FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

We are fast approaching the last day of term this Friday and we will start two weeks of July holiday break. The term seems to have flown by but when you look at the events and activities that have occurred this term it is easy to see how that has happened.

We wish you a great break and hope that you are all safe across the holiday period.

School resumes on Monday 20th July and school dismisses this week on Friday at 2.00pm.

SAD FAREWELL

We say farewell to Maurice Saah on Friday as he moves to Leigh Creek to start next term. Maurice has won an Assistant Principal role at Leigh Creek and we wish him well in this position. We will certainly miss him around the school and we thank him for the huge contribution he has made to the school here and the large number of students that he has influenced over his time here.

Good luck to Maurice in his new role.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Our written reports for Semester 1 will be sent home by post this week. You should receive them later this week or early next week. Our reports are focussed on the work that students have done in Semester 1 and details of absences and late arrivals are up until the end of the semester in Week 8. Our reports are connected to the Australian Curriculum (Reception to Year 10) but they do not cover the whole curriculum as we are only half way through the year and we have not taught all aspects of the curriculum yet. In Year 11 the reports focus on the work done in Semester 1 as generally they are semester units of work. In Year 12 however, they are usually 12 month units and so it is an indicative report based on assessments to this date. The final report for Year 12 is the one that counts at the end of the year and it will be given after the work has been moderated in Adelaide.

Please take the time to check on the absences and late arrivals as this has a significant impact on student’s learning. If you are seeing a lot of absences or lates, then you know that your child is going to find it difficult to get high grades as they are not at school often enough to get the required learning that the curriculum is based on.

In most cases, you are able to set up interviews with teachers to discuss the grades, efforts or concerns that you have in early term 3. We still have half a year and so it would be good to set up meetings and work on agreed actions as to how to support your child in the second half of the year.

WELCOME

We welcome Belinda Jenkin and her family to Coober Pedy to start the new term. Belinda will take over the Year 1 /2 class that was Chanelle Rose’s class. Chanelle has moved into the Senior Leader’s Early Years position and so her class will have Belinda as their teacher for the remainder of the year. We wish Belinda and her family a quick and safe move and we hope they settle in well here at Coober.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Last day of Term 2 – 3rd of July at 2pm.
Start of Term 3 – 20th of July.

UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY
Respect ◆ Inclusivity ◆ Integrity ◆ Commitment & Responsibility ◆ Excellence
PATHWAYS 2 CONSTRUCTION

This semester we are offering a Pathways 2 Construction course for Year 10 and 11 students. A number of students have been involved in interviews to get into this course. This will run in addition to their normal subjects and they will need to make a commitment to keep up with other work in order to stay in the course. The interviews are about checking to see if they have the drive and commitment to make this happen. Mr Michael Beelitz will deliver the course and the trade qualifications will be organised through a Registered Training Organisation. To assist with the development of the course and to upgrade our Technical Studies facilities, the Education Depart have given us $200,000 in support funding. We will work with DECD to determine the scope of the upgrades early next term. A major focus will be on dust extraction for the machines we have in the Tech Centre.

SECURITY FENCE

We have been expecting word on the commencement of work on our new security fencing. This has not come to date and so it looks like the materials have not been delivered and so the work is not going to commence these holidays. As most of the work is external (on the school’s boundaries) there should be little disruption to normal school activities if work starts after the holidays. Over the holiday period, if you are in and around the school and see any damage or vandalism then please contact Police or advise Community Library staff as we would like to keep the school free of damage and vandalism across the two week break.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Don’t forget the early dismissal on Friday. Students finish school at 2.00 pm. Please remember that students waiting for bus travel now are based at the Breakfast Club site and the RSAS Team are assisting with supervision, games and activities. Students no longer wait in the library area.

Mark Ireland
Principal

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATION

Thank you to all those families who have already completed a School Card application.

If you would like to apply to receive School Card please come into the front office and complete a School Card Application Form for 2015 as soon as possible. Please remember you need to apply for school card every year. Even if you have done so in previous years.

Has your child lost clothing or other items 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.