge/

**University of Melbourne**

**GIRL POWER IN STEM**
While around 75 percent of fast-growing occupations require STEM skills, only 16 percent of high school graduates pursue degrees in STEM disciplines. Female representation in these fields is even lower with only 33 percent of tertiary qualifications being awarded to women in STEM fields in 2011. Interest in STEM is nurtured through experiences for students that are STEM related.

The Melbourne School of Engineering and the Melbourne School of Information will be running a female student camp at the Parkville campus for 30 students during the upcoming July holidays.

The program will run across four years for a select number of female students from Year 9 to Year 12.
- Year 1 (9) - an on-campus female camp during the July school term holidays.
- Year 2 (10) - allocated work experience at the University of Melbourne and the workplaces of our industry sponsors.
- Year 3 & 4 (11&12) - ongoing academic and industry mentorship, peer mentor support and special events to further strengthen their interest and to help ease and assist the transition to university life.

More Info: Shainie Holt  shainie.holt@unimelb.edu.au  Ph 0383445613

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
NURSING AS A CAREER:
On Thursday, last week, Year 11 and 12 students who have an interest in the health field had the privilege of participating in a Nursing Career Day at the Mildura Base Hospital. Activities included the Midwifery ward where they were able to study a placenta and view the special care nursery, mental health department where they listened to voices while trying to read, & theatre nursing dressing up in the blue scrubs. They put a nose cannula into a dummy and assessed patient breathing using a stethoscope, before touring the hospital & finishing with the La Trobe University and SuniTAFE Mildura information sessions. A big thanks to all staff at Mildura Base Hospital who organised the great day and Mrs Lonergan for transporting the students.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION:
Meeting - We held a healthy discussion on Tuesday but were again unable to have a formal meeting as we were one short of a quorum. The future of Parents Association was discussed. As so few parents seem able or interested enough to attend meetings, the once strong and vibrant Ouyen school PA may have to go into recess. Other discussion points were Healthy Relationships programs; cyber safety – noting the vulnerability of children to bullying, sexting, sexual assault via modern communication tools; mental health; school programs and curriculum requirements; sheep sale and catering; and some funding requests. Mrs. Dawes also informed us that ribbons for events will be handed out at the Primary athletics sports this year following a request from parents. The recent school auditors’ visit involved checking that PA were following procedures, too. Thanks to Mrs. Stacey for her work in keeping our financial workings under good control. It was good to consider protective and proper behaviours in our procedures.

Tania Down is planning a presentation about Safe Schools for parents. Stay tuned for further info on this. Following our child safety discussion - It may be worth checking your child/ren’s phone/ ipad/ ipod to ensure their safety from inappropriate connections.

Catering –
Years 11 and 12 families are catering for the Parks Victoria bbq and salad lunch at Blackburn Park next Wednesday, June 22nd. Thanks to all who responded to Yvonne’s call. It is all organised.

Events –Congratulations to the students who represented the school at the Lightning Premierships challenge at Red Cliffs on Tuesday. A fabulous effort by all.

There have been a number of special things happening around the school – debating, careers visits, footy clinics and elite sport conversations, excursions, incursions, exams. What do you know about all these things your children are involved in?

Membership – Thanks to those who have sent in membership details and subs. Memberships still accepted.

Missing a dish? There are still two good dishes/ plates left from the Cluster catering. Please contact the school or Raelene if you think one might be yours. One is a white square platter, the other a blue fluted quiche dish with pink flowers. 0407849174

Raelene Vine – President, Helen Lam – Secretary
FOOD TECH:
The final food production efforts for Semester One were prepared by the current Year 8 & Year 10 Food Technology classes recently. Photos show the Year 8 menu choice being prepared proudly by Jasmine, Heidi, Charli, Abbey, Amber, Tate, Corey, Johnathan and Nic. The Year 10 students prepared almond crumbed chicken strips, a tangy dipping sauce, vegetable stir fry and sticky date pudding. They put all their new found talents into action for this last session and look pretty pleased with their efforts as well.