



# Corowa South Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 Week 11**  
**8 April 2008**

### Principal's Message

On the weekend Greg Whitty commenced the office and administration upgrade which will provide our school and staff with the necessary infrastructure and facilities to allow a more efficient and more effective school organisation and the implementation and administration of teaching and learning programs.

The old building has been renovated to include:

- Student sick bay
- Upgraded office area
- Provision of additional storage areas
- Additional computer and technology access
- Construction of a new principal's office
- Larger staffroom

We are all looking forward to the completion of this project which will greatly improve our schools overall appearance and management.

### Parent Reminders

- School Athletics – Parent Helpers
- General Parental Consent Form
- Office Relocation – New Library
- P&C Meeting 7:30pm Aussie Hotel

### Coming Up

- **Tues 6 May** – Albury District PSSA Hockey Trials
- **Fri 9 May** – Riverina PSSA Rugby League Trials Wagga
- **Fri 16 May** – Small Schools Cross Country
- **Wed 21 May** – Mossies AFL Finley
- **Mon 26 – Fri 30 May** – Education Week

### The Week Ahead

#### Week 11:

<b>Wednesday 9 April</b>	9:30am	Athletics Carnival
<b>Thursday 10 April</b>	9:00am	CSU Speech Pathology – Needs Analysis
<b>Friday 11 April</b>	10:45am 2:30pm	Anzac Ceremony Assembly 2/3/4 Item

**School Holidays: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April**  
**School Resumes: Tuesday 29 April**

#### Week 1:

<b>Monday 28 April</b>	9:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day Teachers Aide Workshop Howlong – Di Nesbitt School Council Meeting – Corowa South Public School P&C Meeting – Aussie Hotel (food provided)
<b>Wednesday 30 April</b>		CSU Speech Pathology Project
<b>Thursday 1 May</b>	4:00pm	Balldale PSSA Hockey Trials – Ball Park
<b>Friday 2 May</b>		Mothers Day Stall

## School Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow at Morris Park. Children will walk from school at 9:15am with their teacher. Events that will be conducted include:

Sub Junior (ages 5, 6 & 7)

- 50m
- 70m
- Relay
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Novelties



Junior (ages 8, 9 & 10)

- 100m
- 200m
- 800m
- Relay
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Ballgames

Senior (ages 11, 12 & 13)

- 100m
- 200m
- 800m
- Relay
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Ballgames



Organisational Details in Brief:

- Children will need to bring – recess, lunch, drinks, hats and sunscreen.
- Money to purchase – Sausages \$1.00, soft drinks \$1.00 and iceblocks 50c.

Parents are most welcome.

## School ANZAC Day Service

On Friday at 10:45am the school will hold an ANZAC Day service led by the students. Joanne Rosetta (bugler) has accepted an invitation to attend, while Dennis Ratcliffe will speak about the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces. Parents welcome.

## ANZAC Day March & Service

We are encouraging students to march in this years ANZAC Day service on Friday 25 April. Students are asked to assemble on the Royal Hotel Corner in Sanger Street at 10:30am dressed in school uniform ready to march to the Corowa Monument. Any parents who are willing and happy to help coordinate this ANZAC march are asked to contact the office before the holidays.



## CSU Speech Pathology Project

This Thursday Sonya Furner, Hollie Bevan, Steph Burns and Kathryn Thorncroft will visit the school and classrooms to conduct a needs analysis in preparation for their weekly Wednesday visits next term. We look forward to the commencement of this important communication focus.

## School Development Day

The Coreen Small Schools Group (Balldale, Lowesdale, Savernake and Corowa South) staff will meet on Monday 28 April to participate in Professional Learning activities designed to improve our teaching strategies and standards. The day's program will focus on:

- Numeracy & Literacy Best Practice
  - Teaching Tables
    - Strategies & Techniques
    - Developing a Table Reward System
  - STLA Resources
  - K/6 Homework
  - Standardised Testing
  - Websites
- Developing a Small Schools K/6 PE and Sport Program
  - Interschool Visits
  - Local & State Organisations
- Organisational meeting to co-ordinate the Term 2 program and additional teaching/learning activities

## Welding

Many thanks to Colin Webb for welding the wheel back onto the bracket for our sports storage rack. Logan volunteered Dad's services while reorganising and clearing up the sports shed last week. Many thanks Colin and Logan.

## School Attendance

As a result of Peter Bryan, Home School Liaison Officer, visit and the new legislation introduced into the NSW Parliament last week, schools and parents are reminded of the need for compulsory school attendance.

The Premier announced a decision by Cabinet to introduce legislation to ensure children of compulsory school age are enrolled and attending school. The changes mean that the courts will be able to make School Attendance Orders that are binding on parents.

Attendance at school is a right for all children. We all know that schools play a vital role in the social and emotional development of students as well as meeting broader educational needs. It is only a very small minority of parents who do not appreciate and support the requirement that their children attend school.

Regular attendance at school is important because it enhances the continuity of learning and strengthens a student's social relationships. It is the responsibility of parents to see that their children between the ages of six and fifteen attend school or to provide the school with an explanation of any absence.

You can help keep the school informed by sending in a note to the school, telephoning or faxing the school if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or other reasons. Class teachers will be sending home an 'absence note', to be completed by parents, with any student who does not return to school with a note of explanation.

Class rolls are legal documents and can be checked by police and used in court cases if required.

## Signing In & Out

Parents are reminded about signing in if you are late and signing out if you are taking your child to an appointment or home early.

## Balldale PSSA Australia Football

The following boys were selected at the Western Riverina AFL selection trials:

Damien Wilson, Tom Moloney, Brad Goyne (Corowa), Thomas Creanaune (Oaklands) and Brayden Mitchell (Savernake)

Jenny Kerr, Principal Oaklands Central, advised all boys were a credit to their schools, they played hard, fairly and behaved beautifully. Well done Jarrod Ballhause and Logan Wemyss.

## Teachers Aide Workshops

On Monday 28 April, Mrs Nesbitt will participate in a workshop design to assist teachers aides in the classroom.

The days program will look at:

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Using Social Stories & Visuals (Boardmaker)
- Helping Students in Need
- Planning a School Support Group

## Holiday Message

Thank you everyone for all your hard work, time and effort during Term 1. It has been a very profitable and busy term with our students obtaining some notable achievements.

Enjoy the holiday and the opportunity to spend time with your children. They grow up very quickly and move on before you know it. Have a safe, relaxing holiday!

## 2/3/4 Class News

This week we are exploring the Smartboard in depth. Groups of 2 or 3 are spending a half hour each finding and logging exciting sites we can use in class. Everyone is using their time very wisely! Great work, kids! All the best for happy, safe holidays!

**Student of the Week:** Tremaine Williams for wonderful progress in Reading!

**Student of the Week last week:** Sarah Dyson for overall excellence!

Well done, Tremaine & Sarah!

Lorna Read

## Reading Achievements Congratulations

### 25 Nights

Christyanne Smith  
Meagan Ablett  
Liam Minogue  
Jameah Ost  
Bronte Jordan



### 50 Nights

Jade Rhodes  
Chelsea Brindley  
Layla Davies  
Chloe Clarke  
Simon Craft

Fantastic effort, keep  
up the good work!

## Lunches

Please do not send lunches to school which need heating. We do not have the facilities at school to heat lunches each day. Thank you.



### A Word From The School Counsellor

Want a good relationship with your child?.....listen more.

The way we talk and listen to our kids is one of the things that defines our relationship with them, develops their relationship skills, and their self-esteem. But kids differ in their willingness to talk to us. Some kids give us nothing but a 'grunt', others are ready to chat at any time of day or night. Know your kids and choose your time to talk to them. One of the best ways to start talking with your kids is by asking GOOD questions.

Here are five GOOD questions to ask your kids:

1. **Ask specific, not general questions:** Rather than asking a child, "How was school today?" (general question) which gives kids little choice try asking specific questions such as, "What was something new you did today?" or "Where are you at with that new art project you began last week?" Specific questions indicate real interest and your child will open up more if they feel that you are interested in their answer.

2. **Ask for a solution:** If a child tells you to stop nagging about cleaning up their bedrooms ask them for their solution- e.g. "Okay, so how would you go about keeping it clean?" This opens the door for negotiation and places responsibility on children to be involved in the solution.

3. **Ask specific questions to get information:** If a child is upset by something that happened at school, or even the next room, there are times when you just have to get more information. "Can you tell me what happened?" "What was it that upset you?" Sometimes being listened to is all kids need.

4. **Consult with your child:** Ask questions that tap into and broaden your child's self-knowledge. "When do you feel you can do your best homework?" Kids know from the cradle what they need so let's tap into that knowledge.

5. **Ask what they would like to change:** If a child complains about something specific, such as their sibling's behaviour or school, ask them what they would like to change. "If you could change one thing about school what would it be?" This can often open up a range of conversational options.

These are just a few of the types of open-ended questions that you can start to use with your children to encourage a good communicative, relationship with you.

### FOR SALE

Sportsart 1060 Heavy Duty - \$550

### WALKING MACHINE

Full Electronic Settings, Adj incline, VGC

Phone: Mandy or Dale Dyson

60331192

### FOR SALE

### HUSQVARNA

Chain Saw - G.C. '365 Special'  
20 inch bar, 3 spare chains - \$475

Phone: Dale Dyson

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### Child Minding

My name is Amy Webb, a 12 yr old Year 7 student. I am responsible, experienced and enjoy caring for young children.

### Reasonable rates

### Referees

Available: 4pm - 7pm Monday,

Wednesday, Friday & Weekends

Please phone Amy on: 02 60334558

### Corowa After-School Kid's Craft Club

At: Corowa Presbyterian Church Complex, Mary & Queen Sts, Corowa

All Kinder - Year 6 Children are *Welcome*

2008 Last time for Term 1 - Fortnightly Friday's:

© 11<sup>th</sup> April: Paper Mache Money Boxes Craft

**Time:** After School until 5 pm

**Cost:** \$3.00 each, Family Discount: \$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!

### Corowa Youth Group

ALL HIGH SCHOOL YEARS 7-12 WELCOME

2008 Term 1 - Friday's:

**This Friday: 11<sup>th</sup> April** **Time:** 7 pm to Sat.

'Box Hill' Sleepover with Albury Y.G.  
**Cost:** \$15

**Enquiries to:** Peter, Sharon or Felicity Pallett: 6033 1063