Dear Parents and Carers,

ANZAC Commemorative Services

School Service

Our school service was chaired by Jessalyn Wild and Seth Schultz who showed respect and understanding of the importance of this remembrance service. Our rights as citizens of Australia have been defended many times and this message came through very clearly. Our students conducted themselves with respect and listened very carefully as several families told personal stories of direct family members who had served, and suffered, because they served in the armed forces. We thank them for these personal, moving stories and they added much to the students’ understandings of the effects war has on families.

The symbols were explained, with the poppy wreath and a rosemary plant placed at The Memorial Stone. The service concluded with an explanation of Anzac Biscuits and each student received a biscuit as they left the hall. Thank you to Jessalyn, Seth, Miss Gillies, Tahlum and Ms Chamberlain, Dannielle and Mrs Glover for their preparations and input.

Town Service

Congratulations to The Cootamundra RSL sub-branch on their organisation of the march and services convened by them. Southee School was very well represented with many students and
staff marching. The commemorative event had storms before and afterwards but we all managed to stay dry during the event. Our captains, Jessalyn Wild and Lachlan Webb, laid a wreath and a book for the library. Jessalyn recited The Prayer For The Queen in a clear, confident voice in front of a very large audience.

RAAF Memorial Unveiling
On Wednesday I accompanied our school captains to the unveiling of the RAAF Memorial at Cootamundra Airport. The Cootamundra Local History Society has spent many hours organising this memorial tribute to the many air force personnel who trained and worked in Cootamundra during World War 2. A highlight was the flyover and inspection of the Wirraway plane from The Temora Air Museum. Congratulations to the many people who made this memorial possible.

P&C Happenings
The P&C are holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday, 7th May, after lunch. Students are asked to bring their money in a secure envelope marked with their name and the amount. Classes will go to the hall and the committee will organise the gifts so there is a great selection for all classes, whether they are the first or last group to buy. Gifts will be reasonably priced in the range of $3.00-$5.00.

The Annual School Report 2013 has been submitted and will be on the school webpage by next week. The School Plan 2015-2017 is already on the school page and if there are any questions about these documents please contact the school. Hard copies are available from the office.

Dubbo Excursion
The Year 4 students had a wonderful two days travelling the countryside at the end of last term. The first port of call was Wellington Caves. Students had to walk down 200 steps and walk up 200 steps. This was really good for students because they were stuck on the Makehams coach for so long.

The second venue was the Dubbo Jail. All children were inspired by the manikins dressed up in colonial day’s apparels. A self-guided tour allowed students to gain an in-depth insight into the penal system of the 1800s. They explored the restored gaol grounds, new displays and experience the harshness of prison life as they travelled back in time.

Students enjoyed a hearty dinner with lots of vegetables. All students were taught how to use a fork and knife, display correct table manners and not to talk when your mouth is full. For dessert students were encouraged to eat fruit salad and yogurt. Mrs Leanne Craw, Mrs Sharon Cronin and Mr Reddy provided healthy fruit, muesli bar and rice cracker options for morning tea and afternoon tea. Students enjoyed the Tenpin Bowling and the owner rewarded students for good manners with
Students were showered and tucked into bed by 9 pm. The following morning was an early morning for teachers and students.

Haileigh Neaves, Justin Forrest and Caleb Hefren enjoy patting a possum.

We all had a 5:30 am start for the day. The Dubbo Zoo was a positive experience for all students. They were exposed to animals from all over the world. Students were very impressed by the Howler Monkey family who put on a fantastic performance. Many students had an afternoon nap on the bus and so did Mr Reddy.

The Cootamundra District Girls team consisted of Samantha Graham, Alexandra Oliver, Odessa Tregear, Ainslie Meale and girls from other schools in the district. One student from Henty PS made the Regional team but our Southee girls came close to making the Regional team.

P&C Fete Raffle
Thank you to all those who bought a ticket in the P&C Fete Raffle. The lucky winners are as follows:- 1st prize won by Sue Tyrrell, 2nd prize won by Catherine Webb and 3rd prize was won by the Smith children. Congratulations to all.

District Basketball Team
Two teams travelled to Leeton to represent EA Southee at the PSSA basketball trials. The Cootamundra District Boys team consisted of Bailey James, Michael Perry, Jaiden Duncan, Hayden Penrith, Lachlan Sedgwick and boys from other schools in the district. The boys played 4 games over the day and Hayden Penrith qualified for the possibles and probables.

District Rugby League team.
All the games for the Opens Division were very tough. Aaron Fuller, Hayden Penrith, Jai Glover and Lachlan Webb represented Cootamundra.
District at the Riverina Regional Rugby League Trial proudly. The boys tried their best throughout the day. They behaved with honourable manners and congratulated the winning teams. Aaron Fuller said that all the boys started out really strong but not quite strong enough to hold the other teams back. The under 11’s District Rugby League played fantastically against the four teams they played.

Lachlan Sedgwick was our standout player for the district, who stomped, grinded, barged and palmed his way to numerous tries for his team. He was mentioned on several occasions by the selectors Mr Mitchell Fealy and Mr Justin Graham. The Coota boys played 4 games throughout the day. They won 3 out 4 games.

The boys had an outstanding day despite being overlooked for selection. They should be very proud of their efforts.

Congratulations boys on your selection in the Coota District PSSA rugby union squad. More details nearer the Riverina trial date, Friday, 15 May in Wagga.

School captains, Jessalyn Wild and Lachlan Webb lay the wreath and a book at the Albert Park memorial.

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An evening dedicated to issues common to women of all ages with speakers who include local practitioners in all aspects of women’s health.
12th May, 2015: 7pm - 9.30pm
Cootamundra Public School Hall
$10 entry (incl light supper)
Enquiries phone 69422361
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Kinetic Education
As most of you would recall we sent out envelopes in October last year regarding an obligation free offer for families to view computer programs produced by Kinetic Education. We have today sent out the second round of offers. If you are interested in this please fill out the form and return the envelope to the front office as soon as possible.