Dear Parents

- **Strategic Planning For 2015-2017**
  Last Tuesday I attended a Principals’ Meeting in Albury which focused on the Department of Education and Communities’ School Strategic Planning for 2015-2017. It was very informative and thought provoking on what New South Wales education should be like by the end of 2017. I will be calling a parent meeting after school, in Week 7 (date to be confirmed), to discuss the strategic planning processes more in depth. The Strategic Planning will be based on the Melbourne Declaration for all Department of Education and Communities Schools in New South Wales, high schools and primary schools alike. I welcome your contributions to the discussion.

- **Kinder Transition – Wednesday 22nd October 2:00 -3:15pm**
  This Wednesday afternoon is the first Kinder Transition for our students starting in 2015. We are expecting eight new Kindergarten students. My Year 5 Buddies are very excited about meeting and assisting the students. Our present Kindergarten students will also be in the classroom whilst our Year 1 students will altogether in Class 1/2.

- **Grandparents Day - Friday 24th October -11:30 am.**
  Statistics indicate that Grandparents are the major providers of child care across Australia and most children have regular contact with their Grandparents. Our Grandparents play a valuable role in families and communities. **This Friday we are celebrating Grandparents Day at Corowa South from 11:30 am -1:00pm.**

  We invite all Grandparents to come along and enjoy “a cuppa and biscuit” in the Library at 11:30 am. Then at 12.00pm, stroll around our beautiful school and visit their Grandchildren in class. Perhaps they could talk about what it was like when they went to school. Finally, returning to the Library at 12:30 pm for a game of Bingo.

- **School Photographs this Friday -24th October starting 9:15am**
  Please remember to send your child in school uniform. Riverina apparel is not acceptable for Class Photographs. Year 6 will need to wear their school uniform and bring their Year 6 shirts for a special end of year photograph. Please speak with Mrs Mathews to obtain sibling photograph forms. Order forms can be returned anytime this week.

  Class 3/4 and Class 5/6 may wear appropriate casual clothes on Thursday in preparation for school photographs.

- **Linkages this Wednesday.** Thank you to the parents who are assisting with transport. Year 6 students are enjoying the Linkages educational opportunity at Corowa High School.

**Dates to Remember – Claim the date**

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- **Banner Awards** – Congratulations to Chelsea Hay and Shanay Rhodes who were awarded their Banners at the Assembly last week.

- **Positive Behaviour Awards** were presented to Harley Jackson, Ella Harvie and Nadia Raschke at Assembly last Friday.

- **Congratulations to Classes 3 /4 and 1 /2** on their excellent efforts in wearing their hats in the playground supporting our Sun Safe Policy. They enjoyed their icy treats yesterday. (Monday). Cassidy and Joshua will be keeping their watchful eyes to award more icy treats at Week 4 assembly. It would be fantastic if all classes were selected.

**Other points of interest:**

- Thank you to the Julian Family for organizing the Tumbler and Bingo Balls for Grandparents Day this Friday.

- Our school shade sails have been repaired. The children are now enjoying the extra area of shade.

- Congratulations to the **Wall Family** on the safe arrival of their son, Samuel.

Karen Kissell - Principal
5/6 Class News:
In HSIE, we have commenced our investigations into the History of Gold. Our Tutankhamen mini projects are due this Friday. Please contact me if your child is having any difficulties.
Linked to our Science topic on Ancient Lands, we have started our Papier Mache Dinosaurs with great enthusiasm! We hope to start painting next week but we have to ensure there are at least three layers of paper on each model.
Homework this week is Spelling, Tutankhamen and REMEMBER to bring in our THR registers so that Mrs Kissell can give out Reading Awards please.
Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher

K/1 Recounts
I liked “Hoodwinked” when the pie got in the sheriff’s face. He got locked up with his hands and head in holes in the wooden stocks. The sheriff had a fight with Robin Hood. I think it was an amazing concert.
Mackenzie Bunt, Year 1

“Hoodwinked” was a brilliant show. I liked the sheriff’s clothes.
Alexis Macartney, Kindergarten.

On Wednesday we went to the Memorial hall. We were invited to a show. It was called “Hoodwinked”. It was about Robin Hood, Lady Marion and the sheriff. I loved the end because the sheriff’s face was like a ball of cream.
Paisley Shaw, Year 1.

Reading Awards have been presented to:
50 Nights: Bree Harvie
75 Nights: Haylee Coats
100 Nights: Ryan Glare, Haylee Coats, Matthew Colman, Jack Johnson
150 Nights: Charlotte Colman, Ruby Van Ree, Angela Craft, Ryan Wandel
175 Nights: Logan Forge, Paisley Shaw

Applicants for Year 7 Selective High School placement in 2016
Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications for entry in 2016 can be made between 14 October and 17 November 2014.
All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.
Please contact the school if you are interested in your child attending a Selective High School in 2016 for further information and suitability.
Voluntary School Contributions are now due.
1st Child $30, each additional child an extra $15 per child.
Your contribution towards the running of school programs is greatly appreciated.

**Camp Quality esCARpade is coming to Albury**

If you are in Dean St Albury at around 3pm on Saturday October 25th you’ll see a parade of 70 amazing cars arriving into Albury. EsCarpade this year starts on Broken Hill and finishes in ALBURY.

There are many themed cars including Mario and Luigi, The Princesses, Turtles, Madagascar, Scooby Doo, Bananas in pyjamas, Fireman Sam, local team Sleeping Beauty and many more. You’ll hear them coming before you see them. The teams have been raising money all year for Camp Quality to help kids living with cancer. So come along and enjoy the parade, the noise and the fun that is EsCARpade.

**Date:** October 25th  
**Time:** 3pm ish  
**Where:** Dean St Albury

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Class 1/2 enjoying the shade sails after they have been repaired and installed.

**Bandanna Day**

Friday 31st October
Join the fight against cancer in young people.
For Sale from SRC or office:
Bandannas $4  Pens $3

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**Corowa Lawn Tennis Club**

**Junior Tennis**
Children interested in playing Saturday morning tennis are invited to register ASAP. The junior season starts on Saturday October 18th at 9.00am.

Registration is $55
Registration forms are available at Origin Clothing. Enquiries to Craig Spencer 0402 037 451

**Age Groups are:**

**Under 12**  
(as at March 14th 2015)

**Under 15**  
(as at March 14th 2015)

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Tallulah in Year 5/6 creating her papier mache dinosaur
P & C Pieces.

We have been having some discussions on how we can get more parents, grandparents and/or friends to our P&C meetings and we would like to clarify the role a P&C plays within the school.

As quoted on our schools website this is:

Our Parents & Citizens’ Association (P&C) brings the school community together. Parents, teachers and community members can help meet the needs of the school community and contribute to decisions about the school. The P&C also raises funds that help finance improvements to our school and provide additional resources.

We would also like to ask what a preferred day and time for our meetings would be to get the best attendance possible.

We currently meet in Week 3 and Week 8 of each Term on the Wednesday night at 6.30 in the library. We understand that everyone is busy and some people do shift work and will need to work around this. We want to give every parent the opportunity to have their say and put their ideas forward.

We need to all remember the P&C are here to help the school move forward and provide a happy, safe and enjoyable school for our children.

Therefore we ask that you complete the attached slip and return it to school or contact one of our P&C members personally to let us know when would suit you to come to our meetings.

Name:_________________________________ Contact Number:_________________________________

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Time_________________________

☐ I would be interested in coming to a meeting

☐ I am unable to make the meetings but would like to help

☐ I would like to receive the P&C minutes. My email address is: _______________________________