Dear Parents,

The students and staff have had a wonderful start to the year. Everyone is settling into new classes and routines. Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of meeting with our P&C to discuss our school and future directions. It was a very positive and welcoming atmosphere. Our students and their learning journey at our fantastic school are our priority. Our new Library Prefects – Daniel and Callum are doing a tremendous job at keep the Library resources prepared for classes and sorting book returns.

Karen Kissell, Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Swimming
Good luck to Brodie Julian, Bryce Moffitt, Daniel Moffitt, Lara Ovenden and Sophie Jones who have qualified to compete at the Albury PSSA Swimming carnival on 24th February. Mr McIntyre will be attending the carnival.

ICAS entries
(International Competitions for Schools) Students in Years 3 – 6 are invited to participate in this independent, skill-based assessment program. Schools, parents and students are able to:
- Track the progress of student learning through each year level.
- Provide an independent understanding of student strengths and weaknesses
- Identify potentially gifted students and those who may need extra help
- Recognise and reward achievement.

For more information www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas2016
Entry forms are available from the school office

Bluearth Active Schools Program
Bluearth will be back working with our students and staff tomorrow.

SRC News
We hoped you enjoyed last week’s Zooper Dooper surprise.
This week we will be selling Zooper Dooepers at 1:10pm on Friday for you to purchase at 50 cent each. Limit of two per student.
**Student Writing**

**Should Nine-year-old Children Be Allowed to Live on Their Own?**

Should they live on their own? Eh, I’m learning more towards yes! You’re probably thinking “IS SHE MAD? EVERYONE NEEDS PROPER CARE FROM THEIR PARENTS! WE WORK SO HARD TO CARE FOR THOSE KIDS!” And, well, you’re right but thanks to your care we’re very capable! At nine years of age we have learnt MILLION! You may be thinking I’m being rude or unappreciative, well, in a way I am. But I think we could be able to do it!

Firstly, it would be quiet. No one telling us to was the dishes, brush our teeth, put our clothes in the washing machine, make our bed, clean our room and the big one, GO TO SLEEP. How us kids absolutely dread getting told what to do if it includes CHORES. And I think we can all agree with more that one child it can get pretty hectic. I know my dad would agree.

Secondly, we have learnt so so sooooo much stuff from you caring parents! I am nine and I know how to cook or make a few things! I’m pretty sure maybe I could be capable of cleaning up my room every so often, just maybe.

Thirdly, I am a clear BOOKWORM. I have learnt so much information from books! I also self-educate myself and think a lot. Sometimes I even annoy myself with how much I think. But, I suppose living alone it could come in handy.

Fourthly, if we’re capable of some jobs I’m sure we can manage going to the shops and buying food and clothes. We could ride walk or maybe run.

In conclusion, I think nine-year-olds are beyond capable of caring for themselves. Adults are older and know more but it shouldn’t mean we don’t know how to care for just US! It doesn’t mean we know stuff they don’t! I’m convinced nine-year-olds can live on their own. It’s my opinion, what’s yours? **Jodi Johnson**

I am seven and I know how to look after myself. So a nine year-old could.

I know how to make a milo. I can wash the dishes.

So, nine-year-olds could too. **Kieesha Taylor**

Nine-year-old children should be allowed to live on their own. I am eight and I know how to look after myself so I think nine-year-olds could.

Firstly, living on their own would give the children lots of peace and quiet. No little brothers or sisters.

Secondly, they wouldn’t have to do home-work because they wouldn’t have to go to school. I am OK that you would not have to do home-work.

Lastly, if I know how to use money, I think that nine year olds could too. **Ella Webb**

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**K/1 News**

We have begun our Dr Seuss themed study of Literary texts and are enjoying reading & discussing Dr Seuss books.

**Homework**
1. **Home Reading & regular return of books**: Children are asked to find out your favourite Dr Seuss book and report back to the class over the next week.
2. **Year 1 revising**: Students are settling well into the Learning Cafe routine during morning literacy sessions.

**Reminder**: Please record a comment in your child’s yellow ‘Read It’ recording book after sharing their home reading book.

Also please send along a separate Reading Bag to transport your child’s reading books & recording book to avoid wear, tear and spills.

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**Year 2/3/4 News**

I hope you enjoy reading the sample of the persuasive texts written by class members. Focus topics for Maths this week include subtraction and 3D space. The students have begun researching the history of our school. For homework the students are asked to list four things they’d like to know about the school’s past. Examples could be “Have there always been school captains?” “What has been the largest number of student enrolments?” A maths sheet and Home Reading are the other home learning activities for this week.

**Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher**

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**Year 5/6 News**

Students have been reading many different types of texts in the classroom. Year 5/6 are also working hard in building their knowledge on creative arts and focusing on contrast and shapes. The students of 5/6 have been further developing their literacy skills with their writing and grammar development. Students are getting excited for a big day of sport on Wednesday with hockey and Bluearth.

**Thomas McIntyre, Class Teacher**
P &C Meeting
Like us on facebook and keep up to date with the latest news. The 2016 P&C AGM will be on Wednesday 16th March at 5:30pm.
Welcome to our new parents who attended last week’s P&C meeting. We were able to discuss how the school year has started and ideas for P&C directions.

Sport
Regular sports day will be Friday mornings.
Reminder of sun safe policy - wear a hat outside.
Wednesday 17th we will have Blue earth with “Swanee” and a Hockey workshop for Years 2-6, so wear sports uniform and runners to be activate and enjoy participating in fun physical activities.
Week 5 – Thursday 25th February we will commence a four week golf program – conducted by Golf Professionals from Corowa Golf Club. All students will participate. No cost to students.

Reminder: Lunch order day this Thursday – orders due in the box in the office by 11.30am Wednesday.

Corowa High School
Year 7 in 2017
Parents and Year 6 students are invited to attend an Information Evening on Monday 29 February 6:30-7:30 pm in the High School Hall Enter at Tower Street Hope to see you there!

Enquiries please phone 02 6033 1889
There’s a Playgroup near you!
A Playgroup is a place for you and your children aged 0 – 6 to have fun, make new friends and develop skills through play.

1. **Corowa Playgroup**  CRFNC Club
   Rooms: John Foord Oval- Corowa
   Thursdays at 9am.

2. **St Mary’s Church Hall**, Tuesday
   10am – 12 noon. Bring a piece of fruit to share. We would love to come along- contact Shelley 0414 197769.

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**Corowa Rutherglen Junior Football Club invites you to their Season training launch:**

**Wednesday 17th Feb @ 5.30pm.**
**BBQ to follow**
**U12’s, U14’s & U16’s**

The CRJFC plays in the Albury Wodonga Junior Football league on a Sunday morning.
We are a community based, family focused club, with a strong emphasis on sportsmanship.
We welcome new and existing players to come and have a kick.
Registrations will be able to be done on the day and paid by cash or cheque. $120 for 1st Child/2nd and subsequent child $100.
Please contact Beau Longmire 0427 367063

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**Corowa Tree of Life Community Garden**
Wishes to invite you to join us in Celebrating the Official Opening of the garden
By the Mayor, Cr. Paul Miegel
And acknowledgement of the sponsors
Who have made this project possible
This event will be held at the Community Garden
Cnr Church & Queen Streets
Saturday 12th March 2016
2.00pm—3.30pm
Followed by afternoon tea

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**Waltungnyal Lions Football Netball Club** will be holding junior football registration on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm. All present and new players are encouraged to come along and register for the 2016 season.
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