



Term 2 Week 1 - Wednesday, 29th April, 2009

Dear Parents

Our Wonderful Dancers

Thanks to our very talented and hard working dancers, and the work from Mrs Grove and her dedicated band of teacher and parent helpers, we have once again been selected to participate in the Riverina Dance Festival, this year in Albury. Mrs Grove received the great news during the holidays and our dancers were told at the primary assembly this morning. Everyone is very excited. We have a great record of success in participating in the festival and 2009 is another outstanding year.

ANZAC Day

During the holidays all of Australia celebrated ANZAC Day and Cootamundra were well represented by participants in the march and spectators cheering along the streets. Southee was represented by a well turned out group of students who marched proudly behind the school banner and were well-behaved and respectful at the service. As a returned serviceman I was proud to have such a wonderful group of students marching with me. Thank you to the parents who ensured that their children participated on the day and were turned out dressed appropriately.

Student Testing

In a couple of weeks time (12, 13, 14 May) all Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. It is vital that all Year 3 and Year 5 students are at school for those three days so that we can assess where strengths and weaknesses are and so that parents can see how their children are performing in the broader scheme of things. Please mark your calendars to ensure that your children get a good night's sleep on the days preceding the assessments so that we can get a true indication of their abilities. A comprehensive report will be sent home to

parents, detailing their child's performances, later in the year.

NSW Fire Brigade Open Day

This Sunday, 3rd May, our local Fire Station is opening its doors to the community between 10am and 2pm. Everyone is invited to tour the fire station and will receive a free Open Day bag which includes an interactive Brigade Kids CD. There will be a free sausage sizzle. Come and meet the local Fire Fighters. Find out what the Fire Fighters do in our community. Have a look through the fire trucks and fire station. All are welcome to attend.

Riverina Dance Festival

Congratulations to the dancers who auditioned in the last week of last term. It was all worthwhile because *WE ARE IN!!!* We will travel to Albury on the 4th June to perform with the best of the Riverina district in a matinee and evening performance. EA Southee are proud of their dancers. Well done!! - Cathy Grove



Student Clothing

With the cooler weather upon us most of our students will have jumpers, scarves, gloves, and other clothing items to keep them warm. Please, please ensure that they have their names on all their items of clothing so that when they are taken off the owners can be easily found.

Historical Society Competition

Today we received notification that Gary Matthews entered a photography competition run by the Historical Society. We are pleased to announce that Gary was successful in this competition. He will be presented with his prize at our morning assembly. Congratulations Gary!



Kendall House students today celebrated Henry Kendall's birthday (18th April) with a very RED birthday cake and the celebratory "Happy Birthday" song.

Parenting Program

The Cootamundra Community Health Centre is conducting another 1-2-3 Magic Parent Program, dealing with discipline strategies along with other parenting issues. The target group is parents of children in the 2 to 10 year age group. The program will be run in the Stephen Ward Room at Cootamundra Library between 9.30am and 12.00 noon on three consecutive Thursdays - 7, 14 and 21 May. Refreshments will be provided. Bookings need to be made this week and can be done by contacting the Community Health Centre on 69401111.

Swine Flu

The incidence of swine flu throughout the world is on the increase but, to date, there have been no confirmed cases in Australia. The best ways of preventing the spread of influenza are to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, washing hands regularly (especially before eating food and after coming in contact with nose and throat discharge) and eating lots of fresh fruit and vegetables. We will push these preventatives at school, please help us by doing the same at home.

Attention Speech & Drama students

Lessons re-commence next Monday, 4th May, at lunch time, in the RFF room.
See you there! - Mrs Berg



A large number of parents and friends enjoyed the Easter Bonnet Parade on the final Thursday afternoon before the Easter break. Thanks to everyone for your efforts. Here Year 1J were delighted to display their bonnets with Miss Jenner.

P&C Fundraiser

P&C are again running a "Sock it to you" winter fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing something to keep you warm from the catalogue please return order form and money in a sealed envelope to the front office by Friday, 15th May.

Some dates to remember

Fri, 1 st May	Students walk the cross country course
Mon, 4 th	Trial cross country run
Fri, 8 th	School Cross Country Carnival
Mon, 11 th	School Assembly, Artist of the Month
Fri, 15 th	School Athletics Carnival

Canteen Roster

Thurs, 30 th	Rebecca Bliss, Katrina Bliss
Fri, 1 st	Lyndelle Barton, Tina Fensom
Mon, 4 th	Lee McDermott, Celeste Collins
Wed 6 th	Marion Miller, Tracey Oliver

Cootamundra Junior Soccer 2009

All players and their parents are invited to a MEET & GREET session and BBQ this Thursday, 30th April. It will be held at Mitchell Park from 5.00pm where they will be introduced to their coaches, managers and teammates. Anyone who is interested in playing and has not registered can do so on Thursday, only where team placement is available.



This week's newsletter photographer is Chloe Hardy

