



Congratulations on the success of our athletes at the District Athletics Carnival

Term 2 Week 9 - Wednesday, 24th June, 2009

## Dear Parents

### Family Contribution

Thank you to those families who have paid their family contribution already. As a reminder, we ask that each family donate to the school \$40 per student (\$50 per family) which goes straight to the P&C who then help the school by buying or subsidising many of the things which give our students the quality equipment that they deserve at our school. Every family that donate this money before 30<sup>th</sup> June go into the draw for a \$100 fuel voucher. The deadline is drawing near so please send that money in.

### District Athletics Carnival

Last Friday a squad of Southee athletes travelled to Temora to try their hardest at the District Athletics Carnival. Overall we have done better in the past but there were some commendable individual performances worthy of mention. Congratulations to Joshua Kostrubic who is the 2009 Junior Boys Champion for the district, and Brianna Oliver who came third overall in the Girls 11 years division. I have a full list of the results for our school if anyone wishes to know, but special mention goes to Ben Camilleri (2<sup>nd</sup> 11yrs 800m), Joshua Kostrubic (1<sup>st</sup> 10yrs 100m, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jnr Shot Put), Erin Webb (2<sup>nd</sup> 10yrs 100m), Joseph Trinder (2<sup>nd</sup> 12yrs 100m, 2<sup>nd</sup> Snr Long Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> Snr High Jump), Brianna Oliver (1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs Long Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs Shot Put, 2<sup>nd</sup> 11yrs Discus), Olivia McDermott (2<sup>nd</sup> Jnr Shot Put) and Samantha Russell (1<sup>st</sup> Snr Shot Put). There were lots of school best performances at the district carnival on

the day and they are displayed on the notice board at the bottom of the library steps.

### Wet Weather

Parents, please be assured that we are telling our students, especially those in K-2, that they are not to play on the grass when it is wet. Students are told nearly on a daily basis but the attraction of water and mud, especially with the boys, is sometimes overwhelming. Please be understanding when Barb or Shelly ring when we do not have dry clothes left at school.



Last week the Lawson house children celebrated Henry Lawson's birthday with a beautiful 'blue' cake. He was born in Grenfell on 17th June, 1867.

### Lost Property

As the term draws to a close we are trying to clear out our lost property box. Anything with a name on it has been returned to its owner but we still have a massive amount of clothing and sundry items that remain unclaimed. Any items left at the end of term will be taken to one of the charities in town so please come to the office and see if you can identify any items that might belong to your child. Some items of clothing are expensive to buy but we are unable to keep

lost property at school for more than a term as there are just so many items. It would be a lot easier for parents and the school if names were clearly written on all items that come to school.

### **Swine Flu Update**

Over the last week or so there have been a number of changes to the way the school is to manage swine influenza if it was to affect anyone associated with the school. Most importantly, no staff or students have been affected so far and that situation is likely to remain for some time. The major changes are as follows:

1. Those who have been to a swine flu area will now not be excluded from school.
2. Those who develop flu-like symptoms will be required to stay at home until they are well.
3. Students who develop flu-like symptoms at school will be distanced from others at school, and parents/care-givers asked to take them home.
4. The use of handkerchiefs/tissues and the washing of hands will continue to be encouraged.

More information regarding this issue can be found at:

<http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>

### **Bridging the Education Revolution Update**

The money that has been allocated to the school for this Federal Government initiative has now been allocated to a number of projects, following input and agreement from the P&C. Nothing has been confirmed but here are the details to date.

National School Pride Originally we submitted a number of proposals that would enhance the appearance of the school but after further discussion with members of the DET it was decided that the periodical maintenance that the school was scheduled to have should be brought forward and paid for with the residue of the money to purchase some interactive white boards.

Primary Schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century This funding involved major construction works

which, initially, we did not require. However, after further creative thought, and equally creative submissions, there is an excellent chance that the school will receive:

1. a cover over the basketball court similar to the COLA that we already have,
2. a covered walkway from the basketball court to H block (1J's room),
3. disability access to the library,
4. a shade structure over the wooden play equipment,
5. an upgrade of the main toilets (tiling, dual flush, etc),
6. an upgrade of the classrooms in C block (Years 5 & 6). This will hopefully include the provision of wireless internet and the installation of interactive white boards.

Nothing is certain until work actually commences but we all live in hope. It is hoped that by the end of next year each classroom will have an interactive white board, meaning that our students will have some of the best IT access in the district and the best possible background for high school and beyond. It has been a lot of work so far and a lot more work in the near future but I am really excited with the prospects for our school and students.



*These happy little 'lawson' people enjoyed celebrating Henry's birthday with blue cake*

### **Hypnotic Entertainment**

The P&C have organised an outstanding fund raising event. On Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, in the school hall, there will be two sessions run by an internationally renowned hypnotist. Please note that the two sessions are for adults only - no children. The entertainment

promises to be quite funny, unusual and a fantastic evening. The seating will be limited and will cost \$20 per person. You will need to make a booking so call the office on 6942 1166.

### Years 5 and 6 Numeracy Tips

This continues on from last week's newsletter outlining some opportunities for developing numeracy at home.

++ Newspaper articles often include graphs and tables. These provide opportunities to discuss how the presentation of the information in the graph or table influences the reader. Sports, the weather, economics, cars and music are all topics where information is presented in a variety of formats.

++ Discuss your bills for electricity and water with your child. These often include graphs that need to be interpreted. Discuss what you could do around the home to reduce the amounts shown in the graphs.

++ Talk about words such as *approximately*, *about*, *nearly*. You could discuss why these words are used at different times.

### Canteen Roster

Thurs, 25th Tania Ballard, Fiona Raleigh  
Fri, 26th Lorraine Hopgood, Linda Smith  
Mon, 29th Karen Theobald, Debbie Dodwell  
Wed 1st Kerry Kostrubic



This week's newsletter photographer is Jacob Kelly and James Quinn.



All the children had an enjoyable day, using facilities and implements not normally available to these studies at Southee.

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](http://www.easouthee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or just google 'southee'

# Apex Movie Night

Saturday, 27th June, 2009

Cootamundra Town Hall

Time 6.30pm

Movie **Hotel for Dogs**

Rated: Family, PG

Time: 8.30pm

Movie: **17 Again**

Rated: Comedy, PG

\$5.00 entry

Refreshments available

### Thought for the Week

*Never remember what you can afford to forget.*

### Some Dates to Remember

Fri, 26<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day  
Wed, 1<sup>st</sup> Dorothea Mackellar's birthday  
Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> 6D Assembly  
Fri, 10<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2

### Final visit to REEC

5/6G and 2S students attended the Riverina Field Study Centre last week. The Year 5/6 children were involved in the study of energy and energy conversion whilst Year 2 students studied extinct animals (ghost hunting), rope walking, bushwalking, mapping out bush sounds, collecting items from the bush and studying them through a microscope. Year 2 also made butterflies out of Perspex, coloured them in and studied the shapes of shadows when the sun shone through them.