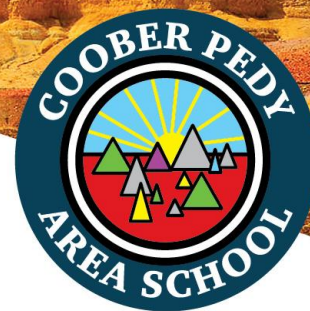


NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



End of Year - 2020

Thank you all for your continual support of our school and students.

Although the COVID-19 presented us with various challenges during the school year, we have all worked very hard as a team to ensure that our **core business of teaching and learning** continued to be our absolute focus.

Our Student Achievement Data (Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 students, PAT- R & PAT-M, SACE /VET) has seen a significant number of our students **achieving at or above** the Department's Standard of Educational Achievement (DECD SEA). This is a testament of your commitment to our school vision. We look forward to continuing on this trajectory in 2021 and beyond in our quest to be a World-Class education system. Thank you all for supporting us to create a very conducive learning environment at our school.

We wish you all a restful and relaxing holidays. Enjoy the holiday break see you all back at school on **Wednesday, 27/1/2021 at 8.50am.**

Teaching Staff Farewells- 2020

I wish to acknowledge and say a big thank you to the following teaching staff members for their work throughout their time here at the school and wish them all the best for the future:

Mr Michael Beelitz (Deputy Principal)
Mrs Elyse Kowald (Early Years Leader)
Ms Kathleen McGuire (Middle School Literacy Coordinator)
Mr Jason Home (SACE Coordinator)
Ms Tennayah Evans (Teacher)
Ms Laura Hardbottle (Teacher)

IMPORTANT DATES- 2020/2021

Friday, 4th December, 2020 – Last Day of the 2020 School Year (school finishes at 2pm)

Wednesday, 27th January, 2021– Term 1 2021 begins at 8.50am.

SCHOOL FUN RUN

Thank you all for your support with the fundraising by our students. Our students have made a decision on what they wish to use the funds for and they will be supported for this to happen in 2021. Thanks to Ms McGuire for making this dream a reality for our students.

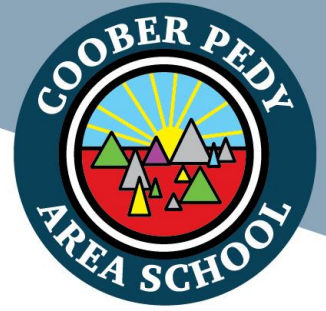
I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2021.

Mr Maurice Saah
Principal



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CLASSES/STAFFING UPDATE- 2021

Our Classes:

Preschool

Junior Primary

Reception

Years 1/2 (1)

Years 1/2 (2)

Years 1/2 (3)

Primary

Years 3/4 (1)

Years 3/4 (2)

Years 5/6 (1)

Years 5/6 (2)

Secondary/SACE

Years 7/8

Years 9/10

Years 11/12

Our Leadership Team:

Mr Maurice Saah- Principal

Ms Veronika Witham- Assistant Principal
(Primary)

Ms Catherine Burns- Assistant Principal
(Secondary- Years 7/8)

Mrs Jackie Williams- Senior Leader
(Intervention & Support)

Mrs Kristina (Tink) Seekamp- Coordinator
(Early Years- Preschool/ Support Services)

Ms Ayla Hurley- Coordinator (Early Years-
Reception- Years 2)

Ms Viv Subelli- Student Wellbeing Leader

Ms Zherie Bouwman- Coordinator (Aboriginal
Education) - In the Years 1/2 (2) class until
Week 2 Term 1 2021

Our Teaching Staff:

Preschool

Mrs Kristina (Tink) Seekamp

Junior Primary & Primary

Miss Carly Legg (Reception)

Ms Tegan Jones (Years 1/2 (1))

Mr Geoff Brady (Years 1/2 (2))

Mrs Zherie Bouwman (Years 1/2 (3)) - In the
Years 1/2 (2) class until Week 2 Term 1 2021

Mr Peter Smith (Years 3/4 (1))

Ms Kathleen Woodlock (Years 3/4 (2))

Mr Matt Wiseman (Years 5/6 (1))

Ms Judy Griffiths (Years 5/6 (2)/ Library)

Ms Dilraj Kaur (Junior Primary NIT)

Miss Rachael Pitt (Years 3/4 NIT)

Mr Phil Miss Nicolle (Years 5/6 NIT)

Secondary/SACE

Mrs Lyndal Pryce (English/ Food & Hospitality)

Ms Maddy Anderson (HPE across the school)

Ms Abhi Kaur (Science)

Ms Jessica Hawkes (Maths)

Ms Michelle Paterson (Design & Technology)

Ms Alecia Raper (Humanities)

Ms Loren Garton- Harrison (Humanities/Art)

Ms Dana Bagshaw (English)

Ms Aki Puri Sharma (SACE)

Ms Doris Yu (Maths/Science/Technologies)

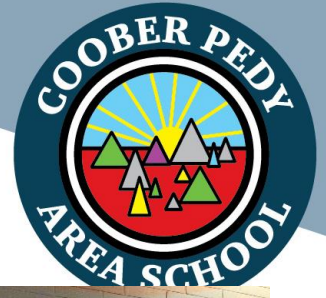
**The process for the following teaching
positions for 2021 is ongoing. Further
announcements will be made in due course:**

Preschool/Junior Primary NIT

Junior Primary- To Backfill Ms Zherie
Bouwman

Primary/Intervention/Support

Alternate Learning Centre (ALC)

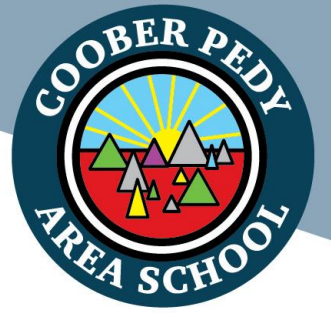


YEAR 6 GRADUATION- 2020



Congratulations to our Graduating Year 6 Class of 2020.

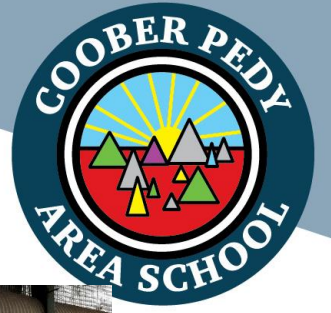
A Big Thank you to Ms McGuire, Mr Nicolle, Ms Pitt and all our support staff for giving our students the best learning opportunities and experiences. We wish our students all the best in secondary school next year (2021).



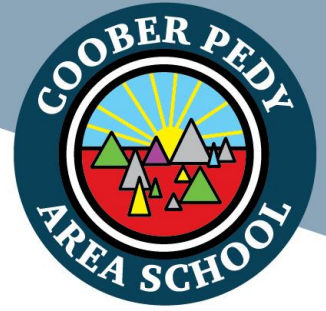
PRESENTATION DAY- 2020



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STAFF FAREWELL MESSAGES

Mrs Elyse Kowald



What a crazy ride it has been. When I look back on my time in Cooper Pedy, I can't believe how far we've come, the challenges we have faced and the mountains we have conquered. From taking a chance on applying for a job in a little town, I had travelled through once when I was 8, to making it my home and raising my children here.

I would like to say a huge thanks to the school and the community for welcoming and supporting us for the last 7 years. There is a world of opportunity here if you're willing to put yourself out there.

To the staff, past and present, for supporting me, challenging me and pushing me to be the absolute best I can. Through highs and lows, we have pushed through together and made the best of every situation.

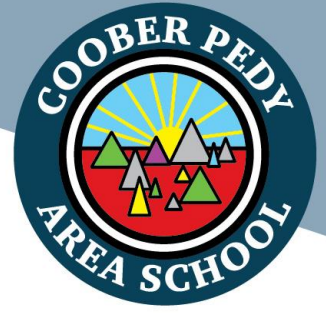
To my mentors who have guided my way and shaped me into the teacher and leader I am today, thank you for the advice, laughter and tears. I couldn't have done it without you by my side.

To the students, I thank you for so many things - for never-ending smiles and positivity, for bringing the fun into every day, for including me in your games, for letting me be there for you in the hard times and be there to cheer you on in the good. I have stories and memories I will take with me everywhere I go that make me smile, laugh and cry. Keep your head up, keep working hard and smash your goals.

To those who cared for my children so I could return to work, you are amazing! Through all the challenges you face, you have made my children feel welcome, cared for and loved. To the friends who become family, I can't thank you enough for always being there for me and my family. The people are truly what make it and I will miss being so close to you all. Finally, to my family, my husband who packed everything up to follow me to a little desert town and create a life we couldn't have even imagined. My children for loving every minute of Cooper life. My parents and brothers for everything they have done to make our life 1000km away easier.

We are on to the next adventure with a sea breeze but we will carry Cooper with us wherever we go. Thank you and we will see you again.

Mrs Elyse Kowald
Early Years Leader



Ms Kathleen McGuire



I would like to say a huge thank you to the school and the community for welcoming me for the past 3 years. I have made many lifelong friendships and learnt so much about myself during this time. Professionally, I have gained a wealth of knowledge and am leaving as a more confident teacher.

To my students, thank you. There have been a few challenges along the way but we found a way through together. Keep being the amazing young people that I know you are.

To my friends, thank you for all of your support throughout the highs and the lows. You all mean the world to me.

Although my time at Cooper Pedy has come to a close, a new adventure is set to begin down at Meningie. I look at my time at Cooper Pedy with fond memories. Continue to look after each other and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Thank You

Ms Kathleen McGuire
Middle School Literacy Coordinator