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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



We are always appreciative of the support we get from you all to make our school a centre of **quality teaching and learning** for all our students.



We have been working together as a staff group to put in place our Site Learning Plan for 2025 which will be contextualised and aligned to our Education Strategy.

The focus of our work have been identified in relation to the Areas of Impact of the Education Strategy. This will form the basis our work in the next few years.

Our staff team have also engaged with the SA Curriculum to identify ways in which the curriculum will support us with our work.

The SA Curriculum framework integrates the components of **Dispositions (be)**, **Capabilities (do) and Knowledge** (Understand).

Our work as educators is to bring this to work to light in our context to enable our learners thrive and flourish.

Further staff engagement work will continue on our **Student Free Day (SFD) on Tuesday**, 12th **November**, 2024.

As per earlier information, we do have a School Closure Day on **Monday**, 11th **November**, 2024.

All our students will return to school **on** Wednesday, 13th November, 2024.

We have been very privileged to have visits from SA Ambulance, the Sammy D Foundation and Headspace over the last few weeks.

These external organisations have worked with and engaged our students in various learning activities. We look forward to this continuing during the term and into 2025.

Please Enjoy the read of our captured teaching and learning moments in the next few pages of this newsletter.

We look forward to exciting learning opportunities for our students in the next few weeks of the school year.

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

Let us continue to keep the bar very high!

Mr Maurice Saah Principal



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TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

Junior Primary (Reception- Year 2)











Junior Primary (Reception-Year 2)



Ms Laura Hardbottle Ms Kim Diep Ms Laura Brooks Junior Primary Class Teachers

Primary (Years 3/4A & 3/4B)





Ms Elsie Adu-Agyei Ms Nikki Dibell Years 3/4 Maths Teachers

Years 5/6A Class- Ms Sue Lange









Ms Sue Lange Years 5/6A Class Teacher



Years 3/4 Mandarin (Chinese) Lessons







Thanks to **Ms Elsie**, **Ms Bowman**, **Mrs Lai-Salazar and Ms Vicki** for supporting our students with their Mandarin lessons.



Artist in Residence at CPAS

During Term 3 we have been fortunate to host Adelaide-based artist Liz Baker who has previously been commissioned to paint several large murals in Adelaide CBD. One of Liz's murals now adorns the exit of what was once a dance studio in Gilbert Place.

Liz visited CPAS twice during Term 3 for week blocks, working with all of our students, from Reception to Year 12. The aim was to teach our students relevant visual art skills & techniques towards completing two large scale Murals within the school.



Liz is returning in Term 4 to complete the murals that the students have been working towards. One of the murals will be an underwater aquatic theme, painted onto the entire length of the retaining wall that separates the Primary and Secondary buildings. This will be the project for our Reception to Year 6 students and will commence in Week 5 of this term.



The end walls of the Home Ec building will feature a Coober Pedy theme and will be tackled by the Year 7-12 students in Week 7. Both walls have been prepped and painted with a base coat by George and Kim our Groundsmen. We are looking forward to the completion of the murals and we will ensure that parents have the opportunity to see the final product.



We look forward to another curriculum engagement work for all our students during the next few weeks and into the 2025 school year. Thank you all for your support with this.

Ms Veronika Witham Deputy Principal



Arriving to School on Time



Every Minute of Every Day counts

It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school. Some Gains for your Child: Arriving on time for school and class:

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- Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

Just a little bit late for school doesn't seem like much but...

Your child is only missing	That equals…	Which is	Over 13 years of schooling	
just			that is	
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Almost 1.5 weeks	Almost half a year	n n
		per year		
20 minutes	1 hour 40	Almost	Almost a	
per day	mins per week	2.5 weeks per year	whole year	
Half an	Half a day	4 weeks	Almost one	
hour per day	per week	per year	a a half years	h
1 hr per	1 day per	8 weeks	Over 2 and	
day	week	per year	a half years.	

Ms Veronika Witham Deputy Principal



World Teachers' Day at CPAS

Our teachers were celebrated on World Teachers' Day. The Special Events Committee put on an afternoon Tea for all staff to recognised our teachers for all their work.









A Big thank you goes to Ms Peta Butler and the Special Events Committee for making this a success.



IMPORTANT DATES- Term 4 2024

Term 4 Week 5

Monday, 11th November, 2024- School Closure Day- No School for Staff & Students

Tuesday, 12th November, 2024- Student Free Day- No School for Students

Wednesday, 13th November, 2024- Friday, 15th November, 2024- Artist in Residence visit- Reception-Year 6 Students

Thursday, 14th November, 2024- Clontarf Awards Night

Term 4 Week 7

Wednesday, 27th November, 2024-Swimming Carnival – Reception- Year 8 Students

Friday, 29th November, 2024- Years 11/12 Formal/Graduation – Years 11/12 Students

Term 4 Week 8

Monday, 2nd December, 2024- Friday, 6th December, 2024- SACE Reward Camp to Melbourne – Years 11/12 Students

Wednesday, 4th December, 2024- End of Year Presentation – All Students

Friday, 6th December, 2024- End of 2024 School Year – 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.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are in a strong staffing position for this Term (Term 4 2024) as we have staff cover for all our classes across the school. Some of these positions are still being covered by Temporary Teaching staff.

Congratulations to **Ms Aki Sharma Puri** for accepting our Assistant Principal (Secondary/SACE/VET) position for 2025.

Teaching staffing processes for 2025 is still ongoing and various updates will be provided in due course.



Coober Pedy Area School Governing Council

Hi All!

The School Governing Council is committed to the reopening of the school canteen at the start of the 2025 school year. We will start with a trial period of 2 days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. To reduce the operational costs and offer affordable meals, we aim to run the canteen with volunteers. Therefore, **we need community members and secondary students to offer a hand.** We are also looking for donations in the form of money or cooking essentials.

If you wish to get involved or have questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact the committee members, send us an email or speak with Maria at the Library.

Committee members: Lia Pantelis, Maria Brellas and Sabrina Troisi

Email: cpasgoverrningcouncil@gmail.com

Not long now until the summer break!

Ms Ariane M-Roberge Governing Council Chair