Mrs Ward, Mr Currey and the Year 7/8 Formula 1 team headed off in the early hours of Wednesday morning to take part in the regional Formula 1 Challenge at Dubbo. They travelled with teams from Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin and Tullibigeal. They didn’t win on the day, but are waiting to see if they receive a Wild Card entry into the State Finals in Sydney. Look forward to next week’s newsletter for more details of their excursion!

Top Left: Mrs Ward with Damian Batty, Colby Crofts and Seth McCubbin.
Top Right: Mrs Ward with Dean Otovic and Damian Batty with one of the F1 cars
Right: Merit Award winners for Week 4
Below: Merit Award Winners for Week 3
YEAT 9/10 AG TECH DAIRY EXCURSION
On Monday Year 9/10 Ag Tech students, Mrs Jackson and Jason Lewis headed off to the Forbes area to visit two dairy farms. On the way, we stopped at Bedgerabong to drop off the two calves we’ve been looking after at school as part of the Cows Create Careers project at their home farm. Then we were off to Gooloogong, to visit Moxey Farms. To say that seeing this farm was an eye opening experience is an understatement. Everything was on a grand scale, and was being operated under specific and efficient conditions. Our host for our visit, Peter, spoke to us about the variety of jobs that were available in an operation like Moxey Farms. These included on-site mechanics, vet staff, farm/pasture/feed managers and their staff, dairy floor workers, heifer supervisors, calf supervisors and many more support staff, who all work together to keep the business running smoothly each day, and manage over 4000 dairy cattle of various ages. Moxey’s employs over 100 people, and work on three shifts each day. It’s a huge operation, and is family owned and operated despite its size. After we thanked Peter for taking us around the farm, we headed into Forbes for lunch (which may have been Matt’s favourite part of the trip). Then we headed back out to Bedgerabong to Cowhan’s dairy. Cowhan’s dairy farm is approximately 300 acres, with just over 200 cows. The dairy is operated by the Cowhan family and another worker from Forbes (3-4 people in the dairy, 1 to manage the pastures), and is a much smaller scale when compared to Moxey Farms operations. The students were able to be more involved in the milking activities at Cowhans, with Alex speaking with us about who plays what roles in the running of their farm, as well as what is involved in milking the cows. Students were able to stand in the walkway beneath the cows and watch Alex prepare the cows for milking. It was very interesting to see that both dairies were able to track the milk production and health records of each animal on their property in much the same way. Students were offered the chance to help with milking, though the danger of being that close to a cow’s rear end was too much for most of them! We would like to thank Jason for taking the time to transport the calves and students, and also thank Peter at Moxey Farms, as well as Alex and Lindy Cowhan for giving up their time to show us around their farms.

Top: Alex cleaning udders at Cowhans
Above: Peter and students at Moxey Farms
Left: Cloe, Sean, Jesse, David and Matt at Cowhans
Below: Silage at Moxey Farms
YEAR 5/6 SCIENCE with Mrs Jackson
This term students in Year 5/6 have been learning about properties of air and aspects of flight. Last Thursday students learnt about the four forces acting on a flying object, and had a go at making their own paper planes to address these forces. As an extra activity, Mrs Jackson’s husband Malcolm came out to talk to the class about how drag, lift, gravity and thrust impact on an object’s ability to fly. He used his model planes to show the students how wing shape, ailerons, rudders, etc, affect the plane’s flying ability. Malcolm brought out a small jet, an electric biplane and a single-winged methanol fuelled plane to fly for the students.
Thanks to Malcolm for taking the time to come out and speak to the students. They were all very interested to see how the planes were operated and impressed by their flights.
PSSA ATHLETICS with Mr Cattle

Last Tuesday 19 UCS students travelled to West Wyalong to compete in the Lower Lachlan Athletics Carnival. The day was perfect for athletics, and the students who competed had a good time.

There were a number of good performances by our students who will now travel to Dubbo for the Western Region trials.

The students who were successful at West Wyalong were:

- Hugh Williams – 1st 8 years 100m
- Ashton Ross – 2nd 9 years 100m, 2nd Junior 200m
- Josh Roscarel – 2nd 12 years 100m, 2nd Senior 200m
- Ella McRae – 1st Junior High Jump

Well done to everyone who competed, and for displaying good manners and sportsmanship. They represented our school with distinction.

Photos, clockwise from top left: Ella McRae, Hayley Wallace, Tess Henley and Kadee Gerhard-Scali; Ella leads the pack; Ashton Ross, Harry Roscarel, Jack Crofts and Hugh Williams; Ruby Henley, Molly Bryant, Madi Cassidy and Micheline Izzard; UCS marches out; Josh Roscarel, Tom Roscarel, Ryan Crofts and Angus Williams.
Soccerpole has been popular this term. The competition is played at lunchtime and involves 7 teams attempting to score by hitting the other team’s goal post. This Tuesday the Teachers took on the Super Socceroos, in an enthusiastically-contested game! Congratulations to Angus Williams and his SRC team for doing a great job organising the competition.
BAND NOTES:
The Ungarie School and Community Band have been rehearsing regularly on Thursday afternoons, and played a set last Saturday evening at the West Wyalong Bowling Club. They received a lot of positive feedback as well as a generous donation: many thanks to the Bowling Club organisers. A number of the Sydney Recorder students also performed on the night (right), and the Band also played at the Art and Craft Markets in the Memorial Hall on Sunday morning (below). Well done, everyone!