FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I hope you were able to visit our tremendous display at the Corowa Show over the weekend. We displayed student artwork and photographs of our students engaged in exciting school excursions over the last term. It was a great opportunity to show our community the variety and diversity of activities our students are engaged in throughout a school term both in and outside the classroom.

Congratulations to Wil Julian and Rory Batten for representing our school at the recent Corowa Climate Change forum with Dr Andrew Wallace. Their report has been included in this newsletter. They were accompanied by Mrs Francis. She commented that the conference raised awareness of how our community needs to be proactively involved in caring for our environment. Dr Wallace focused on 4 endangered species in our immediate local area.

Mr Pfeiffer has been very busy over the holidays improving our grounds. We now have the area near the art room pebbled. Year 1 students are growing succulent plants for the rockery area. It is definitely more appealing as well as reducing the dust factor.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our next Art Launch on Wednesday 28th October to view our students’ amazing artwork on “Our Environment”.

We will tempt you with a free sausage sizzle at 1:00pm for lunch. Lunch will be followed by the launch of students’ artwork - “Our Environment” at 1:30pm. Next at 2:15pm we invite you to enjoy a chat with a “cuppa and cake” with our friendly P&C in the Library. They will conduct a short meeting for you to watch and welcome your participation even if you have never been involved with our P&C. Then at 2:45pm our students will present a fabulous K-6 Assembly celebrating Grandparents as important people in our lives and lifelong learning.

Karen Kissell, Principal

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Dates to Remember
Please add to the Term Calendar

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CONGRATULATIONS

Good luck to Lara Ovenden who is competing tomorrow in the Junior Girls High Jump at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival at Homebush, Sydney. Lara is representing our school, zone and region.

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Reading Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the following Home Reading milestones:

- 75 Nights: Deaclan Sanders, Trent Loveday
- 150 Nights: Ella Ovenden
- 175 Nights: Tamzin Forge, Isabell Brand, Nate Batten
- 200 Nights: Aiden Wark

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Congratulations Aiden Wark on 200 Nights of Home Reading. A book will be purchased and placed in the library in honour Aiden’s Home Reading achievement.
K/1 and Step Up To Kinder News
We have caught the gardening bug in K/1. Last week we repotted nasturtiums, verbena and geraniums. All Step Up To Kinder and current children took home their own plant to care for and grow. Don’t forget to water your plants.
Year One students under the guidance of Mrs Kissell repotted some succulents for our school garden. Later this week we will be planting our colourful flowers into our new garden beds outside our classroom.
In Maths we are looking at addition and subtraction and length.
A reminder to keep reading and returning home reading folders daily.
Parents, please ask your child questions about our gardening and learning experiences this week.
Mrs Taylor, Class Teacher

Year 5/6 News
Miss Filliponi is teaching our class Stage 3 Science and Personal Development, PE and Health curriculums. In Science the students are investigating the characteristics of solids, liquids and gases. In Personal Development and Health, the students in Year 6 are learning about fitness levels, whilst the Year 5 students are developing their leadership skills as Kinder Buddies. From Week 5, all students will be investigating Human Body Systems utilizing our ICT skills. In PE, Miss Filliponi’s focus is game skills, starting with cricket.

We have been enjoying the holiday recounts that the students are sharing. Presentations have included a diary written during the holidays, written recounts with illustrations, SD cards and USB sticks with photos/movie clips of exciting holiday activities, written recounts published at home.
How wonderful to have a such a diverse contribution to our learning experiences.
Homework for this week includes a Maths sheet and a Spelling sheet covering common mistakes.
Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher

Experiments with Miss Filliponi

Mrs McEachren will be in tomorrow. Class 5 /6 is continuing on their wall mural for the north side of the Art Room. The mural will have interesting designs which will brighten up our view of the building.
This week I will be attending a conference in Talbingo.
Mrs Francis will be teaching Class 5 /6. During that time she will lead the class in a study on Japan as part of our HSIE Asian Studies focus. The students will gain an insight into the cultural and social systems of Japan which will form a great knowledge base for future Asian Studies in high school.
Homework this week is Take Home Reading, Spelling and Tables sheets to practise their speed and accuracy.
Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher

Linkages Program
Year 7 Linkages program for current Year 6 students enrolling at Corowa High School.
Linkages dates are:
Wednesday 14th October
Wednesday 21st October

Reminder: Attendance
Could you please ensure that all student absences from school are followed up with an explanation note or verbal explanation to the class teacher. This is in accordance with the NSW Department of Education’s Student Attendance Policy.

Annual School Photographs
Thank you for the huge effort by students and parents for our annual School Photographs. Our students proudly wore their uniforms and were excellent ambassadors in promoting our school image.
Photographs will be back in approximately 4 weeks.
No Hat? Then you will need to play in the shade.

Students need to wear their school broad brimmed hats and bucket hats during outside activities. Caps do not provide sufficient sun protection and are not part of the school uniform. Students who do not have a suitable hat on outside will be asked to move and play in the shade. This is in accordance with our school’s Sun Safe Policy.

Swimming Notes

Please return your swimming surveys as soon as possible as we need to finalise arrangements for the Learn to Swim program. The Learn to Swim program is a very valuable life skill delivered by AUS Swim accredited teachers but it is targeted towards students who cannot confidently swim 25 metres in any stroke.

Costs have increased considerably across all swimming facilities throughout the region and there may be a need to change who attends the two week program. To ensure the program best addresses the needs of our students, we need your very important input on your child’s current swimming ability.

If you require another swimming form, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mathews at the school office on 6033 1535.

Countdown to our Major Excursions


Students are reminded to return their medical consent form and permission note to attend the camp as soon as possible so we can finalise arrangements for the camp.

Creative Catchment Kids

Mrs McDonald has completed the final editing of the booklet produced by our Creative Catchment Kids’ Team - Nadia, Sophie, Zara and Mackenzee. We are eagerly awaiting the launch of the booklet in the next few weeks on “Peter O’Shannassy – Local Ranger.” The CCK team will keep you posted.

Special thanks to Mrs Regan, Mrs McDonald and Mr O’Shannassy for their support and assistance with the 2015 CCK team project.

Musica Viva – Amanaska

Amanaska is a funky world music outfit that loops and layers all sorts of cultures and musical styles. Featuring voice, bansuri, keyboards, sound-mixing, slide didgeridoo, and captivating video projections, the quartet combines rhythmic, melodic and visual elements in an exciting multicultural performance. This performance is part of our school’s learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom utilising the Musica Viva resource kit. The kit’s teaching resources are linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas.

All students from Years 1,2,3,4 and 6 will be attending the performance of Amanaska at Mulwala on 20th October.

Note: Kindergarten and Year 5 students will remain at school to continue with the “Step Up To Kinder” program as Class Leaders and Buddies to our 2016 Kindergarten students.

Please return permission notes and money to the office.

Students will be joining Mulwala students, having lunch at the Lake foreshore.

P & C News

Next P & C meeting Wednesday at 2:15pm – 2:45pm in the Library – 28th October 2015.

Please note change of date. All welcome to attend.

CHOOK CHAT

Our chooks love spinach and cauliflower leaves!
BLUE LIGHT DISCO

16.10.15 6pm-8pm

COROWA RSL CLUB
Friday October 16
For ages 5 to 12.
All children must be collected from the RSL Club.
Entry tickets $4 per child.

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COROWA SWAP MEET

Date: Sunday, November 1st, 2015
Time: Gates Open 7am for General Public
Corowa Golf Club
Hume Street, Corowa, N.S.W
Sites $20 (Camping Available for Site Holders)
200 Sites Available (6m x 6m)
Gates Open 2:30pm Saturday for Site Holders
Entry $5 (kids under 16 free)
All Wheels Show and Shine (Entry $10)
For Site Bookings or Enquiries Phone 0487 073344,
Email or Visit our Web Site

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