School Pick Up Safety
Due to safety concerns expressed by many, if you park your car in Jason’s Truck yard you must meet your child/children inside the school yard and walk them to your car. Thank you for your assistance. Little people don’t always act in a predictable way!

Hot Lunches
Could all students who require utensils to eat their lunch please bring them from home. Our supply of knives, forks and spoons continues to dwindle. Please write your child’s name on the foil or on a sticker attached so we know whose lunch is whose in the pie warmer. Please note: this is not necessarily just a “mum’s job” and students should be encouraged to take some responsibility for packing their own lunch.

Parents and Friends Meeting
Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th May at 3.30pm. All parents are urged to come along and keep in touch with what’s happening!

NAPLAN Information for Parents
Students in years 3 & 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN testing next week and we have sent home information regarding this today. Please read this carefully so you are fully aware of the NAPLAN and what it means for your children.

Interschool Cross Country—Monday May 18th
Well done to all of the kids in years 3—6 who competed in the Cross Country at the Ouyen P-12 College on Thursday of last week. A note regarding the students who have qualified for the Cross Country to be held in Mildura was sent home Friday with all relevant information for parents. Please let me know if your child/children will be competing at this level as there are forms for parents to complete on the day.
MOBILE LIBRARY DATES
May 12, 26
June 9, 23

SHOP LUNCH ORDER PICK UP
April—15 May—Prue
22 May /June—Pennie

Mowing & Watering Roster 2015
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February— Buzz Wisneske & Garth Aikman
March—Mark Jolly & Adam Kelly
April— Chris Lynch & Cameron Gloster

May-Theo Magnisalis & Piers Farnsworth
June—Molly - Chris Richardson
July—Steve Donnellan & Scott Brown
August—Steve McVicar & Matt Brown
September—Buzz Wisneske & Garth Aikman
October—Day and Lovitt Families
November—Mark Jolly & Adam Kelly
December— Theo Magnisalis & Piers Farnsworth

Don’t forget to fill in the calendar when you water. Please arrange your swap if necessary.

GRIP Leadership Conference
Students in years 5 and 6 will be attending the GRIP Leadership Conference to be held in Mildura on Thursday 28th May. Students from our school have attended this conference in previous years and the leadership skills they have learnt are values for life. Please fill out the permission slip and return it to school by Friday of next week. Students will be travelling to Mildura on the bus.

GENEROSITY Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.

RESPONSIBILITY We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.

INTEGRITY A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.

PEOPLE Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to full fill.

GRIP Leadership does not promote any particular religious or political view but rather presents accepted leadership values that are transcendent of religion, race and culture.

GRIP Leadership is funded through the fees paid by schools for conferences and seminars, as well as contributions from a number of donors and sponsors.

Preps News
Speaking and Listening: to enhance the Speaking and Listening program I would like the parents to help with the following.

Mondays: the children will be asked about their weekend. What they did. Please discuss this with the children before school.

Tuesdays: the children can bring something from home for Tell and Show. The children will be asked to tell about the object before showing it.

Wednesdays: bring a familiar or favourite book to talk about.
Thank you for your assistance, Joy

Book Club—LOOP for Parents
I have attached details of the Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP for your information. Parents are able to log in to this web site and register details for future book club orders. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Ouyen Gymnastics Club
Enrolment, Information & Come and Try - TUESDAY 4th MAY (Today)
4pm – 5pm Ouyen Community Centre

Gymnastics will be held each Tuesday
Following, during terms 2 & 3.

Session times may vary according to numbers.

Enquiries to Anne Bush Ph: 50922081
A small selection of the photos (with my camera on manual) I took on the weekend during my photography course. It was great. Colleen

Homework

Contracts

Preps—No 9

Due Friday

Years 1 & 2 No 9:

Due Friday

Yrs. 3-6 - No 9—

Due on Monday.

Quick-beds Grass-roots Fund-raising:

REMEMBER:

If you are booking accommodation for an upcoming holiday or trip away, book it through Quick-beds, and you will help raise funds for your club. Click on this link: www.quickbeds.com

Enter our school’s unique grassroots code 1273
Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. For your information, the questions to be used by the AEDC in the upcoming collection are available at www.aedc.gov.au/instrument.

Once all schools participating in the AEDC have provided their information, and the AEDC is completed, some of the data collected is compiled and made available publicly as de-identified data, i.e., data that does not include any children’s names, ages, addresses or schools.

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis, and statistical and research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers. Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other organisations (such as health departments) to improve programmes and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

As so much can be learned about children’s development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs regulate the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information by Australian government agencies, and some private sector organisations, and is part of the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth). APPs also form part of applicable state and territory privacy legislation and policies.

The system used by the AEDC to collect and collate the information is a secure site and children’s information is kept secure at all times. Your child’s data will not be used for any other purpose than described in this letter and the Privacy Statement contained on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au/privacy. You can see how data was collected and presented in 2009 and 2012 by visiting www.aedc.gov.au/data. Data from the 2015 collection will be presented in a similar way.

This year’s AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au, or phone 1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact Rebecca Prentice.

Thank you for supporting the AEDC.

Rebecca Prentice
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