



## Helpful Students & Parents

Recently we have witnessed some excellent examples of students and parents initiative to help our schools organisation.

- **Library Bags** – last week Samantha Phillips and Jacinta Barron were busy sewing up extra Library bags (in their own time and on the weekend) to provide some spare Library bags for Mrs Fredericks.
- **Cleaning the Chook Yard** – Kim and Jacinta Barron and Amy Webb (ex pupil), spent some time the weekend before last cleaning up the chook yard and preparing it for our younger Old English Bantams which we hope to show later in the year.
- **Library Assistant** – Mandy Dyson has also been helping with the library borrowing and returning. Mandy's willingness to help with this procedure is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all our helpers for their extra efforts to improve our school.

## Reading Achievements Congratulations

### **25 Nights**

Austin Carnie  
Kiam Yates  
Bethany Thornber  
Simon Craft  
Mackenzie Rolls  
Britney Hooper



### **50 Nights**

Izaak Van Ree  
Brianna Hewitt  
Abbie Radford  
Lachlan Dolan  
Oscar Downing

**Fantastic effort, keep  
up the good work!**

## Healthy Active national Schools Competition

Last Thursday the school received sporting goods to the value of \$2750 for our NSW second prize in the Australian Healthy Active Schools Competition. The students excitedly opened the packages that contained:

- Tennis racquets & balls
- Cricket bats & helmets
- Softball bases & catchers equipment helmets
- Sherrin football
- Basketballs
- Gym mats
- Goal post covers

What great additions to our sports shed. Our students are eagerly waiting to use this new equipment.

## Home School Liaison Officer

Peter Bryan – HSLO, will visit the school on Wednesday. Peter's role is to look at student attendances.

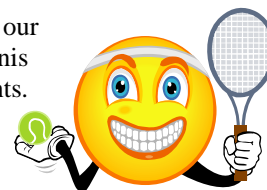
## Tennis Coaching

Kate Hargreaves will be visiting our school on Friday to conduct Tennis Coaching sessions for our students.

The times will be as follows:

12:30 – 1:00	Kinder
1:30 – 2:00	Yr 1/2
2:00 – 2:30	Yr 3/4
2:30 – 3:00	Yr 5/6

Kate is a professional tennis coach who is keen to instruct our students in the fundamentals of tennis.



## School Publicity

Check out today's Border Mail Schools Educational supplement for an article on our students. Caitlin, from the Free Press, also visited the school recently to photograph our students and interview Bethany Thornber, Amy Webb and Thomas Webb on their recent success in the NSW Nangai Mai Aboriginal and the 2008 Harmony Awards. Thanks to Mrs Mathews and Mrs Read for organising the additional publicity to promote our school and student achievements.

## Office Building Upgrade

This Friday, the Office and Administration area will see the commencement of building upgrade. The office may be located in the new library over the next three weeks to minimise disruption. Parents and visitors will need to keep an eye on its sign posted location.

## Anzac Ceremony

The 2008 School Anzac Ceremony will be held on Friday 11 April at 10:45am, to commemorate this significant national day. Students will participate in a ceremony organised and conducted by the Year 5/6 students.

## CSU Speech Pathology Project

Sonya Furner visited the school yesterday to discuss this years project. Sonya will meet with Hollie Bevan, Steph Burns and Kathryn Thorncraft, next Monday to develop a questionnaire and activities to conduct a needs analysis for our school to ascertain what our areas of need are. We look forward to being involved in this project to improve our students communication skills.

## Director's Visit

Wednesdays visit by Mr Peter Smith, Albury District School Education Director, was a very positive interaction and opportunity to outline our schools current initiatives and future directions. Mr Smith was delighted to hear of the increasing parental involvement and participation in our schools programs and administration. He was also pleased to see our 2008 priorities focusing on literacy, numeracy and developing a PE and Sporting program.

## Rutherglen & District Garden Show

Grade 6 students were very pleased to be notified that their group effort fabric wall hanging was judged the winning entry in the senior schools section of the art competition at the flower show. The art work which features hand stitched and machined sunflowers will be displayed at school next term.

## Emergency Services Day

In QE11 Square on the 19 April, Albury Central is holding an Emergency Services Day. It gives the community an opportunity to thank our local emergency services personnel for the great job they do on a daily basis. To be involved in this fantastic day come to QE11 Square and speak to our emergency services personnel and take a look at the equipment they use to help people out of sticky situations. Don't forget to grab yourself an Albury Central balloon and participate in some of the great art activities.

Further details on all aspects of the event can be obtained by contacting Melissa on (02) 60217775 or email [admin@alburycentral.com](mailto:admin@alburycentral.com)

## Balldale District PSSA Australian Rules Selection Carnival

Balldale played three games before reaching the final against Finley. In the earlier games the results were:

- Finley 23 def Balldale 22
- Balldale 13 def Leeton/Narrandera 12
- Balldale def Deniliquin

In the final:

- Finley def Balldale

Jarrold Ballhause and Logan Wemyss both performed creditably in the Balldale line up. They really enjoyed the experience, playing with good players, being part of a representative team and the challenge of playing against better players.

## 4/5/6 Class News

During our class meeting, held last Wednesday, the following was highlighted:

Good things of the past week

- Footy, netball trials
- The egg decorations
- The new library's electricity has been hooked up
- Hens laying more eggs
- New sports gear

The class meeting also provides a forum for the students to also discuss:

- Ways in which the students can improve next week.
- Classroom/playground issues/concerns.
- Reward items – ways to recognise good student behaviour.
- Things to remember.
- Future plans.

The meeting is conducted by the students and minutes taken to record the discussion.

## 2/3/4 Class News

We're working very hard this week on Nature Writing focusing on environmental themes and getting imagery in the writing. Hopefully, we'll produce some poetry to enter in the Dorothea Mackellar competition coming up. Another major focus is learning times tables (x10, x5, x4, x2) and sounds to improve reading and spelling. Enjoy the week!

Lorna Read

**Corowa & District Netball Association  
Winter Competition  
Registration Days  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April  
5:00 - 6:00pm  
Morris Park**

**Programs:**

- 5 - 7 yrs - Net Set Go
- 8 - 11 yrs - Netta
- Sub Junior Competition
- 17 & under Competition

**Phone Pam Svarc on 0428 584179  
for more details**

**Corowa Community Garage Sale  
Saturday 5 April 2008  
8am - 2pm**

Maps outlining all garage sales & item details will be available on the day from 7.45am outside Corowa Public School & at Corowa Baptist Church

Map cost: \$2

Organised by Corowa Baptist Church  
Enquiries: 6033 0652

**Corowa NAB Auskick  
Registration  
John Ford Oval  
Thursday 10 April  
5:00 - 6:00pm**

**Auskick Starts  
27 April at 1:00pm  
Contact Mark O'Donoghue 0417419428**

## Kids Keyboarding

Computer Keyboarding for kids is happening in Term 2, 2008 at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, Corowa Campus

**Where:** Corowa Campus, Cnr Murray & Reisling Streets Corowa B Block

**When:** Monday 28 April - Monday 23 June (excluding 9 June, Public Holiday)

9 week course

**Time:** 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

**Cost:** \$160

**Entry Requirements:** Middle Primary through to Secondary years

### **Course Description:**

Students will learn correct keyboarding techniques, i.e. touch typing using all the fingers, without looking at the keyboard. This is a very valuable skill for students, especially as they move into secondary school and beyond.

### **Enquiries:**

TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, Corowa Campus

(02) 6033 7400 - Kellie Harrison  
(Tues - Thurs)

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## A Word From the School Counsellor

### 10 Tips to effective discipline

1. **Get their attention:** move closer (but don't get in their face), get down to their level if they are small, and lower your voice rather than raising it if you want them to REALLY listen.
2. **Make eye contact:** you will be surprised at just how much more they take it when looking at you.
3. **Choose the timing:** if you or they are wound up and tense, wait until you are both calmer. There's no use ranting and raving at an already angry kid...they won't be listening to you.
4. **Use positive terms:** tell them what to do, how to do it, and when you'd like it done. "Stop your nonsense" just isn't specific enough for some children.
5. **Be specific:** "I want you to be a good boy at the supermarket," can be a waste of breath with some kids. Instead, tell them two or three things that you would like them to do at the supermarket.
6. **Check that the message is received:** the easiest way to do this is to ask your child to repeat back what you told them.
7. **Set a 3 R consequence:** is it REASONABLE? "You're grounded for a year" just isn't reasonable. Is it RESPECTFUL? All parties must maintain their dignity. Is it RELATED? (eg. Losing toys for a day if they haven't packed them away).
8. **Look for the good stuff:** close enough is sometimes good enough. Look for approximation of good behaviour to get your child on the right track.
9. **Make a big deal over the good stuff:** your reactions to good behaviour need to be just as big, if not bigger than your reactions to negative behaviour. And for extra effect, make your positive feedback multisensory - smile (visual), high 5 or a hug (tactile), and say how well they have done (verbal).
10. **Restore the relationship:** no grudges. An apology, a game, a smile, a shared treat, whatever it is, make sure your child knows that whilst you may dislike the sin, you do love the sinner.

