



Term 3 Week 3 - Wednesday, 12th August 2009

Dear Parents

Another Washout

During the weekend, when we had that lovely frost, water in some of the school's air cooling pipes froze and split the pipes. When it thawed the resultant flow flooded much of the administration block which in turn led to damage and destruction and the ladies in the office being most upset. I seem to recall writing something similar two years ago. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause to parents but we are endeavouring to fix things as fast as we can so that things can get back to normal. This little sideshow is something that no-one needed, especially at this time of year.

Class Councillors

At Monday's school assembly some very proud parents assisted with the pinning of badges on our new semester 2 class councillors. Our new SRC members are Lachlan Webb and Jake Tregear (KE), Millie Perry and Connor Craw-Reid K/1F), Jake Badcock and Claire Porter (1J), Hayley O'Brien and Will Taringa (2S), Aaron Basham and Brittany Hefren (3P), Tahlia Gatto and Nathaniel Mosley (3/4W), Alecia Slavin and Ben Camilleri (4/5T), Ben Jackson and Hayden Basham (5/6G), and Jacob Kelly and Jessica Meale (6D). Their role is very important in the running of the school, and is a great educational experience in the learning of how democracy works in our society.

Science Awards

Last term six of our students entered the University of NSW Science Competition which is open to students throughout Australian and in many countries in the South Pacific area. Louise Raleigh, Sarah Stephens and Jayden Sutton each achieved a Credit, which means that they performed at a level greater than 65% of all participants. The certificates for all

participants will be presented at Monday's assembly.

Jump Rope for Heart

Last Thursday, Tegan, from the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope team, came to Southee. She informed us of the importance of fitness and nutrition for a healthy heart. We were entertained with a quiz about healthy hearts and also had a look at all the wonderful giveaways for efforts with fund raising for the Heart Foundation. Today children will receive their sponsorship forms. They may now begin collecting sponsors for our Jump Off Day which will be held on 18th September. Money and forms will need to be returned to the office on or before the Jump Off Day. It would be fantastic if each child could seek donations from family and friends, to help assist the Heart Foundation's fight against heart disease and also boost our school PE and Health budget. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program.



A very talented and stable Mr Glover showing us how to balance on a pogo stick whilst jumping rope!!

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held *next* Wednesday, 19th August in the school staff room, commencing at 6.30pm. Please come along with your input and how this vital organisation can assist the school and, as a result, your child. High on the agenda will be discussion on the school fete which will be held on Friday evening, 25th September.

Valuables at School

Please be reminded that it is not a good idea to allow children to bring jewellery or other expensive and attractive items to school, eg, iPods or favourite toys. Although every effort is made to ensure that these items remain with the owner it is the responsibility of the child, not the teacher, if expensive and attractive items go missing or are damaged. These items are best enjoyed at home or where there isn't any possibility of something unfortunate happening.

Calling all Craft!!!

One of the stalls at the fete is the "Fancy Stall" or "Craft Stall" or "Arty/Crafty Stall". We would love those parents/grandparents and family friends to get busy making wonderful items to sell. Anything from beaded jewellery, to coathangers, to cards, to knitted clothes and scarves. Fancy pencil tops, hairclips, lavender bags, are some other ideas. So let your creativity flow and start making things for us to sell. Please bring them into Mrs Peck. Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you

Child Protection

All classes are doing our Child Protection program this term. This is done on a grade basis. Teachers are following a set departmental program that covers age appropriate concepts. If you would like to view the lessons please contact your child's teacher.

Book Fair - Coming Soon - 24-27 August

Visiting the book will be like visiting a book store just for children. You and your child will discover a wonderland of exciting children's books. Free book marks with each purchase. Lucky door tickets for each visiting adult. Six lucky prizes, worth

\$10.00 fair purchase, will be drawn on Wednesday, 26th August at Primary Assembly 1.50pm. We look forward to see you.

Book Parade Thursday, 27 August

Children to dress as book characters or "book safari". Picnic at Jubilee Park to conclude the parade.

Combined Schools Choir

If your child is involved with the Combined Schools Choir please note that practice is again cancelled this week due to illness. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.



Teegan Lawrence, Brittany Logue and Bandella Campbell happily enjoying their recess time.

MS Readathon

A big thank you to the families and friends of our EAS participants who have sponsored their reading during the 30th Year of the MS Readathon. As the students begin to close their books on this year's program it is nearing time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards. With an official money-due date of 31st August, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with the help of mum or dad. Students can also return the Completion Form and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your form, a replacement can be downloaded from www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300677323 to speak to the State Office. The official money-due date is 31st August

however there is still plenty of time to complete your 30 days of reading.

Years 5 and 6 Numeracy Tips

The term 'mental computation' is used to describe how some mathematics is taught in schools. It involves working out answers to arithmetic questions in your head in quick and accurate ways. This is a useful skill when shopping. Encourage your child to:

- Work out the total cost of some items without a calculator before reaching the checkout
- Work out the final cost of discounted items to help decide on value for money when making purchases.
- Think about what, for example, '50% off the second item' and 'Buy one get one free' really mean when you look at the total cost for the two items.

Magazine For Parents

The fourth edition of *School Parents* is out now. It's packed with great information for parents including articles about how to make a low waste lunch and how to go green between home and school, helping children with public speaking, reading, making the most of children's different learning styles and much more. There are videos on high school orientation and whooping cough and a podcast on talking to children about ethics. It can be accessed at:
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue04/index.php>.

LOST

1 dark purple bicycle with flowers. On handlebars has "Disco" sticker. If you have seen it or know of its whereabouts please contact Monique on 69421835. Thank you

Thought for the Week

Small items, when dropped, run and hide.



This week's newsletter photographer is James Quinn and Aaron Wilesmith.

Returning to the Cootamundra Arts Centre by popular demand

"Wizard and Oz"

"They are musicians with the ability to enthral, amuse, entertain and have the audience wondering what is next, while realising they are watching incredible talent"

ONE NIGHT ONLY

7.30pm for 8pm start

Saturday, 29th August, 2009

Bookings – Kevin Deep Clothing

Adults \$20. School-age children \$10

BYO drinks & nibbles

So you think you can dance?

Hip/Hop & Funk Choreographer Byron Low together with CHRISTINE WISHART'S DANCE STUDIOS will be holding a Hip/Hop workshop:-
WHEN: Friday, 28th August @ Cootamundra
Saturday, 29th August @ Young
WHERE: Christine Wishart's Dance Studio
Southern Cross Cinemas, Young
COST: \$15.00 per class.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For all enquiries and bookings phone Christine Wishart on 69426201 or 0427782954. Bookings and payment must be made by Wednesday, 26th August. Timetable and enrolment forms available from Simply Shooz and the Studio and from Southern Cross Cinemas.

Some Dates For Your Calendar

Mon 6th July 6D Assembly
Fri 10th July Last day of Term 2
Tue 28th July Students return for Term 3
Fri 31st July Hypnotist Show

Canteen Roster

Thurs, 2nd Vicki Simpson
Fri, 3rd Sharon Cronin, Annette Camilleri
Mon, 6th Naomie Johnson, Margaret Cosgrove
Wed 8th Debbie Rogers, Rebecca Stephens

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