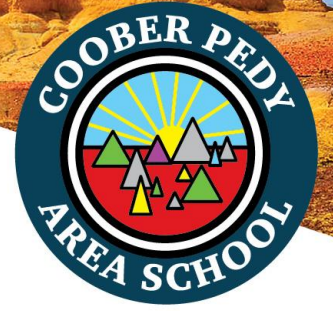


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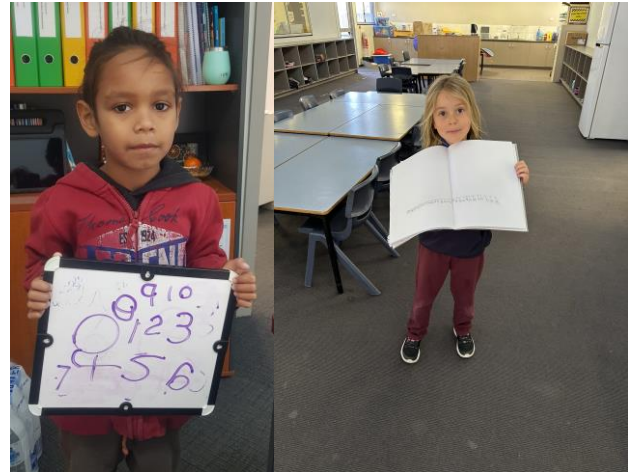
We are always appreciative to you all for making our school a **centre of quality teaching and learning**.

Although we have had some challenges from the start of the term, our staff and students have continue to dedicate their efforts to student learning engagement. It is great to see the high levels of student engagement in classrooms and learning areas.



We have shared some of our learning moments in this newsletter as always. We have seen an increase in the participation rate for our Years 3-10 students in the PAT Testing this year.

The analysis and sharing of the teaching points from our PAT data will occur at our Student Free Day on **Tuesday, 14/11/2023**.



Join me in congratulating **Mrs Sharlene Jeffree (SSO)** for receiving her 20 years' service recognition from the Department.



We wish our students, staff, parents/caregivers all the best for the rest of the term.

Please take note of our **important dates** in this newsletter.

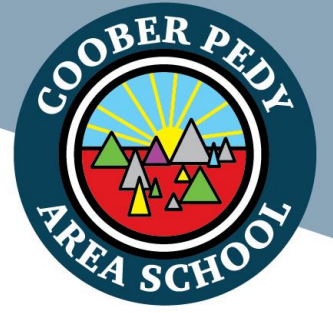
Let us continue to keep the bar very high!

Mr Maurice Saah
Principal



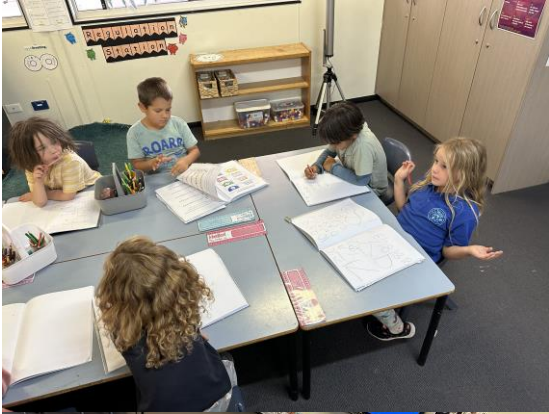
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TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

Reception Class- Ms Hardbottle



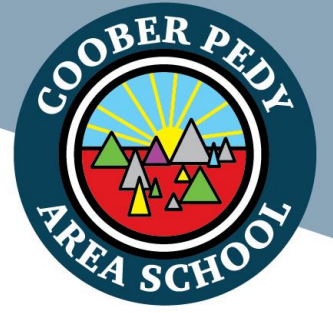
Ms Laura Hardbottle
Reception Class Teacher

The Solar Car Challenge visit



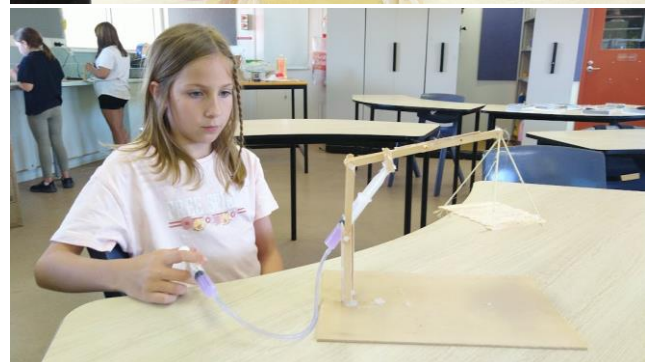
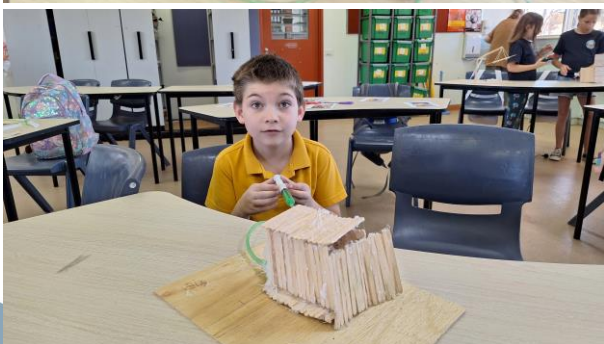
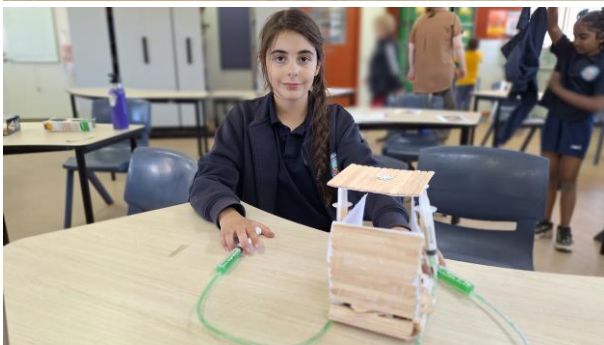
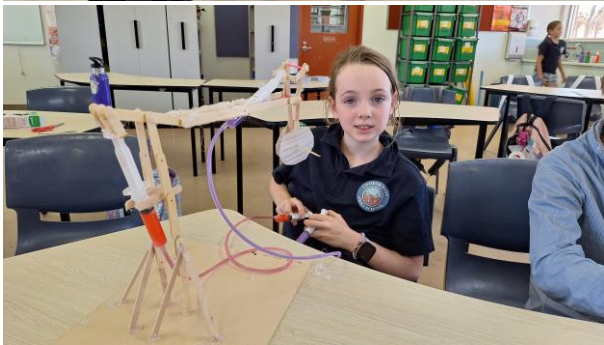
Mr Smith & Mr Satanek
Primary Teachers

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Years 3/4 Science- Mr Peter Smith

Our Years 3/4 students have been learning about levers, pivot points, pneumatics and hydraulics to create a remotely operated articulated mechanism.



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Years 8, 9 & 10 English & HASS

In English, our Year 8, 9 and 10 students have been studying the core novel texts Lockie Leonard and Space Demons. Students were required to respond by analyzing key features such as character, setting and language conventions which they then adopted as they created their own short stories or fictional texts.

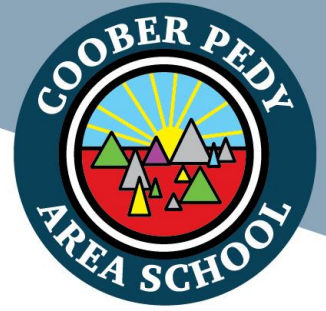


One such example was a story of someone moving from Adelaide to Coober Pedy and how they coped with this culture shock. Space Demons transported students into the realm of science fiction / fantasy and some interesting responses emerged including a poster.

Our Years 8/9 HASS class has been looking at how our political system works in Australia in the Civics and Citizenship unit of work. As a class we investigated the term referendum and spent some time discussing the Voice and producing posters to bring this event to people's attention.



Ms Lyn Deguglielmo
Secondary English/HASS Teacher



COLOUR RUN FUNDS UPDATE

The funds raised by our students during the 2020 colour run event has been used to purchase a play equipment for our students. The decision was made with a great student input.

The play equipment was delivered to the school at the end of last term. We are awaiting the installation of this equipment by a qualified person and we will keep you updated on this. Once again thank you all for your support of this student-led initiative.

Health Focus

We would like to remind parents/caregivers and students that energy drinks such as “Red Bull” are not permitted at Cooper Pedy Area School.

A new range of drink causing concern is the “Prime” Hydration and Energy drink. This drink is also not permitted at our school. If you require more information about the harmful effects of this drink, the links below will provide you with further details.

[Expert explains danger of Prime energy drinks for kids, Aussie school bans | Kidspot](#)

[Prime drinks: What are they, and what's the cause for concern? \(thenewdaily.com.au\)](#)



Ms Veronika Witham
Assistant Principal

Permissions and Consent Forms- Update

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Department for Education has updated the Media consent form for child/student. Please come into the front office of the school if you would like to update the existing consent form.

We are also sending out copies of the updated form with this newsletter.

Please contact the school if you require any further details or clarification.

On another note, if you would like to update any of the permissions for your child/children, please visit our front office/reception and get this completed for you.

Nut Free

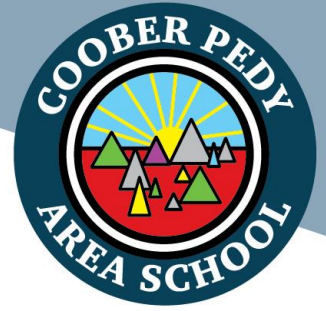
Please also be mindful that we are a **nut free school**.

A number of students have allergies to peanuts and other nuts.

As a result we would like to encourage parents to ensure their children’s lunches contain no nut products.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Veronika Witham
Assistant Principal



IMPORTANT DATES- Term 4 2023

Term 4 Week 5

Monday, 13th November, 2023- School Closure Day- Day of Local Significance–**No School for Students & Staff**

Tuesday, 14th November, 2023- Student Free Day –**No School for Students**

Friday, 17th November, 2023- Years 11/12 Graduation –**Years 11/12 Students**

Term 4 Week 6

Friday, 24th November, 2023- Year 6 Graduation –**Year 6 Students**

Thursday, 30th November, 2023- Clontarf Academy Graduation –**Years 4-12 Students**

Term 4 Week 8

Wednesday, 6th December, 2023- Whole school presentation– **Students, staff, parents/caregivers & community**

Thursday, 7th December, 2023- DunnART presentation in the school gym – **Students, staff, parents/caregivers & community**

Friday, 8th December, 2023- Last day of school year (2023) - School finishes at **2.00pm**