Mr Mark Ireland
Principal

From the Principal's Desk...

Sports Day was held on Monday at the Town oval and it was a terrific day. The students had a great time with the various events and the level of participation and engagement was amazing.

A big thank you to Mr Kenny and Miss Jones for their hard work and organisation for the day. The support of the District Council was also greatly appreciated in the set up and use of the oval for the day.

Congratulations to the Green Team for their efforts in winning the day! The competition and level of sportsmanship was very high all day.

Congratulations to the winners of our individual awards.

NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN results will be sent home on Monday 24 August with students. These results are back earlier this year and that will allow us to use them to support students this year. Staff will be spending time in analysis of the individual and year level results so that we can get a better understanding of how we can support students in their learning.

If you have any questions in relation to the NAPLAN results, please set up an appointment with your child’s teacher to talk through your concerns or to get a better understanding of what the results are telling you about your child’s progress.

Planning for 2016

The planning for next year has already started and we are now looking at the class structures that we will have in place in 2016. In order to achieve this we need some accurate information around what students we will have here next year. Please complete the return sheet indicating any plans that you have for next year. The information we need is based around students who will be here definitely, students who may be here but some plans may change and those students who are definitely not going to be here next year. This information is critical to us getting our class structures correct. The information is also used in a month or so when we start the budgeting process for 2016. Our school is funded per head of student and so having accurate predicted numbers allows us to get our budget set up correctly so that we can make some informed decisions about what is funded and what is not able to be funded.

Security Fence

If you drive pass the school you will see the work being undertaken around our boundary as the new security fence is put in place. We expect the fence to be completed by early September and this will then lock the school site down each night and on weekends. Access to the school site will be restricted significantly. This will impact on groups who use the school facilities like the Gym. Each group who use the Gym will need to re negotiate their arrangements with the school so that we can manage the keys and access to the facilities.

National SSO Day

Last week we celebrated National SSO Week. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated and hard working group of support staff here at Coober Pedy. Our staff were recognised at our Assembly and we then had a morning tea to thank them for their efforts. The support staff make a huge difference to the educational opportunities for our young people and we certainly wanted to acknowledge the work they do.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Science camp– 22nd - 24th August
School closure– Friday 4th September

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Respect ◆ Inclusivity ◆ Integrity ◆ Commitment & Responsibility ◆ Excellence

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development
Student Free Day

Our primary staff were engaged in some special training at our student free day on Friday of last week. On Thursday we had a Mathematician in Residence, Ann Baker on the site doing demonstration lessons for how her approach to Maths supports students in the classes. On Friday we met with Ann and she did a summary of her approach and talked with us about how to plan in the Maths area. Primary and some secondary staff then spent the remainder of the day looking at a scaling scheme for assessing and developing student writing. This scheme is used across South Australia and it gives some very clear indications of what students can do in their writing and what we need to teach next to support and develop the writing. We are looking at developing this right across the school in a very consistent way. The remainder of the secondary staff spent the day working on curriculum mapping and planning what we will offer in future years so that subject selection and long term planning is made much easier for students and their parents. A discussion around a school “deadline policy” was also undertaken and we will be issuing a statement soon about how we inform parents and students of deadlines for student work and the consequences of not handing work up on time. Again this will give us a consistent approach across all subject areas.

Having time for staff to work together and undertake training all together is a very valuable way of getting this consistency. We value our opportunities to achieve this and thank you for your support with it.

On Friday September 4 the school will be closed. This is a school closure and is aligned to the start of the Adelaide Show. This gives an opportunity for families to travel to Adelaide to attend the Adelaide Show. No staff or students will be on site this day.

Canteen news

Broni Lesue will finish as our canteen manageress at the end of this term. Broni has been a very big part of the school over a long period of time and it will certainly be strange not to have her around the school. We wish Broni well in retirement and hope that she enjoys the chance to relax a little. We will be advertising to replace Broni in the very near future.

Student Achievements

We would like to acknowledge the achievements of our students. We say farewell and good luck in France for Ayla Foreman who is heading off on an exchange at the end of this week. Ayla will be a terrific ambassador for Australia and Coober Pedy.

We are also very pleased to announce that Evanna Williams has been awarded an Indigenous Youth Leadership Scholarship to attend Immanuel College in Adelaide. Evanna will take up her scholarship at the start of Term 4 this year. Evanna will also be a fantastic ambassador for Coober Pedy.

Good luck and best wishes to both of these students. You will both be missed here at school.

Mark Ireland

Will you be here in 2016?

Please return to the school as soon as possible

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Sports Day 2015

Overall points

GREEN—889
RED—854
BLUE—749

Best overall boys points winner—Clint Indelicato
Best overall Girls points winner—Shaquanah McCallum—Brown
In Mrs Gniel's 2/3 class we have been learning about different decision making processes. We have discussed different ways of making a fair decision and the importance of everybody having a say. In our class we were told that the Prime Minister's job is being advertised and we were all really excited to apply. These are just a few of the fantastic candidates and their promises for the future.

I think I should be Prime Minister because I'll be kind, loving, caring and give every house video games. I'll make sure every pay rise is done at the right time and make sure people are healthy. I'll make sure there are signs for safe zones, building zones and dangerous zones to make sure children are safe.

So please vote for me

Erin Pryce

I am going to get more shops for more jobs. I am going to put in cameras so nobody steals from shops. I'm going to put in traffic lights to tell you when to stop. Everyone can have a giant pizza. You will get more money when you work. I will get new books for teenagers and everybody has to eat upstairs with their families.

Vote 1 Angus McDonald.
I want to be Prime Minister because I will keep people healthy. I will let people have an ice-cream a day, let children have playtime all day long and I will tell teachers to let all their kids learn more stuff. I will open new town halls, make lots of new furniture and make a candy shop at every school. I will also make every day a special day and every year let all schools have a concert.

Make me win!

Anoshua Parizat

These are the things I will do as Prime Minister:
- Day off on Sunday
- Give pay rises
- Stop wars
- Keep everyone healthy
- Give better materials for building
- Kindy will be for free
- Let children have more learning lessons
- More SSO’s in schools
- Open more opal shops that have clothes and stuff

Please vote for Clydine Carboni! I will be a spectacular Prime Minister

In the coming weeks our class will be participating in a mock election process to decide our ‘future’ Prime Minister.

Who would you vote for?