Principal’s Report

Student Fellowship
We have had four Year 5 (2016) students selected to participate in the Young Researcher Fellowships Project, organised through the State Library in 2016. This project, which involves students from across the Mallee Cluster, will be launched in Ouyen on Tuesday with Fellows from the State Library Victoria attending.

Energy Breakthrough
We have two teams heading to Maryborough this weekend to participate in the HPV and Push Carts sections of the challenge. This year marks the 25th year of the RACV Energy Breakthrough and I am told Ouyen was part of this program at the very beginning.

Both primary and secondary teams have put a great deal of effort into preparations for the events. I thank the teachers and parents for all the extra hours they have put into the teams and wish our students all the best in their efforts.

Cluster Principal’s School Visits
Last week the principals and assistant principals from the Mallee Cluster schools travelled to Melbourne to visit a range of schools. The schools we visited offered programs ranging from youth re-engagement to a school operating a site with education from birth to Year 10. We found these visits very valuable and brought home some ideas for our own schools.

Grounds Improvements
Our new fitness equipment is being installed over the next few days beside the Community Centre. College Council is hoping that this will also be used by the community after hours. Council has also organised more Shade Sails to be installed between the buildings as extra seating. We are currently seeking quotes for another half court as well. These improvements have all been suggestions from our students on how we can improve our school. It is great to see students so involved in their school.

Please spend time reading with your child every night.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

LIDS:
Thank you to those who have been collecting plastic lids for us. Please keep them coming; we need as many as possible for our garden art to begin in 2016.

Some very excited Year 10 students headed away for the Energy Breakthrough event being held in Maryborough this weekend.

The Year 5 students and parents left early Thursday morning for Maryborough to compete in the Pushcarts.

Good luck to all competitors.
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WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Claudia Maynard
Grade 1: Bailey Petersen
Grade 2: Liam Bond
Grade 3: Thomas Vasic
Grade 4: Ben Nihill

Literacy Award:
Prep: Gareth Morrish
Grade 1: Eli Revell
Grade 2: Bridie Clarke
Grade 3: Billy Cattanach
Grade 4: Blake Thatcher

Numeracy Award:
Prep: William Shaddock
Grade 1: Maggie Smith
Grade 2: Zandi Elliott
Grade 3: Tamzin Elliott
Grade 4: Sam O’Shannessy

Aussie of the Month:

THANK YOU:
Thank you for all the shoe boxes. Our Prep class room is now overrun with them. We do not require anymore.

WANTED TO BUY OR BORROW:
Second hand copies of Cookery the Australian Way 7th edition.
(It has a green background with a large yellow and red apple on the front cover)
The Food Technology students in 2016 would benefit greatly from access to this text, which is now out of print.
Please contact the office if you can part with or lend us your valued copy.

2016 YEAR 12 ENGLISH TEXTS:
English texts are available from the General Office.
These texts will be required for the VCE preparation days on November 26th & 27th.
Wuthering Heights - $11
Into the Wind - $18
No Sugar - $20

We are waiting for Passage to India to be delivered.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Hats are to be worn in Term 4 as per our Sunsmart Policy.

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.

LOST PROPERTY:
The Lost Property tub is over-flowing with a collection of clothing, drink bottles and food containers. This is the last call for families to claim lost items. Any items left in the tub at the end of November will be donated to St Vinnies.

Thursday, November 26th
5.00-6.30pm
All Saints Church Parish Centre, Hunt Street, Ouyen
Craft activities, Art & FUN
Christmas story and song
A meal and drinks will be provided
Gold coin donation to cover costs
Children to be accompanied by an adult or guardian

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ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH NEWS:
As you read this our excited Energy Breakthrough Teams are in Maryborough with Pushcart and HPV events taking place on Friday and Saturday. A big thank you to all who helped to get them there.
Six staff members and many parents have accompanied the Pushcart Team of twelve students and the HPV team of eight riders and ten pit crew.
Once again we would like to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors: Euphoria Hair and Beauty, Ouyen United FNC, Walpeup/Underbool FNC, Speed Lions Club, Ouyen Lions Club, Gregg’s Laser Electrical, North West Ag, Sunrise AG, Corbett Rural Supplies, Pengelly Plumbing, Ouyen Mallee Bakery, CAT Signs, Ouyen Tyre Service and N.A.B.
Congratulations to our raffle winners:

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YEAR 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:
Ouyen P-12 College will be holding an information evening for parents of students entering Year 7 in 2016, on Wednesday December 2nd at 6.30pm. At this evening, the Year 7 Handbook will be distributed. If you cannot attend at the allocated time, please call the school so that arrangements can be made to give you the handbook and any further information you require.

FOOD MARKET:
The Year 9 Ag Group had a fresh food market for the teachers just outside their staffroom last week. The produce was collected from the patch that everyone in Year 9 has worked hard at to grow their best quality vegetables and herbs.

Tyson Manley

YEAR 9 GOATS:
The Year 9 Ag Class has been taming the three baby goats over the past term. They have been brushed, shampooed, conditioned, blow dried and played with to gain their confidence and trust in the Year 9’s.
It has been a long and tiring task, but we are glad to announce that Afghan, Paris and Chandler are in mint condition and buddies with all the students.
The Year 7 Science class visited the Kindergarten on Tuesday to work with the Kinder children to write a story about their bugs. Year 7 Science students have been studying ecosystems so to finish the unit they teamed with a Kinder student who had each made a bug – in some cases a family of bugs. The kinder children told the story of the bugs to the Year 7 student who reflected on the journey and have gone away to write a story. The year 7 group will revisit the Kinder next Tuesday to present the students with their bug story.
The Year 6 students have been working hard to make drawstring bags and cushions.

WALK TO SCHOOL:
Last Friday provided perfect weather conditions for walking to school and many students took the opportunity to walk with family and friends. Once at school, students enjoyed a fruit snack and were offered a raffle ticket for our lunch time prize draw. Congratulations to the lucky winners who picked from a range of goodies. The winning walkers were Jobe and Jarn Clarke, Eli Revell, Milly O'Shanessy, Matthew Dale-Hill, Jade Eames, Jonty Pengelly, Zandi Elliott and Ebony Greig.

The Health & Wellbeing Team
**Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14th. It will be a dinner meeting at the Victoria Hotel. We have a couple of funding requests to formally consider and some plans to make for next year.

**Energy Breakthrough:** Best wishes to all students, staff and parents currently experiencing the phenomenon known as the Energy Breakthrough event at Maryborough: Push Carts – Yr 5 and Human Powered Vehicle – Yr 10. No doubt it is proving to be educational, challenging, tiring, and enjoyable.

**Best wishes** to all sitting exams next week; and to those preparing for the next level of cricket competition. Parents of students studying for exams can check that lighting, space, atmosphere, brain food, hydration and rests are all adequate to enable a smooth revision path.

**Book Lists** – Now is a good time to be catching up with families with students in the years above and below your child/ren to buy, loan, borrow or sell text books and notes to reduce the costs and to provide good resources. Some new texts may need to be purchased, though.

**Catering:**

**Friday, November 27th** – we have a finger food tea [plus fruit salad] to provide for the Garden Club Christmas do at Lois and Gary Manley’s. Years 7 and 8 will have the pleasure of this last task for 2015. Details below. Fiona Latta is the contact person. Please smooth the way for her and catch up with her as to whether you can help, and how.

Time rolls on: Both Justine Cresp [President] and Raelene Vine [secretary] have done extra time in their PA offices. Please consider taking on one of these roles for/from 2016 as their terms expire. Interested? Talk to them about the tasks that go with the job.

Garden Club Christmas break up catering – November 27th, 2015 – at Lois and Gary Manley’s –North West Rd, Ouyen. Catering numbers to be confirmed this weekend.

Please **Contact Fe Latta 0427 141 515**

1 x sandwich ring  **Renae Hulland**
1 mini loaf mixed sandwiches – wholemeal bread
1 mini loaf mixed sandwiches – white bread
3 doz sausage rolls  **Narelle Latta**
bruschetta - 1 French stick’s worth
savoury eggs - 1 doz [24 serves]
spring rolls etc [ 1 box of 56 pieces]
savoury platter
quiche or similar - 3 doz mini quiche or frittata or zucchini slice
sushi
fresh fruit salad
2 L icecream,
300ml whipped cream
Will need 3 or 4 workers to plate up and serve and clear away.

Times and delivery to be advised

**T-20 BLAST CRICKET:**

Apologies to the Ouyen Stars for omitting their photo from the report in last week’s newsletter.

Ned, Ebony, Aden, Ethan, Lilly, Lucy, Chloe & Tim are pictured after their matches.
SWIMMING INTENSIVE PROGRAM:
The swimming intensive program will commence on Wednesday 2nd December and run for 10 days – the program is attached.
Families are encouraged to purchase a season ticket for the pool ($70.70) or a child’s pass ($35.30). If you are unable to purchase a pass, please send $1.90 each time your child swims in a named envelope. If you wish to pay in full for the swimming intensive program it will be $19.90. This will vary for families of children in grades 3-6 as they begin swimming over the next two weeks in junior sport. The swimming program will also continue in the 2016 school year, so a family pass is good value. Further details regarding the swimming program will be sent home next week. If you do have questions, please contact Mrs. Morrish at school.

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CRICKET:
Congratulations to the boys and girls who will be representing OuyenP-12 College at the Regional T-20 Blast Cricket Finals in Swan Hill next Wednesday.

The teams are;
**BOYS**
Adrian Fidge  
Jarn Clarke  
Darcy Cresp  
Ethan Munro  
Tim Vine  
Ned Scott  
Aden Pengelly  
Samuel Scott

**GIRLS**
Lauren Grace  
Molly Grigg  
Ella Hastings  
Lucy Hill  
Ebony Hastings  
Chloe Latta  
Natalie Nihill  
Lilly Cattanach

Please Note:
Due to an expected extreme temperature forecast on Wednesday there is the possibility of a change of date. Mrs. Morrish will keep you posted.

Students must have their forms and money back to the General Office by Monday, November 23rd. Please contact Mrs. Morrish if you have any questions.
**Year 12 Important Dates**

**VICTORIA**
- **Change of preference** Re opens Monday 23rd November
  Closes Monday 21st December (12 noon)
- **Scholarship Application** close Friday 16th October
- **VTAC Personal Statement and Supporting documentation** Closes Friday 4th December
- **STAT** see VTAC/SATAC guides for closing dates for Mildura sittings
- **VCE and ATAR results** Monday 14th December (7am)
- **Round 1 offers** Thursday 18th January 2016
- **Round 2 Offers** Thursday 4th February 2016

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
- **Equal Consideration** closing date Monday 30th November
- **STAT** applications see VTAC/SATAC guide
- **Change of preference** close Monday 4th January 2016
- **Main Round Offers** Tuesday 19th January 2016

TO REGISTER TO GET YOUR VCE RESULTS AND ATAR by SMS,
send a text message as follows:
- VCE student number (eight digits only, not the letter)
- Space
- Results Service PIN (four digits)

Send to 19 787 888
Salmat Digital SMS cost $1.10 max (incl. GST).
Obtain bill payer’s permission before using this service.
Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration.

**MyFuture**
- myfuture has a new website format and updated information
- Build your Career profile,
- Start your personal career journey.
- Identify your interest,
- **Build your career profile and explore occupations.**
- Discover occupations – Find out more about the work, required qualifications and pathways of your ideal occupation
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- Search courses – Find the right course for your career path that suits your learning preferences and location.
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  - Qantas
  - Australian Apprenticeships – Coles
- Shape your Future – Sign up today and take the first steps to building your dream career. Create a profile, complete quizzes and find the right career path for you.
  http://myfuture.edu.au/ Interactive bullseyes

**Job Vacancy**

**Apprenticeship – Automotive Light Vehicle**

Davison Motor Group is seeking several enthusiastic first to third year apprentices.
Must have – Current Drivers License (or close to obtaining)
Minimum Year 10 completion
Mechanical aptitude or Cert II Automotive completion
Excellent work ethic
Ability to study on the job
Passion for mechanics
Ability to work as a team
Closing Date – Friday 20th November 2015
Requirements: A covering Letter and Resume
More Information available from the Career Office or contact Sally Shelly, SMGT Mildura, sally@smgt.com.au

**Ten Tips on Preparing for an Interview**

School leavers can improve their chances of securing a job straight out of school if they prepare for their job interview,
There are five key things job hunters should do and five actions they must avoid to be more likely to succeed.
- **Be prepared.** - Research the firm or organisation for which you are being interviewed and find out about the position for which you are applying. Use the internet, friends and relatives or contact the organisation to get information about them and the position. Be prepared to talk about the organisation and why you want to work there.
- **Dress for the job.** - Wear the most formal attire that you would likely need to wear in that position. Show the employer how you could represent their organisation.
- **Be aware of your skills, abilities and experiences.** - Be able to talk about how you could contribute to the organisation. Show that you believe you can do the job by referring to your skills, abilities and experience.
- **Be ready to ask relevant questions.** - The interview is not only for the employer. The interview is also for you to learn about the position and see if it really is for you. If you are properly prepared, you should generally know about the position and can ask questions relevant to you if your application is successful.
- **Take relevant material to the interview.** - For example, copies of your resume, certificates, references or names and contact details of referees.
- **Don’t be late for the interview.** - Plan your time to arrive early and compose yourself before the interview.
- **Don’t Panic.** - An employer will not be trying to trip you up during the interview.
- **Don’t lie about your skills and experience.** - It is important to be truthful and positive about your skills, abilities and experience but do not make things up. Show the interviewer who you really are.
- **Don’t post too much on Facebook and other social networking sites.** - Employers now use social networking sites to gather information on prospective employees. Be careful what you post.
- **Don’t be discouraged if you do not get the job.** - Remember that there are probably many applicants and only one will get the job. Try to get feedback about why you did not get the position. Learn from the experience and aim to be better at the next interview.

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
Newsletter article:
Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days’ notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, Web Site or Tiqibi App. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.