From the Principal’s Desk...

We are nearly coming to the end of another busy term. This week we have had a number of students away on the tournament of the minds trip. This is where a students have designed their own play around language and literacy as well as participating in a number of challenges. The students also had to design and make their own clothes and props. I would like to thank Judy Griffiths on all her hard work to get the students ready to go on the camp with lots of after school practices and planning. I would also like to thank Geri Prizzi, Elsie Carbone and Roxene Newton for helping out on the camp. From what I have heard the students represented the school with pride and were well behaved.

Meet the Author

This week we were lucky enough to have an illustrator and author come and do some workshops with the students. Marjory Gardiner (illustrator) and Sherrl Clark (writer) worked with students to create some fantastic drawings and pieces of writing. I would like to thank Leanne Marjanaovic for planning and organising this event for the benefit of our students.

Science Week

The Science Department have organised a great timetable for science week. We have a number of activities coming up for the students and on Tuesday 23rd of September (next Tuesday) in the afternoon from 3pm until 6pm we are having a community science event for families to come along and get involved in Science! A BBQ will be supplied by Umooma Aged Care Aboriginal Corp.

Science week is being sponsored by Arrium Mining, OZ Minerals, The Coober Pedy Council and IMX Resources. Without their help we wouldn't be able to run this great event for the students and the community.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers coming into the school this week to speak with teachers and share in the achievements and improvements this semester. If you were unable to make it for the interviews this week please get in touch with your child's teacher and we will be able to organise another time for you to come in.

Last day of the term

School finishes on Friday 26th of September at 2:00pm. I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 4 on Monday 13th of October. Can you please make sure your child is picked up on time.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Science Week - Monday 22nd—Friday 26th September

Last day of the term - Friday 26th September

Term 4 starts—13th of October

Sports Day—Friday 17th of October
This term in maths we have been busy learning about time, (o’clock, days of the week) together with positioning and location. We have also been helping the Kindy children become familiar with the school environment and a classroom. Every Monday afternoon the Kindy children come and visit our class. We have been focussing on socialisation through fine motor and cutting skills, construction and other art and craft activities. We are lucky to have Natalie Holtham completing her 12 week placement with us, we have loved the different activities she has planned for us. She will be with us until the 14th November.
Aboriginal Parent group meeting

On the 1st of September the Aboriginal Education team organised a parent meeting at Coober Area School in Aboriginal Education room. We had 20 parents attend the parent meeting and two special guests from the RSAS (Remote Schools Attendance strategy) Team. Cheryl Harris and Linley Belford explained their roles and talk about the PACE program. Sandra and Tamara from the Aboriginal Education team also discussed their roles at the school and some of the programs and supports in place. Adele Kenny (Early Years Senior Leader) and Sarah Turner (Deadly Centre Teacher) also dropped in for a chat with parents. The atmosphere in the room was one of co-operation and engagement. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and many great things were discussed regarding the future directions of the students’ education and well-being. The group will meet on a Tuesday every fortnight. Next meeting: Tuesday 23rd of September in the languages room.
Breakaways Excursion

On the 22nd of August the Deadly Centre class went out to the Breakaways with Ian Crombie to learn about the cultural significance of the area and the students’ cultural connection to the area. Ian gave students the opportunity to learn about the animals and plants, the stories, bush tucker and the geography of the landscape. The class are now in the process of writing a recount that will be published into a book in both English and Yankunytjatjara.

Special thanks to Dave Laslett for the beautiful photographs and the School Attendance Program for organising and providing lunch on the day.

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**Loose Change Challenge**

This Friday, SRC Representatives will be counting the coins that their classes have been collecting this term. Students will be lining the coins up in the gym to see which class has the longest coin line. All money raised is going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

**Mini Blues**

We are pleased to report there has been an increase in the amount of students that have been coming to Mini Blue reward lessons. This term students have enjoyed a range of activities including trips to the playground, painting, muffin making, minute to win it games and movies.

**Year 12 Graduation**

Year 12 Graduation will be on Friday 21st November at the Desert Cave Hotel.

Due to the upcoming work on some of the school buildings, both Mrs Prizzi and Mr Botten’s offices are currently in the Primary Unit. C-Space will also be closed until the renovations are complete.

*Daniel Botten, Primary Counsellor & Geri Prizzi, Secondary Counsellor*