

Dear Parents and Friends,

Over the last two weeks it has been amazing to watch our teachers and our students to return. The professionalism, caring nature and strong relationships are strengths our staff have put at the forefront to ensure our children receive the best educational opportunities. Thankyou to the parents and children over the last 11 weeks, (yes it has been that long). Without your help and support we could not have managed the process of home and flexible learning. All 3-10 students start back on Tuesday June 9th, after the long weekend. It will be great to have everyone back & business as usual. As our 3—10 children return our staff will continue working with all children to ensure they return to a safe happy learning environment. If you have any concerns please email your class teacher or year level coordinator so we can ensure a smooth transition for all children.

School reports

Our reporting timelines and reports themselves will be changed as of the impact of Home and Flexible learning. The Department of Education has sent new guidelines for how we report to parents for semester one. Following are the new dates and timeline we will be reporting to parents for Semester 1.

Reports home on the 28th July

Parent Teacher interviews the week of 3-7 August.

Drop off and Pick up

With the return to school we need to ensure safe drop off and pick up of our children. If walking your child to school parents will need to drop children at the gates and not come into school. If coming on the bus to come as normal. If being dropped off by car, you need to be dropped at the Ritchie street entrance or the Fuller street entrance on the school side of the road only. (This is to help with congestion and student safety). Teachers will be on duty at both Ritchie and Fuller street drop off areas. It is an Education Department directive about parents not coming into the school, if you need to come and see us please call the office and we will make a time.

If a child is sick

A letter was sent home last week about our processes when a child comes to school or becomes sick with Covid 19 type symptoms. As a department we have clear guidelines on how we must make decisions on children or staff who present with symptoms and how we act to support the child and family. During this time I ask all families to be considerate and supportive when calls are coming home to fetch children from schools.

First Aid

To assist the school during the Covid -19 period we have had 14 members of our staff complete or update their First Aid training over the last two weeks. This will be of great assistance now and into the future.

Water bottles

All children need to bring their own refillable drink bottle to school. Students will not be able to use the school drinking taps but they can refill bottles from the refill stations only.

Daniel Nemtsas

Principal



Ouyen P- 12 College Council

Whilst life as most of us knew it was altered dramatically over recent weeks, we are slowly returning to something akin to the human connections we began the year with. Education took on a whole new face, and, for many, it's been a hard row to hoe. Constant updates from the DET has certainly kept schools, particularly school leaders, on their toes. I commend students, parents and staff for the effort, creativity, and dedication over recent weeks – even when it became all too much. Although school will 'be back' next week – it won't be the same. Give it your best.

During lockdown School Council continued to meet via Webex. We will use this for a little while, yet.

Councillors are familiarising themselves with the roles and responsibilities of a School Council, the finances and budget, and some policy work. Council training modules are on-line. We are currently going over the 2019 Annual Report to ready it for presentation to the wider community, now sometime before the end of August. At our next meeting we will review the 2020 budget to ensure it fits with changed circumstances, and accommodates special funding received from the DET. Policy reviews are ongoing; and the Buildings and Grounds committee will look at possible work to be undertaken. Council is also preparing to continue the review of our school values to update them.

We have co-opted a new community member in Peter McNair, and look forward to his input. There is still a vacancy for any parent/ carer who is interested in joining council.

Again, I look forward to a year of success for the Ouyen P-12 College community.

Raelene Vine

President

Parents and Friends – Sheep Sale

Sheep Sale Roster



June 11th	Workers	Melissa Morrish Esther Cua
	Cooks	B and P O'Brien, S Arnel and K Maynard, B and J Munro
June 25th	Worker	Justine Cresp
	Cooks	O and A Cheema, M and H Comrie, L and J Wakefield

The complete roster for 2020 was attached to the March 6th newsletter. Please check it - If your rostered date is already booked for something else, please arrange a swap and let the Roster co-ordinator [Raelene Vine 0407849174] know. Communication is one key to the sale's success. Anyone wishing to lend our solo workers a hand for a while [8:30- 10:00 is busiest] is most welcome.

Thanks to those who have kept the kiosk operating through lockdown – there are some small changes at the sale-yards but they're not overwhelming.

Raelene Vine – Sheep Sale Kiosk Co-ordinator