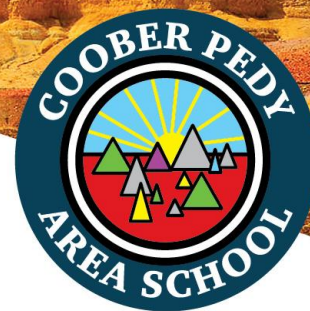


NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Can you believe it is September already? What a fabulous whirlwind of a term we have had so far!

Some of our highlights:

- The Seussical In production – what can we say other than WOW – fabulous efforts from Jason, the cast and our school community support.
- Oz Minerals – the work experience visit for Years 9-12 to Prominent Hill was a huge success and the support from the Oz Minerals team at school has been well received. Presentations on what it takes to be employable, CV support, interview tips and so much more!
- The Commissioner for Aboriginal Children visited late last month and was impressed by the range of programs we offer and the progress we are making with literacy (across the school).
- We celebrated SSO Week and thanked our wonderful ancillary staff.

- Book Week activities were fun.
- A successful Sports Day was held.
- The Sapphires performed for our students.
- Dan Bird ran a Year 9/10 students' parents' information session to start SACE planning for 2020.
- JP 'Special Men' lunch was held before Fathers' Day.
- A successful Choir camp was run in Port Augusta.
- Horticulture (Cert I) started well with a 3 day intensive.
- SAASTA Students have been away for another intensive.
- Year 2/3 "We are Authors" exhibition.
- World Solar Challenge activities for 4-6 and 7/8.
- AND we are celebrating GREEN lawn out the front!

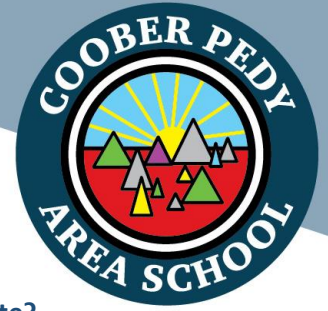
Enjoy the end of term! We finish up at 2pm on Friday 27th September and return on Monday 14th October for Term 4.

Karen Cornelius and Michael Beelitz



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STAFF PROFILES

Rachael Pitt – 5/6 Teacher

What do you do at CPAS?

I'm the Year 5 and 6 Teacher!



What do you love about CPAS?

I really love my class and our classroom. They are very funny, and can make the school day interesting!

How do you like your eggs?

I love making hardboiled eggs, but if someone else will make them; I adore scrambled eggs!

Which CPAS value speaks to you the most?

I believe inclusion is very important in all schools. I love when my students show this value in my classroom.

If you could be anything (outside of your current role) what would you be?

Ruler of the Universe? A writer?

What are you reading right now?

The Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak.

Top 3 Books/Authors

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling

The most recent books of Mark Manson.

What was your favourite band as a kid?

Simple Plan... Pink... Post Modern Jukebox...?

What's the best advice you can offer our students?

Participate in everything that will help you. We are what we repeatedly do: Excellence then, is not an act but a habit. – Aristotle.

What's your favourite quote?

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. – Doctor Seuss

"I am the one thing in life I can control.

I am inimitable.

I am an original"

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Matthew Key – Senior Leader -Wellbeing



What do you do at CPAS?

I'm the Senior Leader for Whole School Wellbeing and Culture

What is your greatest adventure or experience to date?

Moving up to Cooper Pedy and having children in our amazing community is a constant adventure!

What do you love about CPAS?

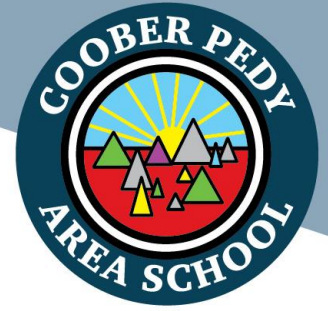
I love our diversity, getting to know all our students and the unique backgrounds that they each come from is such a privilege.

How do you like your eggs?

I do enjoy a good poached egg with a sprinkle of pepper

Which CPAS value speaks to you the most?

Responsibility speaks to me, as I feel that we each have a responsibility for our community and our futures. I am optimistic about the future of our town each time I speak to our young people.



Seen something lately that made you smile?

Seeing the drive-in light up each Saturday night puts a smile on my face

If you could be anything (outside of your current role) what would you be?

I always thought it could be fun to be a professional wrestler.

What are you reading right now?

Lots of books and resources regarding wellbeing

Top 3 Books/Authors

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – Mark Haddon

I know this much is True – Wally Lamb
Watchmen – Alan Moore/Dave Gibbons

What was your favourite band as a kid?

I was really into both pop-punk and gangster rap growing up.

What's the best advice you can offer our students?

You're not here to prove how smart you are now – you come to school to learn and grow.

What's your favourite quote?

"They say the secret of success is being at the right place at the right time, but since you never know when the right time is going to be, I figure the trick is to find the right place and just hang around." – Bill Waterson



SERVICES AVAILABLE IN COOPER PEDY

Face to Face:

Aboriginal Family Support Services

afss.com.au
08 8672 3066

Red Cross

redcross.org.au
08 8672 5380

Umoona Tjutagku Health Service

uths.com.au
08 8672 5255

Uniting Country SA

ucsa.org.au
1300 067 777

Child Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS)

wch.sa.gov.au/camhs
08 8161 7198

Country and Outback Health

cobh.com.au
08 8643 5600

Phone and Online Services:

Beyond Blue

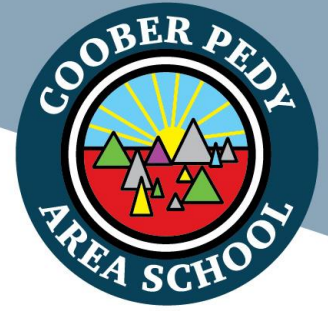
beyondblue.org.au
1300 224 636

Kids Helpline

kidshelpline.com.au
1800 551 800

Headspace

headspace.org.au
1800 650 890



WELLBEING NOTES

Matthew Key

Special Days

September 12 is National Health and Physical Education day, as well as RUOK Day!

On **National HPE** day we consider the huge role that our health plays in our overall wellbeing. We need to consider our exercise, sleep and balanced diet every day. See hpeday.com.au for more information.



RUOK day is a national day of action dedicated to reminding people that every day is the day to ask,



“Are you OK?” and support those struggling with life’s ups and downs.

Talking with our kids

Sometimes for our kids having the conversation isn’t always that easy. The following tips from reachout.com might be useful to help have the chat with the young people in your home.

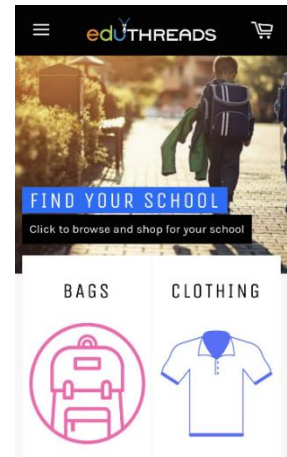
- Make time and space to talk, get comfy, remove distractions such as phones, and have eye contact. These all signal that you are present, you want to listen, and you are ‘there for them’.
- You don’t need to fix their problem or make them feel better; you just need to listen. Try not to judge what they are saying. Just nod and say things like, ‘Ok’, ‘Ah ha’, ‘Yeah’. This will let them know that you’re listening positively and will encourage them to keep talking.
- Be empathetic. Put yourself in their shoes and try and see things from their point of view.
- Talk often. Take every opportunity to talk with your child about what is happening in their life.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Change of season is a great time to think about what your child wears to school.

We’ve had some wonderful feedback about our new uniform colour (navy) and the online provider: eduTHREADS. People are delighted with the quality of the uniform items they have purchased and the customer service provided.



There are agreements in place with organisations like AMYAC to support your ordering if required.

Reminder: Previous royal blue uniforms can still be worn, however, all new uniforms need to be navy blue (as available on the website)

So hop online: <https://eduthreads.com.au/> and organise your summer uniform needs now!



With the warmer weather upon us: please make certain your children have a bottle of water at school

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Canteen

Our school canteen has finally (almost) broken even! Huge thanks to Dolly for her work, our Canteen sub-committee and Penny at IGA for her enormous support of this important school service!

Dolly needs a supportive committee to provide advice about menus, promotion and the service operations.

CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact Lisa McClure: 8672 3066 or lisa.mcclure@afss.com.au

Out of school hours care (OSHC)

We have a fabulous after school care program running in the school. Like the Canteen, there is a need for parent representation on the governing council sub-committee that oversees the running of OSHC.

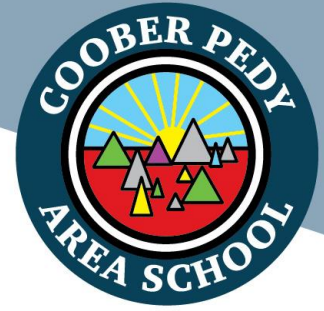
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Dress Code Proposal

The Coober Pedy Area School Governing Council supports the wearing of school uniform because uniform:

- Reflects pride in the school and supports a sense of identity & belonging.
- Reduces peer pressure and competition about clothing choices.
- Contributes to student safety by enabling staff to easily identify any outsider who might come into the school grounds.
- Supports students to develop attitudes and habits that they will use in life after school and at work.



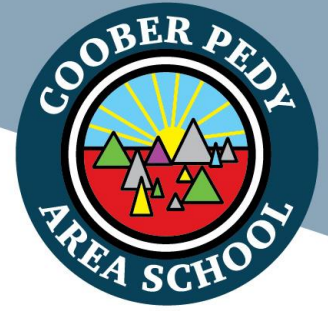
Coober Pedy Area School uniforms are available online at <https://eduthreads.com.au/> where you use the 'Find Your School' option. There is a full range of uniform items on the website. There are options for families to use sponsorship of groups such as AMYAC.

Proposed 2020 Expectations:

- The Governing Council appreciates that a DRESS CODE is better accepted by some families, so their 'at school' expectation is that all students always wear the school colours and are in a school top.
- Students are required to wear school uniform when engaged in school activities out the school unless otherwise specified. Exceptions are applied to activities such as TAFE programs, SAASTA or Choir camp.
- A navy blue hat (available through **eduTHREADS** <https://eduthreads.com.au/>) in a bucket or full brim style is required in Terms 1 and 4 and preferred in Terms 2 and 3. The school follows Sun Safe policies. Students not wearing hats are required to move to a shaded area.

Safety expectations:

- Footwear should be appropriate for school, e.g. sneakers, plain shoes, boots and sandals (with a back strap). High heels and thongs are inappropriate as they limit access to physical activities.
- Shoulders and midriff should be covered at all times.
- All school workshops are covered by Government Regulations. Students will wear appropriate clothing and footwear as well as protective equipment as directed by staff when working in Technical Studies, Science Laboratories, Art and Home Economics classrooms.



Jewellery and Make-Up:

- Wearing of jewellery at school is not usually safe, especially during PE and yard play.
- A watch, medical bracelet or necklace (school must be notified of the reason), sleepers or small studs or a simple ring are acceptable.
- Make-up is NOT appropriate for school.

CONSULTATION PROCESS for 2020 Policy adoption:

Under the **Dress Code Regulations:** Education Regulations 1997 (part 5 – 77) on school dress code, Governing Councils have the right to determine school dress policy. Consultation is required.

Please send your feedback to the Front Office (marked For the Governing Council) or email: dl.0920.info@schools.sa.edu.au and your feedback will be forwarded to the council.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September

27 - Final Day of Term 3, 2pm dismissal.

October

14- Term 4 starts

14 - Pool opens for the summer

25 - Weekly transition across the Primary begins

November

22 - End of Year Showcase (Evening - TBN)

26 - Year 6 Graduation

27 - Presentation Day (11:30 to end of day)

28 - Year 12 Graduation

December

6 - Last day of the year 2pm dismissal

January 2020

28 - Term 1 begins

28-31 - First Week of School program

February

10 - Student Free Day - Teachers doing "Play is the Way" social skill program

18 - Meet the Teachers Night

March

6 – Swimming Carnival 8:50am – 1pm



Breakfast Club

8:00am – 9:00am every morning

Pancakes every Monday morning!



ALL WELCOME 😊 Love to see you there



**Opal Inn & Uniting Country SA
Christmas Party
Saturday 30th November 12 noon**



Children 10 years and under are welcome to register for the Christmas Party

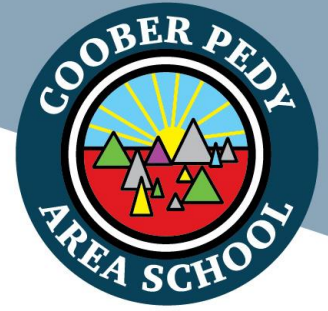
Please register at

Uniting Country SA Office, Paxton Rd

Office hours 9am – 5pm

For more information contact

carrie.adamo@ucsa.org.au



R/1 EXCURSION

Umoona Opal Mine Museum

On Tuesday the 10th of September the R/1 Classes visited Umoona Opal Mine Museum to learn about life in the past. We got to watch a special sound and light show all about The Dreaming and how aboriginal people lived a long time ago. We also got to visit the old part of the mine to see how the miners lived in Cooper Pedy 100 years ago. Special thanks to Nick and Sabrina for sharing their knowledge and to our SSOs and parents who came on the trip.

Miss Littlehailes and Miss Tegan



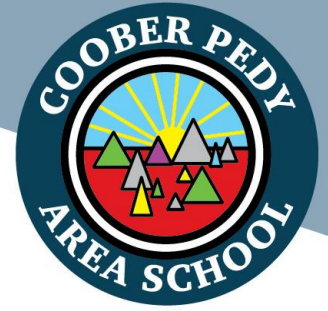
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Are you a young person caring for a member of your family?

The Young Carers Network is a place for young carers to learn about support services, access resources and share their story and opinions. Did you know that you could access some financial support to help with some of the expenses of school?

The Young Carer Bursary Program supports young carers to continue with their education. The program offers a limited number of bursaries of up to \$3,000 each year. Young carers across Australia can apply from late July until early September.

Visit youngcarersnetwork.com.au for more information.



COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

We are having a great deal of success communicating with families through:

- Our School Facebook page now has 1120 Likes – so a huge audience, thanks for the love! Search for us “Cooper Pedy Area School” and like the page to get multiple posts each week with information about events as they happen and reminders about events coming up.
- Post Box drops of School Newsletters twice a term. We are planning to save the doubling up with children bringing newsletters home and one appearing in your post box. If you don’t allow unaddressed mail, you might like to let the Post Office know that you’ll accept the school newsletter. There will be copies on the new school website (this is very close now), Post Office boxes and some spares at school.
- Appointments for interviews as needed. When speaking to someone about an issue, please start with your child’s teacher and if that isn’t the support you need, ask to make an appointment with their line manager.
- Written reports in Terms 2 and 4 posted home.
- Class newsletters each term – outlining the areas to be covered in the term ahead.

We were using the Skoolbag app, but have found very few families managed to subscribe and the app has become very expensive.

SO ... we are intending to replace the app with the offer of email updates. We are aware that there are families without Facebook, and after consultation with parents and Governing Council it seems that the option to receive news and messages from the school in email format might be popular.

Would you like us to email updates to you?

Please return this to the school and we will set up a mailing list and keep you in the loop.

Name: _____

Child’s name: _____ Year Level: _____

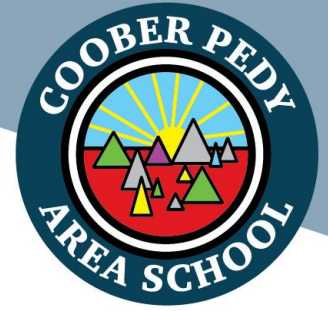
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Email address you’d like us to use: _____

Thanks!



SEUSSICAL JR. MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Oh, the thinks we have thunk!

We followed Horton as he Heard a Who, became the Biggest Blame Fool in the Jungle and found himself Alone in the Universe. We were introduced to JoJo, the little person with BIG thinks! We laughed with the Cat in the Hat, cried with Gertrude and her too-big tail, empathised with Mayzie La Bird's desire to fly off on holidays, all while Whoville was being perilously blown about in the wind. Our kangaroos were feisty, our monkeys were mean, and the whole world was saved by the smallest of all.

A huge congratulations to all students and helpers involved in *Seussical Jr.* This was yet another example of how wonderful it can be to come together as a school community and contribute to something that is bigger than any individual. This year's show was a hit, but next year's will be even better!

