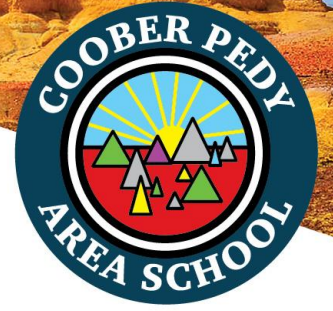
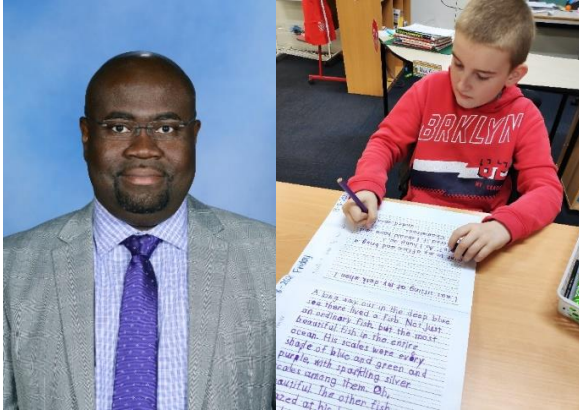


# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Once again thank you all for making our school a **centre of quality teaching and learning**.

I am pleased to say that all indicators of school improvement for our school is showing an upward trend evidenced by all our student achievement data (Phonics Screening Check (PSC), NAPLAN, PAT and SACE/VET). Building on this solid foundation, our teaching team has commenced work on our Site Improvement Plan (SIP) for the next cycle (2022-2024) in line with our Department's school improvement model. This work forms part of our quest to build a world-class education system in South Australia of which we are very excited to be part of.

Our school improvement model is about improving educational outcomes for every student.

The school improvement model provides clear directions in terms of planning, data provision and literacy and numeracy advice. The SIP is an integral part of the improvement planning process.

The SIP provides an evidenced- based direction for our school to achieve this. We have now finalised our SIP Goals (Literacy- Reading & Writing and Numeracy), Targets and part of our Challenge of Practice. Over the next few weeks, we will be finalising our SIP ready for 2022 and beyond. Once again we are very appreciative of the work of our staff and their contribution to our vision of ensuring **accelerated achievement growth** for every student.

We look forward to your continual support of our school and students in these exciting times in our public education system and in particular at Cooper Pedy Area School.



We look forward to more exciting learning opportunities for all our students for the rest of the school year.

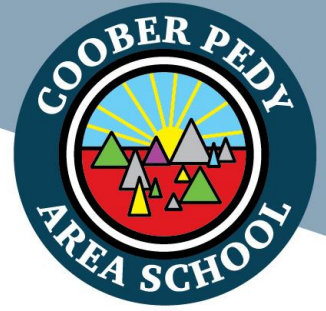
Let us continue to keep the bar very high!

**Mr Maurice Saah**  
Principal



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## TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

### Years 1/2 - Mr Geoff Brady's Class

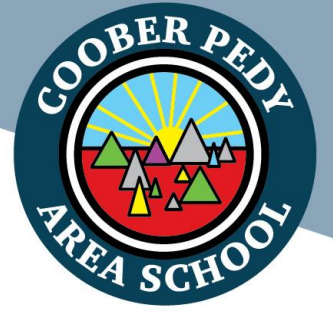
In Mathematics, our focus has been on the Big Idea of **Place Value**. We have been learning to become the quickest at counting that we possibly be! Counting things one by one is so slow and boring, so to count a lots things, we can just put it into groups of tens, and see what is left over! This is so much quicker, because rather than having to count one by one, we can count by tens! We tried this counting method on everything we could see in the classroom. The things we counted were: pop sticks, whiteboard markers, blocks, counters, magnets, books, dice, dominoes, abacus beads, straws and even the letters on a speed sounds chart!! Everything is much quicker when you count by tens!!



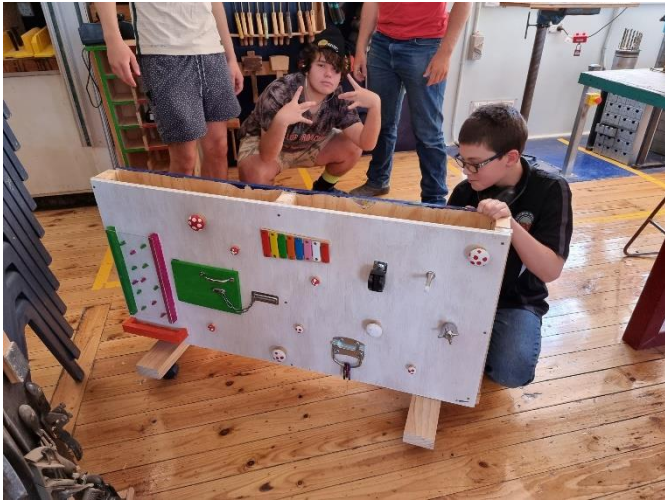
In Literacy, we have been focusing on phonological awareness and vocabulary in both our RWInC lessons and our additional literacy lessons



**Mr Geoff Brady**  
Years 1/2 Teacher

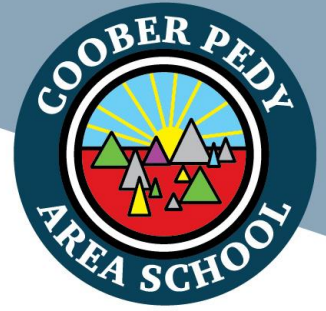


## SECONDARY DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



**Ms Michelle Paterson**  
Design & Technology Teacher

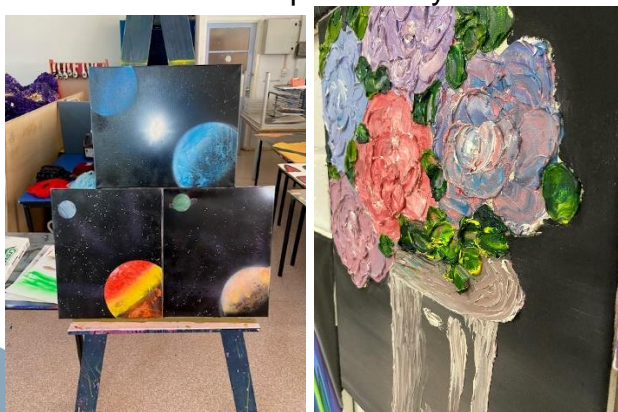
**SACE ARTS**



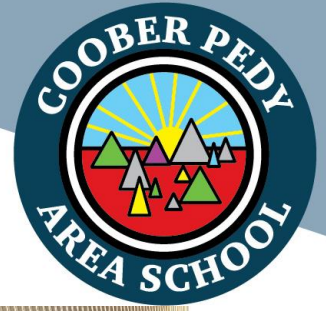
Our Senior Visual and Creative Arts students have been very busy finalising their SACE work for the year. We would like to congratulate Bili Mance (Year 12) for successfully curating and hosting her large-scale Art Exhibition as part of her major assessment for Stage 2 Creative Arts. This Exhibition featured the artworks and Visual Studies of year 12s. The turnout was fantastic, and the support of our community was greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Bili Mance and Jake Simmonds-Clements who sold a number of their artworks on the night!



Due to this success, we are very pleased to announce that we will be hosting another end of year Exhibition, showcasing the great efforts of our students' work in both Art and Wood Tech. "Colour and Timber" will take place on Thursday the 2nd of December at the Greek Hall. Keep your eyes peeled for posters around town. We hope to see you there!

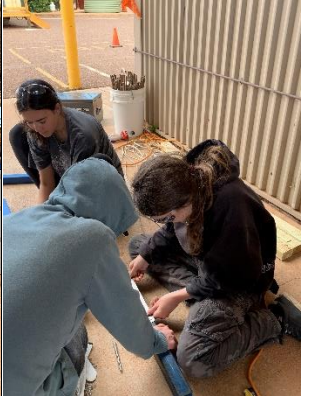


**Ms Harrison**  
SACE Art Teacher



## FINAL VET BLOCK IN WHYALLA

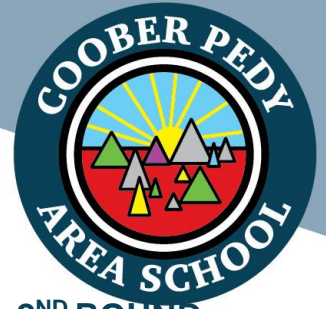
Some of our Years 9/10 students travelled to Whyalla during week 3 to participate in the last Block of units towards the Certificate 2 in Resources and Infrastructure sponsored by **Oz Minerals**. All our students on successful completion of all the three blocks achieved **40 Stage 1 SACE Credits towards their SACE achievement plan**.



Congratulations to all our students!

Well done to you all and keep up the good work!

**Ms Claire Lasserre**  
Years 9/10 Homegroup Teacher



## STAFFING UPDATE- 2022

**Ms Ayla Hurley** has won and accepted our Coordinator (Primary Years 3-6- Teaching and Learning) position commencing from 2022 for a 1-year tenure

**Ms Tianli (Tina) Wu (Teacher)** has won and accepted our Alternate Learning Centre teaching position commencing from 2022

Please join me in **congratulating** the above persons and wish them all the best in their new roles from 2022.

The panel process for **our Coordinator (Early Years- Preschool & Junior Primary Data Collection)** position for 2022 has commenced and the outcome will be made known as soon as possible

The panel process for **our Senior Leader- (Behaviour Management/SACE/VET)** and position for 2022 will commence shortly and the outcome will be made known as soon as possible

**Our Coordinator (Aboriginal Education, Intervention & Support)** position for 2022 has been re-advertised. The panel process will commence as soon as possible

## VACCINATION HUB- 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND

Our school has been selected as one of the school sites in South Australia to be a vaccination hub for our students, staff, families and the wider community.

This is a local community opportunity for you and your child/ren to be vaccinated if you would like to but haven't yet had the opportunity. All students aged 12 and over are eligible, and will require parental consent to be vaccinated as part of this program during school hours.

Consent packages for eligible students has been provided to us by SA Health and were sent out last week to parents/caregivers.

**Only students with parental consent** will be vaccinated during school hours.

The dates and times for the vaccinations are as follows:

**Dose 1 for community (including the school):**

**Wednesday, 10 Nov 21 from 14:30 to 20:30**

**Dose 1 for school: Thursday, 11 Nov 21 from 08:00 to 12:00**

**Dose 2 for the community (including the school): Wednesday, 01 Dec 21 from 14:30 to 20:30**

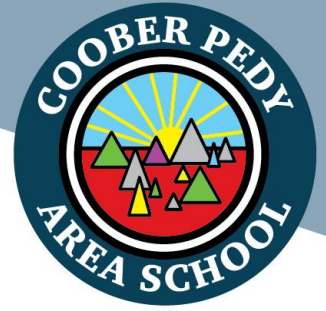
**Dose 2 for your school: Thursday, 02 Dec 21 from 08:00 to 12:00**

Parents/Caregivers and community members are welcome to have a vaccination (See the above schedule).

An after-hours clinic will also be held at our hub and students and family members can attend (see above schedule).

The vaccination team will deliver the first dose of the vaccine and return 3 weeks later to deliver the second dose (see above schedule).

The school vaccination hub is an important part of South Australia's COVID-19 vaccination program. We welcome the opportunity to be involved and provide this service to our school and local community.



## **2022 CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS**

**Our 2022 class placement process** has commenced. Communication has gone out to all parents/caregivers about providing their requests in relation to the process in writing or by email to me on:

[Maurice.Saah406@Schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Maurice.Saah406@Schools.sa.edu.au)

by **Friday, 12/11/2021.**

Specific teacher requests are discouraged, unless parents believe their child's learning needs will be optimised.

We can't guarantee that all requests will be met, but staff value respectful collaboration and we kindly ask that all parents/caregivers trust the process and our professional judgement.

Placement changes will only be made in the event of unforeseen enrolment variations or staff changes. Our aim is to establish balanced classes, with the flexibility to accept enrolments at each year level as well as ensuring that the learning needs of all our students are being met at all times

### **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.**

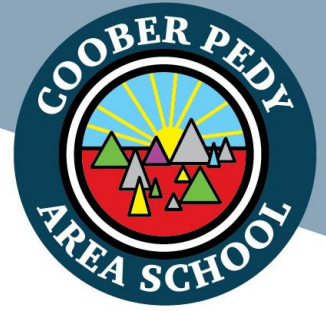
All **visitors** to our site are required to come Through the **front office/reception and sign in and sign out on departure.**

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.



## IMPORTANT DATES- Term 4 2021

### Term 4 Week 5

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021-** School Closure Day-***No School for Students***

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021-** Student Free Day-***No School for Students***

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 & Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021-** Covid- 19 Vaccination Hub at the school

### Term 4 Week 6

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021-** Years 11/12 Formal-***Years 11/12 Students***

### Term 4 Week 7

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021-**Year 6 Graduation-***Year 6 Students***

### Term 4 Week 8

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021-** Presentation Day

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021-** 'Colour and Timber' exhibition at the Greek Hall- **Year 12 Art students**

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021-** Last day of the school year- School closes at **2.00pm**