Principal’s Report

End of Term Two

As we come to the end of Term Two it is a good time to reflect on what has been achieved over the first half of the school year. Staff and students have worked hard to meet the goals they set themselves at the beginning of the year. Students have been involved in a range of learning activities and tasks designed to improve their skills and knowledge. A range of extra-curricula activities has also been made available both in the areas of excursions, sport, visiting artists, debating and choir. Older students have been involved in a variety of careers information opportunities and our Year 10 students spent time in Canberra.

Looking back over the weeks it is easy to see why everyone needs a rest to reinvigorate for the second half of the year. Semester reports were sent home this afternoon and parents are welcome to make an appointment to see teachers to discuss these after the break.

Exiting the School

Town students have been asked to ensure that they do not exit the grounds via the gate beside the Community Centre. This is a busy area morning and afternoon with the buses pulling in and out. We have had cases of students running between buses to cross the road – a recipe for disaster. Students must exit the school via one of the other five gates and parents waiting in Matheson Street to pick their children up are asked to park down at the oval gate between the Community Centre and the highway.

Parents Association

Last week a letter to parents regarding proposed changes to our Parents Association was sent home. At the June School Council Meeting this week it was decided to make Parents Association a sub-committee of school council. The committee will meet prior to school council each month and will be comprised of school council members and any interested parents. The main change will be that the group will have a chairperson rather than a president. Our official Parents Association will go into recess for a period of time but can be reinstated whenever the support is available. I thank the committees past and present for their hard work and look forward to working with the new sub-committee closely.

Attendance

Congratulations to the group of students who have achieved 100% attendance for the term and some for the whole year – a great feat. Congratulations also, to those who have made a real effort to improve their attendance. The rewards for regular attendance are seen both in learning improvement through consistency and socially for the student. Students cannot hope to successfully complete the required outcomes for the year if they are not at school.

Leanne Dawes
Principal
Super Star of the Week:  
Prep:  
Sharon Gurung  
Grade 1 & 2:  
Bailey Petersen  
Grade 3 & 4:  
Brylie Allender

Literacy Award:  
Prep: Tom Cronin  
Grade 1: Janea Taylor  
Grade 1/2: Eli Revell  
Grade 3: Matthew Erhardt  
Grade 4: John Shine

Numeracy Award:  
Prep: Roy Grayling  
Grade 1: Jacob Zanker  
Grade 2: Nav Forse  
Grade 3: Mia Grayling  
Grade 4: Ruby Pengelly

Attendance Bear:  
Grade 2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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

July 28th WORKERS  
Amanda Hayter  
0428 946 398  
Bree O’Shannessy  
Cooks  
Janece Latta  
Lara Wakefield  
Karen Wisneske

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.

GOOD MANNERS AWARD:

Congratulations to Angel Forse who is the winner of the General Office Good Manners Award for June.

Other students in the running for this award were Annie Brown, Tim Vine & Jack O’Shannessy.

YEAR 5 KNITTING PROGRAM:
In Term 3 the Year 5 students will be taking part in a knitting program under the guidance of the CWA ladies and interested friends.

The program will begin on Thursday 19th July (week 2).

The year 5 students would like to invite any interested community members with knitting expertise and that are keen to assist with the program to join us.
Year 9 Food Tech students experimented with pasta for their first class in Semester 2. The students were very proud of their efforts and produced some delectable dishes.

Congratulations to the following students for attending school for 100% of the year to date.

Bethany Burns
Madeleine Hahnel
Ellen Morrish
Nicholas Vine
Matthew Dale-Hill
Alex Maynard
Tyson Manley
Bradley Marks
Sophie Nihill
Emily Phillips
Lucy Hill
Darcy Kerr
Sam Scott
Jason Erhardt
Will Nihill
Brylie Allender
Lara Cronin
Harrison Linklater
Kodie Scott
Regan Eames
Harry Scott
Sienna Hulland
Bailey Petersen
Tanner Eames
Adam Grace
Gareth Morrish
YEAR 8 SCIENCE:
The students constructed & labelled either a plant or animal cell in the unit on Body Systems. The students chose their own materials and construction methods.

YEAR 7 TEXTILES
The Semester 1 group has finished their bean bags –some beanless, while the Semester 2 students are planning and starting either a patchwork cushion or patchwork blanket.
COMMUNITY:

Year 9 students this week began their Community class, participating in a number of team building, co-operative communication games. Students actively joined in a number of activities that required them to work together towards a common goal, using a number of agreed-upon strategies. Throughout second semester these students will initiate, develop and follow through with a number of roles and events within the school and surrounding community. The aim of this class is for students to develop a sense of belonging and purpose within the community, whilst learning essential life and team building skills through activities that see them actively volunteer and ‘give back’ to the local community.

Narelle Latta and Nerida Morrish
YEAR 9 SEPEP
PRELIMINARY FINAL
REPORT

Game 1
Spiritual Clan (1) V Inbetweeners (4)

The first game was between The Spiritual Clan (Top of the ladder) and The Inbetweeners (Bottom of the ladder). The score at the end of the first half was 18 to 8 with The Spiritual Clan leading by 10. The second half was a closer with The Spiritual Clan only increasing their lead to 13. The final result saw The Spiritual Clan win with 25 over The Inbetweeners 12. The better players for the game were Kaitlin, Liam and Hallie because they were getting intercepts and getting involved with the team. Students who tried hard and showed improvement included Nick C, Dylan and Billi for getting goals, cheering and good defence. 

Sophie Nihill

Game 2
The Tropics (2) V Black Thunder (3)

The game that I watched was between The Tropics (second on the ladder) and Black Thunder (third on the ladder). It was an exciting preliminary match with everyone trying to the best of their abilities. Players showed outstanding skills throughout the match. The score was pretty close during the first half of the match but then Black Thunder continued to score goals. The score at the end of the game was 12 vs 28 with Black Thunder winning. The better players overall were Nic E for defending goals, Ryan for sharing the ball around & Oscar finding good places on the court. Students who tried hard and showed improvement were, Jema who improved amazing, Chyna trying hard to deflect goals & Will who didn’t stop running. The grand final match will be the first week back after the holidays. 

Jessica Down

GRAND FINAL

The Grand Final will be played in the first week back after the holidays. This will be between The Spiritual Clan and Black Thunder. The Consolation Final will be between The Tropics and The Inbetweeners.

Forthcoming Dates

SSV State Cross Country Finals
Thursday, 13th July
Melbourne

House Athletics
Friday, 29th July
Ouyen

SSV MD Athletics
Wednesday 31st August
Ouyen

What you are today, is dependent on what you did yesterday
Where you will be tomorrow, is dependent on what you are doing right now

Lunchtime training

As the House Athletics Sports are fast approaching, students may like to begin some training. Any students wishing to practice any of their athletics events may attend lunchtime training next term on - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
DATES TO REMEMBER:
• Ouyen P-12 Athletic sports Friday, 12th August
• UDSSA Athletic sports Friday, 26th August

HELP REQUIRED:
Please let the General Office or Mrs Morris know if you are able to help out at the Athletic Sports to be held on Friday, August 12th.

TRAINING:
Training for the athletics sports will commence at lunchtime in Term 3 for interested students.

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AFL BOUNCE
June 2016

AFL Bounce is the new app just for kids. It’s jam packed full of daily videos, funnies, quizzes, GIFs and memes.

AFL Bounce is free.
Download it now from the App Store and Google Play Store

Mark Riddiford
AFL Schools and Community Engagement Manager
Work Experience / Structured Work Placement Dates

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

VTAC Community Information Evening
Date: Monday 25th July Time: 6-8pm Where: Mildura Senior College
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.iLeo.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

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 Kooyoora 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

Australian Catholic University (ACU)
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-unit_before_you_start/university_experience/ballarat
New Degrees at Australian Catholic University (ACU)
New courses at the Melbourne campus in 2017 are:
Bachelor of Science – will prepare graduates with the skills needed to apply a sophisticated understanding of a broad and coherent body of scientific knowledge to professional work in a range of science contexts. Majors offered: Chemistry, Biology, and Environment. Prerequisites are: Units 5/4 with at least 30 in EAL or 25 in any other English, and a minimum of 25 in Maths (any) and 25 in science (any)
Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Science – prepares graduates with skills to apply a sophisticated understanding and coherent body of scientific knowledge to professional work in a range of science contexts within an education setting
Bachelor of Physiotherapy – Commencing at the Ballarat campus.

RMIT News
Experience Days - RMIT
Term 2 holiday break
Science in the City Lab Tours
: 11am-2pm, 27th June;
Medical Laboratory Visits—: 9am-5pm, 4th-8th July;

Swinburne University
New common first year for engineering students
Students studying engineering at Swinburne in 2017 will begin their studies with a common first year. The Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) is designed to teach students the fundamentals of engineering before they choose their major, ensuring they can make informed choices about the future of their career. Students who enrol in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement. In 2017, a major in Biomedical Engineering will be again be offered. Explore Engineering majors

Keeper for a Day - Werribee Open Range Zoo
Ages: Years 7–12 students Cost: $115; Bookings: 9285 9410 www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

Monash University News
Year 10 Independence Day at Monash
Would you like to find out about courses, prerequisite subjects, meet Monash staff, explore the campus, get advice on management of Year 11 and 12, and attend workshops?
When: 10am-2.30pm, Thurs 30 June (lunch included);
Where: Robert Blackwood Hall, 49 Scenic Boulevard, Clayton;
Information and Bookings: www.monash.edu/year10-day

NEW Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine - Monash is the only Victorian university to offer both direct-from-school entry and graduate entry to the same medical degree. The course is designed as an integrated curriculum, taught on both campus and clinical sites. For school-leaver entry, the first two years are largely campus-based, although some city and rural clinical placements are possible. Students will complete a research project and clinical placements will have a home base with better relationships with clinical supervisors. The graduate entry program is open only to those who have completed a Monash University degree in biomedical science (including those undertaking double degrees), pharmacy, physiotherapy or science (with the completion of specific units).

Monash Year 8 Challenge
Experience 3 days of Engineering workshops these school holidays! Registrations close: 24th June. Cost $200 per student. registration, http//eng.monash.edu.au/challenge/

University of Melbourne - GIRL POWER IN STEM
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 098445613

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Western Victorian Careers Expo
Year 11 students and parents had a taste of different career options that may be available to them in the future at the Western Victorian Careers Expo at Longerenong on Tuesday.
Aims of the Expo are to provide regional students and parents with a broad range of vocational and course information, as well as career pathways advice in a ‘one-stop shop’ event.
To make available a broad spectrum of careers/jobs role models, especially for those in isolated and remote communities of Western Victoria.
To offer current advice regarding qualifications, training and prerequisites, business prospects and vocational opportunities to students, careers-changers, jobseekers & parents.
To encourage students to consider broader pathway options.
To assist parents of students with understanding career and course pathways.
Special thanks to our bus driver Miss Cross

Could Students who attended the 2016 Western Victorian Careers Expo complete the survey by Friday 22nd July
Prizes of $50 to be won!
Follow the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WASM
*Open to all secondary school students who attended the Expo.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
WESTERN VICTORIA CAREERS EXPO:

PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

Future - Following a decision of College Council this week, Parents Association will operate as a sub-committee of Council for the remainder of this year. Basically, we will operate the same as before but can take suggestions/recommendations to council, not move motions. The Executive looks forward to continued parental support as we assess the options before us. Sadly, our idea of having one parent rep per year level to ensure a quorum and greater diversity of ideas didn’t work. We welcome any suggestions you may have. Our next meeting will, at this stage be 6:30p.m. on Tuesday, July 26th, prior to council. We fully appreciate that, for many, this is tea time, bath time, story time. If there are sufficient suggestions for an alternative, please let either Mrs. Dawes or Raelene Vine [0407849174] know.

Catering –
Thanks to the parents of Year 11 and 12 students who were able to provide food, cook the barbecue, served lunch, and clean up at Blackburn Park on Wednesday. Parks Victoria pass on their thanks.

Reports – It seems we’ve been ahead of the system for a long time here – a news item this week showing changes to school reports revealed the new set up as the one Ouyen has been using for years. Thanks to teachers for the effort put in to preparing the reports. Make sure you follow up what needs to be followed up by making appointments for interviews as required. COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY –Parents Victoria slogan.

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

Term Break – hopefully families will be able to recharge over the winter break. For those who cannot have time off with their children, MTH&CS vacation care is a well-planned assistant for primary aged students for some of the days. Safe travel for those heading away. Another busy term awaits.

Raelene Vine – President, Helen Lam – Secretary
OVERDUE BOOKS:

Prep
Ruby Clarke
Ice Skating

T’arni Hodge
Henry & Amy

Jolie Latta
Bird Paradise

Rory Nihill
I think I just saw Santa

Macey Pengelly
Rosie the night-fright monster

Kai Wethers
Motorcycles
Iron Soldiers

Year 1
Terah Martin
One, two, three, oops!
Pig the winner
WeirDo 2

Lucy O’Shannessy
The circus pony

Janea Taylor
Pig the fibber

Jacob Zanker
Snip snap croc

Year 2
Dejanae Elliott
The shrinking race

Boden Hastings
Room on the broom
Planes, trains and automobiles

Eli Revell
I am not sleepy and I will not go to bed

Year 3
Liam Bond
Fantastic Mr Fox
Just annoying
Animalia

Hayley Downes
The twelve dogs of Christmas
The venom patrol

Regan Eames
Rainbow Street pets

Jaydah Martin
Again
Pugsley
The naughtiest girl in the school

Maya Scott
Little town on the prairie
Counting by 7s
Awful Auntie

Year 4
David Gall
Stay out of the basement

Annahera Martin
Goldie

Jack O’Shannessy
Where there’s smoke
Our Don Bradman

John Shine
1914

Porscha Vasic
I’m no turkey

Year 5
Ameliaah Campbell
Earth/weather/forests/glaciers/deserts

Imogen Hastings
Ripley’s believe it or not

Year 6
Dimity Birch
Chicken Stu

Year 7
Brock Payne
Zombiesons on holiday

Darcy Cresp
The 26 storey treehouse

Year 8
Karly Elliott
A girl like me

Casey Mitchell
True colours

Conor Schultz
The 26 storey treehouse

Year 10
Samantha Sharp
Liar

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