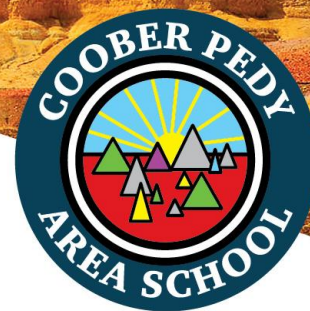


NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Staffing

- We have employed Tennyah Evans for Term 4 to support Years 4/5 and 5/6. Welcome!
- Neville Marks is back to support us this term too – great to have him back.
- Tracey Wagner has joined the SSO team for Term 4, bringing a great deal of valuable experience.
- Sadly, Damien Bachman has accepted a position in New Zealand from 2020. We are working to replace him.
- Teacher movement: Bev Littlehales and Amudha Pandian are going to Mark Oliphant College and Dan Bird to Marryatville High School. Tegan Jones is returning to childcare. Sally Martin and Ben vanderLoos have yet to receive appointments but will be leaving us. We will miss these valuable contributors to our school!
- We are currently recruiting new teachers and filling 2020 SSO positions.

School Improvement Update

Many of you have no doubt heard that we have implemented Read Write Inc (RWInc), a synthetic phonics approach, to teach reading. There are two phases in the reading process – “Learning to Read”

and the “Reading to Learn”. We are thrilled with the progress we are making with teaching students to read this year. We started the year with all Years R-6 students (except 8 who were already independent readers) involved in RWInc. We now have 31 independent readers in Year 4-6 and 15 in R-3. We are very hopeful of some more getting through before the end of the year. This means that we will have **at least a 500% increase in the number of independent readers to start 2020.**

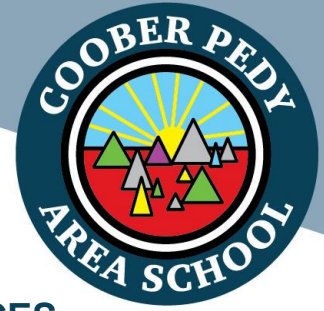
2020 Planning

- We have been successful in our application to be a Trauma Aware School in 2020-2021 and are currently negotiating Berry Street support for our staff.
- Preschool to Year 6 transition is underway. Students are ‘trying out’ preschool to 7/8 learning environments. With so many staff changing over, not all are meeting their 2020 teacher but there are a range of activities happening to prepare students for 2020.
- We are planning the First Week of 2020. These 4 days are an opportunity to establish expectations and routines, set goals, befriend new people and gain an appreciation of what’s ahead.
- We are redescribing our school values (especially for younger students), these are:
 - **Respect** and **Be Kind**
 - **Responsibility** and **Be Safe**
 - **Resilience** and **Work Hard.**

Other News

- Years 4-8 students enjoyed a visit from the Solar Challenge team.
- Our Art students are preparing a range of fabulous paintings on boards for OZ Minerals.
- Our whole school production, Suessical Jn was a huge success. Given it was a much more complex show than we expected, we’re





impressed with how our students 'stepped up'. Fabulous in school and community feedback – well done Jason and team!!

- We started "Success Lunch" on Fridays – students are invited to eat their lunch with the leadership team and receive a certificate and Tim Tam for a 'success' – such as progressing multiple RWInc levels, great projects, being caring, reflecting school values etc. This is an opportunity to celebrate some of our quiet achievers and enjoy children's pride in their achievements.
- Our Alternate Learning Centre (NIAA) funded central shade looks fantastic. Planning is underway to put a range of seats and garden beds in there for a central gathering area.
- Our new school signage is going up – looking great! Along with the new grass. A water fountain and a new front door, the front of the school is looking terrific.
- Last Monday we had a visit from CEG, Oz Minerals and PASS to support our students with career pathway decision making. Year 9-12 met with the group and after school there was a community meeting. We are very appreciative of the support we are receiving to ensure our students all have pathways after school.

Karen Cornelius and Michael Beelitz
Principals

SUPPORT SERVICES

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

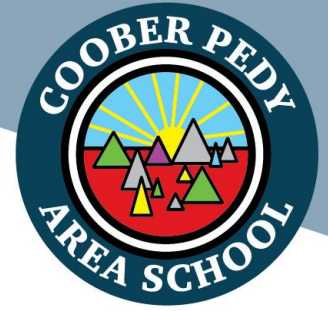


**Opal Inn & Uniting Country SA
Christmas Party
Saturday 30th November 12 noon**

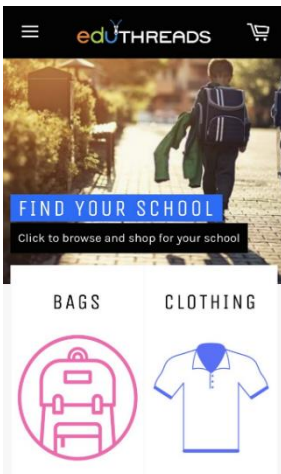


Children 10 years and under
are welcome to register for the Christmas Party
Please register at
Uniting Country SA Office, Paxton Rd
Office hours 9am – 5pm
For more information contact
carrie.adamo@ucsa.org.au





SCHOOL UNIFORM



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 currently.

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

SWIMMING

We are making the most of the hot weather and our wonderful pool! **Students will need to bring bathers** on the following days:

Year Rec – 6:

November 25, 26, 28 (+ Year 6's on the 29th)

December 2, 3 and 5

PUBLIC SWIMMING OPENING HOURS

SCHOOL TERMS

MONDAY - FRIDAY	6:30am - 8:15am
MONDAY, TUESDAY THURSDAY & FRIDAY	3:15pm - 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	2:20pm - 7:30pm
SATURDAY - SUNDAY	1:00pm - 7:30pm
ADULTS ONLY (ALL DAYS) 7:30pm - 8:00pm	

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY - FRIDAY	6:30am - 8:15am
MONDAY - SUNDAY	1:00pm - 7:30pm
ADULTS ONLY (ALL DAYS) 7:30pm - 8:00pm	

Year 7 – 12:

November 25, 26, 28 and 29

December 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Volunteers needed:

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.

CAN YOU HELP?

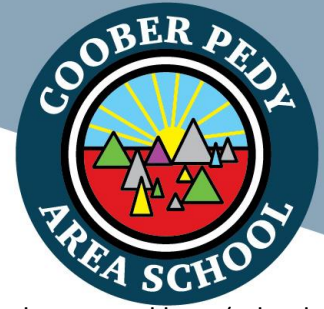
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Dress Code Proposal:

The Cooper 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.

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- Supports students to develop attitudes and habits that they will use in life after school and at work.

Cooper 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.

2019 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:

November

- 22nd - End of Year Showcase (Evening - TBN)
- 26th - Year 6 Graduation
- 27th - Presentation Day (11:30 to end of day)
- 28th - Year 12 Graduation

December

- 6th - Last day of the year **2pm dismissal**

January 2020

- 28th - Term 1 begins
- 28th-31st - First Week of School program

February 2020

- 10th - **Student Free Day** - Teachers doing "Play is the Way" social skill program
- 18th - Meet the Teachers Night

March 2020

- 6 - Swimming Carnival 8:50am-1pm

OSHC

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri

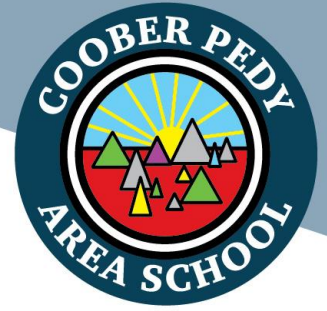
Includes after school snack,
Play based learning, indoor and outdoor
activities.

Individual children's interests catered for
Child Care Subsidy available:

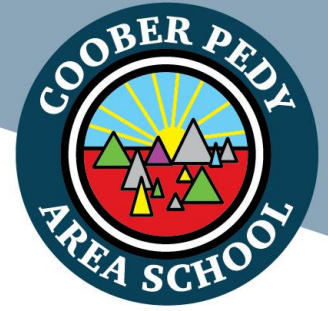
Pending eligibility-apply
Through Centrelink

Phone: 0419 814 957

Karen.jones238@schools.sa.edu.au



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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 “Coober 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.

What else?

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! We'll be in touch soon!