



# Corowa South Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 Week 7**  
**11 March 2008**

### Principal's Message

Jane Duck, co-ordinator Albury District Yr 4-7 Dance Ensemble Manager, contacted the school to advise that Brianna Hewitt had successfully auditioned for the 2008 Albury District Ensemble Brianna successfully auditioned for one of the nine remaining positions for this year. The hectic schedule commences with the first rehearsal session for the new ensemble today at the performing Arts Centre at James Fallon High School from 4:00 to 5:00pm. Detailed information and further instructions will be provided to Brianna and Sandra at tonight's rehearsal. What a terrific result. Fantastic to see our students excelling in performing arts.

### Parent Reminders

- Uni of NSW Tests Nomination Form
- Talking & Listening RSVP
- P&C Survey
- Sell P&C Easter Raffle – Drawn Wed 19 March
- Complete Parent Satisfaction Survey – Thurs 20 March
- ICE NSW Ambulance

### Coming Up

- **Tues 25 March** – Harmony Day Presentation
- **Fri 28 March** – CHS Boat Design

### The Week Ahead

#### Week 7:

|                           |         |                                |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 12 March</b> | 3:30pm  | Active After Schools           |
| <b>Thursday 13 March</b>  | 12:45pm | Evie Bradley School Counsellor |
|                           | 3:30pm  | Lunch Roster – Piette Ost      |
|                           | 3:30pm  | Staff Meeting                  |
| <b>Friday 14 March</b>    | 2:30pm  | Assembly K/1/2 Item            |

#### Week 8:

|                           |         |                                                        |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 17 March</b>    |         | Uni of NSW Test Nominations                            |
| <b>Tuesday 18 March</b>   |         | Talking & Listening Skills Parent Workshop – K. Taylor |
| <b>Wednesday 19 March</b> |         | Balldale Zone PSSA Netball/Football Selection Trials   |
|                           | 3:30pm  | NSW Nanga Mai Awards Presentation – Sydney             |
|                           |         | Active After Schools                                   |
| <b>Thursday 20 March</b>  | 9:30am  | Easter Egg-stravaganza & Hat Parade                    |
|                           | 12:45pm | Lunch Roster Kerry Smith                               |

## Balldale Football Netball Selection Trials

Next Wednesday 19 March the following students have indicated their willingness to travel to the Oaklands Recreation Ground to participate in the Balldale Zone PSSA Football and Netball selection Trials.

### Netball

Jacinta Barron, Chelsea Brindley, Hayley Garthwaite, Brianna Hewitt, Samantha Phillips, Abbie Radford, Jade Rhodes, Layla Davies

**Manager Amy Brindley**

### Football

Jarrold Ballhause, Lachlan Barron, Oscar Downing, Daniel Webb, Logan Wemyss, Ryan Garthwaite, Liam Minogue, Joshua Ost, Bronson Thornber, Ryan Bruce, Izaak Van Ree, Mathew Phillips

Lovesdale: Cody Kuschert, Oscar Bird

Savernake: Braden, Lachlan, Tanner

**Manager Graham Hyde**

The students will participate in a round robin competition against teams from Corowa Public, Mulwala, Oaklands, Small Schools/Urana and Corowa South. The students will travel by bus departing Corowa South Public School at 9:00am, returning at 3:15pm. A canteen will also operate. A permission note, draw and further details, will be distributed to these students attending the selections.

Many thanks to Amy Brindley who will travel with the girls as their team manager. Special thanks also to Kerry Smith who conducted a coaching session last Friday to help prepare our girls netball team.

## P&C Easter Raffle

At the last P&C Meeting it was decided to conduct our Easter Egg Raffle. Raffle books were distributed to the oldest student in the family yesterday.

Our school was kindly supported by the following business and families who donated items to support our P&C fundraiser:

- Safeway - \$50
- Peter Hearne – Wine x 2 (Ruvee Ablett's Dad)
- Dimmy's – 5 Boxes of Chocolate

Many thanks to Kim Barron who co-ordinated, collected and organised the three prizes while Jacqui Wemyss printed the labels and Greg Downing organised the raffle books and spoke to the students to enlist their support. We seek your support to help raise funds to provide additional equipment for our students.

## Parent Satisfaction Survey

As part of the School's Annual Reporting process we are actively seeking feedback on the schools organisation. Could you please find a few minutes to complete the attached survey to assist in this process. Could you please return by Thursday 20 March.

## School Uniform/Clothing Pool

Just a reminder about the P&C Clothing Pool. We have some (almost brand new uniform items) available. Please come to the office and take the opportunity to check out the Clothing Pool (especially with the changing season almost upon us).

## Reading Achievements Congratulations

### 25 Nights

Mikey Craft  
Chelsea Brindley

Sarah Dyson

Blake Pavey  
Luke Backhouse  
Jack Downing  
Ashleeh Bunt  
Laura O'Shannassy



Fantastic effort, keep  
up the good work!

## NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards

Next Wednesday 19 March, Bethany Thornber will travel to the ANZ Conservation Theatre at Taronga Park Zoo Mosman to celebrate Aboriginal Educational Excellence. Should be a great experience for Bethany.

## Kindergarten Workshops

Yesterday Mrs Taylor attended a one day workshop to support the teaching and learning of numeracy and literacy in Kindergarten. The sessions included planning and programming, focusing on assessment for learning.

## Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival

Today

- Kiam Yates – 11yrs 50m Breaststroke
- Georgia Backhouse – 9yrs 50m Butterfly
- Zoe Downing – Jnr 50m Butterfly

will compete at the Riverina Regional Carnival. Zoe, was selected in the Balldale Zone PSSA Swimming Team after double checking last week's district results involving a mix up with lane disqualifications. Good luck girls.

## World Book Encyclopaedia

In order to assist parents with young children, the school subscribes to the World Book Encyclopaedia Online to allow students the opportunity to research safely on the internet. The following user access and passwords should allow you access to the site:

Username: corowasth  
Password: student

Please advise the school if there are any problems.

## Positive Transition to School

Please note there will not be a Parent Session tomorrow, Wednesday 12 March, as previously advertised due to a clash of appointments and also as our School Counsellor Evie Bradley is unavailable on this date. My apologies for any inconvenience caused and we will reschedule this session for a more suitable date

## Library – Can you Help?

It would be most helpful to have about a dozen draw string library bags on hand for when students forget to bring them or when drink bottles leak, etc. A volunteer to sew some would be appreciated. Size approximately 40cm wide, 50cm deep, simple draw string style. Some material available at school. Please contact the school if you can help.

# Easter Eggstravaganza

**Thursday 20 march**

Easter Hat Parade and Egg Judging at 9:30am

**Super prizes! Super fun!**

Make an Easter Bonnet and decorate it with anything colourful! Decorate a hard-boiled egg. Categories below. Use your imagination!

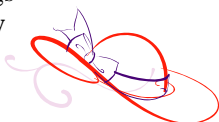
1. Categories:

- Best Easter theme egg
- Most colourful egg
- Most realistic animal
- Smartest dressed egg
- Best small group (3 or 4 eggs)
- Best Grandma & Grandpa eggs
- Best Nursery Rhyme egg
- King and Queen of the eggs

**Entry fee: \$1.00 per category**



2. Easter Hat Parade! **No entry fee.**



## 4/5/6 Class News

This week sees the class lift its focus on tables. Currently we are revising the x2, x4 and x8 tables. Students are practising the area where they need the most practise.

We are also practising Multiplication – rows KLMNO

We are all trying to complete a clock face table under 30 seconds. The students will be tested on Friday.

In order to improve our story writing skills we will be writing a narrative about Charlotte's Web.

Thanks again for your encouragement and support we are really starting to see the results of the 'extra' emphasis at home and in class.

## 2/3/4 Class News

We have a secret to share this week! Shhh! Listen carefully. We're getting quieter!! Everyone is trying to use quiet voices ONLY when not working. We've decided that it's polite and helps us to work more productively. **THANKS, KIDS!** I'm proud of you. We're also listening to a story every morning after roll call. Thank you, Jaide, for letting me read your lovely Penguin book. If anyone else would like to bring in a favourite picture book (No more than 10 minutes reading time) we would love to share it.

Dynamic (Bronte knows what it means!) verbs, adjectives and conjunctions are becoming a daily part of writing sentences and stories. Clever kids! Kealie's handwriting and stories are sensational (a wonderful improvement!). Jack is applying himself very well, with exciting results. We are going to start 'One Minute Speeches', on any topic, this week. Everyone will soon realise that one minute can be a very, very long time! Have an enjoyable week.

❖ **Class member of the Week – Kealie Jordan**

Lorna Read

## K/1/2 Class News

We are very busy in the K/1/2 room. Lots of programs being implemented including the following:

- CMIT Count Me In Too – number activities and tasks to support students understanding of Number concepts and Problem Solving.
- Time to Talk Program – developing important talking and listening skills and vocabulary to support other areas of Literacy especially in writing.
- Guided Reading Groups – small groups of students learning about reading and developing reading skills with the guidance of a teacher.
- COG's Unit on Changes – currently sharing the story of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.
- Technology Program with Mr M.

So with all these programs in place we are buzzing around like bees working hard. Our Home Reading Program is very positive thanks to your support at home and the guidance of our Yr 6 Buddies. So pleasing to see over half of our class achieving the first milestone of 25 nights reading. Thanks again for your support by listening regularly to your child read at home and encouraging your child to return their readers daily.

A special thank you must go also to our tireless Yr 6 Buddies who assist in changing and listening to the Kinder students each morning. You are positive leaders and an important part of the Kinder's success in reaching their first reading goal!

For those students who haven't quite reached this goal, a challenge, to have our whole class be the first class to reach 25 nights of reading. Nothing like a bit of healthy competition! Happy reading and have a great week.

Kate & K/1/2

## ICE – (In Case of Emergency)

**Message from NSW Ambulance Service** – Most of us carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than if we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

**Please forward this** - It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this.

# Colour In Competition

Newspower is a marketing group for newagents across Australia. They are holding a Colour in Competition. Students can enter the competition at our local *Gyles Newsagency*. There is one prize per store. The winner will win a cute and fluffy Easter Bunny. Each store winner will enter a statewide competition with the chance to win a fabulous selection of Texta products valued at \$200. The statewide winner's school will win a Texta Product Package valued at over \$500.

Entry Forms have been distributed to students.  
Competition closes Wednesday 19 March.

**Corowa After-School Kid's Craft Club**  
At: Corowa Presbyterian Church Complex, Mary & Queen Sts, Corowa  
*All Kinder – Year 6 Children are Welcome*  
2008 Term 1 – Fortnightly Friday's:  
☺ 14<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Craft  
☺ 28<sup>th</sup> March: Foam Animals Craft  
☺ 11<sup>th</sup> April: Paper Mache Money Boxes Craft  
**Time:** After School until 5 pm  
**Cost:** \$5.00 each, Family Discounts: \$8.00 family of 3, \$10.00 for family of 4, \$2.00 extra child  
**Program:** Afternoon Tea ⇄ Games Time ⇄ Story Time ⇄ More Games Time ⇄ Craft Time  
**Enquiries to:** Peter or Sharon Pallett: 6033 1063  
*Parents welcome especially Craft Time! Bonus points for helping parents!*

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**Corowa Youth Group**  
ALL HIGH SCHOOL YEARS 7-12 WELCOME  
2008 Term 1 – Friday's:  
**Time:** 7 pm to 9 pm **Special Activity Nights:**  
22<sup>nd</sup> February: 6.30pm \* Combined YG's @ Albury: Meet Phil & Glenda Carter, missionaries in PNG - \$5 Fuel  
4<sup>th</sup> April: 6.30pm \* YG's @ Albury: Moore College Team - \$5 Fuel  
**Games & Bible Learning Nites: Time:** 7 pm to 9 pm **Cost:** \$2  
**This Friday: 14<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Enquiries to:** Peter, Sharon or Felicity Pallett: 6033 1063



## Hospital attendances for asthma have tripled!!

February has seen a dramatic rise in the number of school students (aged 5-16 years) attending Accident & Emergency departments across NSW. During the past few weeks the number of asthma-related visits has risen from an average of 25 per day to 75. Statistics show that this phenomenon happens in February/ March every year, and this year has shown some of the highest numbers seen for some years.

Although asthma affects everyone differently, the very changeable weather could be a factor. People with asthma are very vulnerable to changes in temperature. Stress, the change of environment as children start or move schools, the cocktail of germs, cold and flu viruses that children can pick up once they come together can all trigger an asthma attack.

Good asthma management every day, along with people knowing what to do in an emergency could significantly reduce the number of children needing to go to hospital with their asthma. Seeing the family GP on a regular basis and getting an up to date written asthma action plan could avoid a deterioration occurring, and at the very least may help recognise the warning signs. It's also vital to take medication as directed, and have a reliever inhaler available at all times, just in case.

If you have any questions, or for further information contact Asthma Foundation NSW.

T: 1800 645 130

E: [ask@asthmansw.org.au](mailto:ask@asthmansw.org.au)

W: [www.asthmansw.org.au](http://www.asthmansw.org.au)

## K/1/2 Parent Information Sessions

- Importance of Talking & Listening  
3:30pm Tuesday 18 March

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick which sessions you will be attending and return to the office.