FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and students

Thank you to the students, staff and parents who participated in our Self Evaluation Audit yesterday. Your comments and suggestions were greatly appreciated. The results of the audit have indicated that our school is:

• Highly regarded
• Students, staff and the school community feel valued
• Providing great educational outcomes for all of our students.

New directions for our school include:

• Implementing the new syllabuses over the next few years which incorporate the Australian Curriculum and focus on assessment and learning
• Moving towards more electronics and multi-modal communication with our community.
• Continued development, display and recognition of student creative, academic and sporting achievements.

Mrs Karen Kissell - Principal

Zone Football/Netball Trials – Yr 5 & 6

Students have nominated if they will be attending the trials at Oaklands on tomorrow, 20th March. Parent/ staff transport is being provided. Students need to be at school at 8.45am ready to travel to Oaklands. Thank you for your help.

Our gratitude to Mr Dennis Ratcliff who has been conducting coaching/training sessions for the netballers and Mr Greg Forrest who has been coaching and training the footballers prior to these trials. Thank you for your assistance.

Voluntary School Contribution: $ 30 for the first child and $15 each additional child is now due. Payment is appreciated to assist in the financing of school programs.

Volunteer Needed: The Corowa RSL would like a family – parent and student, within our school to make up 6 wreaths for ANZAC Day. If you would like more information or are able to do this, please contact the school asap.
Library
This week in library lessons, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Our focus will be ‘How people from many cultures live together harmoniously in Australia.’

For homework all students are asked to discuss their cultural heritage with their families. In library we will create a world map, showing where all CSPS families originated.

Please help your children to write down their cultural heritage to bring to their library lesson.

It may be that your family ancestors came several cultures:
Eg Aboriginal (Australia) + Scottish (Scotland) + Italian (Italy)

Remember:
K/1 and 1/2 library – Wednesday
3/4 and 5/6 library – Thursday

Mrs Regan - Librarian

NAPLAN DATES AND TESTS FOR Years 3 & 5 - 2013

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Progress Reports / Class and Interviews
Week 10, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th April, 2013
A separate note will be send home later this week. Please indicate your preferred time for interviews and return to school promptly.

P & C News

P & C Executive 2013
An amendment to the Office Bearers for 2013.

President Emma Forrest
Vice President Amberlee McFarland
Minutes Secretary Sally Batten
Correspondence Secretary Karren Bruce
Treasurer Melissa Glare

Easter Buns – Orders are due by this Friday 22nd March.

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Catch a carp, learn about native and pest fish, and see aquatic creatures up close. Learn about carp cages and electro-fishing. Get creative in the Craft Tent! Play games and activities! Free face-painting!
Lots of Prizes and Giveaways! Buy a burger or bring a picnic. Grab your tackle and line join in the kids carp fishing competition. Entry and all activities are FREE!

When: Sunday 24 March
8:30am – 2:30pm
Where: Yarrawonga Foreshore Reserve
(Bank Street, Yarrawonga)
More info: www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au
(02) 6051 2250

This year's Festival of Fun for Kids will be held on Sunday 14 April from 10am - 3pm at the Corowa Race Course.

We have a great line up of entertainment and activities for families to enjoy and look forward to delivering another fantastic community event.

Billy Cart Race – Easter Saturday 30th March
Mr Johnson from Corowa High School has kindly donated a ‘billy cart’ for our school to enter into the Easter Saturday Billy Cart Race. It needs a little ‘sprucing up’ and possibly a ‘lick of paint’.

Expressions of interest are needed from parents who may have the time and creative talent to transform our billy cart entry into the amazing vehicle it could become. We also need expressions of interest from students, with parental permission, who would like to drive our billy cart in the races. Please contact Mrs Mathews or Mrs Kissell.

Fancy Hat Parade
This year we will be hold a fancy hat parade on Thursday 28th March at 9.30am – just prior to our Easter Break. The hats will be constructed as an in-class craft activity. You are invited to watch the students parading their fancy hats at 9.30am.

Corowa District Landcare is launching their inaugural Photographic Competition around the theme of Flight.
Photographers, amateur or professional are invited to capture our native birds, in the landscape, on the wing or just having fun. Take your compact digital point-and-shoot camera or digital SLR camera into the garden, along the river, onto Lake Mulwala or into our fabulous Redlands Hill Reserve and capture the theme of Flight.

Categories: Australian native birds, Local native birds; and flights of fancy.

Sections: Primary student; Secondary student; and Open
If you have any queries or questions, please contact Joanne Diver on 0412 985 501 or corowalandcare2@bigpond.com for entry form.

On Sunday 7th April, 2013, Amaranth Foundation is holding its inaugural annual Fun Run.
We are encouraging all ages to participate, especially children and young adults.
We are hoping that local schools will encourage their students to take part in the event.
The run will start at Rowsers Park on the NSW side of John Foord Bridge; go over the bridge into Wahgunyah and follow the bike path down the Victorian side to Federation Bridge; and then return - a 10km route. A 5km route is also mapped out.
The cost is $25 for adults; Children 16 and under are free.
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