FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended the strategic school planning meeting last Tuesday. We were able to become more familiar with the process and format of the new plan. We discussed achievements of our school, continuation of excellence and growth, as well as, aspirations for the next ten years. Staff and parents were also able to identify our three strategic directions for 2015 -2017 as student learning, teaching and communication between the students, school and the community. I will keep you informed of the ongoing progress of the new 2015 -2017 strategic plan.

Karen Kissell - Principal

Dates to Remember – Claim the date

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First Day of Swimming

Due to the threat of storm activity, CSPS has a life saving skills lesson with the DNAquatics instructors at School on Monday. It was a very informative session. Students were taught warm up exercises for swimming; methods of life saving rescue such as reach rescue, using floating objects to assist swimmers experiencing difficulties as well as CPR skills. The students were instructed in a very safe environment with plenty of opportunity to practice the practical safety skills. The students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions. Learn safety skills and become more familiar with the DNAquatics team.

Creative Catchment Kids Book Launch for the region was held on Monday in the school library. (See student report, on the back of the newsletter)

Thank You

Huge Big Thanks

IGA Community chest Donation of $229.72. The money will be used for the purchase of take home readers in the classrooms. All the students will enjoy this gift.

Thank you for all the local businesses for the donations to the P & C Raffle – will be acknowledged individually at presentation night on Monday 15th Dec. Many thanks to Dave Harris and Kimberley Julian for organizing prizes and donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.....
**K/1 News**

This week the students are enthusiastically working on their assembly item, which will take the Readers Theatre format. We hope you can join the assembly on Friday.

Yesterday the students had the opportunity to practise CPR skills on a mannequin. This was part of the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. This program develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

*Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher.*

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**Year 1/2 News**

We were thrilled with the variety of student led lessons last week. The students taught lessons on drawing, sport and technology just to name a few. Fantastic Public Speaking efforts!

This weeks’ Oral Presentation focus is 'My Pet’. Students are to present information on how to care for their own pet. Pets are not required at school for students to present their topic talks. We are keen to get into the pool today for our aquatic lessons and were eager participants in learning water CPR yesterday.

*Mrs Taylor and Class 1/2.*

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**5/6 Class News**

This week we are swimming but Year Five are thinking about Leadership Qualities. On Friday 5th December at 9:30 am, they will be presenting their speeches to the morning assembly for selection as School Captains. This is a very important role at our school.

Parents and friends are definitely invited to attend the assembly to support and encourage their child.

During this week and next, the students from Year Five will be practising addressing the assembly each morning to become more familiar with speaking in front of a large group.

Meanwhile Year Six will be thinking about High School Orientation on Wednesday 3rd December at Corowa High.

It is an extremely busy time of the year!

Homework this week is Spelling, Bushrangers Project and Take Home Reading.

*Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher.*

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**Year 3/4 News**

Stop Press! Stop press!

Aliens have invaded Corowa South! In our room, I am competing with 25 aliens for the kids’ attention. The aliens stare at us all the time. If you would like to help to tame them, please come to our room at 2.00pm on Wednesday this week. Your ideas might help us to reclaim our classroom.

We have a book on the Solar System to read to you (we made it ourselves!) and we might have time for an alien game or two. Our Solar System unit has been fun and full of learning opportunities.

Hoping to see you tomorrow.

*Mrs Read, Class Teacher.*

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**Chook Chat**

The chooks are going great in their new surroundings in the chook hut. They are laying regularly. The chooks ‘names are Shelby, Goldie, Snowy and Caramel. If you are part of a class of students visiting the chooks, please don’t run. You will scare the chooks and they won’t lay eggs. The chooks are laying 1 to 4 eggs a day.

Mr Batten and Mr Julian have installed a brand new sprinkler system to keep the chooks cool on hot days. The chooks are enjoying the scraps that the children are putting the scrap bin. A big thank you to Caldwells for donating food for the chooks.

*Written by Rory Batten and Wil Julian*
Festival of Fun – 23rd November
Thank you for the many donations of cakes, slices and biscuits. It helped to make our stall a wonderful success. Thank you to the P&C helpers who assisted with the cake stall. Your tireless help is appreciated.
Special thanks to Mrs Read, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Regan who operated the Christmas Craft Activity. Olivia Rolls and Cassidy Butcher assisted on the stall. There were lots of activities to keep visitors entertained.
Also MANY THANKS to Dave Harris and Robert Pfeiffer who assisted with transport and organization of the shade areas, tables and chairs to keep our helpers and visitors cool throughout the day.

Active After Schools Program 2014
On Monday, the students performed their circus skills for parents. The last session will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 26th November. The program will be taking on a different format in 2015. Many thanks to Carmel who has conducted the program this year.

Creative Catchment Kids
Yesterday, the 24th November, our school hosted the Creative Catchment Kids 2014 Book Launch. Visiting schools included Corowa Public, Howlong and Lowesdale. Our book was called “Tony Piggin: Farmer, Educator & Environmentalist.”
Tony Piggin is a Farmer who cares about animals and the environment. His farm has a ratio of 70% cropping and 30% pastures and livestock. It includes 400 acres of irrigation. In his early years Tony was a teacher for 10 years, teaching English, Science and History. Tony has a fenced off area for bush stone curlews.
We picked Tony because he cares for the environment and looks out for better ways to help the environment.
During the book launch, Stacee put Tony on the spot to tell everybody a fact or two about himself.
Stacee asked us a few questions about why we chose Tony as our hero. The book we wrote will be sent to the National Library in Canberra.
We learnt a lot of things about Tony and his farm. We had an amazing experience making this book. It was lots of fun.
A special thanks to Stacee Staunton-Latimar, Owen Dunlop and Mrs McDonald throughout our project this year.
Written by Ruby Van Ree, Ryan Wandel, Angela Craft and Josh Sharp.

School Choir
Next Monday, 1st December, 18 students will visit the Corowa Hospital Aged Care facility and Karinya Southern Cross to entertain and spend some time with the residents. This activity is part of the school’s Student Citizenship and Leadership Program and Creative and Performing Arts Program.
Students will be accompanied by Mrs McDonald.
Please ensure that permission notes are return this Friday.
There is no cost to students as the school is paying the bus fare.

Reading Awards have been presented to:

100 Nights: Brodie Julian
150 Nights: Aria Glare

Well Done

School Photos
Orders of Sports Group, SRC whole school group photos – if you would like to order a copy - $20 for an 8” x 10”. Please send order and money to school by Monday 1/12/2014.

Daniel attended the Year 4 Extension Day at Corowa High School.

Attachment: Father Christmas will write to you!
A box is located in the office foyer for students to return their letter to Santa by 15th December. Be sure to include your name, age and address in the letter.