Dear Parents and Carers,

**Mothers’ Day Stall**
REMINDER The stall is on Thursday, 7th May in the school hall. All students will be taken to do their shopping in class groups. They will be allowed to buy one item in their first visit. If they want to buy again they will be invited back after all students have had their first chance to shop.

Items will be very reasonably priced. Please send money in a sealed bag with their name on it. Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and all those who care for our children.

---

**Artists of the Month**

Once again it was incredibly difficult to choose a particular piece of artwork from each classroom as we have many talented artists at EA Southee. During this week’s assembly Braite Ormond, Brock Smith, Iliana Holmes, Lucy James, Skye Hanlon (absent), Darren Press, Ainslee Meale and Lilliana Chick (absent) were the lucky recipients of the title of “Artist of the Month”.

Their works of art are on display for all to see in the office foyer area.

---

**Coming Events for Term 1**

**May**

- **Wed, 6th** Riv Environmental Education Centre 5/6G & 5/6WA
- **Thurs, 7th** Mothers Day Stall
- **Fri, 8th** X-Country Championships
- **Regional Soccer Trials @ Cta**
- **Sun, 10th** Mothers Day
- **Tues, 12th** NAPLAN commences
- **Wed, 13th** REEC 1S & All Year 4
P&C Mothers Day Raffle
Tickets are available from school for $1.00 and are available at recess and lunch times. Don’t miss this opportunity to win a wonderful prize for Mothers Day. This raffle will be drawn on Friday.

NAPLAN Tests
Letters to all students in Years 3 and 5 were sent out and this is a reminder that the NAPLAN tests are on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday, 14th May (next week). We ask that all students attend on these days and if any medical appointments have been made on the mornings of these days please let us know as we can have a “catch up” time for any tests missed.

3/4W Assembly Item
On Monday last 3/4W did a Mark Leehy version of the farm favourite “Old Macdonald’s Farm”. This time the farm has been replaced by a car! The children delighted the audience with both vocal and visual action to put a twist on “Macdonald”. Visit https://youtu.be/khnmkSfvJ10

Returning Notes and/or money
It is very important that notes and/or money are returned by the due date as teachers who are organising activities quite often have to confirm bookings, travel, meals etc. The notes are returned to the classroom teacher or, if it is a sport note, it may need to be returned to the coach. Parents/carers who may need time to pay for excursions can pay in several payments before the excursion or see the Assistant Principals or Mrs McLeod and talk about payment options.

Elouera Public School
Elouera Public School is in need of a shade for their play equipment. We are in the process of organising a fundraiser to support them. After discussions with the SRC it was decided we will run a “yellow day” where all students can wear anything “yellow”. The cost for the day has not been officially decided but we are leaning towards making it a gold coin donation. Thank you in advance for supporting EA Southee and Elouera Public School. Please watch this space for final details. Courtney Hampton & Tahlia Morris

Southee Successes
Every student at EA Southee strives for excellence and this week Matilda Hartshorn, Stephanie Reddy, Brock Smith, Odessa Tregear, Georgia O’Mara, Courtney James and Madilyn Robinson were successful in gaining honour awards for all their hard work both in the classroom and out in the playground. Well done everybody!

If any student collects 10 pink achievement awards please bring them to the front office and during the following whole school assembly they will be awarded their honour award.

Learning Habit Awards
This week’s Learning Habit Award was for developing skills in the area of Reciprocity (empathy and listening).
The worthy recipients of this award were Madilyn Robinson, Millie Perry, Sarah Willis, Brianna Foster, Charlotte Synfield, Nathan Elmes, Hayden Kelly and Hapeta Slade. We are so proud of our students’ positive attitude to the learning.
Playground Pals
Southhee school has started a playground pal system that rewards students who follows our school motto of Sincerity, Perseverance and Self-Reliance. If a teacher sees students behaving, they get a card to put in a box in the office, there is one for infants and one for primary. Every second Monday, during a whole school assembly, three infants and three primary students are pulled out of the boxes and they get a prize each. This week congratulations goes to Makaya Whicker (absent), Asher Deece, Shay Hudson, Bailey James, Telisha McAinsh and Madilyn Robinson.

Absences
When a student is absent from school, the school must be notified on the day, or with a note on the day the student returns. The reason for the absence must be written on the note as the teacher has to mark the reason for the absence.

Debating Team
Last Thursday nine 5/6 students interested in debating went with Miss Hipwell to Wagga to attend a debating workshop. It was a very constructive and enjoyable day. Everyone learned some new skills and how to structure a great argument. Thank you to the parents who kindly volunteered to transport children on the day.

May - National Family Reading Month
Be a reading role model. Let your children see you reading - for enjoyment, for news and for information in cookbooks, magazines, online, etc. Children will follow your lead and reach for a book when you do.

New Students
EA Southhee School would like to welcome our new students - Jemma Fuery-McDonald, Jessica and Gabe Gersbach. Enjoy yourself and the rest of your time at Southhee. As you acquaint yourself with our values and rules

Zita McLeod, Principal
www.easouthee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 02 6942 1166
Woolworths Dominoes
The school library has been collecting the Woolworths dominoes are just short of having two complete sets. We are looking for 2x #3, 1x #4, 2x #10, 1x #18, 1x #20, 1x #26, 1x #42. We have lots of extras that we are willing to swap. Please see Mrs O’Dwyer or the front office if you can assist us.

Aussies of the Month

Niall Lambert and Bailey Slater were awarded the “Aussie of the Month” award during Monday’s assembly for excellent manners, caring for others and being a wonderful role model.

Cross Country Championships

Everyone is looking forward to our cross country championships on Friday. The Country Club has generously supported us once again by letting us use their golf course for this event. Students have had several practises with some students training and wanting parents to train with them!
Spectators are invited to attend and the finish line is in the school grounds.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District
is encouraging interested people from across the district to “Stand Up! Stand Out” at the Mental Health Consumer Forum which will be held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2015 at the Cootamundra Ex-Services Club. 9am - 2pm. Suitable for all ages. Free to attend (includes lunch, morning/afternoon tea. Register your attendance by contacting Yvonne Graham on 0260237168.

Every Woman’s Business

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
Proudly sponsored by Cootamundra Soroptimist International.
Check out the latest issue
April/May out now

Ask your librarian!
SpineOut
express yourself

A digital magazine for creative teenagers
Available to read from Riverina Regional Library’s website
Contributions are welcome
get published
for students ... by students

rrl.nsw.gov.au