Dear Parents and Carers,

The St George Skiparoos

We welcomed students from St George Christian College for a skipping exhibition. Their skills were amazing and will be an inspiration for Term 3 skipping “Jump Rope For Heart” activities. The teacher with them said she looked up our school website and it told her so much about our school. On the website are the School Plan and also the 2014 Annual School Report, which also give a lot of information about programs and activities at Southee.

Junior Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to the finalists of the Junior Public Speaking. The finals will be held on Monday, 15th June at 2.00 pm, in the school hall. The students from Years 3 and 4 delivered excellent speeches with confidence and enthusiasm. Even though some students were nervous, they persisted and completed their speech. If you would like to hear the speeches, you are very welcome to attend.

Sporting News

We wish the students who are attending Regional Cross Country- Lachlan Webb, Samantha Graham and Niall Lambert - all the best for their races. We also have the boys and girls playing in the Mortimer Shield for rugby league and league tag on Friday at Junee and hope that all the training pays off with them having an enjoyable day in this team sport. Our netballers play in the next round of the state knockout on Tuesday 16th June at

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12.30 against Young Public School at Nicholson Park. Best wishes to the team and thank you Mrs Woods for your involvement with the netball.

“Paper Planes”
Students in Years 3-6 will be invited to attend the screening of the movie “Paper Planes” at The Cootamundra Arts Centre on Monday, 22nd June. Permission notes will be sent out next week and the cost will be $6.00, with the school paying for the bus transport if the weather is not good for walking.

School Development Day Term 3
The first day of Term 3, Monday, 13th July will be a School Development Day. Staff will be:- learning more about HOW2Learn strategies and putting these into student learning activities; KidsMatter and student and staff wellbeing; and “playing games” so teachers learn a broader range of activities to use in the classroom for mathematics learning. The first day for students will be Tuesday, 14th July.

EA Southee Mortimer Shield Team
“The Biggest Morning Tea” for Cancer Research
We held our morning tea and enjoyed all the great food supplied by the staff. The total amount raised was $291.30, with $125.00 being donated by Peta Glover from the District Cross Country coffee cart. Thank you Peta for your donation and for the much appreciated coffee at the start of a very cold day!

School Performance Term 3
Mrs Smart has the whole school performance well under way with students trying out for main parts, songs and choreography being organised for each class. Keep watching the newsletter for updates and important information. Lots of hard work goes into these performances, by all students and staff of EA Southee so please do not miss these fantastic evening presentations.

P&C Major Raffle
Tickets for our major raffle have been sent home. All families will receive a book of 10 tickets @ $2.00 each. ALL TICKETS both sold and unsold MUST be returned to the school by 26th June, 2015. This raffle will be drawn in Term 4 at Presentation Night.
The Green Brigade Program is available to children aged 5 - 15 years old to participate in a unique behind-the-scene experience on Thursday 9 July 2015, 8:30am - 1:30pm. All participants must complete a Legal Liability Form to participate in the program. Forms are to be presented upon registration on the day. Legal Liability Form: [Legal Liability Form]. Activity Breakdown: [Green Brigade Outline].
- Exclusive access and guided tour of Raiders HQ - Gym facilitates, video room & change room
- Guided Tour of GIO Stadium Canberra and briefing on game day operations
- Access to NRL Squad Private Session: Captain’s Run at GIO Stadium
- NRL preparation and recovery briefing - delivered by Raiders Football Department & 1-hour skills session with NRL development officers
- Green Brigade Participant Pack
- Morning tea and lunch

Green Brigade Participant Pack includes:
- 2 for 1 ticket coupon for any Raiders home match in season 2015
- $10 Raiders Merchandise Voucher
- Raiders drink bottle
- Signed NRL Poster
- Membership Card with attached benefits (e.g. Food discounts at GIO Stadium, 10% Raiders Shop Discount)

THE GREEN BRIGADE
JUNIOR (5 - 15 YEARS)
$30.00

Stephanie Reddy, Telisha McAinsh, Tanika Smith, Charlotte Heritage and Teddy Barnes enjoying the winter sun during lunch.

Reagan Dungan, Odessa Tregear, Alex Oliver, Stevie Hartshorn and Haileigh Neaves organising the tags for their league tag games tomorrow.

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Jai Glover takes the ball down for a shot at goal.

Year 2/3 Maths Groups learning about rotation, reflection and flipping of objects.

League Tag Team #1

League Tag Team #2

NRL Holiday Clinic
Wednesday, 1st July, 2015
10am - 1pm Nicholson Park.
Available for both boys and girls between 5-14 years old
The cost is $40 which is fantastic value as the kids receive a number of items on the day. Parents need to register and pay online, it is quite simple just click on the link below and it has all the details including what they receive in their NRL pack.
http://www.playnrl.com/programs/

Check out our website
E A Southern Public School
Scan the above code with a QR scanning app on your smart device, or alternatively you can checkout our website with the URL www.easouthee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

2/3L portraying John Simpson and his donkey for their Anzac studies.
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

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My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.
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10.30am-12.30pm

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Tuesday June 30
10-11am
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