FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Year 5/6 had a fantastic Excursion to Canberra last week. I am very proud of the students’ behaviour, enthusiasm to learn and their cooperation with others. Our students were a credit to themselves, our school and their families. They were excellent ambassadors for our school. I received many compliments regarding our students’ exemplary behaviour from venue personnel, tour guides, the accommodation manager and even a truck driver at McDonalds at our last stop. We had an exciting time visiting Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, National Science and Technology Centre (Questacon), Australian Institute of Sport, National Museum of Australia, National Portrait Gallery, Royal Australian Mint, Cockington Green, Black Tower Mountain. The students listened carefully, asked questions, eagerly engaged in activities, showed respect for others and took turns. The accommodation was fabulous and the planning was wonderful. Many thanks to Mrs Francis for the terrific organisation, Mr Southam and Ms Filliponi for their total support and caring supervision of our students. The friendship and learning between Lowesdale and Corowa South students was a wonderful experience. Everyone helped each other and ensured they maximised the learning opportunities. We had 24 very tired students when we returned on Friday night.

Once again, I thank my students, supervising staff and parents for an amazing excursion that provided exceptional educational experiences and an opportunity to showcase Corowa South Public School.

The excursion was a culmination to our HSIE topic, Government in Australia.

Finally, I am looking forward to the opportunity this Thursday of accompanying four of our students in the District Spelling Bee at Deniliquin North Public School. I am certain you will join me in offering our best wishes to Nykia Butler, Ryan Wandel, Stephanie Dunscombe Lofthouse and Ryan Glare. Karen Kissell, Principal

Dates to Remember – Claim the date

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Hats: Now to be worn outside, during Term 4 as part of our sunsafe policy.

Banner Awards:
Callum Dunscombe-Lofthouse, Sophie Jones and Bryce Moffitt received their Banner Awards last Friday.

Father’s Day Celebrations/ Footy Colours Day – Tuesday 2nd September.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 for organising a Fun Sports afternoon to celebrate Father’s Day. We had an enthusiastic group of parents who visited the school, had lunch with their children and joined in the afternoon sports rotations.

Thank you to our P & C for their support with cooking the sausage sizzle for lunch. Visitors commented that it was a very successful afternoon.

Thank you to Safeway Corowa for providing the sausages and bread.

Karen Kissell, Principal
Home Reading Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have reached a milestone with Home Reading.
100 Nights: Ella Webb  125 Nights: Amelia Harris, Tamzin Forge  150 Nights: Mackenzie Bunt

Positive Behaviour Awards were presented to Nykia Butler, Lara Ovenden and Ryan Wandel at Assembly. Congratulations.

Congratulations to the students who participated in ICAS English 2014. Certificates were awarded at today’s assembly. Special congratulations to: Nykia Butler – Distinction  Angela Craft – Credit  Ryan Glare – Merit

Yr 3/4 News
Newsflash!!
Every student in 3/4 is now a published author!
Our little books are great! Well done, kids.
Have a great week!
Lorna Read, Class Teacher

My Favourite Part of Canberra
My favourite part of Canberra was the Dinosaur Museum because it was teaching us about the past and the main predators millions of years ago. It also had a real dinosaur bone and Megalodon jaws and teeth, had one of the oldest rocks in the world and had an awesome gift shop.
The name of our tour guide was Matt. He showed us around the museum and told us about lots of dinosaurs and their sizes and how big they were. At the gift shop I bought a lamp, a rolled out penny with a dinosaur on it and a stretchy dinosaur that expands in water. I think the museum was very interesting.
By Harley Jackson

Royal Australian Mint
The Royal Australian Mint was awesome because they could make 650 coins in ONE MINUTE. This meant that they could make about TWO MILLION coins a day. They also have the medals from the Sydney Olympics in 2000 on display. The gold medal was not actually made from gold. It was made from silver, and then was painted with six plated layers of gold on top, so it didn’t get too chunky. They also had robots that helped produce the coins. They even gave the robots names. They named them Titan, Penny and Robert. Titan was orange, and was able to lift coin-filled drums over his head that were 750KG at least. When he had finally tipped them into another bucket, he controlled himself and started showing off. There was also Penny, who had a laser light above her head so she could see properly. Robert squashed coins into cardboard boxes so they could be used all around the world.
When we came out, we all got to have our own special coins with an awesome symbol on the back. They were each worth three dollars. Our tour guide’s name was Eddie. He taught us some really good things about coins, and went from the early 1600s, to the late 1990s about different coins. There were even some gold tokens that were aged back to the 1850s, just before the Eureka Stockade. In 1984, the one dollar note changed into a one dollar coin. Four years later, the two dollar note was changed into a two dollar coin, but was smaller than the one dollar coin. I thought that the Royal Australian Mint was very interesting.
By Ryan Wandel
**Australian Institute of Sport**
On the Canberra excursion we went to the AIS. That stands for Australian Institute of Sport. It was the best because we got to go into a room with all different kinds of sports. Sports like the bike racing, kicking the footy into the goals, trying to hit the stumps with a soft cricket ball and you could also shoot hoops in the basketball cage. Then we went outside and Daniel our tour guide showed us his sport. It was called footbag. He showed us how to do it. It looked really hard. After that we went to a room that some sports are played in and sometimes they have dinner in there. When we were in there they were setting up for dinner. It was cold in there. Then we went to the gymnastics room but we had just missed the gymnastic people training. In the gymnastics room Daniel talked to us. After that we went to the volley ball and Daniel also talked to us in there. After that we went to the gym and watched people training. They had to climb a rope. Then we went to the swimming pool and watched them do a swimming dance in the pool. It was cool! The swimming was my favourite. After that we walked back to the start and went to the gift shop. From the gift shop I got a drink bottle.

**Our Canberra Trip**
The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)
My favourite part of the trip was the AIS. There was a cricket drill where you had to throw or bowl the soft cricket ball at the screen. I hit the stumps about once every turn. A turn had three different angles that you had to bowl at. I found out that the Australian gymnastic group are going to the world championships.

**High Court**
On the first day we went to the High Court. The High Court is where the major court sessions are held during the year. It has three court rooms in total. The first court is the main courtroom. The second courtroom is where appeals are made. The High Court has about 900 applications for appeals each year. Last but not least is the third courtroom which is just a spare. The courtrooms have wood panels so the rooms don’t echo as loudly.

By Tallulah McFarland

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**Our Canberra Excursion**
My favourite parts of Canberra were the War Memorial, Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport, as well as Cockington Green. The whole four hour trip was worth it. I would go back to Canberra any time, especially to the Black Mountain Tower and to look at all the city lights, because at night it’s even better.

**Questacon**
At Questacon we went on a slide called the Free-Fall. We had to put on a jump suit climb up the stairs and hold onto a bar and slide off the seat then the man put his hand on your back and tucked your head down and on his mark we release our hands. We would go so fast down the slide that you always landed in a star shape. It was a lot of fun - I went on it four times! One time I closed my eyes and that was even more fun. I had the best time ever!

By Mackenzee Dolan

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**Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**
Students from our school undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. (NB - This $20 was deducted from the initial levy charged per student)
**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.

**Voluntary School Contributions**

Voluntary School Contributions (VSC) are a way for parents and families to support their child’s education and the broader school community. These contributions help fund various school programs and activities.

Children are eligible to receive a VSC exemption if they meet certain criteria, such as being eligible for the free school meals program or being a registered special needs student.

Children who do not qualify for exemption may contribute through the following options:

- **1st child** $30
- **Additional children** $15 per child

The contributions are intended to cover the costs associated with the running of school programs and activities.

The contribution period is currently open, and it is beneficial to make the payment before the next school term begins. The details of the next term’s contribution, including deadlines and amounts, will be announced shortly.

**Rutherglen and District Cricket Association Under 14’s Registration**

When and Where:  
Corowa SportsPower Sports Store. Wednesday September 10 from 5.30pm onwards.

Registration Criteria:  
Children who wish to play for Corowa Red, Blue or Black and are aged between 10 and under 14 as of the 1.09.2014 can register.

Additional information:  
There will be a specialist from Kookaburra available to answer any questions regarding your equipment needs for the season.

SportsPower are offering 20% off all cricket equipment purchased on the night.

The competition officially commences October 18, and will be played Saturday mornings.

Team allocation and training will begin before the end of September all registered players will be notified.

The Corowa Cricket Club is looking for Coaches and managers for the under 14 & under 16 teams. Please contact Mark Tidd on 0490043835 if you are interested or require any additional information.

**Rand School of Arts Hall Committee**

Rand School of Arts Hall Committee is holding a Fete and Market Day in Rand on Sunday 26th October from 10am-3pm.

We would love you to come along and have a stall!! Any money you make on the day would be to benefit your school, club or organisation. This is a community based event to showcase local arts and crafts. There will be plenty to keep the children busy, and we are looking forward to a successful day.

**Sea-dragon’s Swim School**

Water safety, learn to swim and stroke correction. Swimming and Water Safety – the best investment you will make to help your child be safer in and around the water.

Contact Kimmie Dibben 0448 434205  
http://kimdibben.wix.com/seadragonswimschool  
kimdibben@westnet.com.au

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SPORTSPower COROWA  
180 SANGER STREET, COROWA  
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WE WILL HAVE OUR KOOKABURRA REPRESENTATIVE IN STORE TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS AND HELP YOU SELECT THE RIGHT GEAR FOR YOUR 2014 CRICKET SEASON. SALES AND SPECIALS ON THE NIGHT!

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**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.

**Email: mick@jamtennis.com**

**Web:** www.jamtennis.com  
**Mob No;** 0417 517959

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