From the Principal’s Desk…

End of term dismissal

An early reminder that school will finish for the September / October holidays on Friday 25th September at 2.00 pm. Please remember that this is one hour earlier than normal and so arrangements will need to be made to collect or meet students at the earlier time.

Bus travel

The Governing Council have had a look at the bus travel arrangements at their recent meeting and will be making a number of changes to ensure that we are exercising due diligence in relation to our responsibilities as a carrier of school children. The first of these changes is that all students using the bus service need to be registered with the school and have signed consent forms relating to bus travel and agreement to the conditions of bus travel. No one will be allowed on the bus without a consent and agreement form signed prior to travel. Secondly the bus service is from home to school and school to home. The bus will not be dropping students off at other homes without prior approval from the Principal. Thirdly the bus will run a set route and pickups and drop offs will be at a set time each day. The bus will not change from its route to do private collections or pick ups as it does now.

As this service is provided by the Governing Council and overseen by the school, any breach of bus rules will result in suspension from the bus run for a period of time. When you sign your consent form you are agreeing to these rules as a condition of using the service.

A registration form is attached to the Newsletter so that you can start to fill one out and get it back to the school. The new arrangements start on the first day of Term 4 so all consent forms need to be in by then if you plan to use the service. A timetable and route notice will come out later this term once we have the registration forms in.

Should you have any questions or queries in relation to the new arrangements then please contact the Principal to discuss them.

The RSAS Team will provide an emergency pick up / drop off service for parents as they have done in the past.

Road safety

We are still experiencing some erratic and unsafe driving on Cameron Road around drop off and pick up time. Please watch your speed when you are near the crossing as we have had a number of near misses reported to us. An injury to a child using the crossing is the last thing we want and so safe driving around the school is critically important. Local Police have been made aware of the issue and will be sending patrols passed the school at these times as often as possible.

Parent teacher interview

Our Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for next week on Monday and Tuesday. Please book a timeslot with your child’s class teacher so that you can have a discussion about your child’s progress and any ways in which you can assist them in the lead up to the end of the year. If the days or dates don’t suit then please contact the teacher and look to set up an appointment that better suits your needs.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Tournament of Minds—11th—15th September.

Parent Teacher Interviews—14th—15th September.

Year 10 Work Experience—14th—18th September.
Fantastic student experiences

Over the last few weeks we have had some terrific student experiences here at the school and in the community. Our Science Teacher group held a day of exciting experiments to help generate interest in what science is all about. The students were very interested and a group of budding scientists who had recently been to Adelaide, presented experiments on the day too.

The opening of our Arts Program was very well attended and the work on display from students was quite stunning. Sally Martin deserves much of the credit for this event as it was her vision and her hard work that saw it come together and develop into such a terrific community project. Congratulations to all students who had something on display in the exhibition.

The next big one on our calendar is the Tournament of Minds to be held at Flinders University this weekend. We wish both our secondary and primary teams all the best for the event and we know that the experience of competing against so many other schools will be amazing in itself.

A combined musical concert is the event planned for the following weekend. This will give our music students a chance to work with a much bigger group of musical kids and to be part of a bigger performance. This looks like being a terrific experience too. There will be more details around the concert in the Newsletter.

Fence nearing completion

Our security fence is well on the way to completion and then we will have a very different look around the place. Already it is easy to see the difference that the fence is going to make to the appearance of the school. Once it is in place however, access will be very restricted to the school site. If you have an ongoing use of our facilities then you will need to contact the school to discuss access through the security fence. We will be locked down tight. Access to the oval will still be possible and we are taking steps at present to try and get the oval looking better than it currently does. We are investigating our irrigation system as it seems to be failing to water the oval very much at all.

Close to the end

Our Canteen Manager, Broni, will finish in her role at the end of this term. An advert for the position has been circulated and we are seeking a replacement. We thank Broni for her many years of service and for her dedication to the school and to her job. She has been a terrific asset to our school over a long period of time. We wish her well in her new phase of life. Earlier this week Broni had to cope with no power to the canteen for a couple of days. She did really well in getting lunches prepared without the use of electricity for heating or cooling. She will be greatly missed as she quietly heads off to retirement.

Mark Ireland

CANTEEN MANAGER

Coober Pedy Area School

30 hours per week

Monday - Friday 6 hours/day

The position is under the Fast Food Industry Award 2010 ($25.55/hour)

Please contact the school for a Job and Person Specification. Written applications addressing the Person Specification should be submitted to the Principal. Please provide 2 referee contact details.

Applications close 16th September at 3:00pm
Community Concert Fundraiser

Come along & raise money for the Coober Pedy Area School Music Department.

Featuring Telopea’s talent Jazz band, Wind Ensemble & a surprise guest band preforming a Daddy Cool classic!

Date: Saturday 19th of September
Time: 3pm followed by a BBQ
Venue: Greek Hall
Cost: Gold Coin Donation

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