



Supporting the combined schools' SRC leadership program - experiencing wheelchair basketball

Term1 Week 7 - Wednesday, 12th March, 2008

Dear Parents

Steve Parish Visit

Steve Parish, the well published environmentalist and photographer, will be visiting the school tomorrow afternoon, thanks to the talent of Aden Newman who won his photographic competition last year. Steve will be giving a slide presentation to the whole school at about 1.00pm, provided he doesn't have any transport hassles, and parents are invited to view the show with the rest of the school. It will be conducted in the hall using our new projector and screen and should be a wonderful educational treat.

Priority Schools Programs Survey

Thank you to those parents who quickly sent back the survey forms. The school has to send them to Sydney on Friday so if you haven't returned the envelope please do so as soon as possible.

Technological Update

Our school has progressed a little further along the technological trail this week with the visit by some DET technicians who have done further updates at the school. We are now able to access the internet from just about every room in the school, including the hall. The ladies in the office have new, state-of-the-art computers for the administration aspects of the school. Our new computer room is taking shape really quickly.

Basketball Reps

Last Wednesday five of our students travelled to Temora to try out for the Cootamundra District PSSA Basketball team. And what skilful players they were!! Brianna Oliver, Lauren Taylor, Ben Jackson and Tom Richmond all made the district squad and Elisha Kelly was selected as a reserve. These are our first district representatives for 2008 and there are a number of very proud parents walking around at the moment. Good luck in Albury on Wednesday, 26th March.

Class Assembly

2S will be holding their class assembly this Friday, 14th March, commencing at 2.00pm. Our first Aussie of the Month Award will also be presented so please come along and have an entertaining afternoon.

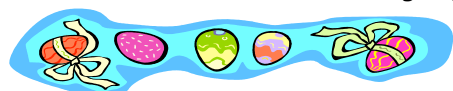
District Swimming Carnival

Earlier on I reported that a number of students represented Southee at the District Swimming Carnival. We were not as strong as in recent years but the effort and wonderful behaviour was ever present. Our best results were Ben Camilleri (3rd Jnr Backstroke), Matt Raleigh (3rd 11yrs Butterfly), Louise Raleigh (3rd 9yrs 50m) and Rosie Johnson (3rd 12yrs 50m, 3rd 12yrs Breaststroke, 2nd 12yrs Backstroke and 2nd 12yrs Butterfly). Rosie represented the district at the Regional carnival in Albury yesterday but came up against some very good swimmers who were better on the day. Well done to all our swimming representatives.

Rugby League Success



On Monday this week Kyle Maguire and Jesse McAllister (12 years) and Henry Hughes, Joseph Trinder, Kevin Porter, Aden Newman, Jalen Ballard, Jarrod Chapman and Cody Hotston tried out for the District Rugby League teams. Kyle, Jesse, Henry, Aden and Joseph all managed to make the district team and we look forward to their ongoing success.





K-6 Easter Hat Parade

All students will be having an Easter Hat Parade next Thursday, 20th March at 12.30pm in the Hall. Hats will be made at school. All children are to bring a basic hat and some decorations to school by next Wednesday. A separate note with full information will be sent home later this week.

Did You Know....?

At Southee we endeavour to offer as many choices in sport as we possibly can. We do a good job as the participation and results over the years have shown. This is in spite of the gradual decline in school numbers, students and staff, and the resulting reduction in expertise. Teachers often spend their lunchtime coaching and practicing teams and individuals, running selection trials and completing the paperwork associated with the sport. Ask anyone working fulltime about voluntarily working through their lunchtime and most will say, 'No way!' We have a very dedicated staff at our school and they will say, 'I will do it' because they put our students first over that precious break in the middle of the day. Please remember this when the school is given late notice (and in some cases, no notice) of an impending sporting trial and we have only 1-2 days to organise anything. Thank you to the majority of parents who realise this and help out in any way possible. Maybe we should get together and explain to the one or two who don't realise this that what we do is for the sake of our students.

Wake The Kids

'Wake the Kids' asks parents of children aged 5 - 15 years to set off their smoke alarm and record online whether their children wake up or not. They have launched a special website, www.vu.edu.au/wakethekids, which contains simple instructions and an online questionnaire. Data from completed questionnaires will be used by Victoria University researchers to build up a clearer picture of whether current smoke alarms are effective at waking children. The information obtained could help save lives by giving parents insight into the effectiveness of their fire safety action plans. It will also inform the fire safety community about whether the current smoke alarm codes are adequate. Wake the Kids data collection will run until Monday April 14th. The time was chosen to coincide with the end of Daylight Saving in most states, which is when people are encouraged to change the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Author/Illustrator Visit - Rachel Tonkin



Year 5/6 English students from Southee enjoyed a visit to the Town Library to meet Rachel Tonkin. Rachel says, "As a child I spend most of my time drawing, it didn't matter where, at school, all over my books, on any spare sheet of paper I could find, and the rest of the time I spent reading stories. By the time I left school I was not much good at anything else, so I did an illustration course." Rachel has illustrated over fifty books and the children were told of her countless hours studying the members of her family to create the extraordinary images in her books. Students listened to Rachel read two of her books, both of which are in our school library. Books in our library include:- *Briget is Bored*, *Grandpa's Stories*, *Leaf Litter*, *What was the war like Grandma?*, *To the Goldfields*, *Papa and the olden days*.

Canteen News

All lunch orders placed during Easter week will receive an Easter egg with their order.



Free Kittens

Free kittens to good home. 3 ginger and 3 pinkish ginger coloured. If you would like one please contact Lorena on 0427120167/69426387 or Jayson on 0400402140.

Canteen Roster

Thurs 13 - Lorraine Hopgood, Heather Betts-Smith
Fri 14 - Natasha McCallum
Mon 17 - Kim Rumble, Judy Rogers
Wed 19 - Debbie Dodwell, Donna McAllister

Some Dates for your Calendar

Friday, 14th - 2S Assembly
Tuesday, 18th - School Photos
Wednesday, 19th - P&C Meeting
Thursday, 20th - Meal Deal Day at Canteen
- P&C Disco at RSL 5-7pm