From the Principal’s Desk...

As another school year comes to an end we have a number of staff members leaving us that we would like to say goodbye to, and also recognise for all of the hard work they have put into the school over all the years that they have been here. The staff that are leaving us are David Ness, Tamara Sutton, Roma Harmal, Robert Newton, Peter Lesue, John Sutton, Lani Tuionetoa, Coralie Sutton, Clayton Dodd and Tracey Piggott. I would like to wish all of the staff members that are leaving all the best for the future and I hope that everything works out for them.

I would like to thank all of the staff, students, parents and community members for the great support the school has received throughout the year. Without this support it would make it very hard for the school to run smoothly.

I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and great New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again next year. If you are travelling please travel safely and have a fantastic school holiday.

Year 12 Graduation

On Friday 21st of November the year 12 students celebrated 13 years of schooling with family, friends and staff members. It was great to see everyone really enjoying themselves. There was a special award presented to the student that best followed the school values from the Thiess Mining Company. The student who received the award of a brand new Ipad was Jane De Leon. Well done to Jane on this great achievement and thank you to Thiess who also paid for the students dinners.

Year 7 Graduation

On Thursday 27th of November the year 7 students celebrated finishing primary school down at the Mud Hut. It was fantastic to see so many parents and staff celebrating this achievement. There was a number of awards given out during the night. Sebastian Clark and Dalila Berovic won an award for quiet achiever, Robert Brown and Taylor Bock won for persistence, and Alyssa Cabrera won an award for Excellence in Maths. All of the students received $100 prizes from OZ minerals. Josh Carboni won a award for best following the school values and won an Ipad from Theiss. I would to thank OZ minerals and Theiss who supported the event.

Presentation Day

On Tuesday we had our Presentation Day it was great to see so many parents, caregivers and community members supporting the achievements of the students. There were two special awards given out by OZ minerals for excellence in schooling for a year 11 and year 12 student. Well done to Jane Tumapang and Bhuvanesh Ravichandran who both won $4000 each to go towards their future schooling. This was a great achievement for both students as this is the second year in a row that the students have won this awards. I would to thank OZ minerals for the award.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Friday the 5th December school finishes at 2pm
Tuesday 27th January school starts for 2015
To the students, staff and parents of Coober Pedy Area school

My wife, Coralie and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the school for the way in which we have been welcomed over the last 4 years.

As people may know we are retiring and moving back to the Riverland. We have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and developed some long lasting friendships. We will miss the connections we have established through the school and the community.

Both students and staff have been committed to improvement and that has been rewarding to see. We came not knowing what to expect, with a plan to ensure the school moved forward and once again was seen in a positive light, raise student standards, improve leadership and develop teacher skills. I believe we are well along that road.

I would also like to thank Mr Kenny for his leadership during my absence for most of this year in taking on a particularly difficult role in leading the school forward.

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and gestures during our time in Coober Pedy and wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John and Coralie Sutton
Principal and SSO
Coober Pedy Area School

Has your child lost or misplaced an item of clothing?

The front office has a large amount of lost property.

We will be displaying the clothing in the gym from Thursday until Friday after school.

All clothing that is left will be donated to charity.
Year 12 Graduation

On Friday 21st November, the year 12 students celebrated their graduation at the Desert Cave Hotel with family, friends and school staff. It was a wonderful celebration of the completion of their schooling at Coober Pedy Area School. Thank you to Thiess for sponsoring the event. Shaun McCarthy from Thiess presented an award for the student who has lived the school values. Congratulations to Jane DeLeon on winning this award and an iPad. We hope that you all enjoyed your graduation and wish you all the very best for the future.

Brad, Jane, Bhiv, Patrick, Maria, Callier, Caitlin, CJ, and Tinara.

“If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it.”

2014 Attendance Rates

The data shows that students that attend at least 3 days a week on average have a 76% likelihood of exceeding the expected growth in their year levels in reading and 60% likelihood of exceeding in maths.

23% of students unfortunately fall below the 3 day a week or less average.

Daniel Botten & Geri Prizzi—School Counsellors