As we move towards the middle of term 4 the school is busy planning for the many events that will take place over the remaining few weeks. We have a number of activities planned and it looks like it will be a very busy last 4 weeks before school concludes for 2016 on Friday December 9th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The school will be observing one minute of silence on Friday of this week to commemorate Remembrance Day. This is the day when we all stop on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to remember all of those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts that countries have been involved in over the years. Why November 11th? At 11 am on the 11th of November 1918 the guns of the Western Front in Europe fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. I firmly believe that we need to ensure the next generation understands the sacrifices made by those who served and that we continue to remember them.

EXAMS

Our senior students have commenced their exams with Physics and Maths being held this week and Chemistry next week. I wish all of seniors who are sitting exams all the very best and trust that the work they have done throughout the year will put them in a good position when it comes to the exam which is worth 50% of their years work.

MARIMBA VESPERS

Next week we will be hosting Marimba Vespers and students will have the opportunity to work with the two visiting artists, Percussionist Andrew Wiering and Singer Eddie Mulaly. This should prove to be a great experience for all involved. Many thanks to Nichole for her work in securing the artists and to the many local business who have contributed toward the cost of getting the artist here to Coober Pedy. As I mentioned in the last newsletter the backing of local businesses for our school is tremendous and we certainly do appreciate the support we receive.

CAMPS

The SAASSA Shield will take place in week six down in Adelaide and I am sure that our representatives will do a great job of demonstrating Coober Pedy Pride and Spirit. The year 6/7 classes will be on camp during week 6 as they head off to the Erappa Campsite at Iron Knob. This a great campsite at the old workers quarters in Iron Knob and the students will be exposed to many exciting activities including the high ropes and the famous ‘Leap of Faith’ challenge.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our annual Presentation Assembly will be held on the morning of Wednesday November 30th and all members of our Learning Community are invited to attend. Further information regarding the Presentation Assembly will be sent out in the near future. This should be a great event that showcases the many achievers here at Coober Pedy Area School.

SWIMMING POOL

The situation with the Swimming Pool from the school’s perspective remains unchanged with the Coober Pedy District Council and DECD in negotiations over a new contract. The pool however is in working order and we hope to commence some Physical Education lessons using the Pool in the immediate future.

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CARERS

This week I was visited by representatives of Carers SA which is an organisation set up to support carers. I know that we do a have a number of carers here in Coober Pedy and that Family Carers in society often go unnoticed yet do amazing work for family members. Some carers are unaware of the support that is available and Carers SA can assist and inform with regard to support. Do you have a young person in your family who helps care for someone with an illness, disability or mental issue? If so, they can get assistance in areas such as respite, retreats, school liaison, counselling and support. They can also get a free Young Carers Information Kit, available from Carers SA. Carers SA provides information about being a young carer and outlines the services available.

For a free young carer’s kit please call Emma Johnson who is a Young Carer project worker on 1800 242 636. Or call the Port Augusta Office on 8641 1844. The Port Augusta based worked visit Coober Pedy periodically.
Miss Vermeeren’s Class

Melbourne Cup Race

To celebrate the Melbourne cup our class made their own horses to race. We painted them, decorated them and gave each horse a name.

Painting and decorating our horses.

All dressed up for the race!

Here are our finished horses.

Ready... Set... GO!

They are off and racing.

It was a great race.

Ready... Set... GO!