Principal’s Report

State Library Victoria Fellowship Launch
On Tuesday, this week, the Student Fellowship Program for Gifted Children was launched here at our school. Ten students from across our cluster have been accepted into the program which will take place throughout next year. Students have identified an area they are keen to research and, with the assistance from State Library staff and resources, will develop their project which will be published and archived at the State Library Victoria. The students will travel to Melbourne to work in the library and learn research skills on two occasions next year and will be in regular contact with their mentors. Hannah Gall, Dev Pandya, Joel Grace and Aiden Pengelly are representing Ouyen in this project.

HPV / Push Carts
Two teams represented Ouyen P-12 College at the Maryborough Energy Breakthrough last weekend. Spending time at this event is a valuable, eye-opening experience. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with parents and students as we manoeuvred our way through the various sections of the Push Cart Challenge (of which finding the correct tent proved to be the biggest). I was extremely proud of our students, both primary and secondary. Our secondary team spoke very well to win the Design and Presentation section which was a fantastic achievement given the number of other teams and the resources they had behind them. We came in tenth in our section in the 24 hour Endurance Race which was also a commendable achievement. The months of hard work and dedication certainly paid off and I thank everyone involved especially the teachers who have put so much time and effort into the program.

Fitness Equipment
This week a set of Fitness Equipment was installed beside the Community Centre. This will be available for student use during school time and community use out of school hours. We are also waiting on quotes for a half court and the installation of extra Shade Sails in the Senior Learning area which will complete School Council’s grounds plan for 2015.

Debating
Teams of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 attended a two day debating program in Mildura this week. One day was spent learning more about debating after which students competed in debates against other area schools. Our Year 9 debating team; Natasha Beckman, Samantha Sharp and Megan O’Connor won their section whilst our Year 7 and 8 teams also performed admirably with Year 7 coming second. Megan O’Connor was awarded Best Senior Speaker overall which is a great achievement.

Early Start
Our Early Start Program begins next week. This involves students moving into their 2016 level and classes with most of the teachers they will have next year. Our P-6 students will also begin their swimming program from Wednesday next week. Any family experiencing problems paying for swimming admission fees are encouraged to contact the school.

Leanne Dawes
Principal
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You cannot be mad at somebody who makes you laugh - it’s as simple as that.
~ Jay Leno

WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep: Lucy O’Shannessy
Grade 1: Milly O’Shannessy
Grade 2: Jaydah Martin
Grade 3: Dusty O’Shannessy
Grade 4: Jonty Pengelly

Literacy Award:
Prep: Grace Caldow
Grade 1: Ava Wakefield
Grade 2: Matthew Erhardt
Grade 3: Jack O’Shannessy
Grade 4: Hannah Gall

Numeracy Award:
Prep: Terah Martin
Grade 1: Bo Hastings
Grade 2: Kristy Higgins
Grade 3: Kodie Scott
Grade 4: Will Nihill

Attendance Bear: Year 3

Aussie of the Month:

Do you intend for your child to travel over the school holidays? Do they 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.

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.

BUS TRAVELLERS:
Primary Students

Parents are asked to send a note or a phone call to the office 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.

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

Child restraint checking days

Community Roadsafe Mildura has joined with Kidsafe Victoria to check your child restraints.

Two out of three car seats are not being used properly.

If you have trouble fitting or adjusting your child car seat, or you just want to check that your car seat fits properly, we can:
• Inspect and adjust child car seats to make sure they are installed correctly
• Check anchorage points
• Show you the correct way to use your child car seat so that you can be confident your child is safe
• Show you the correct adjustment of your child restraints.

Don’t risk your child’s safety. Come and visit us at Big W on 8 December.

Date: 8th December, 2016
Time: 10.30 to 2.30pm
Venue: Car Park – Big W – Fifteenth Street, Mildura.

Respond to Tressa from Community Roadsafe Mildura on 0434044138 to book a personalised session.
DEBATING NEWS:
On Friday, November 20th, ten students travelled to Chaffey Secondary College for the Mallee Regional Debating competition. It was a challenging day for all involved as each team had to participate in three debates, including one with a secret topic. All students spoke confidently, clearly and worked effectively as a team. The Year 7s came second in their division with Marissa Prentice receiving the award of best speaker in two debates. The Year 8s narrowly lost out on the difficult topic of rising petrol prices. The Year 9 team won the senior division and Megan O’Connor was also awarded best speaker in the division. Congratulations to all students and huge thanks to Mrs Sly, Miss Grant and Mrs Narelle Latta for driving students to the event and supporting them on the day. Kind thanks to the parents involved for their support and efforts in making alternative arrangements for bus travellers.

Karen Pain

PARENTS ASSOCIATION:
Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14th. It will be a dinner meeting at the Victoria Hotel. Please let Justine [0438 618 544] or Raelene [0407849174] know if you plan to attend, for booking purposes.

School Activities: Congratulations to the students and staff who have been involved in a variety of school engagement activities recently. From the Energy Breakthrough events to the Research Fellowship launch, Blast Cricket and Country Education Project, among others, students have had opportunities over a range of experiences to learn about themselves, their peers, and new skills, and to interact with a spread of new and different people.

Best wishes - to Year 11s as they launch into year 12 or the workforce. Best wishes to those moving to new places. Thanks to those families who now end their ties with our school. Your support over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Catering:
Friday, November 27th – this evening – thanks to Fe for capably preparing for the Garden Club Christmas gathering at Lois and Gary Manley’s. Thanks to all who are providing food and time to serve it – very much appreciated.

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.

SRC NEWS:
Our final activity for 2015 is a Christmas Wishing Tree. The tree is located in the school entrance and families are asked to donate a gift that will go to a worthy recipient. Once the gifts are collected, they will be donated to the wishing tree at K-Mart to be passed on.

We are accepting gifts for boys and girls in the following age groups:
• 0-2 years
• 3-5 years
• 5-10 years
• 10-15 years
• 15-18 years

Age Tags are available at the Office to attach to the gift when you place the present under the tree.

Gifts will be transported to Mildura on Wednesday, December 16th.
Thank you to everyone for supporting this cause.

SRC Members
SWIMMING INTENSIVE PROGRAM:
The swimming intensive program will commence on Wednesday 2nd December and run for 10 days.
(Timetable below)
Families are encouraged to purchase a seasons 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 $20.90 for Years 3-6 (11 sessions) and $19.00 for P-2 (10 sessions). The swimming program will also continue in the 2016 school year, so a family pass is good value.
If you do have questions, please contact Mrs Morrish at school.

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T-20 BLAST CRICKET:
A report and photos of the T-20 Blast Cricket at Swan Hill will be in next week’s Newsletter

TENNIS CLINIC:
(as advertised in a previous newsletter)
This Saturday & Sunday
9a.m. - 11:30a.m.
$30 per child per session
Contact Megan Hastings 0417 353 631

The new Fitness Equipment has been installed beside the Community Centre. This will be available for student use during school time and community use out of school hours. We are waiting for soft fall to be laid before the equipment can be used.
ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH:
This year marked the 25th anniversary of the Maryborough RACV Energy Breakthrough. With students competing in an array of categories such as Human Powered, Electric Powered, Petrol Powered or a combination of powers, all with the overall aim of creating a sustainable environment for future generations.

The Year 10 students from Ouyen P-12 College have been competing in the Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) event for the past 3 years, upholding the College values throughout the entire program. This involves students doing training and event organisation out of school hours. This is a huge commitment on their behalf.

A big thank you to all our sponsors whom without, this event would not be possible. We did you proud, winning the display and presentation section, thereby recognising all our sponsors to around 20,000 people. We hope this helps raise awareness and profit for your business.

Many thanks to all the parents who supplied food for the event and a huge thank you to Catherine Phillips, Amanda Hayter and Lydia Dean for donating their time over the weekend. Without parent support, programs like the Energy Breakthrough wouldn’t be as successful.

Finally, well done to all the students in Year 10 who assisted in making the program as successful as it was. You are a credit to your school and community.
**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

**FIRST AID TRAINING - YEAR 9**
A key element in the College’s Occupational Health and Safety program involves providing workplace level First Aid training.
- **Dates**: Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 8th December
- **Instructor**: Natasha Anderson
- **Certificate II First Aid (Workplace)**

**There is no cost to the student but it is essential that students attend all three days to complete their qualification.**
Students may come to school in appropriate and comfortable casual dress and will spend the three days working in both practical and theory sessions.

If there are any unforeseen circumstances that might prevent a student from being at school during the First Aid training, please notify Sue Sly ASAP.

**Please note: this training has traditionally been done in Term One, BUT in an effort to ensure less disruption to classes, it will now take place during EARLY START**

The **Unique Student Identifier** will be required prior to commencing the First Aid Training and Construction Induction Card (to be held in 2016)

Year 9 students will have time available to them to apply for the USI on-line during the first week of Early Start.

If you’re studying a nationally recognised training in Australia from 1 January 2015, you will be required to have a Unique Identification Card (to be held in 2016)

http://www.usi.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx#

To create your Unique Student Identifier (USI)

- **Form of ID** - When you create your USI or when someone creates a USI on your behalf, the USI Registry System will confirm the details you have entered match exactly with those shown on your chosen form of ID from the list below.
  - Driver’s Licence
  - Medicare Card
  - Australian Passport
  - Visa (with Non-Australian Passport)
  - Birth Certificate (Australian)
  - Certificate Of Registration By Descent
  - Citizenship Certificate
  - ImmiCard

**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT – DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT**

**Is Education and Training Important?**
- Did you know that you are more likely to have a job if you finish Year 12?
- Your chances are even better if you get a Certificate III or higher
- You will also earn more!

**What can WORK EXPERIENCE provide you?**
Employers Advise
- Get practical skills
- Try out a job
- Learn what is expected of you

**ONE THIRD of all Jobs are NOT ADVERTISED**
- **Advertised**
  - Newspaper
  - Word of mouth
  - Internet
  - Approaching employers
- **Recruitment Agency**

Broaden your job search to maximize opportunities

**WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR**

**Experience**
- Work experience
- Volunteer work
- Transitional job

**For some jobs, experience is essential**

**Personal Traits**
- Enthusiasm
- Reliability
- Presentation
- Work ethic

**Employers will not compromise on these**

**Employability Skills**
- Team work
- Initiative

**You need to demonstrate these to employers**

**Education and Training**
- Complete Year 12
- Post-school qualifications
- University
- Diploma
- Cert III / IV

Opens the door to more job opportunities

**YOUR JOB SEARCH PLAN KEY TIPS FOR YOUNG JOB SEEKERS FROM EMPLOYERS**

**Your Application and resume**
- Tailor your application / resume to the job
- Pay attention to detail (spelling and Grammar)

**Be Proactive**
- Approach employers directly
- Follow up with employers

**Think about your Presentation**
- At job interviews
- When approaching employers

**At the Interview**
- Show you are interested and communicate well
- Demonstrate you understand the job

**Sue Sly**
Careers Coordinator

**BOOKS FOR SALE:**

**Gabby Torpey 50 824 257**
Growing Up Asian in Australia plus Study Notes $15
Nature of Biology Book 1 $30
The Legal Maze VCE Units 1 & 2 $30

Before buying any second hand books please check that they are the ones being used in 2016. Booklists will, hopefully, be finalised shortly although some books may not be decided upon until early in 2016.