From the Principal's Desk...

The end of the year is closing in on us fast here at the school. We will dismiss for the long break on Friday 4 December at 2 pm. Please make any necessary arrangements needed to collect children on that day so that they remain safe once school has finished.

Written Reports

Your child's report will be posted on Friday 27 November. The report has absence details up until Wednesday 25 November so the last few days of this week and all of next week are not included in the report. A more accurate copy of days absent can be obtained from the school should you need it after the final school day on 4 December.

Students in Reception will have a written report based on the Foundation years of schooling but will not have any grades assigned to their achievements. This is common across all schools in Australia as part of the new Australian Curriculum. Students from Years 1 – 10 will have grades related to their achievement using a 5 point scale (from A to E). Details of this scale are in the reports for further clarification. The grade is for the whole year and not just semester 2 and is against the Achievement Standard for the child’s year level. Again these Achievement Standards are common right across Australia. For some students, there will not be an A – E grade in the report. We have instead indicated that the student is operating to a modified program and so is not being assessed by the year level standard, as they are not working to that year level. In this case, your child has been given a grade in relation to their planned goals for the year.

There will be an opportunity to read your child’s report and then set up a meeting with the class or subject teacher before the end of term should you need to clarify anything in the report.

For Year 11 and 12 students, the report is based around the semester’s work and the assessment given still needs to be moderated and agreed to by the SACE Board. As such, particularly with Year 12 students, the grade could vary when the SACE results are released closer to Christmas.

Class Placement — Primary Classes

With your child’s report there should be a slip of paper that gives details of your child’s class for 2016 and their class teacher. We have attempted to place children into classes following a set of placement factors. In most cases, we have only two places that students can go for each year level (in Year 1 there is only one placement spot.) We have structured our classes for 2016 to respond to the directives given to us as part of our External Review held in May. We have 2 classes of each of the following combinations. Reception, Years 2/3, Years 4/5 and Years 6/7 along with 1 class of Year 1 students.

The External Review directives wanted us to have a greater deal of consistency in each year level and to have teachers able to work together in planning and assessment of student work. It also allows us to compare student achievements across classes. There is not a great deal of flexibility in our class placements as we have tried to give students friends to go into the new class with and also respond to parent requests where we can.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Last day of school year, 2pm departure—4 December

School returns—Monday 1 February 2016

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Class placement continued.....

Some parent requests could not be met in that parents asked for combinations of year levels that we have not got this year or you may have asked for avoidance of some students whilst placing your child with some you wanted. Not all requests are able to be met in the placement exercise.

Should you be unhappy with the placement, you can let the school know but no changes can be made until we see if we have any further enrolments that come in during the holidays that need to be placed as the classes are currently balanced in both boy/girl and in total numbers.

End of term arrangements

Just a reminder that we do finish at 2.00 pm next Friday 4 December. Many children will be bringing home “some treasures” from their rooms and so they may be carrying more than normal on their way home.

Starting school in the new year

School resumes in 2016 on Monday 1 February and we look forward to seeing everyone back to start the new year. We will start with an assembly to welcome everyone back and to introduce any new staff.

Seasons Greetings

On behalf of the school staff, I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas period. We have enjoyed your support across this year and we are keen to have your support again in 2016. There will be a number of people who leave at the end of this year and we wish them well in their new endeavours in the future. We thank them for having been part of our school and for the contribution they have made to our school.

Mark Ireland

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**OSHC fundraiser – CAKE STALL**

**Wk8 Tuesday 1st December**

**At Recess Time**

UNDER THE ROOF in front of Miss Cogan's classroom

**CAKES BISCUITS JELLY CUPS**

**PRICES: .50cents / $1.00**
Congratulations to the Year 12s who celebrated their graduation at the Desert Cave last Friday night.

It was a fantastic evening, celebrating the achievements of our Year 12 students and their completion of their education at CPAS. It was wonderful to see so many family, friends, and past and present staff members celebrating this special event.

Congratulations to Jane Tumapang, winner of the Thiess award for living the school values. Jane was awarded with an iPad.

Year 12 students: Damon, Jane, Arthur, Patricia, and Ranul

Thank you to Shaune Finn and Steve Kitching from Thiess for sponsoring the event and presenting the Thiess award.

We would also like to thank the Desert Cave Hotel for hosting the event, District Council of Coober Pedy for loaning us the lights, Ali Laslett for photography and Andy Mackenzie for the music.

We wish the Year 12 students all the very best for the future!

Mr Botten & Ms Savill, School Counsellors.

Recently a group of 19 year 8-10 students travelled to Adelaide as a reward for the living the school values throughout the year. Students participated in activities such as ice skating and bowling and enjoyed time at the Beach House and Inflatable World. The students also had an opportunity to dress up for a fine dining experience at Zak’s Restaurant overlooking West Lakes.

Thank you to OZ Minerals and Remote Student Attendance Strategy for continuing their sponsorship of the camp and also to Anne Bock for all her work during the camp.