



Term 1 Week 8 - Wednesday, 18th March, 2009

Dear Parents

AFL News

The Southee boys AFL team travelled to Temora on Tuesday to participate in Cootamundra District Trials and to play in the Annual Gala Day. Our boys played well as a team and demonstrated some talents that were hidden within the soccer and league outer skins. Ben Camilleri and Matty Raleigh each kicked three goals while Jayden Sutton, Adam Johnston and Zac Craw each kicked one. On aggregate the Southee boys outscored both Temora and Temora West to clinch the District AFL Gala Day trophy for only the second time. Southee last won the day in 2004. Six of our boys, Alec Betts, Ben Camilleri, Zac Craw, Jason Cronin, Aden Newman and Zac Paterson, were successful in being selected to represent the CDPSSA in Albury on Tuesday, 31st March. A special thank you to Patsy Sutton, Mark Paterson and Steve Betts for assisting with transport and the Junior Aussie Rules Club supported us by loaning the 'Mighty Blues' jumpers. Well done boys!



Federal Drought Relief

Last year the school was given a large sum of money to assist with excursions, books, etc, as Cootamundra was in a drought declared zone. This resulted in many school activities, Kindergarten to Year 6, being run at a discount rate and it would seem that the same will be repeated again this year. The first major group to benefit will be the Year 4 excursion to Dubbo at the end of this term, with all other excursions receiving a subsidy of some type. If the Commonwealth wish to give us money I have lots of ways to spend it.

Basketball Representatives

On Wednesday last, 11th March, our 7 basketballers, Elisha Kelly, Brianna Oliver, Abby Perry, Alecia Slavin, Ben Jackson, Jason Cronin and Zac Craw, travelled to Temora for trials for the Cootamundra and District PSSA team. All players were successful in being selected in the squad. Their next trial will be at Albury on March 30th for selection into the regional team.



Mobile Phones at School

Twice each year I attend a meeting between principals and representatives of the Cootamundra Local Area Command of the NSW Police. They are always interesting as I get to hear about things that are happening elsewhere and, luckily, not at our school. Mobile phones are a major issue. Police do not encourage students to take mobile phones to school. At Southee, if a student needs to have a mobile phone at school because of after school arrangements our requirement is that the phone is to be turned off and kept in the student's bag all day. We do not encourage any items of value to be brought to school, unless through prior arrangements, as the school or any of its staff will not be responsible for the safe keeping of these items.

Artists of the Month

Congratulations to our Artists for March Dean Slavin, Zac Craw, Aimee Kostrubic, Sarah Stephens Bailey

Sawyer, Hayden Ingam, Saige Lawrence, Rylee Laidlaw and Taylum Chamberlain. Their works are proudly displayed with the monthly writers in the administration foyer area for students and visitors to enjoy.



League Trials

Good luck to the nine Southee guys who will be representing the school at the Cootamundra District Rugby League Trials at Murrumburrah next Wednesday. Sporting trials throughout the region are starting to increase so please watch out for your child's sport which should be coming up soon.

Services that compliment our school - Introduction to our School Counsellor



Fiona Lane is our school counsellor. She is at our school on Wednesdays. The School Counselling Service is provided to support and assist students with a wide range of issues that impact on their school performance. Should you like to catch up with Fiona please do not hesitate to contact the school to organise a time.

Mobile Phones Elsewhere

Parents should be particularly aware of the illegal use of mobile phones by students in both public and private schools, as well as adults who are using the

camera function of phones in an unsavoury manner. Court convictions for those aged 16 years and older mean a criminal record for life. Offences include having an unlawful picture stored on the phone and sending unlawful pictures to another person. I realise that this topic is not a comfortable one for some who read the newsletter but, according to the police, many parents are unaware that this is occurring among their children and their children's friends. Please be alert.

Where To Start With Discipline Part 5

Show You Care

How you respond to your child's behaviour lies at the centre of a positive approach to discipline.

- Try not to be so strict that your child can't feel your love and good intentions.
- If you discipline your child, talk with them afterwards about how they feel and what they learnt.
- Share fun times together and enjoy each other.
- Try to keep your sense of humour.

Canteen Roster

Thurs, 19th Narelle Sheedy, Lorraine Hopgood
 Fri, 20th Lyn Basham
 Mon, 23rd Karen Rathmell, Michelle Mickelson
 Wed, 25th Michelle Mickelson, Melissa Bailey

Some Dates For Your Calendar

Wed, 25th P&C meeting (6.30pm in staff room)
 Kapooka Army Band at the Town Hall
 Mon, 30th School Assembly, Aussie of the Month,
 Writer of the Month
 Tues, 7th Year 4 leave for Dubbo
 Thurs, 10th Last day of Term 4.

If you would like to see more about our school and students, or download a colour copy of our weekly newsletter (pdf) - visit our school website - www.easouthee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or just google 'southee'



This week's newsletter photographer was Jessica Meale & Matt Raleigh.

It's the Wolf! It's the Wolf!

Year 25 took centre stage at this weeks assembly with their production of 'The Wolf's Story'. They delighted both the students and a large audience of parents and friends. Well done everyone.



Building the Education Revolution

Recently the school has been asked to submit to the DET a series of capital works that we would like included in the recent economic stimulus package announced by the Federal Government. Suggestions were raised and discussed at the recent P&C meeting, among staff at the school and also our senior students. I made over a dozen submissions and, depending who I talk to, may get from two to eight of them approved. The P&C will be kept up to date on the progress so if you would like to know more then attendance at P&C meetings is the answer. The next meeting is at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 25th March. The spending that we are looking at is quite substantial.