Presentation Night
Presentation Night was a wonderful celebration and recognition of student achievement for 2016. The various awards recognised academic, sporting and cultural successes and efforts of students across all classes and areas of the school. The community support given to our school is appreciated and the involvement of families adds so much to our school events. Please read the report attached to this newsletter which recognises many people and events during our successful 2015 school year.


The 2015 team have been wonderful leaders in our school and we look forward to the leadership team of 2016 continuing this tradition. Photographs of the evening are available at the office.

Carols in the Park
Everyone is invited to be a part of Carols in the Park on Sunday evening at Jubilee Park. This is a lovely evening with school groups joining in with the singing of carols. Students have been practising the carols and the evening begins at 7.00pm. Bring along a blanket or chairs and enjoy the Aussie atmosphere amongst the gum trees.
Year 6 Dinner and Primary Dance
The Year 6 Farewell Dinner, with Years 5 and 6 students invited, will be held on Tuesday, 15th December and afterwards all Year 3 to Year 6 students are invited to a dance starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 9.00pm. This is supervised by staff and parents/carers need to come to the hall doors to collect students as we will not allow them to walk out to cars unaccompanied.

End-of-year excursions - Primary Water Activities Day Years 3 to 6 students
Invited students will attend end-of-year class parties at The Cootamundra Pool on Wednesday, 16th December. Students will leave after recess and all students will return to school and be dismissed from the school at 3.30, after having an ice block and saying good bye to Year 6 students. If the weather is extreme we will try to organise transport by bus, depending on availability due to school bus runs.

Noah’s Ark Kindergarten to Year 2
Students will leave school at 9.30 and must be at school before this as the bus has to leave on time. The bus will return in time for students to go home in the normal way. Students must wear socks and clothing which is suitable for a very active day – no dresses or skirts.

Holiday Information and return dates for 2016
The school grounds are closed during holidays and after hours unless permission has been given for out-of-school hours use. Animals are not allowed onto school grounds and dogs are not to be brought into the grounds unless permission has been given.

2016 Return to School dates
Staff return to school on Wednesday, 27th January and students in Years 1 to 6 return on Thursday, 28th January. Kindergarten parents have been notified of arrangements for their return.

Seasons Greetings
As another year comes to an end I would like to recognise and thank parents and staff for the contributions and support given to the students at our school. It has again been an extremely busy year with many, many opportunities and successes for students.
We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to continuing to build on the successes in 2016.

Lost Property
There is an alarming amount of lost property at school. Please call in and collect your missing items as we will be donating what is left over to The Salvation Army on Wednesday.

P&C News
Our last P&C meeting for 2015 was held on 16th November. During Monday’s Presentation evening we farewelled two of our long standing members who have tirelessly given hours of their time to help our committee support our school. We thank you, Leean Sedgwick and Leanne Gatto, for your tremendous contributions over the years. Our 2016 Annual General Meeting has been set for Monday, 15th February to commence at 6.00pm in the staff room. An invitation is extended to all our new and current families. Please feel free to become a member and help support our fantastic school. Our meetings occur once a month and generally run for approximately 1 hour. Keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming dates. This year the P&C have made some major contributions to school projects such as: paying for 50% of the bus fare for all major excursions, purchasing metal outdoor tables and stools for use during recess and lunch under the COLA. We also made a contribution towards the whole school concert. Our discos at the Ex Services Club have proved to be a huge success with over 100 children arriving to participate. Lucky door prizes and dance competitions keep everyone up and dancing all night. Our major raffle this year proved to be very successful.

A place to grow, learn and succeed
Thank you to all those family and friends who purchased tickets. First prize was won by Oscar Roberts. Thank you to Boxsell’s Transport for their wonderful donation. Second prize went to R. Paterson. Third prize was won by Georgia McLeod and fourth prize was won by G. Kelly. Thank you to Chef’s Toolbox for the final 3 prizes and congratulations to all our winners. The EAS P&C would like to wish our school students, families and the community a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Southee’s Got Talent 2015
The SRC held Southee’s Got Talent finals yesterday. The finalists were Charlotte Synfield with a dance, Yasmin Lambert, Madilyn Robinson and Reagan Duncan sang, Jai Penrith did a really cool dance, Deklan Smith did skipping, Rylie and Iliana Holmes sang, Halley Walsh and Amelia Sheather did a cheerleading routine and Ainslee Meale and Penny Khoury danced. It proved to be a very entertaining afternoon and such a difficult decision had to be made as they all performed their routines exceptionally well. After much deliberation it was decided that Ainslee Meale and Penny Khoury were the overall winners with Yasmin Lambert, who sang “Stand by Me” was announced as runner up! We would like to thank all of the SRC members who did their job very well and a special thank you to Ms Bateup who enjoyed the judging.

The SRC would like to thank Mrs Glover for her support and assistance in helping us organise Southee’s Got Talent. It just would not have happened without her.

Millie Perry and Logan Collins

Burrumbuttock Hay Run
Congratulations and well done everyone for supporting the people of western Queensland who are currently under drought conditions. I am sure they will appreciate the kind donation of $162.00 collected from all students and topped up with a donation from the SRC, making a grand total of $300.00 which was deposited at the bank today. This will assist in the delivery of much needed hay for their livestock.

Presentation Night address
Mrs Zita McLeod (Principal)

E A Southee Public School Presentation Night is an exciting event allowing the school to recognise the many achievements and contributions made by members of the school community. Our school community includes a large number of people and organisations who are directly and indirectly involved with the school. With this large support base, E A Southee Public School students are given so many extra opportunities to develop their skills and talents.

Schools are incredibly busy places with students and staff being involved in many academic, cultural, sporting and social activities allowing them to develop skills, knowledge, talents and interests which will help them now and into the future. These opportunities are provided by the team at Southee. It is always a team effort to enable so many opportunities to be offered to the students. Often, the work completed quietly behind the scenes is not always known about but, it is just as essential as the visible organisation seen by students and parents. I would like to thank every member of our team for the work they do supporting the students in their endeavours and for the support they give to each other and myself. Our extremely pleasing NAPLAN results are just one indicator of the high quality and standard of education at Southee. Our student representatives, at District, Regional and State Carnivals, also indicate the opportunities available through our school. We have excelled in public speaking with the winners speaking to community organisations. The primary students participated in community sports and we thank the Pool Management Committee, Mark Taber and The Cootamundra Golf Club, Come Alive Gym and The Sports Stadium for the use of their facilities. Students also participated in workshops with our visiting authors. While all these things are happening our academic programs are continued! Schools are very busy places indeed!!!!
Our 3 year School Plan has successfully completed its first year with the new allocation of funds to schools allowing Southee to implement specific programs to directly benefit our students. HOW2Learn is being implemented across classes by all teachers, with students learning how to manage the processes of learning, and how to understand how they learn. We are using Kidsmatter to evaluate wellbeing programs in the school to further support our students and their families. We have employed extra staff, both teachers and School Learning Support Officers, to directly assist in classrooms in the areas of English and Mathematics.

Our major event in 2015 was the play “Search for a Smile” which gave every student in the school, from Kindergarten to Year 6, the opportunity to perform and be a part of a “making memories event. This production allowed many students to shine and the sense of achievement and pride by everyone was wonderful. The team work by everyone- students, staff, parents and community members - resulted in students having a fantastic learning experience and providing entertainment to many people.

Over the years many people have shown dedication and commitment to the students at Southee. This allowed them to experience many things and achieve many successes. The dedication these people have shown in the classroom and genuine interest in students allows them to take responsible risks in their learning and make wonderful progress.

I would like to call Mrs Cathy Grove to the stage. Mrs Grove has contributed many years of dedicated service to the school as a teacher and with her involvement with the dance group. The dance group regularly auditions for, and performs, at the Riverina Dance Festival which is a major achievement. I have very great pleasure in presenting Mrs Grove with her 20 Year Service Certificate. Congratulations Mrs Grove.

I would like to call Mrs Lyn Smart to the stage. Mrs Smart taught at Southee for 20 years and previously at Gundagai Public School. Mrs Smart retired at the beginning of this term after a career dedicated to students and their families. During this time she has been a major influence on students’ learning and also the producer of the school plays. This area was a particular passion of Lyn’s, from sewing the costumes, coaching the lead players, organising the play and coordinating the many details needed to make these plays such a success. Mrs Smart knows that students growth in personal satisfaction and confidence from participating in these events can, and does, change people’s lives. I would like to read this letter of commendation for Mrs Smart - READ LETTER -. On behalf of Dr Michele Bruniges and The NSW Department of Education, I would like to also present Mrs Smart with her Retirement Medal as a recognition, appreciation and memento of her service to public education.

The students at Southee are to be congratulated for their efforts during the year. So many of you have set personal goals and worked towards achieving them. Our Year 6 students are to be commended for their positive leadership, support and encouragement given to other students. This has always been a feature of our school and I thank Year 6 2015 for continuing this tradition. Leadership this year has been supported with students attending The Grip Leadership Forum and being involved with leadership activities at school. Our recent family picnic day saw Year 6 students running the games for that very relaxed picnic lunchtime. We will be introducing our student leadership team for 2016 later in the night and I know they, and the rest of Year 6, will continue to be positive role models and leaders in our school.

We have many people who support our school and many of them are present tonight to present awards. The role and support of the community is vitally important and we thank them once again. Our P&C has continued to contribute to the school in monetary and advisory capacities and we welcome this support. Support for excursions has been a fundraising focus for this year with the fete bringing the whole community together for a night of entertainment and fun! The P&C have also contributed towards sports team uniforms which will be available for our representative teams. This is a mighty effort for a small band of highly motivated people. Thank you to Mrs Leeann Sedgwick for your leadership and organisational skills over many years and to members of the P&C for your interest.
and involvement. We meet regularly from 6.30 until approximately 8.00 and I do seek advice and ideas on a range of topics and proposals.

Our school recently hosted The Proud and Deadly Awards to celebrate the achievements of our Aboriginal students. Our Aboriginal students from Kindergarten to Year 6 performed the song you saw here tonight and the response from the audience was wonderful. Our students handled it professionally and are very proud that they can speak some Wiradjuri language. I have recently received advice that we have received a grant to further develop the language program in 2016. Thank you to Mr Bob Glanville, Mr Peter Beath and Mrs Jenny Beath for their support with preparing the song and continued support for our students. Well done Southee students, and the supper served afterwards in the courtyard, catered for by Mrs Armstrong and helpers, provided a friendly end to the evening.

Each year we farewell families from our school and we would like to thank them for their association with the school and offer them best wishes for the future.

I would like to thank everyone from the Southee community for the friendship, support, good times and trust in letting us be a part of their children’s lives.

I offer everyone seasons greetings and an enjoyable and safe holiday. Thank you.

* For more photos checkout our Speech Night Photo Album on the school website
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Thursday the 10th of December 4pm till 6pm, $15 per child or $35 for a family of 3 to 4 children.

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Thursday the 17th of December 4pm till 6pm $15 per child $35 for family of 3 to 4 children

Sunday the 20th of December
10am till 4pm $25 half day $50 full day includes lunch

Thursday Christmas Eve 10 till 4pm $25 half day $50 full day includes lunch and visit from Santa Claus.

All classes will be drama games/costume time/Christmas skits and character building. Great opportunity to use this time to get organised for Christmas, finish off your shopping and wrapping or even just to put your feet up while I entertain the kids.

Please contact me for bookings. Limited spots in each class so book quickly so you don’t miss out.

Yours dramatically

Miss Em

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Thursday 7
Swiss Drumming with Gerard Noonan
11am – 12:30pm $20

Tuesday 12
Drawing with Karen Walsh 10am-12pm $28 (includes materials)
Minimum age 7 for Karen’s classes

Tuesday 12
Painting with Karen Walsh 1pm - 3pm
$32 (includes materials)