



Congratulations to all our 'Rotary' Junior Public Speaking finalists
Term 3 Week 4 - Wednesday 19th August 2009

Dear Parents

Washout Update

Things are slowly coming back into place following the burst water pipe over the office area. The office is still located in the staff room but both computers are now operating and we have a facsimile facility again. The carpets have been dried, shampooed and sanitised and now nearly look like new. Following the dry out some more power has been restored and visitors to the school no longer have to dodge the extension leads going to the photocopier. Later this week the pipes behind the incident will be re-routed so that similar incidents in the future will be avoided. Once that has been done the repairs to the ceiling can be carried out and the office ladies can move back to their more familiar surroundings. Again, thank you for your patience in this matter and we all hope that this won't occur again.

National Funding

The first steps for our school upgrade under the Commonwealth's Building the Education Revolution were taken this week. A representative from Dell visited five of our classrooms to measure for the installation of interactive whiteboards. These rooms will have the chalkboards removed and be replaced with smaller white boards to compliment the IWBs that will be installed. I am told that these will be installed before the end of the term. It would appear that the days of teachers being referred to as 'chalkies' are coming to an end.

Attendance at School

Research has shown just how important daily school attendance is to a student's academic achievement. At Southee we have good attendance rates with our students when compared with the rest of the state but there are a number of students who still seem to be away a lot and by looking at their performance in class it is obvious that they are missing out. Students need daily academic input if they are going to reach their potential. If someone is genuinely ill then they should be at home in bed, but in every other instance parents should make every effort to ensure that their children attend school.

Junior Public Speaking

At Monday's school assembly we were entertained by some outstanding young public speakers who showed their abilities and presentation skills in front of a larger audience. Our speakers chose a range of topics with the eventual winner being Louise Raleigh. Congratulations to Sarah Stephens, Will Simpson, Jessika Burling, Brittany Hefren and Lucy Harpley who ensured that Louise had some stiff opposition in the final. Jarrad Holmes performed very professionally in his role as Chairperson. Thank you to our judges Bruce Smith (Cootamundra Rotary) and Marie Holt (Cootamundra Shire Council) for the difficult job of trying to pick the best speaker from a group of very competent contestants.



Other Assembly Awards

Our Writers of the Month continue to maintain the high standard that has been displayed all year. Congratulations to Lachlan Sedgwick (KE), Jye Hefren (K/1F), Jane Smith (1J), Katie Stephens (2S), Reece Badcock (3P), Sarah Stephens (3/4W) and Alecia Slavin (4/5T) whose great work can be viewed in the foyer area of the school. Maddison Sdegwick (4/5T) received a Golden Wattle Award for receiving 80 Achievement Awards. She is well on the way to receiving her bronze medal.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held this evening 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.

Donut Day Tuesday

The P&C are holding a donut day next Tuesday. They will be available for sale through the canteen at recess and lunch for 50 cents each.

Technology Update

The first ten brand new PCs are being installed into computer lab this week, replacing some of our older Mac computers. This is the first step of our school changing from a Mac to a PC based computer school, with the Macs going into the classrooms to increase the technology component there. A young gentleman named Peter Debaradis did the installation of the PCs and made a number of staff uncomfortable when he recalled some who were at Southee when he was here in Year 6 in 1991.

Years 5 and 6 Numeracy Tips

- Encourage your child to ask questions about advertising, eg, if a sale sign says 'Up to 70% off', does this mean that everything is 70% off or does it mean that many items may only be 30% off, with a few items 70% off? This type of information links to the shop owner's purpose.
- If your child wants to buy a new, expensive item, consider doing some comparative shopping. Also discuss the initial cost, cost of repairs, replacement of any parts and ongoing cost.
- Ask your child to use available scales to weigh fruit and vegetables and estimate the cost of the item. Have a go yourself with your child there.
- Compare the nutritional content, particularly saturated fat, of pre-packaged food items. This information is often listed as decimals or percentages on the packaging.
- Talk about numerical information used in advertising food products and why the company has chosen to show this information in a particular way.

Terry Danniher Cup

EA Southee's AFL team were very successful last Wednesday beating a Sacred Heart team and then losing to a combined Illabo Primary, Coota Primary and Sacred Heart team. Our team was a combination of Year 4 and 5 boys. Jaidyn Campbell needs special mention for his fearless display against older and bigger opponents. Indeed all our Year 4 boys Jarrod Holmes, Reese Wilsemith, Adam Johnston, Josh Kostrubic and Ethan Schultz are to be congratulated for their efforts against older opponents. Ben Camilleri was looking very slick until an ankle injury forced him to retire. Jason Cronin, Zac Paterson, Alec Betts and Aden Newman were impressive.

Mitchell Holmes' confidence grew throughout the day and he should be well pleased with his first real hitout. Will Louttit, Zac Craw and Jayden Sutton were never far away from the action.

Book Week Parade

The Parade is very quickly rearing its head for next week (Thurs 27th August). Permission notes for this event will go home this week. We will leave school at 12 noon and walk to the top of Parker Street (Mitre 10 corner). The parade will begin at approximately 12.45pm as we join with Cootamundra Public School to begin our walk. We will then proceed to Jubilee Park for a picnic lunch. All family and friends are welcome to join us. Back to school at around 2.00pm for a literary afternoon of enjoyable activities. I look forward to seeing all the 'book character' or 'safari' people/animals. Mrs O'Dwyer

Book Fair (Next Mon - Thurs 9am-4pm)

A book fair invitation/book list is going home today. It highlights just a sample of available books. Prices range from \$1.00 for pens/pencils to around \$18.00 for top of the range books. There are special packs for \$6.00 with many good buys for \$10.00. Each book purchase receives a free book mark. Please accept our invitation to visit the fair, in the library and view the complete selection of quality children's books. There will be a lucky door ticket for each visiting adult from which 6 lucky winners will be drawn at the Primary Assembly on Wednesday, 1.50pm.

Daffodil Tea Riverina Dancers

On Friday our wonderful dancers performed at the Daffodil Tea at the Town Hall. The audience were WOWED by our dance and we were very proud of each and every one of them. Well done dancers!! Again!!!!



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all the families who have contributed items for this year's collection. Due to the small size of the boxes we will be asking children who have brought in larger items if they would like to keep them or donate them to the school fete.

Fire Brigade Championships

The NSW Fire Brigade will be held on 12th - 13th September at Jubilee Park commencing at 8.00 am each day. Approximately 30 teams from across NSW will be competing, showing just how well fire fighters respond to emergencies. A colouring-in competition will be held in conjunction with the championships and will go out with this newsletter. They should be returned to the front office by Friday, 4th September. I encourage families to visit the competition and cheer for the Cootamundra team.

Thought for the Week

When we do right we forget. When we do wrong we remember.

Interactive Year 6

Last Wednesday, Year 6 participated in an Inter Year 6 day hosted by Southee. Year 6 children from Cootamundra Public and Stockinbingal joined our students for the day. Sessions were of one and half hours and covered topics of 'Whacky Musical Instruments' and 'Kitchen Science'. The sessions were carefully planned and run by Clint Perry and Belinda Bailey, two talented teachers from the High School. They were ably assisted by a number of capable Year 10 students as tutors (it was great to see several ex-Southee students return) and members of the LIMS (Literacy in Middle Schooling) Committee.

Transition to High School can be difficult for some students. Making new friends and working with children from other schools can prove challenging. This innovative programme is aimed at overcoming some of the hurdles associated with forming new relationships, by providing the opportunity for Year 6 students from all 'feeder' schools to meet and work with each other before High School. Another Inter Year 6 day is planned for Week 6 at Cootamundra Public School, where our Year 6 students will again be working along their peers in challenging educational workshops



Our lovely canteen ladies keen to keep the sausages up to the starving Year 6's and the helpful students from Cootamundra High School last week

School's Tree Day

As school's Tree Day fell while Mr Wing was on leave the EA Southee children will have the opportunity to plant trees as class groups on days suitable during the next month. This will provide an awareness of the importance of trees to the environment as well as the aesthetic aspect of the school.

Some Dates For Your Calendar

Wed, 19 th	P&C meeting, 6.30pm in staff room.
Thurs, 27 th	Book Week street parade.
Mon, 31 st	School Assembly. Artist of the Month, Aussie of the Month.
Sun, 6 th Sept	Fathers' Day
Fri, 25 th	P&C Fete

Canteen Roster

Thurs, 20 th	Vicki Simpson
Fri, 21 st	Sharon Cronin, Annette Camilleri
Mon, 24 th	Karen Theobald, Debbie Dodwell
Wed 26 th	Debbie Rogers, Rebecca Stephens

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