From the Principal’s Desk...

This term we have had a number of camps go away down to Adelaide. Mr Wooden took a student on the SAAS&T leadership conference. This was to help improve his ability to lead groups, communicate effectively and work with others. Mr Bird and Miss Sutton just got back from the Year 10 Science Camp. After speaking with the students they really enjoyed themselves and had a number of hands on activities they got involved in. Miss Runge and Mr Botten are away at the moment on the Cross Roads Music Festival in Port Augusta. The students have been working hard to practice at lunch times, after school and on the weekend. We wish them all the best and know they will represent our school with pride.

Last week we celebrated SSO week. Our SSO team are absolutely amazing! Without their help in classes supporting teachers and the learning of our students, we wouldn’t achieve the results we do. Thank you all for your excellent work and thank you to our Counsellors for organising a wonderful celebration week.

Staffing Update...

We recently said farewell to Jeevani Jayaweera our Finance Officer. Thank you so very much for your dedication and work here with us. We wish you all the very best in the future and for your new baby. Natalie Beelitz has now taken over as Finance Officer and we are looking forward to working with her in this new role. Natalie has given wonderful support in her work here this year and has been working closely with Jeevani and our lovely front office team. Welcome back to Gavin Webber. Gavin will be teaching Mathematics in years 8 –10 and has assisted our school many times in years past in his permanent relief teaching role.

Upcoming School Closure Day & Student Free Day

This is scheduled for Friday 29th August and Monday 1st of September. On the Monday teachers will be completing Child Protection Curriculum Training. It is compulsory for all teachers to be trained and certified in this area to teach this curriculum.

Book Week...

This is fast approaching and the theme for this year is “Connecting to Books”. To celebrate our love of books, our annual Book Week Dress Up Day will be Wednesday 27th August. Students can come dressed as their favourite book character. Prizes on the day!

A Message from the Senior Leaders...

Our teachers have been very busy so far this term preparing exciting, engaging lessons for students in all classes. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff who are going above and beyond to improve the opportunities our students have and to encourage them to strive high and dream big.

A big thank you to all of you, we are lucky to have you all here with us! 😊
CPFC Volunteers at the Coober Pedy Races 2014

This year the Coober Pedy Football Club enlisted the help of many of the towns finest volunteers to help cook sumptuous steak sandwiches, shuck oysters and serve to the many hungry race goers.

CPFC club President Ben Buller and the committee would like to thank all of those volunteers who stood up and made it possible for the club to raise much needed funds.

Coober Pedy Area School students were amongst the most dedicated helpers that we had over the two days, and were acknowledge with certificates and rousing applause at assembly on Wednesday.

We would like to acknowledge two stand out contributors to the volunteer work on the weekend were Stevie Murray and Banniboy Williams.

SAASTA Leadership Conference 2014

Every year the Port Adelaide Football Club and SAASTA (South Australian Sports Training Academy run a state wide leadership conference for year 12 SAASTA students.

This meeting of student minds acts as a way for students, who are completing their SACE and looking towards employment and tertiary study, are considering their role as leaders in their own communities.

This year, Arthur Kyrtzaliotis, has returned to school after turning away an apprenticeship to complete his SACE. His attitude and application to school work has vastly improved because of his involvement in the Academy, and he is on track to achieve his SACE in 2015.

Mr Wooden, SAASTA Coordinator

PAFC Aboriginal players Chad Wingard, Brendon Ah chee, Jake Neade and Jarman Impey spoke to the SAASTA students about their role as a leader and journey to the AFL.
This year has been an exciting one for the year 9 class at CPAS.

We have been working on expectations for ourselves and goal setting through our ILP’s. We are planning a camp at the end of the year for those students who are able to meet their goals and put in the effort to be successful in their classes.

We have brainstormed and developed a list of expectations for one another and have been aiming to meet these goals in each of our lessons.
We were saddened to hear of the passing of two community members this past fortnight. We extend our condolences to the families at this difficult time and keep you all in our thoughts.

8 Helpful Hints for Managing Grief

Grief is exhausting. It takes a lot of time and energy and can wear you out. Anyone going through grief needs love, understanding and encouragement. Grief is a journey and no two journeys are alike. Here are some helpful hints that you could use along the way:

1. Eat healthy foods. A healthy diet will help keep your body in good health and promote wellbeing.
2. Rest. Take naps and try to get plenty of sleep.
3. Talk about your feelings. Find someone you feel comfortable sharing your thoughts and emotions with.
4. Exercise. Physical activity will help to release negative energy.
5. Laugh often. Laughing, even when you are sad or angry is healthy. It’s nature’s best medicine!
6. Spend time with friends.

When things are bad, remember:

It won’t always be this way.
Take one day at a time.

When things are good, remember:

It won’t always be this way.
Enjoy every great moment.

Daniel Botten, Primary Counsellor & Geri Prizzi, Secondary Counsellor
Preschool Enrolments 2015

We are collecting enrolment forms for children starting Preschool next year. This will help us to organise pre-entry sessions in term 4.

Your child is eligible for Preschool next year if they turn 4 year old before the 30th of April. If your child is Indigenous they can start Preschool as soon as they turn 3 years old.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the School Office or the Preschool.

As a reminder The Coober Pedy Area School Governing Council has decided that all Canteen accounts will be cancelled as of Friday 29th August. This is mainly due to a number of them not being paid off and families over spending on their accounts.

Has your child lost clothing at school?
The front office has a large amount of lost property.
Feel free to come in and have a look
Or
You’re welcome to contact the school on 8672 5077.