

Sharing a proud and memorable moment in our lives

Term 1 Week 2 - Wednesday, 6th February 2008

Dear Parents

Priority School Program

The Priority Schools Program is a Commonwealth funded program which provides additional resources for literacy, numeracy and participation programs for students. The chance to join the program happens every four years and 2008 is our chance to join. Next month we will be asking families in classes Kindergarten to Year 3 to complete a survey to see if the school qualifies. It is an anonymous survey, easy to fill out but it is vital that we get a good return for the school to be accepted onto the scheme. Your children will be the ones to benefit. More information will come home in the coming weeks.

Media Permission

At Southee we are just as proud as parents when students achieve a high standard and even prouder when their pictures are published in the newspaper representing our school. We also recognise that there are circumstances where parents do not want to have pictures or names published and we will honour such requests. We have attached a Media Permission Note to the Newsletter and would need it returned otherwise we are unable to publish your child's work or picture, not even in the Newsletter. If you don't object to some areas but object to others (eg, Internet) then please let us know.

Badge Presentation

The first school assembly for 2008 will occur this Friday and involve the presentation of badges to our school captains and councillors. I am sure that parents have been told by their children if they are going to receive a badge on the day so please come along with camera batteries fully charged to record this special event. The badges will be presented by Carmel Herald, the Cootamundra Citizen of the Year for 2008.

House Captain and Vice-Captain badges will be presented at the next school assembly which will be held the following Friday, 15th February at 2.00pm.

Student Information Cards

This vital card is normally filled out by parents when they are enrolling their child and is used especially when we need to contact parents urgently. Over the years many of these cards have had information changed but not updated at the school. Over the next two terms we will be sending blank cards home, class at a time, so that our records can be updated. The ladies in the office thank you very much for this.

Dance 2008

Student numbers at Southee have been dropping for a number of years now, a result of an ageing population and reduced employment opportunities leading to fewer families. Fewer students also leads to fewer teachers which in turn means that we are constantly looking at the programs that are run in the school. This year we are staging a school concert, similar to what was held in 2006. It is a huge time commitment for staff, as is the Dance Festival. The result is that we will run dance, and audition for the Dance Festival, every second year. This will be disappointing to some but is unavoidable. This way we can undertake both dance and a concert every second year and no-one will miss out.



Our new house captains, William Dowell, Jessica Dodwell, Henry Hughes, Erin Boxsell, Paige Louttit, Meagan Lincolne, Rosie Johnson and Jesse McAllister, just can't wait for our Yr3-6 swimming carnival this Monday, 11th February at the pool between 8.30 and 3pm.

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Fridge Calendar

Another thing coming home with this Newsletter is a calendar of events coming up this term. Please note that it is subject to change but gives you a fair idea of what to expect over the coming months. Watch this Newsletter for changes if and when they occur.

Scripture Classes

Scripture classes will recommence on Wednesday, 13th February. The classes are non-denominational and are an essential part of the school's and the Department's Personal Development curriculum by teaching morals, values and other similar skills. If parents do not wish their child to attend Scripture they should write a letter to the principal stating this and they will be given separate lessons. A new letter is required each year. I will not accept a letter which states that your child does not want to attend classes.

Diabetes In-Service

Yesterday afternoon Helen Hilton, the Diabetes Educator from Junee, gave an informative talk to our staff on the various aspects of diabetes and updated us on what to look for and what to do in case of an emergency. All our staff have first aid qualifications of various levels but it is always good to have an expert come in and give an update.

School bucket hats (boys and girls) have been purchased by the P&C and are available for your purchase from the front office for \$15.00.

Girls school dresses are also available for purchase for \$35.00 from the front office. Sizes 4 - 10 are available.

Thought for the Week

It takes more hot water to make cold water hot than it takes cold water to make hot water cold.

Some Dates For Your Calendar

Fri, 8th Feb	- Badge Presentation Assembly
Mon, 11th Feb	- School Swimming Carnival
Fri, 15th Feb	- Presentation of House badges
Sun, 17th Feb	- Banjo Paterson's birthday
Wed, 20th Feb	- P&C AGM
Fri, 22nd Feb	- District Swimming Carnival at Cootamundra

Speech and Drama

Includes: recital, drama games, improvisation, voice work... 30 minute class per week during lunchtime.

To register, or for enquiries, please phone Ros Berg on 69426087

Lost

1 black and white school bag with lunch box, drink bottle and jumper all of which are clearly labelled. If your child has accidentally brought home the wrong school bag it would be appreciated if you could return it to the front office. Thank you

Cootamundra Police Open Day

Cootamundra Police Station is having an OPEN DAY which will include bicycle safety and registration, domestic violence information, awareness information on home/business security and tours of the station.

*When:- Saturday, 9th February, 2008
at Police Station Cooper Street
Cootamundra
from 12pm - 3pm*

This is an ideal opportunity for residents to meet their local law enforcement officers, register and engrave their bikes, kids will have the opportunity to develop skills and attitude to be a responsible cyclist, visitors can gain awareness on domestic violence issues, discuss home/business security, personal safety and receive an insight into what working and training for the NSW Police Force is like.

Visitors will be taken on guided tours of the station and check out vehicles and various police equipment.

Three guided tours of the station will be conducted at 12.15pm, 1.15pm and 2.15pm

Bring your bikes, helmets, hats and sunscreen.