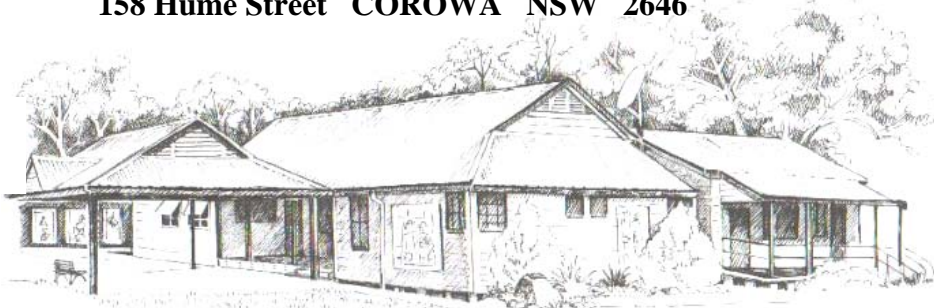




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NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 2
12 February 2008

Principal's Message

Last Thursdays Balldale Swimming Carnival was a terrific experience for our students especially the younger pupils who fought fear, nerves (and in some cases overnight vomiting) to participate and compete in their first major swimming carnival. It's terrific to see how the students overcome adversity to achieve personal milestones and personal bests in their events. Terrific also to see the K/1/2 students enthusiastically participate in their novelty events and activities despite the cool water conditions. It was very pleasing to see a large number of parent helpers and supporters assist throughout the day. Thanks everyone.

Parent Reminders

- School Contributions
- Library Borrowing Commences
- Bookclub Orders Close Wed 20 February

Coming Up

- **Fri 29 February** - Balldale Zone PSSA Swimming Mulwala
- **Tues 11 March** - Riverina Region PSSA Swimming
- **Wed 19 March** - Balldale Football/Netball trials
- **Fri 28 March** - Super 8's

The Week Ahead

Week 3:

Wednesday 13 February		Active After Schools
Thursday 14 February		Evie Bradley District School Counsellor
	1:30pm	Colin Parker Riverina Regional Director
	3:30pm	Staff Meeting
Friday 15 February	2:30pm	Assembly 4/5/6 Item

Week 4:

Monday 18 February	6:30pm	School Council Meeting
	7:30pm	P&C Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19 February		CJC Condition Assessment
	12:30pm	Cathy Freeman Athletics Clinic Albury
Wednesday 20 February		Bookclub Orders Due
	3:30pm	Active After Schools
Thursday 21 February		Riverina Principal's (2 Day) Conference Griffith – G Hyde

Boothman's IGA
School Rewards Program
Final Total \$849.97

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who were Age Champions.

Georgie Backhouse	Junior Girl
Jarrold Ballhouse	11yrs Boy
Chelsea Brindley	12/13yrs Girl

The following students were successful in qualifying for the Balldale Zone Carnival at Mulwala, Friday 29 March.

Georgia Backhouse, Zoe Downing, Brianna Hewitt, Kiam Yates, Hayley Garthwaite, Jacinta Barron, Chelsea Brindley, Tiahn Hiscox, Karla Ballhouse, Becky Bruce and Abbie Radford

Simon Craft, Matthew Phillips, Daniel Webb, Jarrold Ballhouse, Oscar Downing, Austin Carnie, Bronson Thornber, Joshua Ost and Logan Wemyss



Boothman's IGA School Rewards Program

Last week the school received an additional cheque for \$94.74 as our final payment for the 2007 School Rewards Program. This brings the total to \$849.97, donated to the Corowa South Public School as a result of this tremendous community initiative conducted by David and Marie Boothman, Corowa Supa IGA.

Cathy Freeman Athletics Clinic

Yesterday, Cynthia Power Secretary of the Albury Little Athletics, contacted the school to advise Hayley Garthwaite has been invited to attend an Athletics Clinic for talented members of the Albury, Wodonga and Lavington/Jindera Little Athletics Clubs. The clinic will be run on a rotational basis with three groups rotating through 45 minute sessions. The sessions will include a motivational talk with Cathy, Sprinting Techniques and Starting Strategies using blocks. Congratulations to Hayley on your inclusion in this clinic, as only 30 students have been invited to attend.

Active After Schools Program

The Active After Schools will commence again tomorrow, commencing at 3:30pm under Wayne Cooper's guidance. Wayne visited the school on Monday to check out the school's equipment, venues and prepare the days activities for the first session. Students are reminded to complete a Active After Schools Registration form to enable them to participate in the Term 1 program.

Colin Parker Riverina Regional Director

As part of his biannual visits to schools program, Colin Parker will visit our school at 1:30pm on Thursday 14 February. We look forward to his visit to outline and display our school improvements and future plans.

Long Service Leave

Currently Chris Munro is on Long Service Leave for the next three weeks. We wish her an enjoyable change of routine.

Demountable Library

Last Thursday, four semi trailers delivered our new Library to the school after a journey from the Central Coast. The building looks great after the installation of the carpet (on Monday). The electricity and data parts and plumbing, hopefully will be completed later this week. It's a very roomy building and will undoubtedly provide the much needed space we so desperately require to enhance our Library and Visual Art lessons. The portable has created an enormous amount of interest and enthusiasm among the students, staff and parents. We look forward to the buildings usage.

School Council

Next Monday's School Council will focus on the following agenda items:

- Investing in Our Schools
- Demountable Building Installation
- 2008 Class Numbers
- Garden Facelift
- Basic Skills Test Results

P&C Annual General Meeting

Monday's P&C Annual General Meeting agenda will include:

- Election of Officers
- Term Calender
- 2008 Initiatives
- School Projects
- Fund Raising

Everyone welcome to come along and have your say.

Hearing Services Referrals

Barb Wilson, Team Leader Corowa Child & Family Community Health Nurse, contacted the school to advise that Albury Community Health have a audio metrist who can provide free hearing tests for any children 3yrs to 18yrs. See attached flyer for additional information and contact details.

Scholastic Bookclub

The Scholastic Bookclub plays an important part in supplementing the schools teaching and learning resources. During 2007 our school earned \$398 in resources and rewards through participation in the Scholastic Bookclub. Thanks everyone, keep up the good work.



School Uniform Pool

We do have some school uniforms in our Clothing Pool. If you would like to check it out, contact the office.

4/5/6 Class News

The class has made a terrific start to the New Year. We have witnessed some high standards of work and a very co-operative and supportive classroom atmosphere developing within the class.

A separate letter to parents will be distributed, regarding homework guidelines that the 4/5/6 class will be using during the year.

The school warmly welcomes Emma Tait to the Year 5 class.

2/3/4 Class News

Welcome to our Class news for 2008. Homework will be handed out on Monday and should be returned on Friday. Homework is an enjoyable way of practising concepts learnt in class (I hope!) and should not become stressful for you or your child. Please see me if you have any concerns. Our Unit this term is Growing & Changing, including the Respiratory & Digestive Systems, Life Cycles, Change Over Time (the Earth, people, plants & animals).

Everyone is working well and improving rapidly, especially in handwriting, maths, sentences and reading. Well done, boys and girls!

Lorna Read

K/1/2 Class News

What a busy but exciting time we've been having so far this term. We've begun the year with such enthusiasm and are rapidly learning new things *ESPECIALLY* our new Kinder class mates. They've been learning important work and social skills such as turn-taking, looking after their own belongings, sharing equipment and teacher time and attention. They've been busy making friends and playing and working co-operatively with each other. Not all new experiences belong to the Kindy students however, with all K/1/2 students attending their first Swimming Carnival which was an exciting and successful day.

We have begun our Homework Routine with our Home Reading Program and Word Study. All students have also been assigned a *NEWS* day which we began this week! A terrific start.

A reminder to all K/1/2 students that they need to bring in an Art Smock (thick material is advisable) – see the Brunella School Wear Store in the Sanger Street – these are great sturdy wash 'n' wear smocks that will keep your children's uniforms protected during Art. Have a wonderful week.

Kate & K/1/2

Child Minding

My name is Amy Webb. I am a responsible Year 7 student. I have experience with and enjoy caring for younger children.

I am available from

**4:00pm – 7:00pm
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
also weekends**

Referee and reasonable rates

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