From the Principal’s Desk...

An unexpected critical incident occurred at school on the evening of 31st of March. The incident involved 2 students who threatened staff members, assaulted a member of the community and vandalised the school. The incident involved 2 male secondary students who were already on exclusion. As a consequence, the Police and are dealing with the matter. The safety of the students, staff and members of the community are high priority, and as the principal I will be liaising closely with Police and representatives of the Education Department. If any parent or caregiver has concerns regarding this matter please contact the school on 86725077.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents that have made times and attended interviews for their children. It is a wonderful opportunity to talk to your child’s teachers and find out how they are progressing in the class. If you have not already made a time, please speak to the teacher and they can arrange a time to share information with you. Students have worked extremely hard in their classes this term and we wish everyone a safe and happy school holiday and Easter break after next Friday.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

- 3rd –5th April SAPSASA Netball Trip
- Monday 7th April Student Free Day
- Tuesday 8th April—Australian Defence Force visiting school for Anzac Day
- Wednesday 9th April—Religious Instruction Easter message
- Friday 11th April last day of Term 1 school finishes at 2pm
- 5th –11th May Year 11/12 Outdoor Education Kayaking Trip
The Aboriginal Education Team will be putting in articles, information, upcoming events and letting you know what's been happening at school in the newsletter every fortnight.

In our first issue we want to introduce the team and invite everyone to come see us at the school for a cup of tea or coffee and a yarn.

We have some exciting programs happening in the future, so watch this space!!

From the Aboriginal Education Team

Sandra Warren
Aboriginal Education Community Officer (ACEO)

Pearl Austin
Aboriginal Education Community Officer (ACEO)

Tamara Sutton
Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Clayton Dodd
Student Support Officer (SSO)

Sarah Turner
Deadly Centre Teacher

Leroy Boland
Student Support Officer (SSO)

Andy Wooden
SAASTA Coordinator

Iolani Tutioneta
Students support Officer (SSO)
From Mr Pryce

The Year 8 class have been involved in a range of subjects this term such as English, Maths, History, Science, Art, Music, Health PE and Tech. Some of the term some students have been involved in the Stride film making course. In their first year of high school the students have enjoyed the range of teachers they are working with. They find the work generally interesting and enjoyable. Their individual learning plans which we have looked at in Pastoral Care show that better attendance and improving in certain subjects are two areas that are important to them. These plans are looked at twice each term and help keep the students on track with their schooling.

As a teacher I find working with the year eights most enjoyable and have been impressed with their improvement in attendance and commitment to work.

From the students

"I had lots of fun in STRIDE. The hardest part of the course was when we had to write the script to develop the storyboard. It was fun when we were shooting but also stressful because people were doing other things at times. However after a while everyone was ‘into it’ and we put together a movie that people will hopefully enjoy." (Nicole)

"At the moment my favourite subject has been History because our class is learning about Vikings. In history we are making a Viking village out of different materials. We have learnt to write out names in Viking Runes." (Tyson)

"I loved and enjoyed History. I have had a lot of fun in the subject. We’ve got a funny teacher who makes the class fun to be in. I’ve done a lot of things like model making, a project about Viking life, writing runes (Viking writing). I liked the model making houses and boats for the Viking village. I like working with Mr Pryce." (Sandra)

“I liked being a part of the STRIDE workshops. Lara and Scott (film makers) helped us make a story. We made a script and gave names to the characters. The film is in a particular popular genre but we don’t want to give away too many details yet. We filmed in a range of locations in school, Dusty Radio and the Cop Shop. I enjoyed the job as a camera operator and of course as an actor. We now have to complete the editing ready for the final copy of the film.” (Sandra)
Classes Year 8 – 12 were involved in a Community Health presentation about Depression, Suicide and promotion “R U OK?” on Monday 17 March.

Signs to look out for in someone not coping with stress of life or a friend whose daily living is tough were explored and identified and how to approach this person and say “R U OK?” - three small words that could save a life.

Tel: 1800 55 1800  
24 hour Freecall

www.beyondblue.com.au

People we identified whom we can go to when life is tough are doctors/hospital, teacher(s), police, school counsellor, Medicare Local, Mental Health workers, Child Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), churches friends and family and access to help via websites and 1300 help lines.
1. Ask R U OK?

Start a conversation somewhere private
Build trust through open and relaxed body language
Ask open-ended questions

2. Listen without judgement

Give them time to reply
Avoid solving their problems
Don’t trivialize what they are feeling.

“If life is in danger seek help immediately – go with them to a hospital, doctor or responsible adult, ring Lifeline, Suicide Call Back Service or Kids Help or the police/ambulance”

3. Encourage action

Summarise the issues
Ask them what they plan to do
Urge them to take one step towards that solution

4. Follow up

Put a note in your diary to call them in one week
Listen without judgement again
Ask if they’ve managed to take that first step

If they deny they have a problem they’re not ready to talk, so check in with them soon.

Remember …. It’s OK to say, “I’m not OK”
DIRT TV – TOTAL PRIZE MONEY $10,000!

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) is facilitating a competition that showcases the benefits of mining to South Australians. Entry into Dirt TV competition is open to all students in Years 7 - 12 in South Australia. To enter all you need to do is create a compelling 2-3 minute video clip that profiles the benefits that the resources sector brings to your community or society generally. Content is not limited to the big miners either. Remember that opal is a resource as well! You can work alone or join forces with others to create a team. 

Themes of your video could answer questions like:

- What kind of opportunities does mining and energy offer young people?
- Where do the resources from Coober Pedy end up?
- How has mining and energy impacted people and culture in positive ways?
- What is the connection between innovation, next-generation technologies and our resources?
- Do our resources enable energy conservation and environmental solutions?
- Will mining uncover the building blocks of a sustainable future?
- How has mining impacted on Coober Pedy over the past 99 years?

The potential themes for your video are limited only by your imagination! Remember that the judges will be looking for originality and a fresh perspective. So get those cameras rolling and start working on your video today!


From the Pool...

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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