FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Congratulations to the School Choir on their wonderful performances at Karinya Nursing and the Aged Care Facility at Corowa Hospital on Monday afternoon. Mrs McDonald and Mrs Mathews accompanied the choir and were very impressed by our students. The staff and residents at both venues welcomed the students. They praised our students' singing and friendliness. This was an excellent goodwill opportunity to showcase our students to the wider community at this very special time of the year.

Thank you to the parents who have returned their surveys on School Planning 2015 -2017. I have attached another copy of the survey in case you didn’t get an opportunity to complete it by the last deadline. The surveys are an important step in planning for the future at Corowa South Public.

The new school plan process for 2015 –2017 is innovative as it gives parents an opportunity to make suggestions for our school vision and direction in the future. School Planning in the past has not provided opportunities for parent consultation. This is your opportunity to contribute to our children’s educational journey at Corowa South Public School.

I have attached our draft strategic directions and explanation sheet on the school plan which has been compiled from teacher, student and parent input over the past weeks. I would appreciate your input through our anonymous survey.

Karen Kissell - Principal

To our wonderful classroom and school helpers. Please come to our morning tea in your honour on Friday 12th Dec at 11.00am – following Assembly. Without your support, we would not be able to offer the variety of programs to the students.

Thank you Canns for generous donation of bus travel for choir. Great community spirit!

Well done to our Choir, Ms Ferguson and Mrs McDonald for prep and conducting of students.

Dates to Remember – Claim the date

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Last K-6 Assembly on Friday 12th December at 10:30am – no item but definitely achievement awards.

Chook Chat

Mr Batten has installed a new chook feeder. The eggs that are laid by the chooks lay are being distributed to the volunteer helpers. During the week Mr Julian fixed the gate into the chook pen. The chooks nearly had some overnight guests!

A reminder of things to put in the scrap bin are: bread, apple cores and fruit. The chooks shouldn’t eat nuts, shells, chip packets, orange skins and mandarin peels.

Written by Rory Batten and Wil Julian
**Year 1/2 News**

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**Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher.**

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**Year 3/4 News**

Thank you to the parents who came to our Alien afternoon. It was great fun! (And I’ve got some room in the class, again!) The kids were very excited and you were all terrific sports! Thanks again!

**Mrs Read, Class Teacher.**

Sophie thought the funniest part was watching the parents run around the bases!

Manyana thought it was the best day and her mum had fun, too.

Matthew was so proud that his mum got a home run.

Haylee reported that Mrs K had a bat too, but she got out at first base because she thought it was CRICKET! No way, sooo different! You drop the bat and run, not hold the bat and stay where you are! (Wise words, Haylee!).

**Written by Nadia Raschke**

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**Year 1/2 News**

Students have enjoyed the experience of presenting to the class about their Pets.

Year 1 and 2 students are the proud owners of a wide range of Pets. To date, Ella Ovenden has the most unusual pet – a Venus Fly Trap, named Fang!

Yesterday the students created lovely Christmas Cards for the residents at the Corowa Hospital Nursing Home.

They are having an enjoyable time cooling off in the pool each day with the swimming lessons.

**Mrs Taylor and Class 1/2.**

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**5/6 Class News**

Year Five are busily composing their speeches for Friday morning this week.

Year Six are busily organising sports activities for this Friday afternoon and preparing their item ready for next week’s Talent Quest.

Homework this week is Spelling, Take Home Reading, creating or drawing Ned Kelly’s Armour and recording the price of gold over 10 days for a maths activity at the end of Week 10.

**Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher.**

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**Life Education Van**

The Life Education Van will visit Corowa South Public School on Monday 8th December and Tuesday 9th December 2014.

**Yr 3/4: Mind Your Medicine:** Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

**Yr 5/6: On The Case:** Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.

**Yr 2: Harold’s Heroes:** Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

**K/1: Harold’s Mystery Tour:** Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.

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**Color poems**

Red is the colour of fire,  
Grey is the colour of wire.  
Violets are the colour of blue,  
Clear is the colour of grass,  
Gold is the colour of brass.

Written by Ryan Glare

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**Yellow is the colour of an apple pie,  
Blue is the colour of the shimmering sky.  
Purple is the colour of a bike,  
Green is the colour I really like.  
Brown and green is the colour of a tree,  
Black and yellow is the colour of a bee.**

Written by Sophie Glare
Summer Reading Club! Choose your own adventure
This summer get tangled up in reading adventures including dodging danger, outwitting arch nemesis, and journeying beyond your wildest imaginations with some of your favourite authors.
The Summer Reading Club is a FREE holiday program packed full of activities, games, stories and prizes! Sign up at the Corowa, Howlong or Mulwala library, collect your reading record and read read read.... Collect bookmarks, tattoos and stickers when you register at your Library.
Visit the Summer Reading Club website at www.summerreadingclub.org.au and register for more activities and competitions. National prizes are up for grabs for those participating in the online activities.
Suitable for school age children. The Summer Reading Club runs from 1 December 2014 until 31 January 2015.

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Reading Awards have been presented to:

\begin{itemize}
  \item 100 Nights: Ella Ovenden
  \item 175 Nights: Amelia Harris, Charlotte Colman
  \item 200 Nights: Mackenzie Bunt
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School Choir
Yesterday afternoon, 1st December, 18 students were warmly welcomed at the Corowa Hospital Aged Care facility and Karinya Southern Cross by the residents and staff. Our Choir entertained and spent some time with the residents to wish them a happy Christmas. Students enjoyed the interaction with the residents. Some students have elderly friends and relatives who they were pleased to spend some time with. This activity is part of the school’s Student Citizenship and Leadership Program and Creative and Performing Arts Program.
Students were accompanied by Mrs McDonald and Mrs Mathews.

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.

Library News
Having fun in the library last Thursday.
A reminder that ALL LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY TOMORROW.