From the Principal’s Desk…

Parent Teacher Interviews

Towards the end of this term we will hold Parent Teacher interviews. Please try and keep the dates free and watch for the invitation to book an interview time. The planned dates are the 14th and 15th of September but there will be more details coming out soon. Parent Teacher interviews are a great time to discuss student progress and to plan a joint action between parents and teachers to support student learning or behaviour.

Dental visits

For the remainder of 2015, there will be a change to the way in which the Dental Clinic and Service operates. The dates of the dentist’s visits will be placed in our newsletter each fortnight so that parents know when the dentist is in town. Parents can ring direct and make a booking for check ups or any dental work required. A parent or caregiver MUST attend the treatment session. The dentist will not see any students without a parent being present at the time of the treatment. Please ring 86723096 and book an appointment time and then accompany your child to the appointment.

Classes will not attend a dental visit for the remainder of this year.

Arrangements are likely to change for 2016.

Community use of the school facilities

Our Gym is used by a number of different groups during the course of a year. As arrangements/seasons come to an end, any new seasons or use will require the signing of new forms and sorting out insurance and payment arrangements. The school needs to have agreements in place with all users of the spaces and with the new fence soon to be completed, groups will not be able to access any facilities without the appropriate keys. These are restricted keys and can only be copied by the school.

You will need to set up an appointment to discuss your proposed use well in advance of the time that you want it as the Governing Council will need to sign off on community use agreements. Payment is now a part of most use agreements as the school has to cover the costs of electricity and water and our community use costs are growing significantly.

Book week celebrations

We have had a terrific local Book Week response to our competitions and our dress up day. It is a very exciting time in the school calendar and connects nicely with the Premier’s Reading Challenge. We are close to the end of this Challenge (September) and so it is a reminder to get reading and get the Challenge completed. Thanks to the Library for the range of events across Book Week.

Security fence update

The security fence is half completed and the workers will return next Monday to start the second half. It is anticipated that we are around 2 – 3 weeks to completion. The fence has changed the face of the school to a degree and it is looking quite good. Once completed, access will be quite difficult outside of school hours.

Mark Ireland

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

School closure— Friday 4th September
Art Exhibition- 31st—5th September
Crossroads Music Festival

This term the Choir travelled to Port Augusta to participate in the Crossroads Music Festival with others choirs from the North Region. Students have been working towards this all year and did an excellent job in what is a very busy week of performances. Well Done to Ishka Maat who sang the solo for the song Happy during the final performance on the Wednesday Night.

I am very proud of the students who participated in this event. They were well behaved and represented the school well when we were with others schools and also out and about in community. Big thank to the teachers and parent helpers, Ainslie Smith, Linley Belford, Nadine Lewis and Many Zelenko. This camp would not happen without your support.

The choir is now looking forward to performing at the Banyan Tree Art Exhibition next week. We will also be performing some of our favourite songs with Telopea School from Canberra at the Community Fundraising Concert here in Coober Pedy.

Nichole Runge
Music Teacher

Coober Pedy Area School Proudly presents their annual ART EXHIBITION

Opening night
Monday 31st August 6:30 to 8:30pm at Josephine's Art Gallery
Performances by the School Choir.
Catering by the Senior School Catering Team.
Peoples choice awards categories: Junior Primary, Primary, Secondary and Senior Students.

Nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks available on opening night.