Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3. We have a varied range of opportunities for students this term, with the major focus being the whole school musical. All the preparations for this event will cause great excitement and anticipation. Our English and Mathematics programs will continue and the focus will be on continual student improvement. Our school vision statement is “Through the pursuit of excellence, wellbeing and community partnerships, we will enable all students to become successful, confident lifelong learners”. With our students being encouraged, and given these many learning, sporting and cultural opportunities, we work towards this for every student.

Mr Wing has taken some well-earned long service leave and his teaching roles are being filled by Mr Glover, Mr Dorczak and Miss Bondurak. These teachers are following the program which Mr Wing has in place for his English, Mathematics and home classes.

The Weather!!

Please make sure your child has a jacket and jumper at school as we do try to give them some “fresh air” time each day, even though it is cold. Names on clothing is so important and helps us to return items quickly! We used the hall as an eating area and students today were given the choice at lunch time to play crab soccer in the hall, play under the COLA areas or go to the library and use the indoor games/watch ABC3/use ipads and computers.

Kidsmatter

Introducing the Action Team for the Kidsmatter program as part of our school planning for 2015. This program is supported by Beyond Blue, the APS - Australian Psychological Society, Australian Government and Principals Australia Institute. One of the main focuses for this year is “The Practices of a Positive School Community.” And a major component of this is “Inclusiveness”. We do value the community’s input. Please contact Mrs Merren Lawson, Wellbeing Co-Ordinator if you require further information either by facebook or email.

Coming Events for Term 1

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Term 3 Week 1 – Thursday, 16th July, 2015

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“Sticks and Stones” Performance
In discussions with the P&C and staff, it was decided to limit visiting performances to our school because we already have many opportunities which, a lot of the time, have a cost attached. Our only booked performance is by the company “brainstorm”, which has visited our school in previous years and has always received excellent feedback from teachers and students. The performance “Sticks and Stones” is for Kindergarten to Year 6, will cost $5.00 and is on Thursday, 23 July, 2015. The theme of the performance is how to solve problems without fighting. Please return the note and money to classroom teachers. If it is difficult for families to meet the cost if they have several students at school, please contact Mrs McLeod to organise payment arrangements.

Taylum Baverstock, Jessica Gatto and Tahlia Morris in the computer lab.

BOOK FAIR IS COMING

NAIDOC at Southee
We recognised NAIDOC on Friday, 26th June with all classes completing activities. Year 6 attended Cootamundra High School and joined in with their activities which included boomerang throwing, decorating jewellery and a movie.

Bayley Hamilton, Matilda Hartshorn, Lilliana Chick and Charli Leggett working together during Maths.

Year 6 Shirts
Today the Year 6 T-shirts arrived and students received a note about finalising payment. Once full payment has been received our Year 6 will ‘step out’ in their new 2015 shirts. Students MUST remember that for formal occasions they will be required to wear full school uniform (maroon) and sportswear (yellow) for Friday sport or representative sport. We look forward to seeing our Year 6 in their new shirts as the tradition continues. This year the students voted to raise awareness and support the PKU Association.

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Chess Workshops
Chess workshops will commence next week at lunch time for students wishing to join a school team which will compete at the Riverina One-Day Chess Tournament in Wagga on Thursday, 6th August. Each team consists of three members. Last year Southee had a very successful tournament taking out the Bronze Medal.

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Youth Group
Youth Group will commence on Friday, 24th July, 2015 at the Stadium. 7pm-9pm. Gold coin donations.
Mr Alby Schultz – former local councillor, State Member of Parliament, Federal Member of Parliament and committed family man to Gloria, his children and grandchildren.

We offer our sincere condolences to the Schultz family on the death of Alby. As I listened to some of our senior students discussing Alby, as they all called him, it was with deep respect and affection from their contact with him through his grandchildren or as friends of their families. We all know Alby had “fought the good fight” and had been willing to undergo treatment, which helped him and also assisted with research into cancer treatments. This was so typical of Alby as a person who was deeply committed to helping and contributing to the wellbeing of all and was a frequent visitor to our school to proudly support his grandchildren and other students at Southee.

Come and hear this unique children’s choir from Uganda, Africa.
Wednesday, 22nd July @ 7pm.
Cootamundra High School

This is a free event. Any donations will be gratefully received.

About the Choir
Each of the children in the choir has suffered the loss of their parents either through war or disease. They live in Watoto children’s villages. The experience gives the children exposure to other cultures broadening their worldview. It also gives them confidence and boldness and helps them rise up out of their situation of sadness and despair.

All raffle tickets, sold or unsold, must be returned to the school.