



Term 3 Week 1 - Wednesday, 29th July 2009

Dear Parents

### Staff Development Day

On Monday this week all teaching staff from the school attended a seminar at Charles Sturt University on the mechanics of learning and brain care for young minds. It focussed on the areas where children get their information and the best way they learn from these areas. We looked at the different parts of the brain and their function in relation to learning. We also learned about levels of memory and the best ways to transfer information from short-term memory to long-term memory. Any way that we are able to improve the education of our students has to be a good investment of time. Some of the tips that were given at the seminar will be repeated in the school newsletter as the year progresses.

### School Assembly

Our next school assembly will be held next week on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We will be having our Aussie of the Month awards being presented, our Artist of the Month presentation and the University of NSW Computer awards.

### Late to School

Lessons at school start at 9.30 am. That is the latest students are to be at school and it is also the time that rolls are marked. Any student arriving at school after 9.30 will be marked as a partial absence and a note from home is required. Students who consistently arrive late at school arouse the interest of the Home School Liaison Officer who regularly checks the school rolls. Please ensure that your child is at school at the

proper time, noting that the assembly bell is rung at 9.25 am.

### Riverina Dancers

Southee Riverina Dancers have been asked to perform at the Anglican Daffodil Tea on 14th August. This will be at the Town Hall around midday. All costumes items need to be returned to school within the next 2 weeks. This includes leggings, leotard and jazz shoes. Thanks Cathy Grove

### Book Week "Book Safari" (24th - 27th August)

On 27th August (Thursday - Week 5) we will be parading down Parker Street with Cootamundra Public School. Children are asked to dress as book characters or as something related to this year's theme "Book Safari". We request that children not come as sports people. Costumes can be simple, inexpensive and created with lots of imagination.



Year 6 students Alicia Moran, Samantha Russell, Jessica Barton and Abby Perry show us how dedicated they are to producing quality work.

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## Swine Flu Update

Over the holidays there has been a decrease in the number of children aged 5-16 years presenting to emergency departments with flu-like illnesses. Schools and parents play an important part in minimising the spread of infection. It is important that parents keep their children away from school if they develop flu-like symptoms. The Department of Health has issued the following advice:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms is advised to stay at home until they have recovered.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

## Premier's Adventure Challenge

Coming home with this newsletter is information regarding the Premier's Adventure Challenge. It's an initiative by the state government to encourage children, and adults, to visit one of the many museums and galleries we have in the state. It is a worthwhile venture and something that everyone will enjoy.

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## Years 5 and 6 Literacy Tips

++ Talk and read with your child in your home language if you speak a language other than English. First language maintenance is important.

++ Continue to read to and with your child especially with more challenging books and journals.

++ Are there various items in the house that your child might be interested in reading, such as comics, fashion or sports magazines? Purchasing a subscription to a favourite magazine may be an idea for a present, or borrow magazines from the local library.

++ Assist your child in effectively using and navigating printed and electronic reference materials (dictionary, thesaurus and encyclopaedia). Discuss how to use an index, a contents page and how synonyms and subtle interpretations of a word can be found in a thesaurus when you need just the right word.

## Apex

Cootamundra Apex have a NEW Jumping Castle. You are invited to join Apex this Sunday (2nd August) to try it out for free. A sausage sizzle will be provided. So grab your friends and come down to the Apex Shed in Hovell Street between 10am and 12 noon.

## Operation Christmas Child

Once again students are invited to bring in small articles to support the "Operation Christmas Child" collection. Gifts will be packed into shoe boxes and sent to underprivileged children overseas. Please note there have been some changes to the box contents for 2009. Items such as lollies, talc powder, toothpaste, earrings, biros and textas are not to be included.

## Suggested Items

Something to love:-small teddy, doll, soft toy

Something to play with:-writing materials, pencils with sharpener, skipping rope (not plastic), tennis balls, marbles, trucks, mouth organ

Something to wear:-necklaces, bangles, hats, ribbons, t-shirts, tops, shorts

Something of personal hygiene:-wrapped soap, face washer, toothbrush, combs, scrunchies, hair clips.



*Some very hungry Year 1 students munching down on their lunch under the COLA*



Some very happy Year 4/5 boys eager to be back at school "to play with their mates"



Blast from the Past! EA Southee's Captains & Prefects back in 1970. Top to bottom - Jim Pearson, Anna French, Belinda McCall, Michael Johnson, Peter Clark, Robyn Slavin, Shane Robey, Carolyn Vesperman, Lindsay Evans and Kerry Reardon.

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Thought for the Week - *The promised land always looks better from a distance.*

### Canteen Roster

Thurs, 30th Narelle Sheedy, Lorraine Hopgood  
 Fri, 31st Melissa Bailey, Michelle Mickelson  
 Mon, 3rd -  
 Wed, 5th Melissa Bailey, Michelle Mickelson

### Some Dates For Your Calendar

Mon, 3<sup>rd</sup> School Assembly  
 Thurs, 6<sup>th</sup> EA Southee's birthday  
 Mon, 10<sup>th</sup> Presentation of semester 2 Class Councillor badges  
 Wed, 12<sup>th</sup> Combined EAS & CPS Year 6 day.



## EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES.

Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older international sibling?

World Education Program is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2010.

Our Big Brothers & Big Sisters from France, Switzerland, Japan, Brazil, Italy, and Belgium are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home.

If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact:

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An information pack can be sent on request.

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