



Wearing our wide brimmed hats to help us be 'Sun Safe' in the playground

Term 4 Week 1 - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009

## Dear Parents

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents. We trust that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. It is great to see everyone back to school healthy and in one piece. The final term of the year is proving to be a very busy one. Please keep your eyes posted on the newsletters for information on what is happening at school with regards to your children.

## No Hat, No Play

During terms 1 and 4 each year our school has a policy that a hat (preferably a school hat) must be worn by students wishing to play in the sun. The hat must be able to protect the face, ears and neck from the summer sun, hoods are not acceptable. Any student who does not wear a proper hat will be restricted to activities in the COLA and other designated shade areas. All Kindergarten students are given an appropriate hat by the P&C when they enrol at the school.

## 2010 School Budget

This term I will be putting together the School Budget for next year. I often like to get some input from parents and the wider community as they are a vital part of the running of the school. If you feel that we should consider purchasing a particular item or items please drop me a line with your ideas and why you consider we should spend some of our money in a particular area. All items are considered, prioritised and often put into the long term strategies that are developed to keep our school at the cutting edge of education.

## Cricket Gala Day



Over 60 keen Southee cricketers enjoyed the Cricket Gala Day today at Nicholson Park hosted by the local Junior Cricket Association. They were joined by students from Cootamundra and surrounding schools

## Maintenance Update

- Next week we will have some painters in to finish off some work in the Admin Block, particularly where the office ladies are. They will be working later in the afternoon so as to avoid any unnecessary interruptions.
- The 1J and 2S rooms that were to be recarpeted during the holidays will now be done during Week 3.
- During the holidays a plumber was at the school checking the integrity of the sewerage and drainage lines and will recommend to the Department of Commerce that some areas, particularly under the main playground, be completely replaced.
- Thanks to the good work of Ian Campbell half of the water from the COLA will now be captured into our water tank and used

for hosing down the COLA area and the toilets.

- The iron bark that is causing a problem with the brickwork near the bus stop at the front of the school will be removed by contractors from Country Energy, hopefully before the end of this term.

### **Basketball Star in the making**

Year 6 student Brianna Oliver spent her holidays attending the State Jamboree for basketball in Port Macquarie. She was one of 70 girls who attended the 5 day coaching clinic. Brianna's basketball skills shone through and she was again one of 30 girls selected to represent the state at the Greater Murray National Basketball Jamboree which will be held in Albury later in November. Representatives from New Zealand, South Australia, Queensland and Victoria will also be attending this camp. Well done Brianna. Keep up those shots!



### **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school staff room on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 6.30pm. Meetings are always a great opportunity to give your input on things related to the school and

learn something new, or at least before the general school population.

### **Literacy and Sport in Year 6**

- Does your child enjoy sport? He or she could research more about particular players, events or rules. Consider taking your child to the local library to select non-fiction materials or show your child how to research using different search engines on a computer.
- Develop listening by explaining the procedure of an activity, eg read aloud a recipe, explain how to write a letter of thanks, explain how to assemble something, explain the rules of a game.
- Encourage your child to plan a writing exercise on a hobby, draft it, review it, proofread and edit it before being satisfied that is the best quality.

### **'Southee Superstars' wristbands**

The Senior Student Body together with the support of the School's P&C are promoting our school in the form of fashionable wrist bands. They will be on sale from tomorrow for \$3. Just look for the Year 6 stand under the COLA from 9am.



### **Online Mag for Parents**

The fifth edition of School Parents is out now. You will find great information about allergies, new opportunities at high school, talking to children about sex, supporting teenagers through the HSC, where to go for emotional support and how to get children into museums and galleries for free all over NSW. The magazine can be accessed at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine).

## Chess Championships 2009

The Southee Chess Championships will commence next Monday. The divisions are Years 2,3,4 - Junior and Years 5 & 6 - Senior Boys and Senior Girls. Nominations will be taken from Thursday (tomorrow). Senior students will be making themselves available to tutor beginners during the tournament.



*Keen Southee students patiently waiting to head off to Nicholson Park for cricket this morning.*

### Thought for the Week

*If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.*

### Some Dates For Your Calendar

Fri, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Southee Early Learners commence
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup>	1J Assembly, Writer of the Month, Aussie of the Month
Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting (6.30pm)
Thur, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Visiting Author
Tues, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Year 5 depart for Ballarat
Wed, 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Night

### Canteen Roster

Thurs, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Narelle Sheedy
Fri, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Melissa Bailey, Michelle Mickelson
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Bailey, Michelle Mickelson

### Cootamundra Little Athletics

*Cootamundra Little Athletics will commence, at 5.20pm on Friday 23rd October, at Albert Park.*

*New registrations will be taken on the night, and a BBQ will be operating.*



*Despite the warmer weather skipping is still proving to be popular with many of the children during recess and lunch. Melissa Kelleher and Hayley Ormond demonstrating their double-unders.*

