From the Principal’s Desk...

Staffing News

We welcome a new teacher Ms Amudha Padian who has been employed to support the year 11 and 12 students with their Maths. She will also be doing some TRT work in all classes throughout the year. Please make her feel welcome in the community if you see her around.

Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 26th of February. Well done to the red team for winning the shield this year on 860 points. It was great to see so many students cheering on their team mates and other competitors. It was also encouraging to see so many parents, caregivers and community members supporting the students in and out of the water. A special congratulations to the overall points winners for boy and girl on the day was Brilyanz Mance and Alex Carmichael.

Fire Drill

On Friday the 4th of March the school had a fire drill to test new procedures with the new fence that has been installed. The fire drill also included the Child Care Centre ‘Mini Gems.’ It was great to see all students and staff make their way out to the oval in a calm and collective manner. In less than 10 minutes we had had all of the students out on the oval lined up and accounted for. The fire drill practice was to see what works and what needs to be looked at for the future.

Certificate II in Kitchen Operations

Last week we had a number of year 11 students start a certificate II in kitchen operations. The course will allow students to receive extra SACE credit for stage 1 as well as getting recognised VET training certificate. The course is being run by TAFE and it will allow us to use our new trade training centre for Food and Hospitality.

Fighting and Harassment

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of students involved in harassing others as well as being involved in fights. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated at school. Every child has the right to feel safe at school and if other people are affecting that then students need to make sure they are telling the teacher or leadership staff. If you have any concerns regarding your child/children being harassed please come and see someone from leadership at the school.

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

This is just a reminder that on Monday the 14th of March is a public holiday for the Adelaide Cup. There will be no one at school on this day. I hope you enjoy the day off.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Adelaide Cup Day—14th of March
Our Art Studio is in desperate need of.....

- Ice Cream containers
- Orange peel
- Lemon peel
- Turmeric
- Top 2 layers of cabbage

For their Fabric Dye Unit.

Congratulations to the Mini Blue winners from each of the Primary classes:

Exavier Donovan, Lilly Dolan, Amy Meyers, Vanessa Meyers, Shemaya Fernando, Nephli Vidana Ralalage, Kate Aulich, and De'Arna Nathan. It is fantastic to see you living the school values! The next prize draw will be in Week 8.

Geri Savill
Student Councillor

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS IN 2016

The SA School Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by Country Health SA Local Health Unit Coober Pedy Community Health.

**All Year 8 students will be offered:**

- Chickenpox (varicella) vaccine 1 dose
- HPV human papillomavirus vaccine, Gardasil, a full course (3 doses) over 3 separate visits
- Boostrix vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough) 1 dose

Immunisation consent packs will be sent home shortly with all Year 8 students. It is important that you read the information contained in the packs before you give consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Coober Pedy Community Health, Susan Radeka or the Immunisation Section, SA Health, Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5pm on 1300 232 272.

**All parents / legal guardians are required to complete, sign and return the Consent Cards, even if you do not consent for the student to be vaccinated at school.**