Dear Parents and Carers,

**Education Week Activities**

**Open Day and Family Picnic**
On Friday the school community is invited to visit the classrooms to see displays of work and then join everyone for a picnic lunch in the playground. **The open class rooms are from 12.00 until 12.30 with lunch at 12.30. Lunch orders are available and the order form has been sent home yesterday or parents may bring something in. Please bring picnic rugs etc. as the ground is very damp. We are hoping for one of those beautiful, sunny winter Cootamundra days to enjoy our grounds and the games being organised by the SRC.**

**Senior Public Speaking Finals**
Our week started off very well with the Senior Public Speaking Finals conducted at our whole school assembly on Monday. Congratulations to all the finalists and to the winner, Lachlan Webb. It is interesting to note the wide range of topics chosen by the speakers, from serious to humorous, and the differing presentation styles.

**Coming Events for Term 1**

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Lachlan Webb awarded 2015 Senior Public Speaker.

**Trent Barrett Shield**
Year 3 and 4 students attended the Trent Barrett Shield competition in Murrumburrah and, while not winning on the day, had an enjoyable time playing in teams for our school. For some students this is the first time they have played in representative teams. Speaking with them on their return, they said that they had a "great fun day". Students have been attending coaching sessions at lunch times and we thank Miss Anstice, Mr Reddy and parents who have assisted with training, transport and team management on the day.

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Community Sport
Cootamundra is very lucky to have excellent sporting facilities and our community sports program, for Years 3 to 6, begins this Friday. We will be using the heated pool, the gymnasium, the stadium, the golf course and our school grounds. We appreciate that there is a cost for these sports activities but it has been discounted for us. The sport activity at school does not cost anything.

100 Awards
Proud parents Annette and Gill Kelly and grandparents Mary and Eric Koth were in the assembly audience on Monday to watch Jessalyn Wild receive her Bronze Medallion for obtaining 100 achievement awards.

YEAR 6 SHIRTS
As in previous years the Year 6 students have chosen to support and promote a community health project as a part of their Year 6 names shirt. After a great deal of discussion we chose PKU research to promote and fundraise in our final semester of primary school. PKU or Phenylketonuria is a rare genetic metabolic disorder. Basically the liver cells are unable to effectively break down the amino acid called phenylalanine, which is present in most foods. When left untreated, this builds up in the bloodstream becoming toxic and over time rises to dangerous levels, damaging the brain causing mental retardation and other irreversible affects. PKU affects one in ten thousand (1 in 10,000) babies born in NSW each year. We're looking forward to running some fun and yummy activities which everyone will support and help us raise funds for this worthy cause. For more information checkout their website www.pkunsw.org.au.

Honour Awards
Our honour award recipients this week were Toby Hefren, Halle Nicka, Lexie Blundell, Telisha McAinsh, Alexandria Oliver, Amelia Sheather, Stephanie Reddy, Skye Hanlon and Chloe Campbell. Congratulations on achieving 10 awards.

Artists of the Month
Miss Bondaruk presented our talented artists, Tristin Hourn, Michael Perry, Matilda Hartshorn, Charlotte Terry, Riley Holmes and Matilda Whicker with their artwork and certificate during

ALL RAFFLE TICKETS DUE BACK
BOOK FAIR IS COMING
Monday’s assembly. These beautiful works of art are on display in our foyer for all to see. Please do not hesitate to call past for a viewing.

Learning Habit Awards
Mrs Wood presented the Learning Habit Awards to Alexandria Oliver, Kerstyn Taylor, Rebekah Elmes, Sarah Elmes, Madilyn Robinson, Eli Voigt, Iliana Holmes and Liam Thompson for applying and using their learning skills in class.

BOOK FAIR IS COMING
24th – 27th August

Sticks ‘n’ Stones
Last week the Southee students enjoyed a travelling show called “Sticks ‘n’ Stones”. It was about friendship and how you can control your emotions. The children loved the humour in the show and how it taught us how to be a mate! Thanks Brainstorm Productions! (Logan Collins, photo & story)

Book Week Parade
This year the Book Week Parade will be on Friday, 28th August. As in previous years we will be joining with Cootamundra Public School and Stockinbingal Public School to parade up and down Parker Street in our book character costumes. Start planning for a fun filled day!

Lost Property: Please check your childrens’ jumpers and jackets. If a jacket or jumper has arrived home and has another child’s name on it please return to the front office so that it can be re-united with the owner.

EDUCATION WEEK MEAL DEAL
Friday, 31st July, 2015

Name: ____________________ Class ______
☐ Hot Dog or
☐ Chicken Wrap or
☐ Large Pie
☐ Choc Milk or
☐ Strawberry Milk or
☐ Focus Water

Tea/Coffee will be available

$5.00
Love them or not, people are fascinated by reptiles. During Book Week kids are invited to libraries around the region to see, touch and learn about some of Australia’s varied and unique reptiles and amphibians, to learn the value of biodiversity and conservation of all flora and fauna and talk about the effects of human impact on our ecosystems.

**COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY**

**Wednesday**  
26th August  
1-2pm

**KIDS 5-13yrs**  
$5 each

**BOOK NOW!**

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