Message from Acting Principal Mr Luke Kenny...

Our Swimming Carnival held last Friday, 28th February was a great success. Thank you to all parents and community members for coming along and supporting the school and students throughout the day. Congratulations to the Red team for taking out the shield this year, and well done to all students for participating and showing true sportsmanship.

Overall Points Winners:
Breeanna Smith & Cameron Carbine

Medallion Winners
Red

Blue
Tanicia McDonald, Emma Borrett, Dalila Berovic, Caris Britton, Caitlin Cotter, Heath McDonald, Greg Buller, Callum Buller, Josh Britton.

Green
Brilyanz Mance, Nan Walkabout, Evanna Williams, Sam O’Reilly, Nicholas Carmichael, Alex Carmichael, Cameron Carbine.

Health Warning
There has been a health warning about a skin condition presenting like scabies around the Coober Pedy area. Please be vigilant if you see any signs of this skin condition, see your doctor immediately and notify the school if your child becomes unwell.

This week we had a visit from Mr David Pisoni, the Shadow Minister for Education. Thank you to Bhiv, Chloe and Joshua, our SRC Reps for showing him around and talking about what needs to be improved at our school.

Amazing news from the Preschool...
A huge congratulations and thank you to Miss Vermeeren and her wonderful SSO team Effie and Nayomi for all their outstanding efforts in the quality of care they provide our Preschoolers. We have had a significant increase in enrolments since the beginning of the year and the children are enjoying an excellent array of play based learning activities, making new friends and learning lots of fun new things!

It is evident the amount of time and care that has already been given to improve the Preschool space. On Meet the Teachers Night we had a special grand opening of the Preschool Reading Room. The children cut the ribbon to open the room and parents and caregivers all enjoyed spending time in the new room together. There was yummy food to celebrate the occasion and parents enjoyed looking around the centre.

Adele Kenny
Early Years Senior Leader

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Monday 10th March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday March 11th  6pm Annual General Meeting in Library
Tuesday 18th March Student Immunisations Year 8 & 9
Everyone at the Preschool has worked very hard to get our Reading Room ready. On Meet the Teachers Night, we had a special grand opening of the Reading Room. We cut a ribbon and ate some special food to celebrate. This has given us a beautiful environment to learn about books and reading.

Here are the lovely books that were kindly donated to the preschool by Christine Maggs.

We all like our special new books!
Welcome to Miss Costi’s Reception and Year 1 Class.

This year is my first year at Coober Pedy Area School and I am very lucky to be taking the Reception and Year 1 class. My name is Miss Costi and my main focus for this term is building positive relationships with my students, their families and the community.

This term we have been working very hard – we have had specific focuses on “Who am I,” “Inclusivity” and developing our social skills.

We have used activities such as, drawing ourselves, painting our families and building houses out of pop-sticks to develop our self image and an understanding of who we are in our community.

For our inclusivity focus, we have used newspaper to make people who are all very different (but all the same on the inside), told stories about helping or including people and drawn pictures of us being inclusive. As a school, we believe that it doesn’t matter where you are from or what you do, we all deserve the opportunity to live, learn and play while being treated with respect.

If you come to visit our classroom throughout the day, you may find us developing our social skills. This means that we are working in small or large groups and communicating about our thoughts, feelings and needs. We use a range of materials to assist our development, including alphabet, word or number cards, building blocks, mini whiteboards, animals, books and many other interesting items.

Thank you for reading about our journey and we hope you have enjoyed our story.

Miss Costi and the Reception / Year 1 class.
You send your kids to school because you want the best chance in life for them, right?

So, why not join the Coober Pedy Area School GOVERNING COUNCIL

By joining the CPAS Governing Council you can improve the school life of your children by establishing and arrange the conduct of services to enhance their education, development, safety, care and welfare. The objective of the Governing Council is to involve the school community in the governing of the school to strengthen and support the school within the community.

So what are you waiting for?
Nominate yourself now!

Elections will be held at the first AGM meeting at 6pm, on the 11th of March 2014.
If you have any questions regarding the CPAS Governing Council, please contact John Sutton (Principal) on 0886725577 or Susie Crisa (Vice Chairperson) on 0886723066.

We need Volunteers!

Help Coober Pedy kids get a good start!

Be part of the Good Start Breakfast Club at Coober Pedy Area School

We need volunteers to help run the Breakfast Club each morning from 7.15am - 8.45am. You can help out on a weekly or fortnightly basis during school term.
Volunteers will be required to complete a school police check.
For further information contact Tamara Sutton at the school on 8672 5077 or Sandy Williams (Red Cross) on 0427980513 or swilliams@redcross.org.au

www.redcross.org.au
From the Counsellors...

Please join us in celebrating

Harmony Day
Everyone Belongs

Wednesday 19th March 2014

Everyone is invited to dress in orange to celebrate Harmony Day.

9.00am  Whole school assembly in the gym led by the Year 10 class. Harmony Day student awards will be presented and some classes will be sharing their Unity Through Diversity projects.

10.35am  Whole school shared recess in the quad. Please bring a plate of food to share.

12.45pm  Harmony Day stall in the quad. SRC will be selling orange Harmony Day treats including jelly, biscuits and cakes.

Each fortnight we have an attendance raffle for students that have attended school every day. This fortnight’s winners are Bhiv Ravichandran and Brad Crombie.

Congratulations to the Preschool and Year 8 class for winning the Listening Bears at assembly.

Geri Prizzi & Daniel Botten
NATIONALLY RECOGNISED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA COURSE

Aquatic Operation and Development Australasia ‘AODA’ have been delivering courses for 29 years.

Participants who successfully complete the course will be issued with a nationally accredited Statement of Attainment.

Monitor Pool Water Quality.

Operate Aquatic Facility Plant & Equipment/Chlorine awareness.

Maintain Pool Water Quality.

The course includes a comprehensive training manual and set of resource materials.

Barry Hutchison, from Adelaide will be running a Pool Operator course in Coober Pedy on:

Saturday, 3rd May 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
Sunday, 4th May 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

The course will be run at the school in the library board room and at the Coober Pedy Swimming Pool. A visit will be made to the Desert Cave pool during the course.

Any persons interested in doing the course who have or maintain a pool are welcome to attend.

The Pool Operations Training Course provides a basic knowledge for maintaining a swimming pool. There is a written assignment to complete after doing the course.

The cost of the Course is $395.00 per person.

Tea will be provided on Friday night and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Morning tea will also be provided.

For more details contact Barry Daniell

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