Dear Parents and Carers,

Student Reports
All students have received their Semester 1 Reports and early next term teachers will be available for interviews. Letters will come home with available times listed and will need to be returned with preferences for times and days completed. As I read the reports I was very pleased to see the comments made by teachers about specific areas of improvement made by students and areas which will be covered by teachers in Semester 2. Our teachers know so much about how each student learns and it is obvious that they also care about all students’ wellbeing. Please try to attend an interview as it gives everyone time to discuss and plan for your child’s learning and wellbeing.

Pirate Day
On Thursday we had Pirate Day as a fundraiser for $265.00. The students looked great in their costumes and it is part of our SRC commitment to supporting charities and developing our students’ as citizens of the community.

Sophie Little, Yasmin Lambert and Madilyn Robinson and papier mache penguins

Paper Planes
Our Years 3 to 6 students attended the showing of “Paper Planes” at The Cootamundra Arts Centre on Monday. They really enjoyed the movie and all teachers reported very positively on the students’ behaviour on the walk and during the movie. We followed this up
with the great paper plane challenge. On Wednesday all students competed in the challenge with the finals held after lunch. Jesse Collins was the grand final winner with a massive effort. Students enjoyed the challenge and also learnt about following competition rules for fairness, supporting each other in a positive manner and how to manage a situation when all doesn't go according to plan! We had some wonderful “throws” but unfortunately a couple landed outside the throwing area so were disqualified. The students all took it in the right spirit and a wonderful day was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Glover who organised the rules, found some examples of how to make paper planes and coordinated the day.

Hungry children at recess time!

**Junior Primary Rotary Public Speaking 2015**
If you would like to watch Riley Holmes, Kerstyn Taylor, Alexandria Oliver, Reagan Duncan and Odessa Tregear participated in the Rotary Public Speaking held at our Assembly last week please follow the link. [http://www.easouthée-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home-notes/activities-on-video](http://www.easouthée-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home-notes/activities-on-video)

**Elouera School Donation**
The SRC ran a “Yellow Day” to support Elouera School in their fundraising for a shelter to cover their new outdoor play area. Our school captains, Jessalyn Wild and Lachlan Webb, presented the cheque for $250.00 to the students at the school. The students showed Jess and Lachie the equipment and the wheelchair accessible roundabout is especially enjoyed by the students. Thank you to everyone for supporting the SRC and this very special fundraiser for students in our Cootamundra community.

“Search for a Smile” auditions.

**NAIDOC**
NAIDOC Week is in the holidays and our recognition of this special time has been held this week. Year 6 students are at Cootamundra High School for NAIDOC activities and all classes are involved in activities here at school. The students' work will form part of a display next term and will also be used for The Proud and Deadly Awards at the end of the year.

**5/6WA study the weather**

**Holidays and School Development Day**
Thank you to everyone who supports our school by supporting our students, staff and The P&C. Southee is a very busy school with all our focus on student learning and their wellbeing. I look back at the calendar and realise how much staff put into our school to make it the wonderful learning place it is in our community. The learning that occurs every day is very clear when you see how our students are achieving and learning to be responsible for their learning and behaviour. Enjoy the holidays and encourage everyone to become involved and use the many great
facilities we have in the district. Staff return to school on Monday, 13th July with all students returning on Tuesday, 14th July. Our School Development on Monday will have sessions on HOW2Learn run by Mrs Woods, student wellbeing and KidsMatter run by Mrs Lawson and, in the afternoon, we will be playing mathematics games with Mrs Smart coordinating how we use games to further student understandings in this very important learning area.

Reading in 2/3H

Book Week is coming!
Our yearly parade down the main street to celebrate book week will occur on Friday, 28th August. Children will be asked to dress as book characters or as this year’s theme “Books light up our world”. Just something to test your imagination and the holidays is the ideal time to start preparations. Remember no sports people are allowed. The book fair will also run again this year from Monday, 24th August to Thursday, 27th August up in the Library. Enjoy your holidays.

Holiday Bike Ride.
During the July holidays Mr Glover and two others, (Lucy McGlynn and Liz Neville), will be travelling to Tennant Creek so they can ride their pushbikes to Alice Springs. Total distance of the ride being just over 500km. They hope to ride upwards of 100km per day. Why? Several years ago a young Cootamundra teenager was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and this has changed her life considerably. The ride has several purposes, one is to highlight that MS can affect both young and old and secondly, to raise funds for MS Australia. A target of $10 000 was set and as of today, nearly $9000 has been raised. If you would like to donate you can log onto Mr Glover’s account at https://my-personal-challenge.everydayhero.com/au/trevor or log onto www.everydayhero.com.au and look for Lucy’s ride for Chelsea.

Community Sport
Primary students will be involved with the Community Sports Program for five weeks during Term 3. Students will have the opportunity to nominate a sport – Golf ($20 with Mr Taber), Heated Pool ($25), Come Alive Gym ($25), Stadium ($20) or sport here at school. Children will receive permission notes at the beginning of Term 3 after they have nominated their sports. All permission notes must be returned with payment. Catch the details on notes issued next term.

Zita McLeod, Principal  www.easouthee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au  Phone: 02 6942 1166
Canteen is very popular during winter

**Charlotte’s Web with Miss Skinner**

Over the last four weeks in Mrs Lawson’s English class the students have been studying the story of Charlotte’s Web. We began with reading the first few chapters of the book as a class and we also watched the animated version of the movie. The students then worked in small groups to plan and compose their very own character descriptions. They brainstormed adjectives, descriptive language, used thesauruses, their imaginations and the Charlotte’s Web texts to develop their understandings of the character they had been given. They used their brainstorm planning pages to create interesting, descriptive and imaginative paragraphs. We spent two lessons in the computer lab where the groups took it in turns to type up their work and put it into an internet program called Prezi. The students also completed a survey and graph in regards to their favourite characters, created some beautiful drawings and developed some freeze frames in drama based around a summer’s day. I personally, have thoroughly enjoyed this English unit and was fascinated to see the students learn and grow. I am so proud of what they have achieved and am well aware of how hard they all worked to produce writing of such a high standard. I was blown away by the abilities and skills of the students in this class. Their team work, commitment and enthusiasm is to be commended. Your children should be very proud of what they have achieved! Please see below the link for the class Prezi that the students have produced:

https://prezi.com/yy2f4zdn0tle/34s-web-of-characters/

It has been a pleasure teaching your children!

Kind regards, Aimee Skinner, Student Teacher, Charles Sturt University

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**CADAS Kids Inc. presents Jack and the Spellbinding Beans**

CADAS Kids are well underway with rehearsals for the world premiere of “Jack and the Spellbinding Beans.” This unique version of the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk is written by local playwright Marty Boyle. The production is dedicated to Jenny and Hugh Roberts as a tribute to their many invaluable years with CADAS Kids. The pantomime is directed by Damian Smith. It is filled with heroes, villains and clowns, singing and dancing, colour and costume, lots of laughs and a smidgin of sadness - but all ends happily ever after. This family show is pitched at all ages. Be prepared to have your sides split with laughter. Production to be staged at the Town Hall on 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} July. There will be 4 performances. Thursday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} July @ 7pm. Friday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} July @ 7pm. Saturday 4\textsuperscript{th} July @ 11am (matinee) and 7pm. Tickets at Jak & Jill, Parker Street, Cootamundra. Any enquiries please contact 69421184.
CADAS KIDS INC
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Directed by Damian Smith

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Saturday 4th July

Tickets: Jak + Jill, Parker Street | Enquiries: 6942 1184

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### EVERY DAY COUNTS....

**A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...**

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*Give your child every chance to succeed...*  
*Every day counts!*
FELTED BOWLS

Join Tracey Luhrs for more handcrafted masterpieces

Learn the technique of resist felting to make a 3D bowl. Experiment with shape and colour and explore textural embellishments.

10 years and older $10 each (Adults staying to HELP are FREE)

Wednesday 8 July
Cootamundra Library
10.30am-12.30pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

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2 old towels
plastic shopping bags
Laughter for ALL the family. Sean will dish the dirt on kids’ parties. From acting with Chris Hemsworth to playing Thor at five-year-olds’ birthdays, Kids’ Party Confidential is a hilarious ride through the highs and humiliations of children’s entertainment. Kids laugh, thinking it’s fiction. Adults cry, knowing it’s all true!

Cootamundra Library
Tuesday June 30
10-11am
$5 each
Author Talk

Merideth Sindel

Caring for somebody with dementia

Cootamundra Library
Stephen Ward Rooms

Wednesday July 8
2.30pm

Phone: 02 6940 2200

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Cost: $22 per child

10am - 11am for years 1, 2 and 3
11am – 12noon for years 4, 5 and 6

Where: Cootamundra library
Contact Cootamundra Library