Dear Parents and Carers,

**“Search For A Smile”**

The rehearsals are progressing very well for our musical “Search For A Smile”. The teachers are finishing organising props and costumes, all ready for the matinee next Tuesday and the evening performances on Wednesday and Thursday. The students are rehearsing together and seeing how the show fits together. Tickets are available at the office and all information for the musical has been sent out on a separate note. Hope to see everyone at the RSL Club to see our wonderfully talented students in the musical.

**Kangaroo March Research**

Our senior students researched local soldiers who enlisted to fight in World War 1. The research was used to commemorate ANZAC Day and has been on display in The Stephen Ward Rooms at the town library. The research was judged during the week with Lachlan Sedgwick’s research receiving first prize and Seth Schultz’s first prize for artistic presentation. These two entries, along with some of the other research works, will be displayed in Sydney at Parliament House. This is a very great achievement for our students and they are to be commended on their interest, research and presentation using digital technology. At the Friday Kangaroo March event, five students will read their research on soldiers and at Saturday’s event four soldiers’ stories will be read. Our students will join the march into town on Friday and walk with the Kangaroo March group from Stratton Park to Albert Park. Everyone is invited to attend both events and all the information is in the Cootamundra Herald.

**Cricket**

The cricket season is getting closer and we welcomed Nathan Lyon and Mickey Edwards to our school. The students were very excited to meet Nathan, as many had watched him playing and bowling in the Test Matches in England this...
season. Mickey Edwards is an up and coming player who has recently been signed by the NSW Blues. He is also a bowler but is a very tall, fast bowler. Unfortunately, it was wet when they came to school and the senior boys, who had themselves organised to have the cricketers down at the nets, didn't get to see the two bowlers in action in our cricket nets. However, I saw several players with Nathan, who showed them some tricks they could use to practise and improve their bowling skills. The two players happily talked with students, signed equipment the students had brought in, and signed many posters.

Earn & Learn
Earn and Learn stickers have now finished and I bet you are all amazed/shocked at how much you spend at Woolworths. We appreciate you all shopping at Woolies as you are helping us supply so many craft items for our students to use. If you have stickers still at home please bring them in to school by next week as we need to send them off to redeem for points.

2/3L and the Mad Hatters Tea Party
Natural History Excursion - School Holidays
Dr David Read, Natural Resources Manager for Wagga Wagga Council has agreed to do a spotlight tour of mammals on the Bland Creek north of Stockinbingal on Friday, 25th September these coming school holidays. Dr Read came to the Stockinbingal Landcare Field Day in June to create awareness of nocturnal mammals in our area, and it paved the way to organise a field evening. Bats, wallabies, possums, gliders are on the agenda for viewing. Dr Read shall also do a commentary as the tour continues. Imrie Bus Services Cootamundra are providing the vehicle and driver for the 4 hours at a cost of $12.00 per person. Both children and adults are welcome to attend but please book early as there is a maximum of 37. Time: 6.45 for 7.00pm departure. Return by 11pm. 
Meeting: Cootamundra High School & Stockinbingal Bowling Club (7.30pm).
Payment: $12/head (correct money please) to be paid to driver.
Bookings: Alan East 0407428888 or alan.east1612@gmail.com.
Bring a strong torch, suitable clothing but no food or drink onto bus.

Rebekah Elmes, Leila Ismay, Lucy James (winner of the Infants Dopes with Ropes) and Halle Nicka.

Touch Football Knockout
On Tuesday, 1st September, 13 girls from Years 5 and 6 went to Nicholson Park to compete against Cootamundra Public School, as part of the first stage of the Riverina Touch Football Competition. The girls had an excellent game, putting into place many of the strategies they had been working on during training. Due to this and a great sense of teamwork on the day, Millie Perry and Samantha Graham scored two tries for our team. Unfortunately, due to a tough defence and a few injuries, the girls lost the game 2-3. Thank you to all the girls who participated on the day, and the rest of the students who helped us out during training.

Jump Rope For Heart
Our special assembly showcased the speed skipping skills and "dopes with ropes" competitions. The finals were held with the school community enthusiastically encouraging all finalists. The winner of the speed skipping was Millie Perry with
the “dopes with ropes” winners being Ryan Nicka and Lucy James. The adult skipping competition was again won by Mrs O’Dwyer who continues to impress everyone with her fitness and speed skipping skills. Sponsorship money is still being accepted and it is needed by the end of term so Mrs Glover can finish all the paperwork and send away for the thank you gifts.

Riverina PSSA Athletics
Last week four students represented our school at the Riverina PSSA Track & Field Athletics Championships in Albury. Results were as follows:- Tussie Randall - 100m 13th place 15.26sec, 200m 17th place 31.97sec. Alexandria Oliver High Jump Equal 4th 1.05m, Charli Waples Shot Put 6th place 7.03m and Jai Glover High Jump Equal 5th 1.30m. A lot of experience was gained on the day and the students had an awesome time.

Cootamundra Junior Rugby League
Change of Date: Presentations will take place on Saturday, 19th September at the Central Hotel commencing at 11.30am

Coota Summer Soccer Comp
6 v 6
Junior Comp 5-16 yrs $15 per person
Adult - mixed & mens comps $350.00 team (max 10/team)
Tuesday Night Comp starts 20th October
More information contact Ray 0419123508 or cootasummersoccer@gmail.com
Register online www.myfootballclub.com.au

Eric Chick, Bailey James and Bailey Slater enjoy computer time.

Skippers during lunch