From the Principal’s Desk...

We received some exciting news last Friday, our Preschool review that took place at the beginning of this term resulted in our Preschool being rated as **EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD.** This is the highest overall rating that can be awarded after an assessment. This is an outstanding result and I would like to congratulate Miss Lisaa Vermeeren for all her hard work, remodelling, restructuring and endless hours in ensuring our centre is one to be proud of. A big thank you also to Mr Anthony Prizzi, and the wonderful SSO team Effie Korbetis and Nayomi De Silva who support Lisa, and to the regular relief SSO team that fill in whenever needed – Melissa Borrett, Coralie Sutton, Tishara Jones and Anna Bootle. Thank you to Mrs Adele Kenny for all her hard work and dedication to leading the Early Years Team. The support and guidance you have given Miss Vermeeren has been invaluable.

You may have also heard on the grapevine that we will be getting a new Preschool building. Meetings with the architects have been exciting and we are almost at the end of our design stage. The proposed timeline for the new Preschool building is scheduled for completion by the end of next year, and will be built in the car park which currently adjoins the preschool building.

Student Free Day Training

We hope that you all enjoyed your long weekend! On Monday the 1st September our teachers completed the Child Protection Curriculum Training. This curriculum teaches all children from a young age, in an age appropriate way, to recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult about it, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching, and understand ways of keeping themselves safe. More detailed information will be provided to parents and caregivers soon about this program and what your child will be learning about.

SAASTA Open Day

On Tuesday the 9th of September from 3.00pm to 4.30pm the Coober Pedy Area School SAASTA class are opening their doors to parents, peers, community members and future students for an afternoon to talk and share about what SAASTA is, who it is for and how our young Aboriginal people can benefit from being involved.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

- **September 9th**—SAASTA Open Day
- **September 12th** – **16th** —Tournament of the Minds
- **September 22nd**—26th—Science Week

**UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY**

- Respect
- Inclusivity
- Integrity
- Commitment & Responsibility
- Excellence
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...

Coober Pedy Area School

Aboriginal Parent Group
Fortnightly Yarning Meeting

To help our children to become bright young leaders of the future we are asking all Aboriginal Parents to attend our regular Aboriginal Parent Group Meeting. Transport and lunch are available for all attending Parents.

Date: 10th September 2014      Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

For more information: Please call Sandra or Tamara in the Aboriginal Education Room on 0886725077
Year 3 / 4 and measurement mathematics

Over the past few weeks the Year 3 / 4 class has been exploring measurement. We have measured each other to gain a visual image of our various heights and we then measured ourselves using standard metric units. We have also been busy measuring the size of our room and the things in it. On Fridays we explore area or covering and are using estimation and accurate measurement to turn recycled boxes into useful storage items.
Counsellors' Corner

Growth and Development

In the next three weeks students in years 8, 9 and 10 will be participating in a unit of study related to their personal growth and development.

The course aims to provide individuals with:

♦ An awareness of their own growth and development
♦ Skills to cope with physical, social and emotional changes
♦ An accurate and balanced view of the information relevant to their physical development
♦ An awareness of different types of relationships and the rights and responsibilities that people have while in these.

During the next few weeks we look forward to your support and interest as your child/children may raise issues with you relating to the content that we are working through. There may be times where your child may ask a question that we as teachers are not really in the position to answer, thus referring them to you for further consultation.

Child Protection Curriculum

All South Australian schools are required to provide the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum to all children and young people at each year level. The teachers that implement the Curriculum must be trained.

All teachers and leaders at Coober Pedy Area School completed this training on the student free day on Monday.

The KS:CPC provides children and young people with strategies to:

♦ recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult about it
♦ understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching
♦ understand ways of keeping themselves safe.

The school will now work towards improving elements of our wellbeing curriculum to incorporate aspects from

Remember...

You can’t have a good day with a bad attitude, and you can’t have a bad day with a good attitude.

Daniel Botten, Primary Counsellor & Geri Prizzi, Secondary Counsellor
SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

The School Dental Service is a *Child Dental Benefits Schedule* provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend.

**Dental care is FREE for most children.** Children who do not qualify for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule* can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

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**RI for Term 3** will be held on Wednesday 10th September, period 5 for Junior School and period 6 for High School. After witnessing the joy and thankfulness of the Ugandan children in the Watoto Choir last week who have been orphaned through HIV/AIDs and abandoned through poverty we decided a theme of THANKFULNESS was a good way to go. Any questions to Prudie/ Father Paul/ Geoff and Tracey Piggott.

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.