Dear Parents and Carers,

Badge Presentation Assembly
As part of our leadership program students are elected to the SRC, from each class, for a semester. Congratulations to those students who have carried out their role so well in Semester 1. Our Semester 2 students received their badges from Mr Neil Reaper, Principal Cootamundra High School, at Monday’s assembly. Each student had a family member or staff member pin their badge on. These students will attend the regular SRC meetings, bring ideas to the meeting and report back to their class on the meeting’s decisions. We give a big welcome to our Kindergarten representatives to the SRC for Semester 2.

Public Speaking
Lachlan Webb, Reagan Duncan and Samantha Graham presented their speeches to The Cootamundra Rotary Club at their meeting on Tuesday evening. The students impressed the club members with their manner and the content of the speeches. The wearing of the school uniform, with badges attached, certainly showed that our students are proud of our school and appreciates the many opportunities available for them.

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Our School
We have recently had two assessments of our school facilities. Our cleaning contractors held an inspection and once again praised Mr Clarke on the cleanliness of all areas of our school. We thank Mr Clarke for the excellent work he continually does to keep our school clean and hygienic. Our facilities manager from Wagga also held an inspection of our school and the overall condition of all buildings, inside and outside, is excellent. We have continuously upgraded and maintained the school and we often receive comments from visitors on the excellent buildings and facilities we have. Our next major projects will be upgrading the soft fall areas around the play equipment, putting in a

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path from the gate in Phillips Street to the cement and investigating a heating/cooling system for the hall. These will be major investments and have been discussed at P&C meetings.

Aussie of the Month
Gemma Fuery-McDonald was the very deserving recipient this month’s ‘Aussie’ award. This was presented to her during Monday’s assembly for her excellent manners, caring for others and being a wonderful role model. Congratulations Gemma!

Aliza Schultz with her very proud mum and dad, Debbie and Dean.

Proud and Deadly Awards
The Proud and Deadly Awards have been finalised with Mr Glanville, our elder in Cootamundra, reviewing and co-signing them. The award ceremony for all district schools will be held in Term 4, with our school again hosting them. If your child has been nominated for an award you will receive an invitation to attend the evening. Other school community members are also welcome to attend. Further news on dates will be sent out in Term 4.

Book Week Parade
The Book Week Parade will be Friday, 28th August commencing at 12.45pm from the corner of Parker and Wallendoon Streets. We will parade up and back down Parker Street then over to Jubilee Park for a family picnic. We hope all the children have worked out what character they will be parading as. Just remember....no sports people allowed. Use your imagination!!!
Kurtis Robinson and Izabella Irving received their honour awards during Monday's assembly.

District Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all students who have been selected to our school team. They will be competing at Temora on Friday and we wish them the best of luck with all their events. Mrs Lawson will be the supervising teacher and parents will also attend. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help transport students to Temora.

Our Juvenile Champions.

"Mind Sport" Chess Tournament
Congratulations to our two teams which competed at the NSW Junior Chess League’s One Day Chess Tournament at Wagga’s Sturt Public School last Thursday. The tournament attracted seventy teams, with three players making up a team. Team A - Logan Collins, Jai Glover and Michael Perry. Team B: Seth Schultz, Lachlan Sedgwick and Lachlan Webb. With players scoring a point for a win and half point for a draw, our teams finished seventh (Team B - 11 points) and eighth (Team A - 10.5 points). The tournament winners, Sturt Public finished on 14.5 points. Three of our squad, Seth Schultz, Lachlan Sedgwick and Michael Perry had very impressive tournaments claiming five out of a possible six points in the highly competitive top five tables during the day. Well done to all the players for their persistence and positive representation of themselves and the school on the day. Thank you also to Dean Schultz for helping with travel arrangements which allows our students the opportunity to match their skills in this sport of the minds. Our school Chess Championships (Jnr Open, Snr Boys and Snr Girls) will be held in Term 4.

Book Fair
Visiting the library will be like visiting a bookstore just for children! You and your child will discover a wonderland of new and exciting children’s books. Free book marks are given with each book purchase. Lucky door tickets for each visiting adult will be given, from which 6 winners will be drawn to receive a $10 voucher to use at the fair. We are looking forward to seeing you at the fair.

Writers of the Month
Seth Schultz, Caitlyn Smith, Alexis Hii, Ashlee Irving, Emma Barnes, Jaiden Duncan and Stevie Hartshorn received an award for their imaginative written work. Congratulations! These works are on display in the office foyer for all to see.
A study published last year has provided further support to what Healthy Kids has always suspected; if you tell kids that a food is good for them, they will eat less. In the study on preschoolers by Maimaran and Fishbach, the researchers used a story to convey messages about a cracker. In one story the health benefits of the food were emphasised. In the other, the food was referred to as ‘yummy’ only. The food was then presented on a table for kids to eat if they chose. The ‘yummy’ story resulted in kids eating more.

"eating this will make you strong". The benefit happens after you have finished the activity, in this case eating a cracker. If the focus is on the instrumental benefit (e.g. make you strong), the children are less likely to believe that it can fulfill the experiential benefit too (be tasty). The study authors admit that, for teenagers, it works differently. “They're able to understand that, if some food is good for one thing, it might also be tasty for them,” Maimaran says. But certainly for primary school children, keeping the message to taste only, or giving no message about the food, is best.

So what do I tell my kids? - What does this mean for you? When talking to kids about eating fruit and veg at Crunch&Sip time (or anytime really), encourage discussion about the taste. Or don’t say anything at all and let the food speak for itself!

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.

Primary Schools Disco
This Friday, 14th August, 2015
Cootamundra Ex-Services Club Auditorium
6pm-8pm
$5.00 entry
Lucky Door Prize
Prizes throughout the night
Drinks and chips will be available
Parents MUST drop off and collect children from auditorium door.
(Supervised by EA Southee P&C)

BOOK FAIR IS COMING
24th – 27th August
9am – 4pm
EA Southee Library