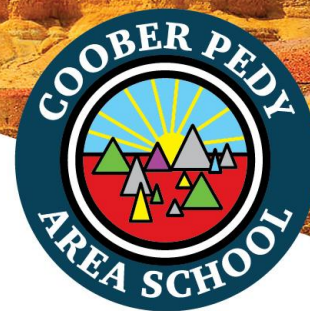


# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



### TERM 2 2021

The school term has started off positively with a lot of teaching and learning activities happening both onsite and offsite.

Our focus as a school continues to be on teaching and learning. Our teachers continue to engage with world-class experts and coaches to ensure that **quality teaching and learning opportunities** are at the core of what we do in classrooms and learning areas. Thank you all for your participation and support during our External School Review process. We look forward to receiving the recommendations from the Review Team to further guide us with what we do as a school in ensuring **achievement growth** for all our students.

Once again thank you all for your work and commitment to our school improvement journey and we look forward to wonderful term.

Let us continue to keep the bar very high!

**Mr Maurice Saah**  
Principal

## STAFFING UPDATE

### Departing Staff Members

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of the following staff members to the education of our students and the community:

**Mrs Lyndal Pryce (Teacher)** has retired from active service with effect from **27/5/2021**.

Lyndal has spent a greater amount of her teaching career at the school and she will be solely missed.

We wish her all the best for the future.

**Ms Catherine Burns (Assistant Principal)** is taking on a new role with Student Support Services in Port Augusta.

Catherine has spent the last two years of her career at the school in various leadership roles. She will be solely missed and we wish her all the best in her new role.

### New staff

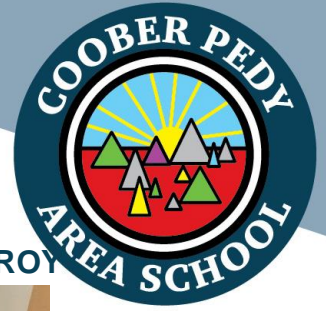
**Mr Brenton Roy** has commenced as our additional leadership person (Assistant Principal- Secondary) for the next 6 weeks from last **Monday, 24/5/2021 (Week 5 Term 2 2021) until the end of this term**.

We are in the process of running a panel for our Senior Leader- Secondary position for Terms 3 & 4 2021.

**Ms Jenny Giang (Teacher)** has accepted a role as an additional onsite/support teacher for the remainder of the term.

**Ms Joyce Kee (Teacher)** has accepted a role as our Learning hub Teacher for the remainder of the school year.





## VISITS BY EXPERTS/COACHES

Our school continues to get regular working visits from some world-class education experts/coaches including some from our department. These experts/coaches continue to work with our teachers to mentor and coach them in the provision of quality teaching and learning opportunities for all our students.

The coaching and mentoring being provided is very targeted, aligned and purposeful to our school improvement priorities/plan.

We wish to acknowledge the work of Prof. Deslea Konza (Literacy & Effective Teaching expert/coach), Prof. Di Siemon (Maths- upper primary- expert/coach), Dr John West (Secondary Maths Coach), Ms Helen Booth (Maths- junior primary Expert/Coach), Ms Margo Leatch (LGU) - (Literacy- junior primary) and Ms Hayley Goldsworthy (RWINc Literacy Expert/Coach).

See below: Prof Di Siemon Working with one of our teachers and students during a maths lesson



**A big thank you to all our coaches/experts for their support of our teachers and we look forward to this continuing.**

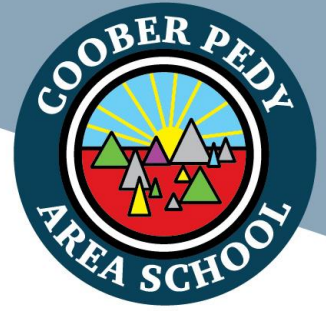
## MEET MR BRENTON ROY



Join me to welcome Brenton Roy (Assistant Principal- Secondary) for the remainder of this term.

Brenton and I, have a long standing professional relationship, beginning at Parafield Gardens high school in 2009. Brenton has a strong background and experience in SACE and VET and has worked in educational leadership positions in DfE schools. While working in the Department for Education Trade Schools program, he was a regular visitor to the Far North and APY schools including CPAS. During this time he supported several of our past students to achieve SACE and Apprenticeship outcomes. His most recent position was as Program and Policy manager in our head office, managing a team of Pathways officers and writing policy for the new Department for Education VET initiative. Brenton has fond memories of CPAS as a welcome stopover during the 2003 and 2005 World Solar Challenges, when he was team manager for the Mannum High School solar car team.

We wish him all the best in his new role.



## NEW SECONDARY CLASSES

Thank you all for your input and support during the reconfiguration of our secondary classes. As per earlier communication, the new classes will enable us to continue to best cater for the learning needs of all our secondary students. Our new class structures (Years 7/8, Years 8/9 & Years 9/10) will commence on **Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 (Week 6, Term 2 2021).**

The school day will start with an assembly in the school gym, where students will be led by their home group teachers to their new classes.

All parents/caregivers have been sent official communication about the classes of their child/children.

Please let us know if you require any further clarification or information.

## IMPORTANT DATES- Term 2 2021

### Term 2 Week 8

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2021** – Staff Professional Learning Day- ***Student Free Day- No School for students.***

### Term 2 Week 9

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021- Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021-** NAIDOC Week

### Term 2 Week 10

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021- Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021-** NAIDOC Week

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021-** Sports Day (Primary Students only)

## Coronavirus Update

Below is the link to the current departmental advice/updates:

<https://edi.sa.edu.au/supporting-childrn/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19/coronavirus>

## Our Local safety precautions/measures

Our site-specific safety precautions/measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic **continues to be in place.**

All **visitors** to our site are required to come through the **front office/reception and sign in and sign out on departure.**

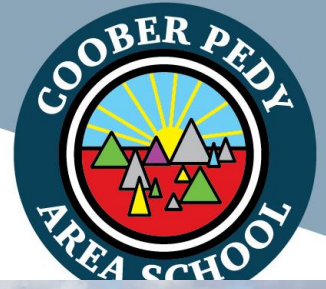
We have both a school and preschool QR codes, which is clearly displayed at the front office/reception as well as in the preschool.

Sign in sheets are also available at the Front Office/Reception and preschool for manual use.

Parents/Caregivers and community members are required to drop off and pick up their children from the entrance to the JP unit or classrooms/learning areas and **stay out** of these areas.

Parents/caregivers will be contacted to pick up their children (students) who present with symptoms of sickness/illness at school. This is also a safety/precautionary measure.

Thanks once again for your co-operation on this in ensuring the health of all students and staff.



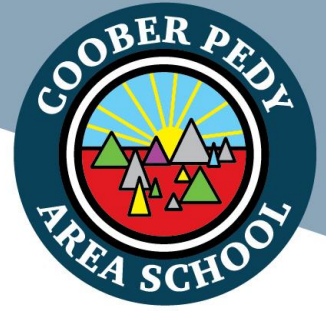
## TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

### SACE Geography Camp- Adelaide

During the week, our Years 11/12 Geography class attended a field trip in Hallett Cove, Adelaide. Students worked in small groups to investigate the environmental characteristics of an individual section of sand dunes along the Hallett Cove coastline. They used a range of methods to observe, measure and record fieldwork data, including soil pH, soil moisture content, vegetation type and amount, number of beach users and litter. Students analysed the environmental characteristics of the sand dune and the impact of people on the natural environment. They made recommendations on possible environmental strategies for the protection of the Hallett Cove coastline. Our Year 11/12 Geography demonstrated their ability to work collaboratively and productively as a team.



**Ms Doris Yu**  
Geography Teacher



## Years 9/10 Science

In Science, the Years 9/10 students have been learning about cell theory which involves cell division and the transmission of heritable characteristics from one generation to other. They recently performed an experiment where they collected and observed their cheek cells and onion skin cells under a compound microscope to understand the differences between animal and plant cells. Students engaged in this task and were curious to learn more. Once they finished their task, they looked at other things, living and non-living, around them to observe and learn how they are different from us. They have been learning about Mitosis (cell division) and will soon move on to Meiosis (cell division of reproductive cells) to learn about genes and heredity. I applaud their engagement, commitment and hard work. Well done!



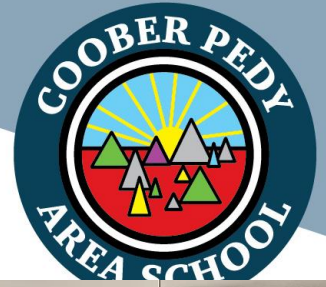
**Ms Abhi Kaur**  
Secondary Science Teacher

## Years 5/6 Maths

In maths, we have been using our efficient counting and grouping strategies to find out how many counters are in our class jar. We recorded the amounts of each individual colour and then used MAB and addition to find the total. Our work aligns with the research and evidence of using manipulatives in the teaching of maths to build student conceptual understanding.



**Mr Matt Wiseman**  
Years 5/6 Teacher



## VET BLOCK IN ADELAIDE

Some of our Years 11/12 students attended a VET Block (Make up) in Adelaide last week. They visited the Parafield Airport Flight Training Academy to learn about careers in the aviation industry and had firsthand experience in an A380 flight simulator. All our students successfully achieved **10 Stage 2 SACE Credits** after successfully completing the VET Block. All the students demonstrated responsibility, commitment and hard work during the trip. We would like to thank Ms Aki Puri Sharma, Ms Claire Lasserre and Ms Jane Pitt for supporting our students during the camp.

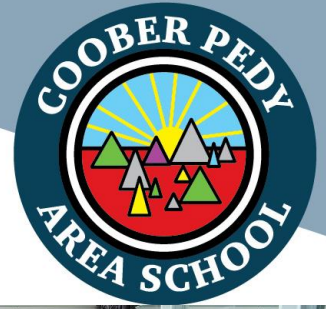


Our visit to the Parafield Airport Flight Training Academy was **acknowledged and recognised** by **Minister John Gardner** on his Facebook page.



See the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/1601959433358253/posts/2843864645834386/?d=n>

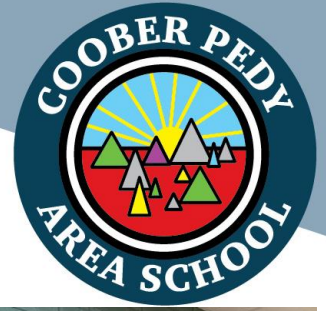


## DARWIN CAMP- YEARS 7/8

Some of our Years 7/8 students visited Darwin with some of our staff at the start of the term. Our students and accompanying staff members visited places of interest and educational significance during the trip. Students participated in tours and presentations during the trip to broaden their horizon and alert them of other opportunities outside their environment.

A special thanks goes to Ms Catherine Burns (Assistant Principal) for her leadership during the camp. The school and students are also grateful to Mr John Hart and Mr John Lewis for their support of Ms Burns and our students. We look forward to many of such opportunities for our students in the future.





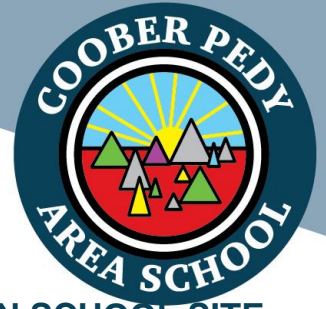
## SACE CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

Brilyanz (Billi) Mance was very successful in hosting her first art exhibition as part of her Creative Arts product (with focus on Event Management). She even sold 4 of her artworks! She utilised the space beautifully and her hard work certainly paid off. Please see photos of the set up and event in progress.



**Ms Loren Harrison**  
Creative Arts Teacher





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR SPONSORS

We wish to say a Big Thank you to Mr Ian Hodgson (Manager, Complete Personnel) for his sponsorship of **\$45,000** towards some of our school learning activities such as the SACE/VET trips/camps, University experience trips/camps and the Interstate Broadening Horizon camps for our students. Our school, students and the community are forever grateful for this.

We wish to say Big Thank you to Oz Minerals and their Community Engagement Officer, Sam Hedditch for their continual sponsorship of our school learning activities. They have successfully engaged CEG to run a Cert II in Resources and Infrastructure for some of our interested students.

Thanks to both sponsors for supporting the school to continue to provide exceptional learning opportunities for all our students.

## GLASS BOTTLES ONSITE- WHS OBLIGATION

As part of our Site Work Health and Safety obligation, we require students **not to have empty glass bottles with them onsite**. Parents/caregivers are requested to speak to their children about **this requirement**, as the school is very proactive in ensuring that the safety of all students and staff continues to be a priority. We look forward to your continual co-operation with this.

## ENERGY DRINKS ON SCHOOL SITE

Parents/caregivers are kindly requested to remind their children that, the **possession and consumption** of energy drinks are **not allowed** on school grounds at anytime during school hours.

Our school takes a very strong position on this for the health and wellbeing of all our students.

We look forward to your continual co-operation with this.

## SCHOOL BUSES- Information/updates

Please make sure your child/children are out at the front of your house and ready to board the bus at the designated pick up spot and times in the morning.

At drop off, it is a Department for Education requirement that parents/caregivers are sighted.

The easiest way to manage this is for parents to come out to meet the bus when it arrives. If parents/caregivers are not at home or able to be sighted, we are required to bring the child back to school and parents/caregivers will need to arrange pickup from there.

**Mr Brenton Roy**  
Assistant Principal