Sports Assembly
The Sports Assembly, recognising the major sporting achievements for 2016, was held on Thursday, 26th November with all students from Year 2 to Year 6 being joined by community members and Mr Mark Taber who presented the awards. Mr Taber, a well-known golfer from Cootamundra, based his address to the assembly on “Never Giving Up”. He spoke about his time as a junior golfer and how he was working three jobs to support his dream of becoming a golf professional. Mr Taber’s story pointed out that to achieve your dreams it takes hard work and dedication, often over a long period of time, and that you often have to cope with setbacks. Mr Taber is known to our students as we were lucky enough to have him run a junior golf program with some of our students earlier in the year.

The awards ceremony ran very smoothly with Mrs Glover and Mr Wing co-ordinating the results from throughout the year and Mrs Glover working with CW Jewellers to have many trophies, both old and new, being engraved and ready for the assembly.

Mr Dorczak took photographs of all award winners and these are available by contacting the office.

Proud and Deadly Awards
We proudly hosted the Cootamundra district Proud and Deadly Awards, which recognise the achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students. Our students completed art work using dot style painting to illustrate the song the students performed. The students performed the song in Wiradjuri language and were very proud to have learnt the language. Thank you to Mr Bob Glanville and Mr Peter Beath for assisting with the correct sounding of the words and Ms Narelle Sheedy and Mr Collins for helping with the art work. Mrs Grove, Ms Bateup co-ordinated the performance and art works. Our P&C, with Mrs Armstrong, provided a delicious supper where everyone chatted and enjoyed catching up with friends.
Community members and parents were also involved and the evening was a great success due to the combined work of members of our school community.

Presentation Night
If anybody has any greenery or flowers that they are able to donate to decorate our hall for our annual Presentation Night would be greatly appreciated. They can be delivered to the school hall next Monday morning, 7th December. Thank you in advance.

Library
All children have been asked to return library resources as soon as possible. Lost and/or damaged items are the responsibility of families to pay for (at new replacement value).

Surf and Boating Safety
Many of our students attended a surf and boat safety day at the Cootamundra pool. Students experienced how it feels to get caught in a rip and they learnt how to safely cope if it happens at the beach. The heated pool was turned into a swimming area with a rip with the instructor having two engines pushing air into the water to create a rip effect. Students also tried to swim against the rip and even our strongest swimmers had to use all of their skills to make the distance. The students were also shown boat safety tips and how to wear a water safety vest properly. The instructor showed a range of vests and stressed the importance of always wearing a water safety vest when doing any activities near rivers, creeks, dams and with any boating activities. Thank you to the Cootamundra Pool Staff for organising such an important safety event with Roads and Maritime Department and URIPPA in attendance.

Leadership Program at Southee
The 18 candidates for the School Representative Council (SRC) presented their speeches last Tuesday to their fellow students in the hall. The speeches were carefully thought out and students clearly understood the importance of the occasion. Students from Year 2 to Year 6 and all the staff voted for the candidates. The 2016 School Captains will be announced on Presentation Night. Students will also have the opportunity to stand for House Captain and Vice-Captain positions at the beginning of next year.

Sport
Swimming for sport commences this Friday for two weeks. Permission notes went home yesterday. All primary children are involved except those who are excluded for special reasons. All children will need to pay $1.50 entry except those who have a season ticket. Please make sure all children bring their swimmers and towel.

Swimming Scheme
The annual 10 day swimming scheme is under way with almost 90 children involved from Year 2 to Year 6. Lessons are conducted daily at the Cootamundra Indoor Pool with instructors being employed by the Cootamundra Shire Council. Please make sure children are not late to school as the first group leaves at 9.10 am, as soon as the last bus arrives at school, and students will walk to and back from the pool. This is an important part of our sporting and safety program and encourages students to use the swimming pool for enjoyment and fitness.

P&C and Canteen News
* All sold and unsold P&C raffle tickets must be returned immediately to the front office. All outstanding money owing to the canteen is paid immediately.

* This Friday evening will be the last K-6 Schools Disco held at the RSL Auditorium for the year. As it is a Christmas theme dress up in your ‘tinsel’ and decorate yourself like a Christmas tree. Prizes for the best dressed. $5.00 entry. 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Make sure you are wearing appropriate dancing shoes. The disco is fully supervised.
Voting for the 2016 Permanent SRC

Putting ourselves forward to take on a Student Representative Council leadership role in 2016

Students promoting the wearing of sun smart hats in the playground

PEC President, Leearn Sedgwick presented Jye Hefren and Charlie Leggett with cheques to support their sporting representation at state level.
K-6 SCHOOLS DISCO

This Friday, 4\textsuperscript{th} December, 2015
Cootamundra Ex-Services Auditorium
6pm – 8pm
$5.00 entry

Prizes for the best dressed Christmas outfit

Drinks and chips will be available

Parents \textbf{MUST} drop off and collect children from Auditorium Door. 
\textit{Supervised by EA Southee P&C}
Cootamundra Swimming & Lifesaving Club

Come and try on Friday 4th December 2015 at 4:30pm-5:30pm

Summer training commences 30th November 2015
Junior squad-4:30pm-5:30pm
Senior squad-4:30pm-6:00pm

Training days- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Thursday Night club swims

To register go to-
- NSW swimming
  - click join now
- select region (southern inland)
- select club (Cootamundra)
- then continue to follow the prompts
- registration fee $65.00 per swimmer
  - non-swimmer $25.00
- parent must be registered for child under 18 years of age

Further details contact cootaswim@gmail.com