



Term 1 Week 9 - Wednesday, 25th March, 2009

Dear Parents

Council Input

On Monday afternoon Sophie Bennett, Kate Collingridge, Elisha Kelly, Jarrod Chapman and Jalen Ballard represented the school at a meeting called by Cootamundra Council to gather the ideas of young people on what could be done to improve facilities within the town. Those behind this meeting should be congratulated for gathering ideas in this way as it will be the younger generation who will be using the facilities in the years to come. Some of the ideas that were put forward for the pool area were the installation of a heated lap pool, a café-type kiosk, a large inflatable toy to play on, a slide, a dedicated picnic area, more shaded areas and the possibility of a small gym with weight training facilities. These are our town's leaders of the future at work.

Scooters at School

Over the past year there have been an increasing number of students bringing scooters to school, as opposed to bicycles. Riding of bicycles and scooters are both helpful in developing balance and, to a certain degree with scooters, are good for building leg strength and fitness overall. The same rules apply at school for scooters as they do for bicycles, that is, they are not to be ridden in the school grounds, but walked from the gate to where they will be stored during the day. Despite many warnings at morning and lunch assembly there are a persistent number of students who are ignoring this rule and are incurring a day in the detention room as a consequence. We would all appreciate it if parents were to remind their children regarding the use of scooters on the way to school, at school and going home from school. Please also be aware the scooters are the responsibility of the owners and not the responsibility of the school.

There is always the possibility of scooters being stolen by someone walking past the school and taking a fancy to them while they are outside the classrooms. Unfortunately it is not practical for scooters to be stored inside buildings.

Dance, Dance, Dance

Congratulations to all the dancers who have worked so hard this term. We are through the "rough stuff" and are now polishing our performance! The costumes are well under way with many thanks going to Marion Millar, Margaret Stimson, Leearn Sedgwick, Kim Perry, Nancy Sims and Lyn Smart. An open performance for the school, parents and friends will be staged on 3rd April at 2.00pm in the school hall. A video recording of the performance will be made immediately after the open performance and this will be submitted to the audition panel to compensate for those dancers who will be absent because of the Dubbo Excursion on audition day.



Miss Elliott and her Kindergarten class were very excited about using the new Interactive Whiteboard.

League Trials

At the time of writing this newsletter we had nine Southee boys trying out for the Cootamundra District Rugby League team at the

trials at Murrumburrah Public School. We all wish them luck and will find out how successful they were by tomorrow morning.

Easter Hat Parade

We will be holding our traditional Easter Hat Parade at school on Thursday, 9th April, the last day of the school term. More information will be coming home shortly but as a forewarning the hats will have to be made at home and brought to school on the day. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend some quality time with their children in this great creative task. Last year was an outstanding success and it was difficult to ascertain who enjoyed themselves the most, the children or the adults.

Discipline Series

Last week was the last in the series on discipline. Please let me know if you found it helpful or if it was a waste of time. If you would like some information on another topic again please let me know and I'll see what I find which would be appropriate for serialisation in a newsletter.



Imogen Gillies, Hannah Johnson & Harry Hardy join the Kapooka Army Band for a warm up jam session prior to the concert held at the Town Hall today.

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

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spending that we are looking at is quite substantial.

Cootamundra AECG

The Cootamundra AECG will be holding their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, 1st April in the Stephen Ward Rooms at 4.30pm. All Elders, parents/caregivers of Indigenous children, all teachers and teachers aides, School Principals and all other interested parties are formally invited to attend the Aboriginal Educational Consultive Group meeting, as encouraged by the working in collaboration policy of the Department of Education & Training. Items on the agenda are:- Indigenous Awards 2009, Academic Scholarships (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, Boarding and Post Graduate), Sporting Scholarships (all levels), discussion on "How to identify in your community" and what's happening in our schools. Afternoon tea will be provided.



Georja Dowell, Tilly Collins and Sophie McDermott working very hard down under the COLA



This week's newsletter photographers were Matt Raleigh & Jessica Meale

Some Dates For Your Calendar

Wed, 25 th	P&C meeting (6.30pm in staff room)
Mon, 30 th	School Assembly, Aussie of the Month, Writer of the Month
Tues, 7 th	Year 4 leave for Dubbo
Thurs, 9 th	Last day of Term 4.

Canteen Roster

Thurs, 26 th	Kim Rumble, Judy Rogers
Fri, 27 th	Lorraine Hopgood, Linda Smith
Mon, 30 th	Naomie Johnson, Margaret Cosgrove
Wed, 1 st	Julie Duncombe, Megan Sawyer

