



Learning about fire dangers and how to be safe and survive

Term 3 Week 8 - Wednesday 16th September 2009

Dear Parents

From the Director-General About the P&C

Last week the Director-General of Education wrote a letter to all Principals which, in part, stated: *Public education draws its strength from partnerships based on mutual respect, shared goals and trust. One of those most fundamental partnerships is between parents and their child's teacher. Student learning improves when parents and staff work together in the best interests of the child. The organised voice of parents - the school's Parents and Citizens' Association, universally known as "the P&C" - can provide a supportive platform for developing partnerships in the school community. We encourage parents of public school students to join the P&C at the school their children attend. The effectiveness of the school's P&C relates directly to the extent to which its membership reflects the composition of the school community, and the extent to which parents participate in the life of the school.* **The next P&C meeting will be held this evening in the school staff room commencing at 6.30pm. The full text of the letter will be available at that meeting. This will also be the last meeting before our school fete so please come along and find out what's happening.**

Regional Athletics

The Regional Athletics Carnival was held in Albury last Friday. Despite some good individual efforts the competition at this next level was a little too strong so none of our fine young athletes progressed to the State Carnival. Joshua Kostrubic equalled Jordyn Ballard's 2005 school record for the 10 years 100m (15.30) and and set a new school record for the Junior Boys Shot Put (7.29m). Caitlin Slavin ran a full half a second faster than her time at the District Carnival but still couldn't get into the final. Well done to all our District representatives - I know you did your best and behaved in a manner that is expected of Southee students.

NAPLAN Overview

The NAPLAN results for our Year 3 and Year 5 students went home on Monday this week. Individually, there were some outstanding results as well as some that we need to do a little more work

with. Education at Southee is like building a house. We start with a strong foundation and build on that, step by step. The NAPLAN results have shown that this approach is a successful one as our Year 5 results indicate that the school is above the national average in every area, in several by as much as a full band. This has come about as a result of hard working students, dedicated teachers throughout the school and the nurturing environment that we strive for at the school.

Monday's Assembly

Congratulations to 5/6G who gave a memorable performance with their class item at last Monday's assembly, and I have been in trouble ever since for not being able to see it. Also, congratulations to our Writers of the Month - Lachlan Webb (KE), Jeremy Forrest (K1/F), Georja Dowell (1J), Rylee Laidlaw (2S), Claire Sellars, Brittany Hefren, Mitchell Holmes, Kristoffer Berg, Zac Paterson and Ben Camillerri, whose wonderful works are in the foyer of the administration building for all to see and enjoy.



Dogs at School

There have been occasions where dogs have followed their young owners to school either by sight or scent. Also, stray dogs might be enticed into the school grounds by the chance of gaining food either from

rubbish bins or from school bags. In any event I am obliged for health and safety reasons to contact the shire council and ask them to remove the dogs from the school. I will endeavour to find an owner by asking students at an assembly but if I am unable to do that then the fate of the dog is in the hands of the council. PLEASE, for the sake of the child owner, ensure that your dog is secure at home and not roaming the streets and coming to school. It is a sad outcome for everyone concerned.

Numeracy and Sport in Year 6

- While watching sports events, discuss scoring aspects of the game. For example, cricket lends itself to discussing run rates, averages, angles, positions and graphs.
- Your child may be interested in being a timekeeper for swimming or athletics events. You could show your child how to use a stopwatch for lap times or speed to compare times.
- Is your child interested in construction of models such as cars, trains and aeroplanes? Take the opportunity to discuss the scale or size of the model compared with real-life size.

Super Spellers

Ben Jackson, Adam Martin (Seniors), Maddison Sedgwick and Blake Basham (Juniors) will travel to Wagga to participate in the Regional finals of this year's Premier's Spelling Bee. The four Southee representatives won their spots after the 'Spell Off's' held at school. Good luck spellers! Lets hope you are not asked to spell *MORTGAGE*.



Bernie demonstrates one of the safety aspects 'Stop Drop & Roll' in front of the Southee Students

Cootamundra Public School Performance

Next Wednesday, 23rd September, all K-6 students will be attending Coota Public's performance "A Wrinkle in Time". The cost will be a gold coin donation. More information will be forwarded to you shortly with a permission note which each child will require.

Visit by author Robert Trickey

Last Thursday the library was full of laughter, enjoyment and poetry writing. Author Robert Trickey worked his story telling magic on all classes 2-6. He talked about the art of story writing and his

passion for poetry and most groups joined the workshop activities. The visit was made possible by the funding our school received as part of the Priority Schools Program.

Pick-a-Box

A huge thank you to all the families who donated items for the Pick-a-Box which will be run at the Fete next Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Year 7 2010 Homework Diaries

Once again the Cootamundra High School is taking orders for this year's Year 6 students to purchase homework diaries for Year 7 next year. If you are interested in purchasing a High School diary please leave your name and \$6.00 in an envelope at our front office where we will forward it on to the High School.

School building projects website

A new website is now available for anyone seeking information about school projects being constructed in NSW under the three year \$14.7 billion, Building the Education Revolution (BER). This site is a fantastic source of information for school communities to see how their project is progressing. Key features of the new site include Twitter, blogs and vodcasts which would allow instant communication about any program.

Check it out at: www.ber.nsw.gov.au



Joseph Trinder and Jessica Meale were interviewed by the television media while attending the Fire Safety Workshop at Jubilee Park last Friday.

Canteen Roster

<i>Thurs, 17th</i>	<i>Tania Ballard, Fiona Raleigh</i>
<i>Fri, 18th</i>	<i>Lorraine Hopgood, Linda Smith</i>
<i>Mon, 21st</i>	<i>Karen Rathmell, Michelle Mickelson</i>
<i>Wed, 23rd</i>	<i>Kerry Kostrubic, Rebecca Hardy</i>

Some Dates For Your Calendar

Wed, 16 th	P&C meeting in the staffroom, commencing at 6.30pm.
Fri, 18 th	Jump Rope For Heart 'Jump Off'
Fri, 25 th	P&C Fete
Fri, 2 nd	Last day of Term 3
Mon, 19 th	Students return for Term 4.

Cootamundra Basketball Association

3-on-3

Basketball Tournament

Ages 12-18 boys/girls

Saturday, 24th October, 2009

\$20 nomination fee per team

Nominations close Friday, 2nd October

Nomination forms available from Stadium or SWSCU

(All teams guaranteed 4 games)

(Limited number of nominations taken)

Cootamundra Junior Soccer Presentations

Saturday 26th September at 1pm
Mitchell Park

There will be a free sausage sizzle and drink for all players. Please bring your own seating.

South West Slopes tryouts will be held on the same day (26/9/09) at Mitchell Park commencing at 10am

There will be selection for Boys 11,12,13,14,15 & 16's and girls 12, 14, 16's (with the younger age group being eligible for the older in the girls eg 11's can trial for the 12's) This year, the trials are open to all players

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 or just google 'southee'

Little Athletics Registration Time - September 2009

Registrations for Little Athletics will be held at Albert Park on Friday the 25th September from 4-6pm. Parents will need to bring their childrens Blue Book for identification and proof of age. Registrations will also be taken on the first competition night at Albert Park.

The cost for each competitor, Tiny Tots to older children is \$45

The competition season will begin on Friday 23rd October and run through until 18th December 2009.

After the summer break, competition will start again on 5th February 2010 and finish with presentation night on 19th March 2010

The evenings will commence with a warm-up at 5.20pm, then events will commence at 5.30pm

Rugby League Holiday Clinic "Kids to Kangaroos"

Venue: Nicholson Park

Date: Thursday, 15th October, 2009

Time: 9am-12noon

Age 5-12 yrs

Boys & Girls

For more information contact Dean Whymark

0411159456

Registration forms available at Front Office or by contacting Dean on above number

Little Red Rocking Hood

Year 5/6G entertained the school assembly on Monday with a delightful musical about Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf.

