Dear Parents,

This week marks the half-way point of Term three. How quickly the first five weeks of the term have gone by! A close look at the important dates highlights that we will be busy over the next few weeks, with a number of exciting events planned. Last week we welcomed back Mrs Trimper on Wednesday, who joined us for morning tea to celebrate her birthday. We also had a very successful ‘Pet Day’ morning, thanks to our SRC and Mrs Kregar. The children certainly enjoyed showing their dogs to us. They also enjoyed having Mrs Nettle’s two dogs and my dog at school for the day. We also had a very positive assembly on Wednesday afternoon, with many awards given out.

Our planned visit from Mr Tim Whetstone on Monday of this week has been postponed to next Monday. We had three students away on Monday and I thought it important that we had all students here for his visit.

This Friday is our excursion to the Chaffey Theatre to see the performance I, Bunyip. The excursion is also our Home Reading Reward. I would like to reinforce that those students who consistently read throughout the term far more easily achieve their reading goal of at least 20 nights in half a term. With this in mind, our end of term reward on the Thursday of Week Ten will again require the students to have completed a similar amount of reading. As the performance at the Chaffey Theatre is at 1.30pm, we will need to have an early lunch at 12.15pm to leave at 12.45pm. The performance goes for an hour, followed by an opportunity for students to ask questions about the performance.

This will mean that we will not get back to school until about 3.15pm on Friday afternoon.
There are many ways that we have been reinforcing the value of **RESPONSIBILITY** this term within the classroom and also in the school yard. Setting up desks of a morning and being prepared for the day’s lessons is one important aspect of responsibility. Completing Homework, doing Home Reading and also returning notices similarly requires students to be responsible. Picking up jumpers at the end of play time is another. On the topic of clothing, last week’s sunny day prompted me to ask the students if they had their hats at school. I have asked the students to make sure that their hats are left at school each day from now on. Early signs of trees starting to blossom are an indication that spring and therefore subsequent warmer weather is getting closer. This will also mean that the **no hat no play policy** will be reintroduced, ready for next term.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK**

This week is National Science Week. On Wednesday the children and I enjoyed Science activities and thinking, based around the Science Week theme which is ‘Energy Evolution’.

**BOOK WEEK – CHAMPIONS READ**

Next week is Book Week. This year’s theme is Champions Read. We will be celebrating Book Week with some activities planned for next Tuesday. We will be going to Cobdogla School to join in with their whole school dress up parade at 9.00am. The dress up theme is ‘Champion’. The children can come along dressed up as any champion that they admire. We have then been asked to stay on for their school assembly, which will be held in the gymnasium. Our students will present some work at the Assembly. Parents are welcome to join us for the parade and Assembly. The Upper Primary students will present some of the Science work that we have done this week. Following on from the Assembly, Mrs Nettle and the Junior Primary students will stay on and spend the morning with the Cobdogla Junior Primary Class. They will also have lunch at Cobdogla, with the chance to order a lamb yiros and a fruit punch drink. An order form is included. **Order forms need to be returned TOMORROW, Friday 17th.**

The Upper Primary students and I will return to school after the Assembly. In the afternoon, all of the students will go to the Barmera Library. We are booked in at the Library at 2.00pm. Included with the newsletter is a consent form for the visit to Cobdogla School and also the Barmera Library visit.

**LAKE CULLULLERAINS CAMP**

Last week, Mrs Trimper, the staff and I had a discussion about the future of the Cullulleraine Camp in Term Four. This included consideration for the fact that Lyrup had already decided to not go ahead with the camp. We have also decided to not continue with plans for the camp in Week Three of Term Four. An alternative camp or sleepover will be organised and we will keep you informed of any developments. I would like to stress that we value the tradition of the Loveday School Camp and will be keen to organise an alternative activity.

To support our Healthy Eating program can you please make sure that your child brings a water bottle and a healthy snack for our 10.00am Healthy Eating break.

Regards
Rod ☺

**S.R.C. NEWS**

**PET DAY:**

Thank you to parents who supported us by picking up their dog/puppy at 9.30am. We all had a fantastic morning and enjoyed finding out lots of information about all the pet dogs.
Next week Brigit will be offering Fish Fingers or Quiche.
Please make sure your order form with money is in the plastic money bag that was supplied in your newsletter envelope and is given to Brigit by Tuesday morning.

**Sorry, we can’t take any late orders.**
Tuck Shop will be held each week either on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Please check the lunch order each week.

Hi everyone,
I hope you are all enjoying the lovely sunshine we are having! The first Monday Crafts day went really well, with some students learning knitting and tom-boy stitch. It won’t be long till you see the students wearing their new scarves!

I recently read an inspiring story about positive thinking and I wanted to share the main message:

Each morning I wake up and say to myself, ‘Jerry, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood.’ I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It’s your choice how you live life!

I hope you all have a wonderful week!

**Coffee and Chat**
9:30-10:30 Monday mornings
All welcome
I’d love to catch up!

Love, Erin

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**Student of the week awards**

Letesha (week 4)

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**JOKE CORNER**

What did one bee say to another bee in the nest?

It’s swarm in here!

By Brittany

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**Community News**

**JAMES MORRISON**

James Morrison will be visiting the Riverland and DECD music students will have the opportunity to talk, play and perform with him. The venue will be at the Chaffey Theatre on Thursday, September 8th. If you have any questions please contact Alan Geddie on 85825818

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**Reply slip for Barmera Library visit and Cobdogla visit.**

I consent to ................................................................ going to Cobdogla School on Tuesday the 21st August, to participate in the Book Week dress up parade and assembly and to the Barmera Library at 2.00pm. Students will be travelling in staff cars with Mr Hanna or Mrs Nettle.

Parent signature: ........................................