NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK





We are very grateful for your continuous support of our school. The work of our staff, students, parents/caregivers and the entire community continues to make our school a centre of quality teaching and learning.



We are very pleased with our staff involvement in aligning our work with our strategy.

See the link to our Education Strategy:

Our strategy for public education in South

Australia

Our Students in Years 3-10 will be participating in the PAT Adaptive Testing in Weeks 8 & 9 Term 2 2024 (this term). Please see the link below for further information:

PAT Adaptive - PAT - ACER

Our school is very pleased to be a recipient of \$1 milion dollars for our toilets and change room upgrade. This funding was under the Schools Upgrade Fund which is being administered by the Education Department on behalf of the Federal Government. A big Thank you goes to **Mr Brenton Roy** and **Mrs Sharlene Jeffree** for their work with the funding application process.

Our Years 3 and 4 students will be accessing a language program (Mandarin-Chinese) beginning this term as part of our curriculum work. Thank you to our parents/caregivers for your support with the implementation process. Our aim is to strategically roll out a language program across the whole school with your support and involvement.



Congratulations to Ms Peta Butler (Student Wellbeing Leader) and Ms Carol Bowman (Years 3/4B Class Teacher) for their appointments to our school. They will both be starting from Term 3 2024 (Monday, 22/07/2024). Please let them feel welcome like you always do.

*Mr Maurice Saah*Principal



TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

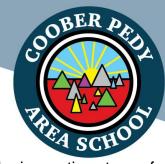
Reception Class- Ms Laura Hardbottle

Throughout this term, our reception class has consistently put in great effort across all learning areas. In our literacy lessons, we have systematically continued with our Read Write Inc groups, mastering new sounds and improving our skills in blending them to read and write words.



This term's Talk for Writing story is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. As a class, we created a story map, which we used as a guide to retell the tale. We focused on expressive oral storytelling and incorporated actions to enhance our narration.





We are now entering the innovation stage of our unit, working together to modify parts of the story. Next week, students will use our story map to create their own versions of the story.







In numeracy, our focus this term has been on partitioning numbers in various ways. The students recorded their progress and understanding using part-part-whole mats, on the iPads and in their books.



All of our students have worked hard to improve their numeral formation to accurately record their thinking. This week, we have progressed to identifying the missing part in a part-part-whole relationship. Students are beginning to use counters to solve problems and determine missing components.





We are proud of the progress our reception students have made and their enthusiasm towards learning.

Keep up the great work everyone.

Ms Laura Hardbottle Reception Class Teacher

Year 1 Class- Ms Tegan Jones









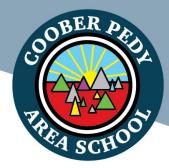




Ms Tegan Jones Year 1 Class Teacher

Year 2 Class- Ms Laura Brooks' Class







Ms Laura Brooks Year 2 Class Teacher

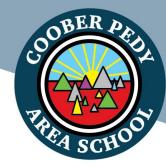
Years 3/4A Class- Ms Elsie Adu-Agyei









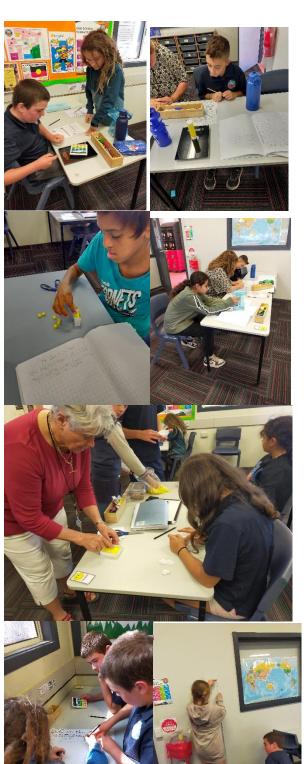




Ms Elsie Adu-Agyei Years 3/4A Class Teacher

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Years 5/6B Class- Ms Lange's Class







Ms Sue Lange Years 5/6B Class Teacher

Primary ALC- Mr Peter Smith







Mr Smith, Ms Robertson & Ms Janice Primary ALC Team





Gymnastics











A big Thank you goes to Mr Joshua Fitzpatrick for his work in organising and ensuring a successful Gymnastics experience for all our students.

Road Safety Program- SA Police

We had two Police Officers (Rhys and Merrilyn) from the SA Police Road Safety team visit our school last week.

They were here to run road safety workshops for all our students (Preschool-Year 12).









On Behalf of the school, we wish to say a big thank you to Officer Rhys Dowdell and Officer Merrilyn Millar for making this day a success for our students.

We look forward to having you back sometime in the future.



IMPORTANT DATES- Term 2 2024

Term 2 Week 6

Friday, 7th June, 2024- Student Free Day – No School for Students

Monday, 10th June, 2024- King's Birthday-Public Holiday- No School for students and staff

Term 2 Week 7

Tuesday, 11th June, 2024- Friday, 14th June, 2024- Artist in Residence Activities– Reception- Year 12 Students

Wednesday, 12th June, 2024- Friday, 14th June, 2024- Pre-Service Teachers visiting

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday, 18th June, 2024- Thursday, 20th June, 2024- Doorways to Construction–Years 11 & 12 Students

Monday, 17th June, 2024- Friday, 28th June, 2024- PAT Adaptive Testing- Years 3-10 Students

Term 2 Week 9

Friday, 28th June, 2024- Monday, 1st July, 2024- Tertiary Expo Camp-Years 11 & 12 Students

Term 2 Week 10

Friday, 5th July, 2024- Last day of Term 2 2024- School finishes at **2.00pm**

Permissions and Consent Forms-Update- 2024

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.

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.

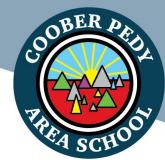
A number of students have allergies to peanuts and other nuts.

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



Artist in Residence visit

Ms Liz Baker (Artist in Residence) will be visiting our school from Tuesday, 11th June, 2024 until Friday, 14th June, 2024.

Liz will be running art workshops with all our students (Reception-Year 12) and staff during her visit here.

This is part of our work in providing more curriculum options for all our students. Liz's visit will be on an ongoing basis. We wish to thank **Ms Veronika Witham** (**Deputy Principal**) for taking the lead to organise this for us.

Pre-Service Teachers' visit

Our school will be hosting a group of Pre-Service Teachers from **Wednesday**, **12**th **June**, **2024** until Friday, **14**th **June**, **2024**. The aim of the visit is for the Pre-Service teachers to familiarise themselves with our school and community.

This forms part of our department's drive to attract and retain teachers in country/remote areas/locations.

Ms Nikki Dibell (Coordinator- Literacy & Intervention) will be the main contact person for the school and lead staff member. Please let them feel welcome when you see them around.

Coober Pedy Area School Governing Council

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) update

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who returned the completed OSHC survey.

The responses confirmed the need for after school hours care for some students and the Governing Council is currently working with the Department for Education to find a viable solution for these students.

We would like to invite parents/caregivers in need of Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) to contact us via email so we can give updates directly to you as they become available.

cpasgoverningcouncil@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.

Ms Ariane M-Roberge
Governing Council Chair