# **NEWSLETTER**

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK





As the term draws to an end, we are very proud of our staff, students, parents/caregivers and the entire community for making our school a centre of quality teaching and learning.



We value the learning opportunities that are provided to all our students to enable them **thrive.** We look forward to this continuing. Our students in Years 3-10 participated in the PAT Adaptive Testing during the term. We are looking forward to using the diagnostic data next term as part of our site work to support student learning.

Hon Malarndirri McCarthy, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health and her team visited our school on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

She spent sometime in the Secondary-ALC, the Clontarf Academy and the Yarning Circle.



Our Years 11/12 Students were in Adelaide during the term for the Tertiary studies and careers expo. Our students confirmed that this event provided them with an immersion experience about their possible future career opportunities and options.

On another note, I will be on Long Service Leave (LSL) during Week 1 of Term 3 2024 (Monday, 22/07/24-Friday, 26/07/24). Ms Veronika Witham will be the acting principal during my absence. Mr Brenton Roy will be here to provide leadership support to Ms Witham and our leadership team during this period. I will be back on duty and at school from Monday, 29/07/2024 (Week 2 Term 3 2024).

School finishes at **2.00pm tomorrow (Friday, 05/07/2024)** for the start of Term 2 2024 school holiday break.



#### **Assistant Minister's visit**

Hon Malarndirri McCarthy, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health visited our school on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.



Thank you all for making Hon Malarndirri McCarthy welcomed. We look forward to having here over another time.







Thanks to Ms Nikki Dibell for being the lead host for our Pre-Service Teachers.

#### **TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT**

#### **Year 1 Class- Ms Tegan Jones**



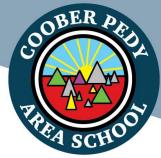


#### **Teacher Absence**

Dear Parents/Caregivers, I am just letting you that, I will be on maternity leave from Week 4, Term 3 2024 (Monday, 12/08/2024). Thank you all for your support this year so far.

It has been a pleasure teaching your child/children and I look forward to visiting the class with a new little member to my family in Term 4! Enjoy your Term 2 holidays and I will see you all next term for the first few weeks! Thank you

**Ms Tegan Jones** Year 1 Class Teacher



#### P-ALC & S-ALC Classes-Mr Smith & Ms Lyn







Mr Smith & Ms Lyn P-ALC & S-ALC Teachers

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



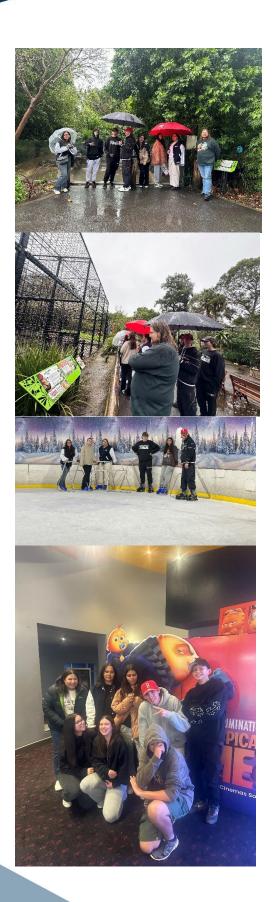
Ms Sue Lange Years 5/6B Class Teacher

### **Years 11/12 Tertiary Career Expo**





Our Years 11/12 students exploring some career options as well as involved in other learning activities.







A big thank you goes to Ms Aki Sharma Puri, Mr Thomas Price and Mr Nick Hayman for supporting our Years 11/12 students on the Tertiary Studies and Careers expo in Adelaide.

# COOBER PARTY TAPEA SCHOOL

#### **IMPORTANT DATES- Term 3 2024**

#### Term 3 Week 1

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024- Start of Term 3 2024 – School starts at 8.50am

#### Term 3 Week 2

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2024- Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024- Artist in Residence visit – All Students

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024- Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2024- Doorways to Construction Block- Years 11/12 Students

#### Term 3 Week 3

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024- Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024- Clontarf Camp

#### Term 3 Week 6

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024- Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024- Doorways to Construction Block- Years 11/12

#### Term 3 Weeks 6/7

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2024- Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024- STEM Aboriginal Learners' Congress- Some Primary/Secondary Students

#### Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024- Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2024- Clontarf Camp

#### Term 3 Week 9

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024- Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2024- Doorways to Construction Block- Years 11/12

#### Term 3 Week 10

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024-** Parent-Teacher Interviews

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024- Last day of Term 3 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.

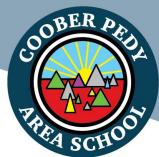
Thank you for your support.

#### Ms Veronika Witham

**Assistant Principal** 

#### **Language Program- Years 3/4 Classes**

The language program (Mandarin) for our Years 3/4 students will start from Monday, 22/07/2024 (Start of Term 3 2024). There will be two sessions per week (Tuesday- 2.35pm-3.14pm & Wednesday-1.40pm-2.20pm). Both the Years 3/4A and Years 3/4B will be combined for these lessons with adequate teacher supervision/support.



#### STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to the following staff members for accepting teacher positions for Term 3 2024:

**Ms Helen Fesus-** Learning Hub Teacher **Ms Laura Brooks-** Year 2 Teacher

We are in the process of finalising the appointment of a Secondary HASS/SACE position teacher for Terms 3 & 4. Further announcement about this will be made in due course.

Our Secondary Technologies teacher position will continue to be filled temporarily until we are able to find a long-term teacher. The process for the appointment of a long-term teacher is still ongoing. We will keep you updated in due course.

Congratulations to the following staff members for winning and accepting Leadership positions for the **2025 school year**:

**Ms Nikki Dibell-** Senior Leader (Intervention and Support)

Ms Vicki CAI- Coordinator (Early Years)
Mrs Jeannie Lai-Salazar- Coordinator (Aboriginal Education & Support)

#### A message from the Education Director

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Maurice Saah has been reappointed as Principal of Coober Pedy Area School for the 2025 school year. Maurice is excited to continue in this role and build on the successes and vision of the school. I take this opportunity to congratulate Maurice on the re-appointment and wish him all of the success in the future.

Regards

Deb O'Neill

Education Director

Port Augusta/ Quorn and the Far North

# Coober Pedy Area School Governing Council

#### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) update

We are currently in discussions with the Department for Education to find a viable solution for students needing after school hours care. We will provide more details as they become available. In the meantime, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us via email. If you haven't filled the survey but require OSHC, I invite you to let us know via email.

Rest assured, this remains a priority for the Governing Council.

#### Canteen

The Governing Council has setup a canteen committee, consisting of governing council members and some school staff members. The aim of this committee is to work towards the reopening the canteen with a focus on affordable and nutritious food for students and staff.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the canteen, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you for your support.

#### Ms Ariane M-Roberge

Governing Council Chair <a href="mailto:cpasgoverningcouncil@gmail.com">cpasgoverningcouncil@gmail.com</a>

We wish you all a restful school holiday break and see you all back at **8.50am on Monday**, **22/07/2024** for the start of **Term 3 2024**.