Dear Parents and Carers,

P&C Annual General Meeting

Congratulations to the incoming executive of our Southее P&C and thank you for being willing to volunteer your time to support our school. The election results are:-

President: Leean Sedgwick
Vice President: Katrina Winters
Secretary: Leeanne Craw
Treasurer: Sally Ormond
Canteen Treasurer: Roy Elmes
Publicity Officer: Tanya Nicka

A very big thank you to the outgoing committee for their efforts and major input in both financial and “planning for the future” projects. Your support of the school is very much appreciated. We are now in full fete preparation mode with many attractions organised for fun, food and a fantastic time.

Please check for notes from classroom teachers who are asking for help in filling rosters for the stalls. Generally they are half hour slots and your time will greatly help out and allow people to join in during the night.

Lachlan Webb, Penny Khoury, Jake Tregear and Tori Craw-Reid trialled for PSSA Soccer team yesterday.

The Flagpole

Thank you to the Coota Blues Aussie Rules team who made a slight detour into our school on their training run Tuesday night to help lower and raise the flagpole so we could replace the ropes. Our flagpole will now be

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able to fly the Australian, New South Wales and Aboriginal flags.

Millie Perry using her research skills for her ANZAC program.

Honouring ANZACS
5/6G are currently completing a program online. Students were asked to ‘adopt’ a local ANZAC and complete a student work booklet about this enlisted person. So far students have found this project very interesting. “It has been fun to find out where they went and what they did in the war.” Bailey Synfield. “It's been good learning and studying about someone I didn't know and what they did.” Matthew Roberts.

Matthew Roberts searching online for detailed information about the ANZACS.

Sporting Schools at Southee
The Active After Schools Program has been replaced by Sporting Schools which is managed by the Australian Sports Commission. We are able to be a part of this program because of our previous involvement with The Active After Schools Program. Sporting Schools program will be run at Southee from Term 2 onwards for our students. We will receive funding to support this program, from the Federal Government, which can be used for equipment or to employ specialist staff.

Attendance at School
Our school has a very high attendance level for all students and The Home School Liaison Officer attended our school this morning to check on attendance rates. Attending school every day is most important as missing days means gaps in learning can happen very quickly. When a student is away from school a note needs to be sent in for the classroom teacher explaining the reason for being away. This is a legal requirement as teachers mark the role and have to put this information into the role.

Tahlia Morris and Jessica Gatto “Our adopted ANZAC was a nurse who served in England and in France.”

Safety in bus area
Parents are encouraged to drop off/collection their children in an area away from the bus zone. This area is very busy in the morning and afternoon with all the buses pulling in. Students can be dropped off in any other street, with most having direct access to playground or classroom areas. Most of the gateways have cement footpaths for wet weather and the Phillips Street entrance is suitable for prams, wheelchairs, crutches etc.

Pick-a-Box @ EA Southee

Fete
Inside Out Day!
This Friday, 20th March, 2015
Students are to wear their sports uniform ‘inside out’!
Children are asked to donate a low cost item that is new and in working condition and is suitable for children’s prizes for the Kindergarten pick-a-box stall.
Students learning about the tessellation of shapes in Mathematics.

Caleb Hefren, Ryan Hefren and Taylum Baverstock enjoy the World Cricket display in the Library.

Alexis Hii and Sarah Elmes enjoy a cool refreshing drink from the bubblers during lunch time.

Lost Property: If you child accidently brings home an item of clothing that is not theirs please return to school so that it can be given to its rightful owner. Thank you.

Crazy hair will be the talk of the Fete next Friday!

5/6G – Cake Stall @ the Fete
Donations of cakes, biscuits, slices and sweet treats would be greatly appreciated for our class cake stall on Friday, 27th March. Please remember that an ingredients list must be attached to all items. Thank you. Mrs Glover & 5/6 students.

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Rugby Union Skills Afternoon
Upper primary students enjoyed a rugby union afternoon with Seth Stoltenberg, development officer for the Brumbies last Friday. Seth will be working with the children to further develop their skills and talent in readiness for the upcoming Young Gala Day and Bryan Palmer Shield in May. More details on those days will follow. Please keep a look out for a note in this regard.

Michael Perry, Seth Schultz and Lachlan Webb are making final adjustments to the dreaded ‘pillows’ in readiness for the pillow fights to be held at next week’s Fete.

Cootamundra NAB AFL Auskick
Registration Sunday 3rd May, 2015
10am at Clarke Oval
or register online @
www.aflauskick.com.au
For more information please contact Dean Guthrie
at t dguthrie8@bigpond.com

Come and enjoy the
Southhee Fete
Friday, 27th March, 5.30-7.30
fun games, stalls, exhibitions, rides, food, BBQ, drinks & much more
Bring your family and friends for a great evening out
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 35 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education and Communities, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Friday 27 February.


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Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to school by Monday 23rd March 2015.

I (print name) .......................................................................................... **DO NOT** give consent for my child/children (print name/s) ........................................................................................................
of class/es ......................to participate in the *Tell Them From Me*
student feedback survey.

Signed................................................................. Date.................................

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