Coming Events for Term 1

March, 2016
Fri, 11th  Soccer Clinic
Whole School Assembly (Cancelled)
Mon, 14th  Regional Basketball @ Albury
Fete Meeting @ 6.30pm
Tues, 15th  Parents Easter Hat Making 2pm
Fri, 18th  FETE! FETE! FETE!
Mon, 21st  P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Tues, 22nd  School Photos
Wed, 23rd  K-2 visit Nursing Home
Thurs, 24th  K-2 Easter Hat Parade 2pm

5/6 English
This week Mrs Glover’s 5/6 English Group have been participating in the Primary Research Project. The Primary Research Project is a way to foster the growth of research and analytical skills in our students. It is a national program for upper primary students. The Project has 40 multiple choice questions which cover a range of topics form Social Science, Geography, History and Science. Students are allowed to use varied resources to help answer the questions. They are given a week to complete the challenge. Some of the questions are very challenging and these aim to encourage perseverance and analytical skills.

Fete/P&C News
Hamper Raffle
Our out-of-uniform day is today, Thursday, with students asked to bring in grocery items for the kitchen/laundry/bathroom. This could include food, drinks, cleaning products etc. The donated items will be part of a hamper to be raffled at the fete.
Fete Meeting
A final organisation meeting will be held on Monday, 14th March at 6.30 in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.
EAS Chicken Hatchery
The children have been keeping a very close eye on the incubator over the last week. Excitement is building! This morning a couple of teachers checked on the eggs. They were so excited to announce they could hear cheeping coming from the eggs and some pecking taking place. It looks like today will be the day we will have chickens.
Indianna Cocorelis and Lexie Blundell take some time to read our Writers of the Month stories.

Bailey James, Stephen Whicker, Luke Spears, Robert McDonald, Bailey Slater, Darren Press and Nathan Elmes (front)

Tori Craw-Reid, Samantha Graham, Alexandria Oliver, Odessa Tregear and Stevie Hartshorn.

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Finishing Time at School
Many of our students travel by bus and the first bus to leave the school in the afternoon is meant to depart the school at 3.30pm. This is very difficult for students to get to bus lines and for teachers who are on duty to get there on time as our final bell goes at 3.30pm. I am investigating a change to our finishing time, changing to 3.25pm, to better meet the bus timetables. Please contact the school if this change would cause you any difficulties if you regularly pick your child/children up from school.

Regional Swimming
Last Monday Charli Leggett and Macei Nicka travelled to Albury as members of the Cootamundra District team to contest the Riverina PSSA swimming championships. Charli recorded a PB tim of 44.42 for the 50m freestyle and finished 6th. Charli came 9th overall in the junior girls breaststroke event. In her 50m freestyle race Macei came in at 9th overall placing. A great effort by both keen swimmers.

Starting Time at School
Bus students enter the playground from their buses and wait in the COLA unless they are at Breakfast Club. All students who live in town are allowed to enter the school grounds when the 9.00am bell goes. They either play or can go to Breakfast Club after 9.00am. Breakfast Club is free and can be used by any student who may need breakfast or who needs a little bit of extra food or drink before classes start. Students who arrive early must wait outside the school until the bell goes.

Attendance at School
Students are expected to attend school every day. If they do not attend school then an absence note must be sent to the classroom teacher explaining why the student was absent. We understand that
life can be very busy so we are checking our records and if notes have not been sent in we will send a reminder home with the dates listed so notes can be sent back.

UNSW International Competitions & Assessments (ICAS)
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students. The assessments comprise eight Digital Technologies tests, eleven English tests, eleven Maths tests, eleven Science tests, six Spelling tests and ten Writing tests. For more than 30 years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) has continuously improved and enhanced ICAS. All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students’ skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Each test is sat at the student’s school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions. Administration Guidelines are provided to the schools with the ICAS papers to ensure that the same conditions are afforded to all students sitting ICAS. Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year. If you would like your child to participate in one or more of the above tests please indicate on an envelope which subject or subjects you wish your child to participate in and return to the front office with the correct money no later than Thursday, 24th March, 2016. Please note these assessments are available for Years 3-6 with the Spelling Assessment being available for Years 2-6.

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Tell them from Me survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative; the Tell Them from Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effecting teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them from Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14th March and 8th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please contact the school for a form by Friday, 11th March. The FAQ’s and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are also available from the website above.

Miss A has had the girls into LeagueTag training.
2017 Kindergarten Enrolments
Notes (yellow) will be sent home today for people expressing an interest in enrolling a child or children into our Kindergarten class commencing in 2017. Children will be eligible to commence school next year if they turn 5 before 31st July, 2017. If you have any children, or know of any children who were born between August, 2011 and July, 2012 please fill in the form and return it to school at your earliest convenience.

General Bus Transport Permission Notes
Sport next Monday will be our last sporting lesson at the pool. Once again due to the expected hot weather we have organised bus transport to and from the pool. Please make sure your child has returned the (pink) bus permission note.

School Photographs
School photographs will take place on Tuesday, 22nd March in our school hall. Please note that envelopes and money are to come to school on that day only and must be handed to the photographer.

Come and enjoy the Southdee Fete
Friday, 18th March 5.30 - 7.30
fun games, stalls, exhibitions, rides, food, BBQ, drinks & much more
Bring your family and friends for a great evening out

5/6G making posters for the Fete.

Your family school for quality learning, opportunities, and care
My mum

My mum was good at cooking. She was a good teacher because she helped me cook.

When my mum sang she sounded like an angle. She sung at parties just for fun.

My mum was kind ask my friends. She helped me with my homework like a good mum would.

My mum was beautiful. Everyone would say.

When it was our birthday she would help set up. She would bake a cake she was good at parties.

My nan would say my mum was a good well behaved girl. My aunties would say she was well behaved.

Ask my dad he would say my mum was really sweet. She helped the disabled and help raise money.

She helped me with the garden when I was five she helped until she died. Now i take her advice and my garden will not die.

Ask my friends they would say she spoiled them and let them watch movies.

Mum how I miss you and everyone will agree you were all those things. I will visit you soon to say hello at your grave.

By Caitlyn Smith

19.10.15
Oscar the owl

By Katherine Diwa
2/3H

On the weekend me, my mum, my sister and my dad went to Woolies after we went to Wagga Wagga.

When we went inside Woolies, I saw an owl and a monkey toy and they cost $8. I really wanted the owl toy and his name was Oscar. When my mum, dad and my sister were ready to go to the party, I said to my mum that I really liked the owl toy. But my mum said I couldn’t buy it. So we went to the party.

When my new friends called me to play, my mum and my sister went back to Woolies and my sister saw the owl that I wanted. She bought it and they also bought a pack of biscuits for school. When my sister and my mum were ready to go back to the party, my mum told my sister that I had to go back inside and she told me that I had the owl that I wanted.

After the party, I got to have three balloons to take home. When we got inside the car, I saw my favourite owl toy and I said to my sister “thank you,” because she bought it for me.
Skipping is my most favourite exercise. I can do double Dutch and criss cross and double unders. Pop and Marg swing the rope so I can jump in the rope. I feel proud.

By Deklan Smith KF
Under the Sea

Under the sea there are dolphins, fish, sharks, stingray and octopus. There are sinking boats. There is pirates treasure. There are killer whales. There are loads of animals. You can catch fish and you can swim in the sea. It is fun.

Brock Smith