Dear Parents

Thank you to all of our parents, family, friends and special guests, who joined the students and staff in our celebration of Education Week 2015. Mrs McEachern, Mr Chris Johnson and Mr Dennis Ratcliff joined our special assembly and the official opening of the Mighty Murray mural last Friday. It was wonderful to have Mr Peter Smith, Director of Education, officially open the mural and share in our admiration of the students’ magnificent artwork. He was very impressed by the size, colour and detail of the mural. Every family has been given a copy of our Mighty Murray Mural booklet to keep as a memento of this amazing project for the future years ahead.

Open Day 2015 was an excellent opportunity for everyone to enjoy and experience some of the outstanding learning achievements of our students. The students performed singing, choral speaking and drama at the assembly. In the library the new ORBIT interactive program was demonstrated by our Technology Minister, Angel Craft. The classrooms were open for you to enjoy literacy, numeracy and PD/Health topics that your children have been investigating. Our energy levels were deliciously boosted by a sausage sizzle perfectly cooked and prepared by Mrs Mathews, Mr Ratcliff, Mrs Seabright, Mrs Dolan and Mrs Julian.

In the afternoon the students enjoyed a sensational afternoon of technology challenges with iPads, outdoor mini sports games and creative fun with paint in the art room.

It was delightful to see parents and visitors involved in the open day activities and assisting their child with their learning. Many parents and visitors visited all the classrooms to see what was happening across the school. This was an excellent opportunity to experience a variety of Key Learning Areas and observe different stage learning outcomes. It was fantastic to see next year’s Kindergarten students and their families visiting our school. Several students commented they would like to do open day more often because they enjoyed being able to “show off” their learning to their parents and visitors, but most of all they just liked doing activities with them.

We are building strong and meaningful partnerships together in education.

Thank you to the students and staff of Corowa South Public.

I am very proud to be your principal.

Karen Kissell - Principal

Pictured: Top- Mrs Kissell, Rory, Mr Smith and Wil at Official Opening. Bottom- Wil Julian and Rory Batten.
### K/1 News
In HSIE, we have begun discussing how plants and animals need shelter to live in different conditions.

In Science we experimented with building a shelter using only newspaper and sticky tape. The students worked collaboratively to create and alter their designs.

In Maths this week we are continuing to work on addition and subtraction.

**Mrs Taylor and Mrs Francis, Class Teachers**

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### Messages from Healthy Harold

**Daltyn**

Here are some healthy foods.

**Mila**

Eat healthy foods. Mila.

**Will**

Healthy Harold said to eat healthy foods, how to keep safe at home, and what we don’t need exercise, emergent helps “emergent”.

**Aria**

Healthy Harold messages:

Your body work and what I need exercise, emergent helps “emergent”.

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### Sports News
This is the last week of gymnastics. It has been a fantastic program for the students. They have developed and extended their gymnastic skills and talents through stimulating and challenging activities. We thank the Presbyterian Church for the use of their excellent facilities and support of our school. Flyaway Gymnastics have offered a very comprehensive program and the instructors instinctively recognized and supported students’ individual needs.

**MILO Cricket**

Each Tuesday afternoon for Weeks 7-10 this term, our students will be engaged in MILO cricket skills with class teachers and Robbie Mackinlay, NSW Cricket Development Officer, at the school. Again there will be no cost involved as the school will be supported through the Sporting Schools Program. Each class will have a scheduled workshop time. The aim is fun and participation.

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### Year 2/3/4 News

The students enjoyed the visits by family members to the classroom on Friday.

Last week, students began their study of this term’s topic, “British Colonisation”. This topic follows on from last term’s focus on “Our Community”. It provides students with the opportunity to study Australia’s original human inhabitants, and the arrival and consequences of occupation by the British.

**Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher**

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### Class 5 /6 News

While Mrs Kissell has been at Professional Learning as a trainer in HOW2Learn, Class 5/6 has been with Mrs Francis following their usual timetable and programmed learning. Meanwhile, the students are trying to improve their spelling accuracy for each Friday’s spelling assessment. They are targeting specific words from their weekly spelling list to achieve their spelling goal. Some students haven’t reached their spelling goal YET but know that if they practise, practise, practise that goal will be achieved!

This Thursday, Year 5 will be attending an enrichment day at Corowa High School after gymnastics. This is an excellent opportunity to build strong pathways and friendships for their transition to high school.

Next week Year 5 will be starting their Buddy Program in preparation for the Step Up To Kinder program.

**Homework**

This week is: Spelling, Take Home Reading, General Knowledge Quiz.

**Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher**
Reading Awards: Congratulations to the following students who have reached the following Home Reading milestones

25 Nights: Zach Wemyss
100 Nights: Ella Ovenden
125 Nights: Aria Glare
150 Nights: Leticia True

Positive Behaviour Rewards
Congratulations to Isabell Brand, Deaclan Sanders, Chelsea Hay and Stephanie Dunscombe-Lofthouse.

Next P & C Meeting Wed at 6:30pm in Library – 2nd September 2015
P & C - Father’s Day stall at school on Wednesday 2nd September 2015
Reminder P&C Chocolate Fundraiser – please return all money to the school office.

Earn and Learn
Our school will again be participating in 2015 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. Commencing Wednesday 15 July through to Tuesday 8 September we are asking families to collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers in support of Corowa South Public School. Place the sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & learn Sticker Sheet and place completed sheets in the collection box at Woolworths Corowa or into our collection box in the school office.

On completion of the program the stickers are counted and redeemed through Modern Teaching Aids which provides classroom resources to assist with teaching and learning.

Week 5 Parent / Teacher Interviews
You are invited to attend interviews to discuss your children’s achievements and progress with class teachers during Week 5. We value your partnership and support in your child’s educational journey at Corowa South Public School. Please complete the below slip on preferred appointment times.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW TIMETABLE – Please Make three choices........

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Email Upgrade
Following a recent upgrade to the school email system, parent addresses previously provided have been deleted from the mailbox. Would you please provide your email address so that we may email a copy of the weekly newsletter and other correspondence as required. A hard copy of the newsletter will still be provided to your family.

Parent Name: ____________________________  Email address: ____________________________

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