FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our students on their fantastic efforts and performances at last week’s Cross Country events. All students were keen to do their best and displayed excellent sportsmanship. We certainly have some dedicated and determined runners as their recorded times have proven. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted as Station Marshalls as well as those who cheered for our amazing students to complete the long runs.

Well done to everyone!

Yesterday, Mrs Macdonald and I attended important training in Albury for the School Performance Framework reforms. It was very informative and a great opportunity to share our learning with other schools in the Albury area. The training we received is linked to our Professional Learning practices and products in the 2015 -2017 School Plan.

Finally, all students will attend a very unique Creative Arts Performance of African Drumming in the Library tomorrow afternoon. The students will experience a variety of cultural beat and rhythm sequences as well as actively participating in producing their own compositions. It should be loud and fun for all!

Karen Kissell - Principal

Dates to Remember
Please add to the Term Calendar

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<td>Musica Viva Performance – Mulwala: K-Yr 6</td>
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Reading Awards: Congratulations to the following students who have reached the following Home Reading milestones

50 Nights: Maddison Andrews
75 Nights– Aiden Wark, Ruby Van Ree

NAPLAN
Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN 2015 – NEXT WEEK
12th May – Language Conventions and Writing Tests
13th May – Reading Test
14th May – Numeracy Test
**K/1 News**

K/1 are considering how the sky changes and the effects that changes have on what we do.

Kinder have been learning some common words to help with reading.

Thank you to all the families for returning the family sheets to help with making a family tree for each student.

*Mrs Francis, Relieving Class Teacher*

**Year 2/3/4 News**

Thank you to family members who have been helping students discover the origin of Corowa street names. Our quest has sparked interest from a wide range of community members.

This term the class participates in PDHPE with Miss Filliponi on Tuesdays. Students are able to wear appropriate footwear (such as runners) on Tuesdays to allow comfortable and safe participation in physical activities.

Homework tasks for this week are Maths and a research task on migratory birds in our district. (examples include currawongs, brolgas, swans)

*Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher.*

**Sports News**

Athletics Carnival – Albury on 15th May. Successful competitors to Albury District PSSA have been advised. A permission note and list of your child’s events has been distributed today.

**P&C Meeting This Week!**

6:30 pm Wednesday 6th May in school Library.

Everyone is welcome. Check out newsletter and Facebook

- **Chocolates Fundraiser** - Boxes have been distributed. If you are able to sell additional boxes, please contact Sally Batten. All money can be returned to school to be forwarded to the P & C.
- **Mother’s Day stall** on Friday 8th May. Students may purchase items ranging in price from $1 - $5, after recess.

**Year 5 /6 News**

In class, we are busily practising two minute impromptu speeches and 10 minute writes. This will enhance and develop our planning, organisational and critical thinking skills.

The topic for this year’s Lions Club Senior Public Speaking Competition is - A Major Natural Disaster (You are a reporter from the United Nations Disaster Committee reporting on a real natural disaster that occurred in the world in the past). The information has been distributed to all Year 5 and 6 students.

The Senior Topics for the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition, which will be held at Corowa PS on 25th June have also been distributed to all Year 5 and 6 students.

Please discuss with your child the possibility of them entering either or both of the competitions.

Our Assembly Leaders at this week’s whole school assembly are Zara, Ella and Tallulah.

This week’s homework is Spelling, Take Home Reading and mini project “Why is ANZAC Day important to me?”

The project is due Friday 15th May.

*Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher*

**Term 2 Assembly Dates**

Week 3: Friday 8th May
Week 5: Friday 22nd May
Week 7: Friday 5th June
Week 9: Friday 19th June

Assembly Days this term are each Friday at 2:30pm of ODD weeks ie Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9

**SRC NEWS**

Donation Drive Envelopes – Stewart House – attached. Return to school by Friday 8th Stewart House Day.

SRC will be selling key ring “hand lights” for Stewart House each morning. They cost $3 Each. Very handy for locating your keys in the dark or a gift for mum for Mother's Day.

**Voluntary School Contributions**

Have you paid your school fees for 2015? Funds raised through this contribution will be used to purchase books and learning resources. The current fee is $30 for the 1st child + $15 each additional child. Whilst this contribution is appreciated, payment is voluntary and no embarrassment or discrimination will occur to any family in our school as a result of non payment of the contribution.
Mighty Murray Mural
We are making steady progress with the mural. All students have completed their creatures and the river background is also finished. Over the next few weeks, the mural pieces will receive some protective weather coatings and then be mounted onto the northern face of the Administration building.

Progress.....

African Drumming Workshop
This is a valuable and unique learning experience for our students focusing on rhythm and beat as part of our Creative and Performing Arts Program.
A memorable journey of West African musical culture that lets people share in a creative learning experience. A mix of drumming, dancing and singing that brings West African culture to life.
Our school has booked an in school performance for students on Wednesday May 6th from 1.30pm – 3.15. As this is part of the Creative & Practical Arts curriculum initiative linked to our curriculum learning outcomes, the school is subsidising the cost of this performance.

Coming activities:

Sporting Schools - Funded Program Term Two
We are very pleased to announce, due to our involvement over 11 years, that we are able to offer the following activities for our students during Term Two:

Athletics Coaching: Thursday 7 weeks: Kinder – Year 6: 2 sessions per week – 1 during school time and 1 after school. Commencing this Thursday 7th May. Permission note for after school session attached below. No Cost.

Lawn Bowls: 4 weeks Mondays K – Yr 6 at Corowa RSL Bowling Greens. Travel by bus and supervised by Teaching Staff. Permission note to be returned. No Cost.

Gymnastics: Coaching by Flyaway 4 weeks at St Andrews Hall, Corowa. Beginning Friday 5th June. Travel by bus and supervised by Teaching Staff. Permission note to be returned: No Cost

Food Allergy Week organised by Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia that will be held from 17–23 May 2015.
Food Allergy Week is an important initiative that aims to increase awareness of food allergy in the community in an effort to promote understanding and help protect those at risk, whilst allowing them to have a good quality of life.

SPORTING SCHOOL – ATHLETICS
MY CHILD/REN .................................................. WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS
FROM 3.30 – 4.30PM. NB – Students to be picked up promptly at 4.30pm)
COACH: CARMEL BEATTIE TEACHER SUPERVISION: MRS KISSELL

SIGNED: .............................................. (Parent/Guardian) DATE: .........................