



Term 1 Week 7 - Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

**Dear Parents**

**Swimming Representation**

Louise Raleigh was our only representative at the Regional Carnival last week. She made the final of the junior 50 metres breaststroke and came seventh in a blanket finish. What a great effort! Louise also swam close to her personal best in the 10 years 50 metres freestyle but others on the day were too good. The bottom line is that she is one of the best junior breaststrokers in the Riverina Region which is something she is allowed to brag about.

**Family School Partners**

Family School Partners is a newsletter put out by the Australian Council of State School Organisations (or which the P&C are a part) and has a lot of interesting and relevant information regarding parents, schools and communities. You can visit their website at <http://familyschool.org.au> and obtain information and tips on a whole range of topics.

**Contacting Parents**

From time to time the school needs to contact parents for a range of reasons, sometimes urgently, always relating to the welfare of children at school and sometimes to clarify something that is not quite clear. It is vitally important that you keep your contact details up to date with the school. If you change your mobile number, home phone number, address or friend's contact please let us know so that we do not waste time unnecessarily trying to find mum and/or dad.

**Stewart House**

Stewart House is a most worthy organisation which gives children less well off than most of us the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks near the sea while continuing their school lessons and receiving some free checkups. They are not supported by either State or Federal

governments but rely solely on the generosity of NSW teachers and donations from the public. Each year the Teachers Credit Union donate a holiday to help them raise money and that time of year has come around again. Going home with this newsletter is an envelope that we are requesting a gold coin to go to Stewart House. Each envelope should have your name and address on the back to go into the draw for the holiday. Please help us support this very worthy cause.

**High School 2010**

Later this week all Year 6 students will bring home an Expression of Interest for placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government High School. They will also bring home an information sheet "Why choose a public high school?" Please take time to read all the information as it is a crucial next step in the education of your child. The Expression of Interest needs to be returned to school by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, so that they can be collated and forwarded to the relevant high school. This information is needed at this time to ensure that high schools have enough accommodation, teachers and equipment to meet the needs of your child for the 2010 educational year.



*Mrs Cronin doing a wonderful job collecting all the bookclub orders this morning in the Library.*

## Dance Dance Dance

A big thank you to all the dancers and their families who made our extra practice on Saturday afternoon such a success. The Finale is looking great and the other segments are starting to take shape. Cathy, Marg, Vicki.



*Almost there! Adding the final touches to our dance routine*

## Where To Start With Discipline Part 5

### Teach By Example

Children and young people model what they see. If you want children to develop behaviour that is responsible and respectful towards others, it is crucial that you demonstrate these qualities to your children. If they make a mistake, don't jump in with criticism - give them the support and help they need to do things differently. Corny but true, actions speak louder than words

### **Easter Colouring In Competition**

Competition closes Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Please take your entries to Cootamundra Newsagency, Wallendoon Street for judging, not the front office.

### *Thought for the Week*

*A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.*



This week's newsletter photographer was Jessica Meale.

## Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> Meal Deal

This Friday (13<sup>th</sup>) the canteen is holding a lunch whereby vampire food and drink can be ordered. The meal comprises of 1 Vampire Fang (Pluto pup on a stick), dead horse (sauce) and a vampire drink (flavoured milk or juice). The cost is \$4.50. Please place your orders at the canteen on Friday and all orders will be entered into a draw for a vampire package.



### Canteen Roster

Thurs, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Bliss, Katrina Bliss
Fri, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Bailey, Michelle Mickelson
Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Rathmell, Michelle Mickelson
Wed, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Marion Miller, Tracy Oliver

### Some Dates For Your Calendar

Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Assembly – Artist of the Month
Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup>	P&C meeting (6.30pm in staff room)

## Cootamundra Hospital Fete

*(out the back!)*

20<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

5pm-8pm

Fairy Floss, Choc Wheel, Jumping Castle, Trash n Treasure, Hot Spud, BBQ, Plants, Art & Craft, Cakes and lots more!!!! Come and support our local hospital.



*Jake Tregear, Blake Thompson, Billy Madden and Lachlan Sedgwick happily playing in the playground with their sunsafe hats on..*