FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and students
We have had a wonderful start to the year. The new students and 2013 Kindergarten students have settled in quickly and happily to school routines. We have had an excellent response by the students to wearing school uniform and hats in the playground each day.
Thank you to everyone who has personally introduced themselves to me. I feel very welcome at Corowa South and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Mrs Karen Kissell - Principal

Swimming Practice
This Thursday, students in Year 2 (who can swim 25 metres) – Yr 6 will attend the Corowa Pool to practise for the Zone carnival which will be held at Yarrawonga pool on Tuesday 19th February. The purpose is to provide confidence and carnival procedures to the children. Children will be encouraged to have a go.
Staff attending – Mrs Kissell, Mrs Read, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Mathews. Ms Emma Backhouse and Mr Garry Taylor will be assisting.
NB – Miss Bethany Francis will be replacing Mrs Taylor on Yr 1/2 for Thursday.
We will be timekeeping and using the lane ropes, which may be new to some of the children.
Travel will be by bus. Parents are welcome to attend.

Kinder/Year 1 News
Year 1 students are showing great leadership skills in assisting the Kindergartens’ adjustment to primary school. The Kindergarten students are learning the classroom rules. These rules are designed to provide a happy and safe environment to enable each students’ knowledge and skill development to progress appropriately. We look forward to an exciting year of discovery in 2013.
Lee McDonald – Class Teacher

Year 5/6 News
Years 5/6 and Mrs Kissell have been busily getting to know one another.
Homework this week is for the students to write a letter to Mrs Kissell to introduce themselves. The students should share some of their interests and favourite activities at school.
We are looking forward to a great year ahead.
Karen Kissell – Class Teacher

Dates to Remember/Permission Notes to Return

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PARENT/COMMUNITY HELPERS
Mrs Regan is looking for volunteers who are interested in giving some of their time to assist teachers in the classroom, initially in the areas of numeracy and literacy. If you are a parent, grandparent or lively retiree who has an hour or more in a week to spare, we would like to hear from you. Please phone the school and leave your details with Mrs Mathews and Mrs Regan will get back to you within the fortnight.

P & C Meeting – Monday 18th February 2013
The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant and nominations are welcome. Please contact the school. All parents welcome to attend.

Parent Concerns
A reminder to parents and guardians, please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions. Often a quick phone call or question to the child’s teacher or office can quickly clarify the situation or provide guidance to minimise frustration and anxiety.

Hot lunches
The Guy Street store will provide lunch orders to the students each Thursday. Orders need to be placed in the box, located in the office on Monday or Tuesday. A menu was on the back of last week’s newsletter.

Labelling Personal Equipment
In order to help students look after their possessions and reduce the amount of lost property, parents are reminded to please label: drink bottles, lunch boxes, hats, jumpers.

Active After Schools Program (AASP)
The 2013 program will be commencing later in the term. Please check future newsletters for details regarding times and starting date.

Corowa Girl Guides
are getting ready for another busy and exciting year! Girls, you can be part of it too!

MURRAY GUIDES – 6 to 9 years - Mondays 4.00 to 5.30pm during school terms.
ACTIVITIES - Games, Outdoors, Cooking, Skills, Leadership and many more!

GUIDE UNIT – 10 to 14 years – Tuesdays 4.30 to 6.30pm during school terms.
PEER GROUP – 14 to 17 years – Mondays 4.30 to 6.00pm during school terms.
ACTIVITIES PLANNED: Camping, Canoeing, Abseiling, Cooking, Games, Skills, Leadership are just some of the things we do!

‘Come and Try Guides’ for 2 weeks before joining!
Contact:
Robyn Rhodes
Corowa District Leader
0427332066

NO experience necessary from participation in a younger age group – JOIN HOWEVER OLD YOU ARE!
NON competitive but challenging and fun!