Dear Parents,

This week our School Captain Nadia Raschke and Vice-Captain Sophie Jones are off to Melbourne to attend the 2016 Halogen Young Leaders Conference. We hope they relish the experience of working with other student leaders from a variety of schools across NSW and Victoria. They will have the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of achievements and pathways in leadership from several diverse and inspirational people. Nadia and Sophie will be able to return to our school with some ideas and thoughts for the SRC and their own personal journey in leadership ahead.

On another subject, the major school excursions for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students are being finalised this week. Stage 2 students (Years 3 and 4) will be attending a two day camp at the Great Aussie Resort on September 15th and 16th. Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) will be attending a three day excursion to Canberra and part of their focus on Australian Government and Democracy on August 17th, 18th and 19th.

Final details and costings will be advised in the next few weeks so families can budget and claim the date appropriately to ensure full participation by all Stage 2 and 3 students.

Karen Kissell, Principal

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**Clean Up Australia Day:** Friday 4th March at 9.30am

Kinder/Year 1 students will clean up within the school grounds. 2/3/4 5/6: Will clean up Morris Park. Students are asked to wear sturdy shoes, bring their hat and a pair of garden gloves.
5/6 Weekly Wrap
We have completed another week in 5/6, with the improvements starting to show! The students have been continually challenged and this week was no different. We have been watching Behind the News on Friday, which opened up the students’ knowledge on the world’s current events. We have been accessing new stories during our reading groups which have been fantastic. As the weeks roll on we have more exciting events to get ready for! This class has an eye for golf with a few Jason Day’s and a few Lydia Ko’s amongst us. During our mathematics sessions we have been trying very hard to get through our Addition and Subtraction topics. 5/6 will continue to work towards their goals by the end of the term. I am looking forward to meeting and greeting a few of our parents next week!

Quote of the Week
Neil deGrasse Tyson: “No one is dumb who is curious. The people who don’t ask questions remain clueless throughout their lives”.

PSSA Swimming Sports Report
It was a hot 42 degree day at Albury. Corowa South Public School had 5 outstanding swimmers who made it across for the battle of the ages. Our swimmers showed plenty of heart.

Our first swimmer off the mark for the day was Lara ‘O’Neil’ Ovenden who shot out of the blocks and swam the 100 metre in 1.56.08 seconds. Our second and youngest swimmer was Brodie ‘The Missle’ Julian, who had a fantastic swim and slotted a time of 1.03.33 in the 50 metre. Then once again the marathon swimmer Lara jumped straight back in the pool after not even getting enough time to dry off to set an outstanding time of 53.64 in the 50 metre.

All of a sudden the clock stuck ten! It was time for the 11 year old boys’ 50 metre swim. We had the Dashing Daniel Moffitt and Brutal Bryce Moffitt. Let’s just say these boys were ready to go! Daniel was in the first heat and swam a time of 1.03.20. Bryce was in the second heat and swam a time of 57.26 seconds. Congratulations Boys!

However, the day was still not over! Sophie ‘Trickett’ Jones stepped up to the blocks. Being like Sophie she missed the start but made an incredible comeback to land 3rd place at the time of 1.04.32. What a swim!

Finally Lara felt like she had one more event in her. This one was the 50 metre backstroke. Her swim style had some of the cleanest strokes that I have seen hit the water since the early Ian Thorpe. Using these strokes she was able to set a solid time of 1.02.48

Overall the day was a hot but great day. I would like to thank the parents for bringing their wonderful children over for the day.

Signing off, Mr McIntyre.

Year 2/3/4 News
This week the students are exploring the Centenary book of Corowa South Public School to find answers to some of the questions they formulated last week. Ask your child why a fence was needed around the school boundary in 1898. Maths topics this week include Multiplication, Volume and Capacity. Homework includes listing four facts about a leap year, Maths sheet and home reading.

Lee McDonald, Class Teacher

NAPLAN 2016
Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN. The results of the assessments provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement.

The dates for NAPLAN 2016 are:
- May 10th – Language Conventions and Writing
- May 11th – Reading
- May 12th – Numeracy

If you have any concerns please speak to the Principal.

Reading Rewards
Congratulations to the following students who have reached 25 Nights of Home Reading: Leticia True, Imogen Forge, Macy Douch

WHS and Attendance Reminder
As part of our WHS and Attendance policies, all students need to be signed in at the office, if they arrive after 9:15 and signed out at the office, if leaving before 3:15. This is in addition to notes or prior discussions with class teachers. We need to know who, when and where your child is for safety and attendance purposes. All visitors and volunteers must also sign in and sign out through the office if they are assisting in classrooms etc during school hours.

Join us for K-6 Assembly this Friday at 2.30pm
The 2016 P&C AGM will be on Wednesday 16th March at 5:30pm. Questionnaire and Hot Cross Order forms due on the Friday 18th March.

**ICAS entries**

(International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Students in Years 3 – 6 are invited to participate in this independent, skills-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](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas2016)

Entry forms are available from the school office.

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**SRC News**

This week we will be selling Zooper Doopers at 1:10pm on Friday for you to purchase at 50 cent each. Limit of two per student.

**ANZAC Day Ceremony**

Our school ANZAC Day ceremony will be conducted on Friday 8th April 2016 at 10:30 am due to school vacation dates.

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**K/1 News**

Last week we began with our Classroom Volunteers assisting during the Literacy session (9:30-10:30am). Thank you to these ladies for giving up their valuable time to assist with our Literacy program.

Here is our Classroom Volunteer Timetable (to date):

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If you are interested in assisting our class there are lots of other ways that you can support our class and learning programs. Perhaps you can assist with book covering, or you have a special skill/talent or interest in an other area, for example music, craft, sewing, gardening, sport, cooking? Or maybe you have access to resources for donation to the school to be shared and used. There are many ways to be involved in your child/grandchild’s learning and educational journey at school. Perhaps you might be interested in becoming involved with the P&C?

Sounds for the following week: Tues ‘k’, Wed ‘v’, Thurs ‘e’

**Homework for our class:**

- News topic: Students are to learn their address and share with the class ‘where they live’!
- Sound focus of the day: Students try to bring something, or share their knowledge of something that begins with the focus sound for the day to share with the class.

Have a great week! Cheers,

Kate Taylor & K/1 Class

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**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent and teacher interviews will be conducted next week. Please complete the form and return to the office so a suitable time can be arranged for you to discuss your child’s educational achievements and progress in 2016.

A confirmation note of times will be sent home this week.

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**Easter Colouring competition**

Gyles’ newsagency colouring competition due back to school by 22nd March, or you can personally deliver them to the newsagency.

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**Year 6 Shirts**

The design has been decided and students are bringing in their orders. We are hoping they will be ready to wear by the end of the term!

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**Sport**

This week the students will participate in Blueearth Active Students Program on Wednesday and Golf Clinic on Thursday. This is a great opportunity for all students to be active, enjoy the fun of sport, learn new skills as well as experience team and leadership skills.

Ashton practising his putting!
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.
   contact Shelley 0414 197769.

**A Quick Bite Recipe…**
**Roasted Eggplant, Zucchini and Capsicum Salad**
Great recipe for all those zucchinis and eggplants at this time of year.
- 2 eggplant, quartered and sliced
- 2 zucchini, sliced
- 1 red capsicum, finely sliced
- 1 red chilli, finely sliced (as tolerated)
- spray oil
- 1 tspn baby capers, rinsed and drained
- handful of basil leaves
- drizzle of olive oil
- drizzle of balsamic vinegar

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Combine eggplant, zucchini, chilli and capsicum. Spread over two baking trays. Spray with oil and roast for 30-40 minutes or until golden, shaking the trays once or twice. Allow to cool slightly. Arrange the roasted vegetables on a serving platter. Scatter over capers and basil. Season with salt. Drizzle olive oil and balsamic vinegar and serve.

**Corowa’s Great Easter Egg Hunt ’16**
9:30am easter service
11am easter egg hunt
barbeque by rotary-gold coin donation
Jumping castle + coffee cart available
hunting bags provided, no egg bag
primary seniors and under
RSL Park
weather permitting

**Corowa Flicks in the Sticks**
Saturday 9th April, 2016
Ball Park Oval, Edward Street, Corowa

**No Electrical Please**
We would like to welcome all the new and existing families to 2016. We are excited for another fantastic year. We would like to start by congratulating our school leaders for 2016 we are sure they will do a fantastic job and we look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Our 2015 major raffle was a huge success raising just over $2,100 for our school. We would like to thank Corowa RSL Club, Corowa Curtains & Décor, Corowa Supa IGA and Easdown House for donating prizes to our raffle.

The winner of our major prize of the roar and snore package at the Melbourne Zoo was Michelle Black. They have had their night at the zoo and highly recommends it to anyone.

We have started planning our fundraising calendar for 2016. The following is a list of fundraising events we have happening this term.

**Easter Raffle**

We will be sending home raffle books for the Easter raffle within the week. Tickets will be $2 each and we will have a nice Easter Hamper up for grabs. This will be drawn on the 18th March at the last assembly before Easter.

**Hot Cross Buns**

We will be distributing Hot Cross Bun order forms within the coming weeks and orders will be distributed within the week before Easter.

**Safeway BBQs**

We will be running a BBQ at Safeway – date to be confirmed. We will need all hands on deck as the more helpers we can get on the day takes the pressure off the others. All we ask is for 1 hour of your day to help cook and serve the BBQ. Please let us know if you are keen to help out

**Email, SMS & Facebook notifications**

The P & C would like to start to email and SMS our families to keep everyone up to date with what is happening with P&C matters. We have attached to this newsletter a survey if you can put your contact details on this form and return it to school we can start to give you more regular feedback.

**Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 5.30pm in the school library. All positions will be declared vacant and we invite everyone along.

**P & C Meeting Time Preferences**

Our P & C meetings are currently held in Week 3 and Week 8 on the Wednesday night in the school library at 5.30pm. We welcome everyone to come along and join our meetings. It is a great way to meet other families from our school and it’s great to see and have new faces come along with new and fresh ideas on how we can grow our school. We understand that family and work commitments make it hard to commit to attending all the time therefore we would like your feedback on the best day and time to hold our meetings.

*Please complete the attached survey and return it to the school office before March 9 and go into the draw to win a $50 IGA Corowa voucher. The winner will be drawn at our next meeting on March 16.*

Again we thank you in advance for all your support and help in raising funds to help support all of our children.

Regards

Sally Batten, Secretary, CSPS P&C
P & C

Contact Details

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Meeting Time Preference Survey

Please complete your contact details and meeting time preferences on the below survey and return it to the school office before March 9 and go into the draw to win a $50 IGA Corowa voucher. The winner will be drawn at our next meeting on March 16.

Name:________________________________________________________

Mobile Number:________________________________________________

Email address:__________________________________________________

Meeting Day and Time Preference

Day:___________________________ Time:___________________

☐ I would be interested in coming to a meeting
☐ I would like to be contacted when help is needed
☐ I would like to receive the P&C minutes
The Crusty Loaf Bakery

HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM  $6.00 per Half Dozen (Cash or Cheque only)

Organisation: Corowa South Public School
Name/Contact Number: Melissa Glare 0408 231 977

Order Form Return Date: Friday 18/03/2016
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