FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

First of all thank you so much to the many Grandparents, family and friends who visited our school last Friday for the celebration of Grandparents’ Day. It was wonderful for our students to share their joy of learning with their special family members. The personal stories and memories bestowed upon our students by our special visitors were valued opportunities to further develop Corowa South Public culture and community pride.

I relished the opportunity to chat with many of our visitors on about their grandchildren’s achievements and share in personal educational stories. There were some quite humorous accounts. Some visitors were ex-students of Corowa South and were able to add to the school’s history. I look forward to seeing many of our grandparents, family and friends again in the near future at our school as visitors, or even helpers in the school Grandparents play a valuable role in families and communities through regular contact with their grandchildren and often providing child care in the formative years.

This week is our second Kindergarten Transition – Wednesday 29th October 9:00 am to 11:30am. The Year 5 Buddies did an admirable job last week at helping our young 2015 Kindergarten children feel welcome and settle into school activities. Mrs MacDonald led a rousing rendition of Mrs Wishy Washy which everyone, students and parents, thoroughly enjoyed. I know that the Year 5 Buddies are looking forward to working with their special Kinder friends this week. Thank you also to our new parents, Sharon from Corowa Pre School and Ms Mason for your support and assistance at Kinder Orientation.

Finally, it was a delight to be greeted by some very excited K-2 students on their return from Beechworth last Thursday. The students proudly showed me the bread they had baked and told me of the wonderful information about bread and honey they had learnt. Congratulations to Mrs Taylor and Mrs McDonald on a very successful Paddock to Plate excursion. Thank you to Mrs McNeill who also assisted with the students on the excursion.

Karen Kissell - Principal

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Nicole Shaw for the lovely donation of a table and hutch for K-2 play and drama activities.

Class 3 /4, Class 5 /6, Mrs Read and Mr Pfeiffer on their school pride efforts on Thursday in helping with the care of our beautiful school grounds.

Mandy Dyson for calling our fun Bingo event on Grandparents’ Day.

On a sad note, Ms Laura Mason’s last day at CSPS is this Friday. We wish her well in her future teaching career.

Week 5 Newsletter will be published on Wednesday 5th November due to Mrs Kissell and Mrs Mathews attending a Finance course in Albury on Tuesday 4th November.
5/6 Class News:
Well done on the efforts and fascinating information collected on Tutankhamen by the students for last week’s homework.
Congratulations on their hospitality skills at Grandparents Day. Many students were also introduced to the art of playing competition Bingo for the first time!
Homework this week is Spelling, Dinosaur information report and REMEMBER to bring in our THR registers please.
Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher

Class 3/4 News
We have been working very hard on our Solar System unit doing research, sharing information, painting, producing a class book and constructing aliens from boxes and other recycled materials.
Looking over our Solar System paintings, aliens and information books are Callum, Oskar, Casey and Chelsea.
Mrs Read, Class Teacher and 3/4 kids

K/1 Writing
(A sample of “Thankyou’s” for our excursion)
Dear Beechworth Bakery Staff,
I enjoyed cutting out and decorating the biscuits. I liked the cordial and eating the cooked biscuits. On Friday my family went on a picnic and we ate the bread. I stepped in duck poo!
From Aria Glare, Kindergarten

Dear Beechworth Bakery Staff,
I noticed that you had big ovens. Thankyou for the biscuits and letting us decorate the biscuits.
From Bree Harvie, Year One.

Dear Beechworth Honey Staff,
I liked tasting the honey at your shop. I liked watching the videos. I learned that it is important to keep honeybees safe and healthy.
From Amelia Harris, Kindergarten.

K/1 /2 Beechworth Excursion
We arrived at Beechworth in good time to attend the bakery session. Here the students cut and decorated biscuits as well as kneading and shaping bread dough. The bakery provided cordial, water and the students’ cooked biscuits for recess.
At Beechworth Honey the students sampled different honey varieties and observed live bees working in a beehive. Through viewing a series of videos the students learned about the history of Beechworth Honey and collection of honey. They were informed about the importance of honeybees within the wider food production industry.

Thankyou parents and carers for having the students at school in good time, dressed in correct uniform. Passersby in Beechworth commented on the students’ good behaviour and hat wearing.
Mrs Taylor and Mrs McDonald, Class Teachers.

Choir
Ms Ferguson is asking for interested students to join the choir this term. They will perform at Karinya and Southern Cross in early December.

Library News
Library Lesson, Returning and Borrowing Days days:
Tuesday K/1, 1/2 and 3/4
Thursday 5/6
• Remember – Library books can be returned any day and left in the Library Boxes in classrooms.

Reading Awards have been presented to:
125 Nights: Josh Bruce
150 Nights: Amelia Harris, Charlotte Colman
175 Nights: Logan Forge

Bandanna Day
Friday 31st October
Join the fight against cancer in young people.
For Sale from SRC or office:
Bandannas $4 Pens $3
Yr1/2 Class News

Homework Tasks - personal Spelling words, reading each night, maths revision worksheet ALL to be returned EACH Friday

This week concludes our adventure into Narnia as we come to the end of reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. The students have been eagerly awaiting the final last two Chapters! Will Lucy be reunited with her friendly faun Mr Tumnus? Will good prevail over evil?

Due to family and personal health concerns, regrettably I will be on leave for the remainder of this week and next. I feel confident that the students will continue to work diligently and co-operatively through our planned curriculum with Mrs Cunningham (for the rest of this week) and with Miss Filliponi until my return in Week 6. I thank you for your consideration, understanding and support during this period.

Kate Taylor, 1/2 Class Teacher

“What is Great about CSPS”

I like a lot of things about our school. I also like doing Art with Miss Ferguson. Also I like playing on the fixed equipment. We are a sun-safe school. We are all caring people at our school. We have a special vegie garden. We have rules to keep us safe. We get to have free play. We’re a “Crunch and Sip’ school. We have lots of computers in each room. This is why I like our school!

Ella Webb, Year 1.

I like lots of stuff about our school. The teachers plan great excursions. I like the equipment in our school. We have caring teachers in our school. We have really nice teachers here at our school. We learn great maths games sometimes that helps us with maths. We have a great school, we have fair rules. We have a cool veggie garden. We have a fantastic Art room, we have lots of trees for some shade. We have great friends at our school. We have a sun safe school. The community likes our school. Every class room has an interactive white board. We work hard to earn privileges. We get to have “Crunch and Sip” every day.

Isabella Macartney, Year 1

I like the ART because Miss F plans great craft and H.S.I.E. lessons. The school has heaps of resources and equipment. The teachers have stuff planned for our education for each day. We have caring teachers, fair rules at school, fun science activities, many school visitors and a sun safe school. Good caring leaders, lots of trees for shade. The teachers are the BEST!

Brodie Julian, Year 2
We are still short for people for the Melbourne Shopping trip on the 8th November. If we are unable to get another 7 people we will have to postpone this trip for another year. P&C members have spent a lot of time organising this trip so if you are able to come please jump on board it would be a shame to see this trip cancelled again.

We are running a BBQ at Safeway this Sunday the 2nd November from 7.30am. We need volunteers to help cook and serve on the day. If you are available to help please contact Sally Batten on 0419 832 120 or Mel Glare on 0408 231 977 the more volunteers we get the less time you will need to be there. So even if you could spare an hour of your day it would be greatly appreciated.

The P & C will be running a sausage sizzles at lunch time on Friday the 14th November, Friday the 5th December and Friday the 12th December. We hope the kids will enjoy being able to grab a sausage for lunch and a Zooper Dooper to cool them down now the weather is warming up. Reminders for these dates will go out in the newsletter as the dates get closer.

Rachel Minogue has very generously donated a night’s accommodation at the lovely Stables accommodation in Corowa for our end of year raffle. Raffle books will be going home to all families this week to sell as many tickets we can for this great prize. Please return these tickets to the school sold or unsold by Monday the 1st December. We would like to say a huge thankyou to Rachel for this donation.

We received a few of the below slips back about the times and days for our meetings we will be reviewing this in 2015 so it’s not too late to get your slip back. The minutes from each P & C Meeting will now be emailed by the school to every family.

**P & C Pieces.**

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**P & C Melbourne Shopping trip – new details.**

Saturday the 8th November
Get your seats only 7 left.
The new price of $65 per head.
We will no longer be providing lunch however we will be stopping at Barkly food court.
Full payment required by the 3rd November.

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**P&C Meeting time preferences.**

Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________

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☐ 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:
ACCEPTING 2015 ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN AT COROWA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Do you have a child aged 4 or 5, or know someone in our area who will be starting school in 2015? Ask them to contact the school for an interview and enrolment form.

Voluntary School Contributions are due. 1st Child $30, each additional child an extra $15 per child. Your contribution towards the running of school programs is greatly appreciated.

Milo T20 Blast (Super 8’s cricket) information and permission notes will be distributed this week. Our primary students are competing in the Junior and Senior Competitions at John Foord oval on Friday 7th November. This year, Mr. Robbie MacKinlay is coordinating the whole event. Corowa High School will provide umpires. The aim of the day is participation and fun for everyone. Students will need to bring their own lunch, snacks and drinks and wear sports uniforms. Travel will be by Canns’ bus company.

School Swimming Scheme will be held from 24th November to 5th December for all students. Permission notes need to be returned.