FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Last Monday and Tuesday I had the pleasure of presenting and celebrating the professional learning that the Corowa South staff have completed during the first phase of our Higher Order Ways 2 Learn (HOW2Learn) training at Narrandera. The HOW2Learn training is not a teaching program but a shift in educational practices to enhance effective learning habits and skills in the classrooms. Our HOW2Learn professional learning will continue to be a focus for staff throughout 2016. You may have noticed some of the changes in the classroom already.

- Inspirational statements: “Learning is like a muscle, we need to keep practising to make it stronger”
- Teacher comments on effort by students in their learning.
- A greater willingness of students to try challenges even if they are not experts.
- Students comment on their own and other peers’ work using two stars and a wish method.
- “Think, Pair, Share” investigatory practices.
- Knee to Knee conversations in group work.
- Students actively contributing to their learning and taking responsibility for their effective learning.
- Student comments about “The Learning Pit” and strategies to success.

The HOW2Learn training as a whole school commitment by the staff to deliver excellence in learning for your child. All teaching staff from Lowesdale, Mulwala, Savernake and Urana Public schools are joining us on this exciting journey.

Karen Kissell, Principal

Dates to Remember
Please add to the Term Calendar

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<td>Mon 14th Dec</td>
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Published authors!
We were delighted to learn that two of our students, Ryan Glare and Lara Ovenden have had their poems published in the November issue of ‘Countdown” the School Magazine.

Brolgas lay big eggs.
Brolgas have skinny legs.
I think they are very pretty.
But, they are endangered, what a pity.

Written by Lara Ovenden
A brolga is a massive bird that lays two spotted eggs. It has an extensive wingspan but only skinny legs!

Written by Ryan Glare
Reading Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the following Home Reading milestones:
150 Nights: Amelia Ovenden
125 Nights: Daltyn Zantuck
200 Nights: Isabell Brand, Tamzin Forge

Year 2/3/4 News
Last Thursday Mrs Heinjus, the Road Safety Educator for this district, paid a visit to our class. She introduced the students to an interesting interactive web site — Centre for Road Safety. The students explored the site with particular emphasis to the statistics section. This provided the students with a practical situation to apply the skills they have been learning about statistics including organising data, categories and spreadsheets.

Today Dr. Alex Knight from CSU visited our room to tell us about her research with Corowa’s unique Sloane’s Froglets. The students have been learning a song, written by Alex about Sloane’s Froglets. Our students were the first group to sing the song to Dr Knight!

Homework for this week takes a different format. Students have been asked to compose an acrostic about HOMEWORK, and to research the “Barcoo Dog”. This week sees the completion of the year’s homework program. Congratulations to those students who have developed a regular homework habit — a habit which will hold you in good stead in the years to come.

Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher

K/1 News
In PDHPE with Miss Filliponi, our class has been learning about how to keep ourselves safe. This week we learnt that warning signs are feelings our body gets when we are having a ‘NO’ feeling such as being scared, worried or nervous. Some warning signs are butterflies in our tummies, hair standing up, needing to go to the toilet, thumping heart, wobbly legs and a tight throat. Sometimes these warning signs tell us that we might be unsafe. We sang and danced to a song about warning signs and we played a game of charades to act out the different warning signs.

Jointly written by K/1 students
Mrs Taylor, Class Teacher

Ukulele
Today, 2/3/4 went to the library to play the ukulele. We learnt how to play “Kookaburra Sits In The Old Gum Tree”. The teacher was called Tim. We all had a ukulele each. Some people had pictures on their ukulele. I had a plain yellow one. Lara had one that had a smile on it. I got to be a volunteer. I want a ukulele now. I really enjoyed it.

Written by Jack Johnson.

Today we did ukulele practice! It was really fun and hard! First Tim showed us a song on the ukulele and an easy way to remember the tune. My dog has fleas. Secondly he showed us the kookaburra song. You put your pointer finger on the first fret and your middle finger on the second fret. Then you stroke the ukulele. After that you take off your finger from the frets and put your ring finger on the third fret!

Lastly we tried to play the song. Most of our ukuleles were out of tune.

Written by Ella Ovenden

Today at school we went to the library to see Tim. Tim taught us how to play the ukulele. There was only four strings. He taught us two cords, C and F.

On the ukulele there are frets. Frets are the metal bits. There is also a sound hole on the ukulele.

The ukulele that I chose was a blue one with white strings.

Near the end Tim asked some people to stand up and play what we just learnt. It was hard at first but when you got the hand of it, it got easier and easier.

Written by Taniel O’Brien

Today 2/3/4 went to the library to learn how to play the ukulele. I learnt how to play the ukulele. I loved the ukulele. It was fund and exciting.

Written by Shaylyn Kilsby

Today 2/3/4 went to the library to play some ukuleles! First we learned the C chord. Then we learnt the F cord. I had a red ukulele then I swapped it for a yellow smiley face with Marlee.

Playing a ukulele was really tricky. Our teacher was Tim. We were in the library for half an hour. I really enjoyed it because it was fun to learn about the ukulele.

Written by Charlotte Colman
Year 5/6 News
We are all safely back at school after a fantastic camp! Everyone enjoyed the challenges and opportunities of the extraordinary physical activities on offer. Some of the highlights included rock climbing, Flying Fox, swimming, kayaking, Low Ropes and BMX riding. Every student who attended has a favourite story to tell. This certainly was a camp to remember.
A huge THANK YOU to Harry Dunscombe and Loren Filliponi for assisting to make this a memorable trip. Thank you to the Year 5/6 kids for their great behaviour.

Homework includes Tables, Take Home Reading and this week’s Spelling List. Practise speaking parts for the school concert.

Preparation for Christmas Craft in Weeks 8 & 9.
Each student needs to bring to school
• 1 x clean white sports sock – no stripes or holes
• 1 x clean, clear jar about 300 – 500g size.

Karen Kissell, Class Teacher

Tennis Coaching – Sporting Schools Program
All students will be involved in a 3 weekly tennis coaching program, conducted by Mick Young, Corowa Tennis Club Professional at the school.
Sessions will be held on Wednesdays will continue until 11th November.
Students need to ensure they wear their school hat, sports shoes and have a drink.

SRC News
Friday Lunchtime
50c each
P & C End of Year Raffle

Everyone should have received their raffle book for our end of year raffle. We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs again this year and are very thankful to the local businesses that have donated these prizes. We will be selling tickets in the main street at different times throughout the term and would like to make this as often as possible. If you are able to help out and sit in the street, even for just an hour at any time that suits you, please let us know and we can organise this. We would only need to know the day before to make sure the space is available and to get the raffle books and float to you.

We would like all raffle books returned to the school by Tuesday 1st December. We need all books back sold or unsold to enable us to draw the raffle. There are more books available at the office if you would like more. We appreciate you help in raising funds for our school. If you have any questions, you can call Sally Batten on 0419 832 120.

SRC News

13th November - 9-11:00 am K-6 Morning Sports Games AND Lunchtime sales of Zooper Doopers @ 50 cent each
20th November – 6 pm School Concert “Jellybeans in a Jar” fundraising guessing competition AND Lunchtime sales of Zooper Doopers @ 50 cent each
27th November – Lunchtime sales of Zooper Doopers @ 50 cent each
4th December – SRC Dance 4:30- 5:30pm K-2 and 6:00-7:00pm Years 3-6 Plus “Jellybeans in a Jar” fundraising guessing competition AND sales of Zooper Doopers @ 50 cent each
11th December – Talent Quest 11:30am - 1:00pm AND Lunchtime sales of Zooper Doopers @ 50 cent each