Thursday 21st August 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Parliament: Speaker of the House, Marnie Arentz, ran a productive parliament session yesterday and was capably supported by the Prime Minister, Luke Evans and Ministers Alexander Norris, Jasper Green, Saige McKechnie, Mia Jessop and Jed Burgess. The motions put forward were impressively supported for or against by Members in the House. The results of the motions were:

* ‘The chickens should be sold and replaced by pigs’ – bill was not passed.
* ‘We should have a book character parade like we always do because it is a Cobargo tradition’ – bill passed.
* ‘We should be able to bounce balls somewhere’ – bill passed.
* ‘Once every two weeks, there should be a onesie day at school’ – bill not passed.
* ‘Each class have their own set of balls to use at lunch-times’ – bill not passed.
* ‘The top oval to have a barrier to stop balls rolling down the hill’ – bill not passed.
* ‘We should have the spider moved up to the top oval so kids can play on it whenever they want during lunch and recess and during class when their teacher takes them’ – bill not passed.

The bills passed will move to the Senate for debate.

Tree Assessment: All the trees have been assessed on the school site by a qualified Level 5 tree specialist. The report will be sent to the school for any action required and after it’s received it will be presented at the next P&C meeting.

The community needs to be aware there are several trees transitioning to old maturity.

Public speaking: Classes are holding their in-class public speaking which will be assessed as part of the English curriculum. Several students from each year will progress to an in-school competition which will be held Thursday 28th August from 1:30pm. Parents and community are welcome to join us for these speeches next Thursday.

TEN: Teaching Early Numeracy training for staff, including several casual teachers who often work at the school, was held last Saturday. This training, based on current research, has expanded teacher skills and knowledge in students’ learning of mathematics and provides excellent consolidation for implementing the NSW Mathematics Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. Thank you to Mrs Park for organising this training.

The ‘Guidelines for Approaching your School’ sent home two weeks ago included a guide as to who was the best person to speak to at the school if you have a concern.

Concerns are often resolved in an informal way. If you have any questions regards these guidelines then please contact the school office staff.

Mrs Reynolds is currently on long service leave and is replaced by Mr Garry Thomson.

Have a good week everyone.

Michelle Simkin
Principal

CALENDAR

AUGUST
22 – Regional Athletics, Canberra
25 – Book Club Issue 6 closes

SEPTEMBER
3 – P&C meeting, 6.30pm
Student Banking every Monday

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANBERRA

We would like to wish our 4 students who are representing our School at the Regional Athletics Carnival tomorrow all the best. We know you will do Cobargo proud.

HIGH FLYERS

Unfortunately due to camera problems we cannot display any photos this week.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen helpers for Monday are: Danielle Murphy, Di McKechnie and Lisa Ayliffe; thank you ladies.

WANTED

If anyone has any unwanted old clean stockings or pantyhose for craft can you please drop off at School. Also any clean empty 2 litre or 1litre plastic milk bottles for putting seedlings in.

Thanks.

Kathy Wilson - Teacher