From the Principal’s Desk

Special Olympics – Victoria. Part of the Special Olympics Soccer team arrived back in Wangaratta on Saturday after a busy and successful week in Melbourne. What a wonderful experience for our 3 young lads to play for Victoria. Two sides – comprising of 5 and 7 players respectively represented Victoria against teams from every other state and territory. Jack and Ash coached the 7 a side and Shane Crispin and Kate Edgar the 5 a side. Games were played on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Reports from Jack and Ash were positively glowing with regard to the way our students represented themselves, our school and the state of Victoria. They carried themselves with respect, courage and great comradery. As icing on the cake, the 7 a side team returned home with a bronze medal, and the 5 a side team secured a silver medal – a tremendous achievement which we are all incredibly proud of. Well done, all!

Fete – Our first ever school fete will be held on November 7\textsuperscript{th} from 2pm – 7pm. You will have received a note relating to this asking you to outline your intentions for your children on that day. Please take the time to fill out the slip provided and return it to your child’s teacher by Monday. This is very important as it allows us to know which children need to be put on their normal bus. If we don’t have a form back we will have no choice but to place children on their normal bus to travel home. Thanks in anticipation of your support in this.

With any luck you will have seen our banner advertising the fete hanging from the overpass in Rowan Street, Wangaratta. Many thanks to those who have donated so many wonderful things for use at our stalls, and please, keep them coming. We are hoping to make this fete the first of many wonderful community events here at school. So if you have any spare time we are in need of parent/carer helpers. Also if you know of any hair dressers and masseurs who would donate their time, I am looking for some to staff a stall for cheap children’s haircuts…

Parent Opinion Survey - Thank you to those families who took the time to respond to and return the 2014 parent opinion survey. Our school values the feedback we are able to receive from our school community and look at ways to improve the way we enable students to achieve success across all areas of their school life. Unfortunately, of the 40 surveys sent out, we only received 16 responses, which does not give us a true and accurate set of data to work from. This being said, the comments section we received where parents and carers are invited to write a general comment about their overall sentiments proved to be quite positive. This section also contained some constructive feedback about areas to focus on which is always welcome.
From the Principal’s Desk  cont...

Some great news!!! Deputy Premier Peter Ryan with Tim McCurdy (local National Party Member) visited the school today to announce that if they were returned to office after the election, they would commit to finding an appropriate site for a new Specialist School in Wangaratta. No money was committed, but a pre-election promise was made for the WDSS children and their families to begin the process of funding a new school site with a view to a future school. We need to keep the pressure on so that this promise is fulfilled but it is great news indeed.

Congratulations to Rosie OBrien who has won an Australian Scholarship Group – National Excellence in Teaching Award. This is indeed an honour and a tribute to Rosie’s long time commitment to education in general and the children she has taught at Ovens College and here at WDSS. More importantly for Rosie is the fact that the nomination and citation came from the students in VCAL which is high praise indeed for Rosie. Congratulations, Rosie and well done from our entire school community!

School Leavers Dinner – we farewell 6 students at the end of this year – Kasie Holmes, Robbie Campbell, Keenan Darcy, Sophie Grant, Anthoney Richardo and Christopher Bettany. We are having a special dinner for these students to farewell them in style on 3rd December.

Also please keep Monday 8th December free for the School Concert at Wangaratta High School. It was such a great venue that we will return there, but this year we will begin a little earlier to get children back to school to catch their respective buses.

Simone Hodgetts for being respectful and organising a heartfelt thank you card for Maisie Ender
Matthew Alfieri for being a learner and adapting so well to new classroom routines
James Elkan for being safe and helping out with a tricky situation on the bus
Bailey Mackrell for being respectful and using kind words when speaking to his mum
Emma Arnol for being a learner and taking the lead role in her VCAL group assessment task

Libby Hosking
Principal

Positive Schoolwide Behaviour Program

We were delighted to receive our Bali Flags this week.

They clearly demonstrate our core values and look pretty cool as well.

They represent another step on the PBS path. PBS is becoming more entrenched as a natural part of our school’s culture.
FROM THE GARDEN

We are working hard in the garden to make sure that the vegetables continue to grow. Students have been learning about planting from seed and how to read the important information on a seed packet, like when to sow, how to sow and how long for a crop to grow before harvest. We have also discussed seasonality and why we can only grow vegetables at certain times, even though most vegetables are available year round at the supermarket. We have tried to extend the seasons in the hothouse, we have had a tomato all year long, but fruiting finished in May and has not yet resumed. Maybe it will be earlier than the ones which have popped up in the garden, from compost not fully composted. Our new bed which has a lot of added compost is going to be an amazing salad, I am already noticing little seedlings of fennel, tomato, silver beet, as well as the seeds we have planted corn, zucchini, strawberries, and beetroot. Everyone will be pleased to see red strawberries, well, that is if anyone can leave them long enough to go red. I love berry season.

We are planting Sunflowers, beans, zucchini, tomatoes, parsnip, radish, daikon, beans, sorrel, and lettuce. We are harvesting spinach, parsley, silver beet, beetroot, spring onions, lettuce, radicchio, chicory, snow peas and artichokes.

FROM THE KITCHEN

Spring Frittata
Ingredients:
- 12 eggs
- 1 bunch spinach roughly chopped
- 1 bunch silver beet roughly chopped
- ½ broccoli head, cut into florets
- 6 green tops of spring onion finely chopped
- 300ml cream
- 2 cups of cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Method:
1. Mix all the ingredients together except 1 cup of cheese, making sure that eggs are well beaten and mixed through the vegetables.
2. Pour into a greased shallow casserole dish, and sprinkle remaining cheese over the top

This recipe is very versatile – you can change the vegetables to suit the season. Just ensure the wet mixture covers all of the vegetable ingredients. If you have bulky vegetables like carrot or potato, parboil them or slice very fine before cooking.

PLEASE DONATE:
Broken crockery and odd tiles (preferably coloured) to add to a beautiful colourful mosaic, anything would be gratefully accepted.
Mt. Beauty - Lee, Sam and Lea

Over the last two weeks students have been enjoying the warm weather and still working towards their goals for this semester. This week we got to say goodbye to one of our students, Jamie. Jamie has been accepted at the Victorian College for the Deaf in Melbourne. We will miss Jamie’s big smile, his positive attitude towards life and his numerous attempts to make people laugh in class.

This week we have been continuing our focus on times tables and locations. To go along with our theme of “Games and Leisure” the students were introduced to a game of battle ships. Students were highly engaged in this activity and enjoyed learning about grid referencing. This week we took a trip into Bunnings and looked at materials that we would need for our up and coming concert. Our theme is “teamwork” and we our using the song “Everything is awesome”.

Stanley - Donna, Jacqui, Simon and Marley

We have well and truly settled into Term 4 here in the Stanley room. Over the past fortnight we have been working on our handwriting so that we can read our work to one another. We have been focusing on how we hold the pencil and our letter formation so that our friends can easily read our writing. Last week we were lucky enough to have Robyn in our class for a day and she helped us make Egg and Bacon Pies and there was enough pastry left over to make apple pies. At lunch time she snuck down to the shop and got us some ice cream to have with the apple pie for afternoon tea. It was delicious. This term we welcomed both Marley and Jayden into our classroom and they have fitted in wonderfully, the Stanley students have made them feel very welcome.
Buffalo - Lisa, Robyn, Jill, Luke and Stella

In Buffalo, we think it is important to be good learners. To help us be good learners, exercise is really important. Exercise helps us concentrate on our work, be healthy and get along with others. Here are some photos of us doing exercise – on the bikes, on a walk, at the park, and doing sports outside.

Buller — Allan, Suzanne, Mab and Peter

With another Spring well on its way, we are all enjoying the lovely warmth and have already forgotten the colds and miseries of winter. Of course, it also brings the emergence of many young creatures great and small. We were lucky to have a visit from a couple of these (smaller) creatures. Brandon’s pet Blue Tongue Lizard, Harold, was an instant hit particularly with Chris, and Maggie, whom Mab found wandering like an orphan around the Quiet Yard and took under her wing, felt quite at home with everybody and soon made her mark in the room. Happily, Maggie was soon re-united with her parents, Kara-Lea reclaimed her bed, Harold returned to Brandon’s care and we retired to the shade of the courtyard for a quiet outdoors morning tea.
Stirling - Alysha and Sharon

Stirling students are looking forward to our camp! We are heading to 15 Mile Creek on the 13th of November for a sleep over. There will be lots of fun activities for us to join in with; such as canoeing, archery, rock climbing, a night bush walk and lots of other outdoor activities. This will be a great way for students to bond with each other and have a go at opportunities and activities they may not otherwise experience.

We would like to welcome to our class another new student this term – Nick. Nick comes to us from Oxley and is already making friends in the Stirling classroom. He enjoys playing with and caring for the guinea pigs and playing on the computer. When asked what his favourite thing to do at school was, he answered “playing with Mark.” Nick has settled in quickly and is becoming familiar with our classroom expectations.

Our Students of the Week include Kyle and Tamara. Kyle has settled in very well to Stirling and is being a great learner. He is becoming a much more confident writer in his Writers Notebook and enjoys having the guinea pigs in his classroom every day. Tamara has been very helpful in the kitchen during our cooking sessions. She finishes her jobs properly, remembers to clean up and reminds other students of what needs to be done. Thank you, Tamara.

Hotham - Shardae and John

The students from Hotham were lucky enough to visit Maisie Enders farm on Wednesday 15th October. It was a fantastic educational experience for the students to see how Maisie cared for orphaned native animals. Maisie shared with us her feeding routine, some interesting information about the different animals and allowed the students to hold and feed the animals. One of the highlights from the excursion was being spoilt by Maisie at the end of the day with ice cream and sprinkles!

The students wrote and then typed about their great day at Maisie’s farm:

My favourite animal is the cockatoo because it kept saying hello.
The cockatoo danced when we sang happy birthday.
By Trent

On Wednesday 15th October we went to Maisie Enders farm and we saw lots of animals. There were emu, chicken, cockatoo, wombats, kangaroos, wallabies, possums, magpies, frog mouth owl and stick insects. The kangaroos names were Roo and the smaller kangaroos were called Bobby and Kanga. I got to hold the wombat and it fell asleep in my arms and I had to give it to Breanna and it fell asleep in her arms too. Breanna gave the wombat back to me. When I walked it back inside it fell asleep in my arms and we saw lots of wild birds. My favourite animal is the wombat. At the end of the day we all got ice-creams and it was fun day!!!

By Sonia
**Hop’s Sports Column**

All our middle school and senior school students have been training diligently for our athletics day on Thursday, October 30 in Shepparton. We are expecting some great personal results on the day – stay tuned for official results in the next edition of our newsletter.

Corey Davis – for some great listening and giving his best during PE lessons

Amelia Langford – for achieving a new skill in throwing Frisbees

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**Mt. Emu - Leanne and Jack**

In week 4 we are focusing on the harm of being bullied. Every day the news is full of stories about people being bullied by someone who is more powerful than they are. Mt. Emu students are campaigning to stop bullying at our school. They are making posters to display around the school.

**Mt. Emu Stop Bullying Campaign!**

During classroom discussions, Mt. Emu students made comments about bullying.

Subir, “Bullying is when someone, keeps picking on you again and again and tries to make you feel bad.”

James P, “Bullying is when someone, makes fun of you a lot”. Dan, “Bullying is when someone, says or does lots of mean things that upset you”.

Josh, “Bullying is when someone, keeps hurting you such as hitting or punching you.”

Tayten, “Bullying is when someone, tries to stop you from joining in or make others not like you.”

**Mt. Emu students believe! That bullying is not fair, it feels awful, we all have the right to feel safe.**

Together We Will: Be Learners. Be Safe. Be Respectful.
Welcome back Feathertop followers. What an AMAZING few weeks it has been. Rosie, Jodie, Mary and all the VCAL students are very proud of both Robbie Campbell and Ash Pearson who were part of the team representing Victoria in the Soccer at the Special Olympics in Melbourne. This was an invaluable experience for all involved. Robbie competed in the 5 a side team and came home with a silver medal. We congratulate him on his efforts and for displaying good sportsmanship throughout the Olympics. Robbie returned to school today and wrote a terrific reflection about his ‘Soccer Experience’, we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did.

The Soccer in Melbourne

I went to Soccer last week. I made new friends from other teams. We scored 10 goals all up. I scored 2 goals!!! It was fun to see the skills on the soccer field.

The Motel was good and it was fun. I was in the same room as Nathan and the last night I stayed in the same room as James.

We went to Luna Park on the second last day. I hit my knee and my leg and my hands on the roller-coaster at Luna Park.

I liked playing ACT they were good. I would like to go verse them again.

By Robbie Campbell

THANKYOU
Special mention to Sarah, Fiona and the Mount Pilot students, who so generously used their gift vouchers to purchase gifts for the Spirit of Christmas. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Bogong - David and Kat

We have several favourite IWB programs;

“The Island Shape” song is must see TV in Bogong as is the Adams Family “Days of the Week.” Damon is also a dab hand at singing “Roar.”

Café du Bogong azz been tres bien. Les enfants have bonzer in preparing various 5Hats meals. We have made Wantons, Vol au vents, pizzas and eggs on toast. It is their favourite program!
Warby - Lee and Chris

This fortnight in Warby we have been doing location and direction in maths. We had to follow a step of directions around the classroom. At each step there was a letter hidden. Once we found all the letters we had to un-jumble them and work out the hidden message. We have also been designing our own treasure maps using coordinates and writing a set of instructions for them. Once we finished we had to swap our treasures maps with a friend for them do. It was lots of fun. We are now starting to look at compass directions.

We have been looking at different emotions this term; the emotions for this fortnight are being silly and feeling angry. We talked about how we can be silly, we looked at the reasons for why people can sometimes act inappropriately. We talked about how we act when we are really excited about something and how this sometimes causes us to occasionally do things that we wouldn’t normally do. We talked about whether there was a time and a place to be silly. We discussed what things make us angry, how our bodies feel when we are angry and how we can help others when they are angry. Some students talked about the fact that it is sometimes hard to tell others that we are angry.

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Last Friday we got to watch a huge crane move two new classrooms into our school with the Warby class. It was really exciting and we all loved watching the crane pick up the new rooms! We’ve been loving the warm weather lately and have been having lunchtime picnics and enjoying some water play outside.
Thank you to all returned raffle books to the school. If you haven’t returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible, as we have to hand them into the Rural City Council soon. Please return all monies, ticket stubs and any unsold tickets as all have to be accounted for.
Kosciusko - Kate and Sheydin

Kosciusko’s feeling for this week was ‘Cheerful’.
We love feeling cheerful!
We talked about what it means to feel cheerful and other words that describe this feeling. We wrote about a time that we had felt cheerful. Below are some of the students writing pieces:

I feel cheerful when I go on an ipad because I play games and watch Geotrax on YouTube.
- Thomas

I feel cheerful when the bell at school goes and I get to go home and sleep.
- Jesse

I feel cheerful when playing with my friends because they are always nice.
- Shianne

I felt cheerful when I went to Queensland with mum, Leanne, Wendy, Tamara and Jenny. We went on the Qantas plane on the way there and on the way back I went on the Jetstar. In Queensland I went to Sea World and Movie World and saw Mark, Charmaine and Chloe.

Kossie students love to cook on a Friday! We have been working on cooking meals as independently as possible. This week we split into groups and focused on a particular part of the recipe. It was our first time making lasagne and everyone did a brilliant job!
Well done guys.

Mount Pilot - Sarah and Fiona

This year we have been learning all about money. This term we have been working on how to recognise the dollar sign, how to use a voucher and read a price tag. This week on community access we went to Kmart with our $10 vouchers to practice our new skills. We used our vouchers to select presents for the Spirit of Christmas. It was the first time a lot of the students had experienced shopping with a voucher and shopping by themselves.
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<td>Brydie Kensington for being a learner by improving her reading ability by two levels. Well Done Brydie.</td>
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Brandon Johnson, for being respectful by helping new students to know the rules at school on Thursday. Tamara for being very helpful in the kitchen during cooking. Tamara is very safe and always finishes her jobs properly. Chloe Smith for being respectful by always checking to see if others are okay. Matthew Cole for being a learner. For making positive choice about his jumper in the warmer weather. Trent Naylor for being a learner by completing his reading comprehension task successfully without any assistance from his teachers. Dan Henwood for going up 12 levels in reading. Josh for being respectful by being so well behaved on the excursion to the Special Olympics in Melbourne. Thomas for being respectful by using his manners, sharing the ipad and being so well behaved on the excursion to the Special Olympics in Melbourne. Ryan-Respectful-by saying good morning to everybody. Will for doing his best and being respectful to his class mates. Emily for enjoying a quiet and peaceful time with her friends. James Bryant –Being respectful- Showing a great deal of Patience waiting for his Ipod to Charge. Christine Emma and Kristen for being good learners and completing there meal for 6 challenge as a part of their Vcal studies. Amelia Langford for achieving a new skill in throwing frizbees.