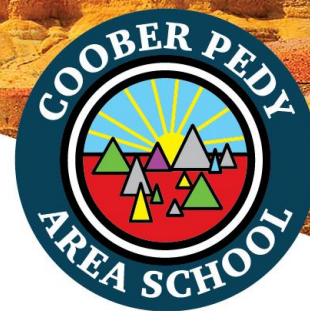


# NEWSLETTER

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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.



Although we have had some setbacks during the year, you have all worked very hard to support each other and our school to achieve many milestones.

Clydine and Gemma (Year 12 students) attended the Premiers' Reading Challenge Reception in Adelaide with the support of Ms Witham. They had the opportunity to meet and interact with the Minister for Education, Skills and Training, **Hon Blair Boyer MP**.

We have worked together as a staff team to identify our focus for 2025 in relation to the Education Strategy Areas of Impact.

We are ready to engage with SA curriculum to support our work in 2025 and beyond



Ms Veronika Witham (Deputy Principal) and Ms Mandy Elliot (SSO) were presented with their 30 years recognition from our Department at our presentation day on **Wednesday, 4/12/2024**. Join us in congratulating them for their work.



Thank you all for another great year at CPAS and we look forward to seeing you back for the 2025 school year.

Let us continue to keep the bar very high!

**Mr Maurice Saah**

Principal



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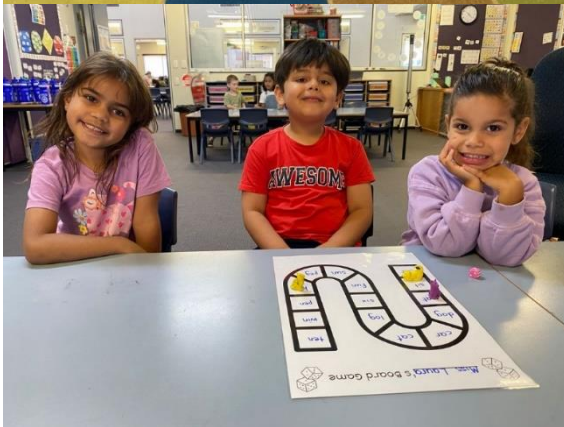




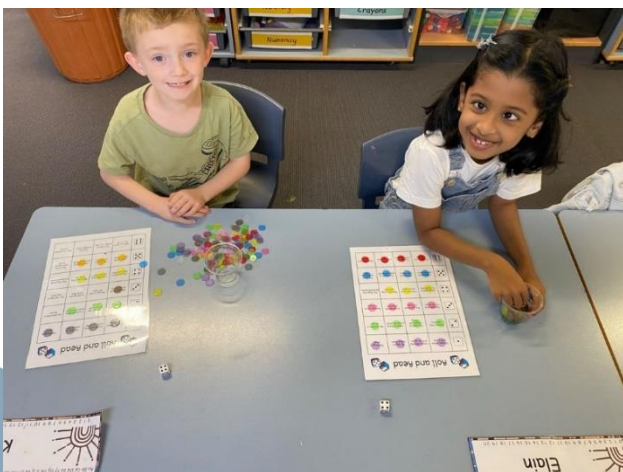
## TEACHING AND LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

### Reception Class- Ms Laura Hardbottle

This term in literacy, our students have been dedicated to improving their reading, writing, and blending skills.



We have focused on breaking down words into individual sounds, blending them together



to read new words, and building confidence in writing.

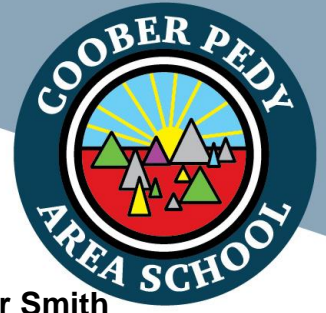


Students have explored a variety of engaging activities, from practising phonics to creating their own sentences, and they have consistently impressed us with their resilience and determination.



In numeracy, we have been focused on strengthening our number sense and building confidence in trusting the count. Students have engaged in hands-on activities and interactive games designed to deepen their understanding of numbers, counting, and basic operations.





From exploring numbers through manipulatives like counters and pop-sticks to practising oral counting and number recognition, our learners have embraced the challenges with enthusiasm.



**Ms Laura Hardbottle**  
Reception Class Teacher

**Primary ALC- Mr Peter Smith**



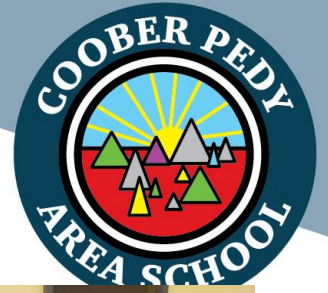
Elijah O'Toole - doing what Elijah does best!!



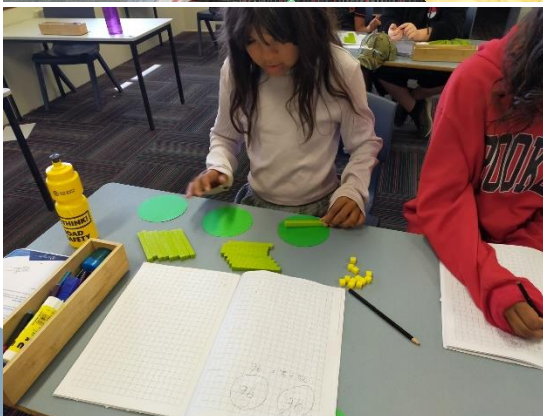
Tylanya Treloar has been working on her string art for many weeks. She sanded the timber smooth, measured spacings, hammered in nearly 200 nails before starting with the string.

**Mr Peter Smith**  
Primary ALC Class Teacher



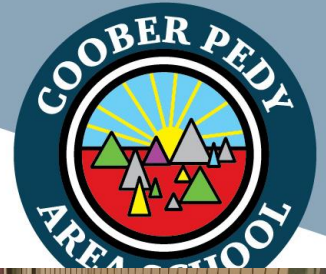


## Years 5/6A Class- Ms Sue Lange



**Ms Sue Lange**  
Years 5/6A Class Teacher





## Artist in Residence at CPAS

### The painting of two Murals at CPAS

The art lessons with Liz Baker culminating in the painting of two murals at the school were very successful this semester. The children enjoyed the entire process, from having initial art lessons with Liz, to the final product of painting the murals.



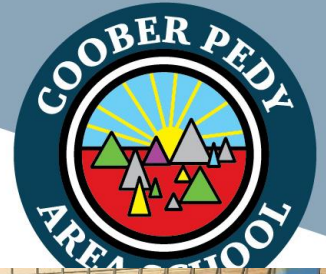
Weeks 5 and 7 were very busy indeed with the entire Primary cohort, from Reception to Year 6, having a go at expressing their artistic abilities on the lower wall at the east end.



The wall is now a sea of amazing underwater creatures from the great octopus, "Kraken" to teensy weensy fish. The photos capture the joy of the students involved in the painting.







The secondary students helped to complete the lower wall and other older students, particularly Clydine and Gemma, worked on the large mural that is projected on the end wall of the Home Ec building. The two murals tie in together nicely.



The murals aren't fully completed due to the sheer logistics of the undertakings but are close to being finished. We will ensure that Liz returns next year to support finishing the large mural and hopefully begin some new projects with our students.



I would like to thank Liz Baker for her extremely hard work over the past weeks in ensuring that the painting got underway, not even the sun, rain nor wind stopped the work in progress!!



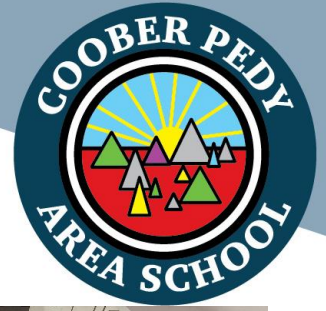
Well done to all of the students, the teachers and our amazing SSO' & ACEO's, in particular, Pearl, Janice and Anna for participating fully with the painting and supporting with the cleaning up, packing and unpacking of paints etc. Mammoth effort by everyone.



Parents you are welcome to come and admire the student's work.

**Ms Veronika Witham**  
Deputy Principal





## SACE Camp to Melbourne

Our Years 11/12 students have been away since Monday, 02/12/2024 on the SACE reward Camp to Melbourne.

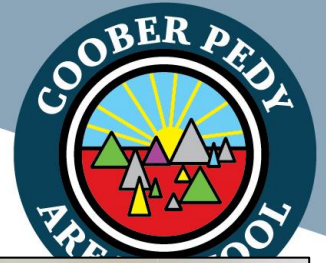


They will be back from camp and to Cooper Pedy on Friday, 6/12/2024.



A big thank you goes to **Ms Aki Sharma Puri** and **Mr Nick Hayman** for supporting our Years 11 and 12 students on this camp.





## World Kindness Day (13/11/2024)





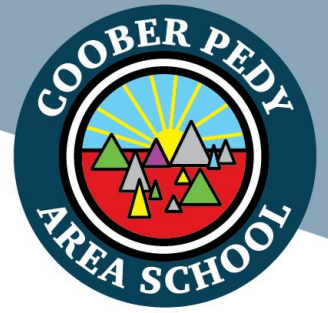


## Southern Vale Christian College visit



A big thank you goes to **Dave and Maggie Wood** for facilitating the visit/event. Both our students and the students from Adelaide found this experience very valuable!

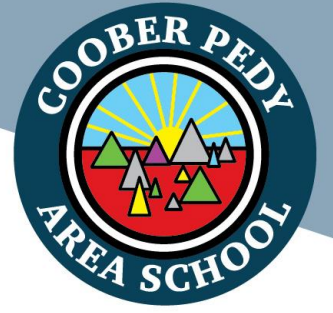




## Presentation Day (Preschool- Year 6)



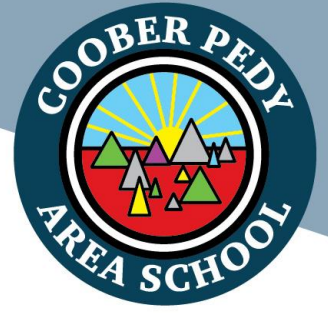




## Presentation Day (Years 7-12)







## Year 6 Graduation







## DIARY DATES- Term 1 2025

### Term 1 Week 1

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2025-** Term 1 2025 begins from **8.50am** for all students.

### Term 1 Week 6

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025- Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025-** Doorways to Construction–  
**Years 11/12 Students**

### Term 1 Week 7

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025-** Adelaide Cup-  
Public Holiday– **No School for Students and Staff**

## Permissions and Consent Forms- Update- 2025

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.

## Synthetic Phonics Program- 2025

Following on from extensive collaboration and consultation work with our experts, leadership and teachers, a decision has been made for us to switch from our current **Read Write Inc (RWInC)** Synthetic Phonics Reading program to the **Department for Education (DfES) Synthetic Phonics Reading Program**.

The implementation will be occurring in our Junior Primary Classes (**Reception-Year 2**). This decision has not been taken lightly as the RWInC program has been very effective and had a great impact on student reading outcomes over the last 6 years.

However, the RWInC program has served its purpose as the school is in a better position than it was in 2019 and hence the switch.

The switch is to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

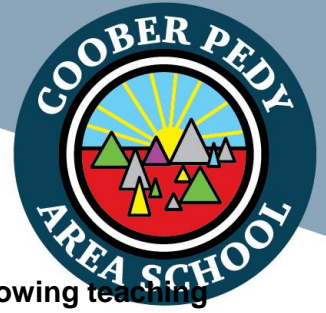
The DFE synthetic phonics reading program is, like RWInC, a systematic and explicit synthetic phonics program. This type of beginning reading program is most strongly supported by research. The order in which letters and sounds (grapheme-phoneme correspondence) are taught is similar, with the Phonics and Spelling program covering a few more graphemes earlier than RWInC.

The DFE Literacy Guarantee Unit (LGU) supports the Phonics and Spelling program. Experts from the LGU have already made visits to CPAS, and have committed to supporting our school with the implementation of this program.

We look forward to another year of exciting learning opportunities for our students.

Please come and speak to us if you require any further details.





## STAFFING UPDATE- 2025

### Our Leadership Team:

Mr Maurice Saah- Principal  
Ms Veronika Witham- Deputy Principal  
Ms Aki Sharma Puri- Assistant Principal  
(Secondary/SACE/VET)  
Ms Nikki Dibell- Senior Leader (Intervention & Support)  
Ms Vicki CAI- Coordinator (Early Years)  
Ms Peta Butler- Student Wellbeing Leader  
Ms Jeannie Lai-Salazar- Coordinator  
(Aboriginal Education & Intervention)

### Our Teaching Staff- 2025:

#### Preschool

Ms Iris Mui  
Ms Vicki CAI

#### Junior Primary & Primary

Ms Kim Diep (Reception)  
Ms Laura Hardbottle (Years 1/2A)  
Ms Laura Brooks (Years 1/2B)  
Ms Helen Fesus (Learning Hub)  
Ms Sue Lange (Years 3/4A)  
Mr Nick Spencer (Years 3/4B)  
Ms Emily Lovegrove (Years 5/6A)  
Ms Elsie Adu-Agyei (Years 5/6B)  
Mr Peter Smith (Primary NIT)  
Ms Benzin Boonwarutara  
Ms Wing Ki Wu (Primary/Secondary)

#### Secondary/SACE

Mr Nick Hayman (English/Humanities)  
Ms Marissa Lockhart (English/Humanities)  
Mr Terry Lau (Maths/Science)  
Mr Anthony Prizzi (Science/HPE)  
Ms Marie Otty (Terms 2-4)

The process for the following teaching positions for 2024 is ongoing. Further announcements will be made in due course:  
Secondary (2 positions)

### STAFF FAREWELLS- 2024

I wish to acknowledge and say a big thank you to the following staff members for their work throughout their time here at the school and wish them all the best for the future:

Mrs Jackie Williams (Senior Leader)  
Mr Phil Nicolle (Teacher)  
Ms Jess Hawkes (Teacher)  
Mr Taigo Whitham (Teacher)  
Mr Joshua Fitzpatrick (Teacher)  
Ms Carol Bowman (Teacher)  
Mr Nathan Di Donna (Support Staff)  
Mr Ben Swan (Clontarf Academy)

### Our Classes for 2025:

#### Preschool

#### Junior Primary

Reception  
Years 1/2A  
Years 1/2B  
Learning Hub

#### Primary

Years 3/4A  
Years 3/4B  
Years 5/6A  
Years 5/6B  
Alternate Learning Centre (ALC)

#### Secondary/SACE

Years 7  
Years 8/9  
Years 9/10  
Years 11/12





## Special Appreciation and shout outs

### School Governing Council

Thank you to all our School Governing Council Members for your unflinching support of our school and principal.

We look forward to this collaboration continuing in 2025.

### Davison Family

We would like to express our profound gratitude and appreciation to Steve Davison who acted on behalf of Davison family to award two of our Year 12 students (Gemma and Clydine) a scholarship amount of \$7,500 each.

This scholarship funds is to support our students with their university studies in 2025.

Thank you so much for making a difference for our students. We are very honoured and humbled by this.

### Dave and Maggie Wood

On behalf our school, staff and students, I would like to say a big thank you to Dave Wood (Anglican minister) and his Maggie Wood for volunteering at our school to support of our school and students.

Dave and Maggie has been volunteering during break times and school events to work with our students in a non-religious capacity.

Thank you once again and we look forward to this continuing in 2025.

### Ian Hodgson (Complete Personnel)

Thank you so much for your sponsorship of various school/student programs and activities over the years and particularly in 2024.

We are particularly grateful for your support of our interstate camps, school uniforms, year 6 graduation dinner and student awards.

We look forward to this continuing in 2025.

## Coober Pedy Area School Governing Council

Dear Coober Pedy Area School Community,

As the year comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students for their hard work and achievements throughout the year.

From all of us on the Governing Council, we wish you and your families joy, laughter and unforgettable memories for the holiday season.

We would also like to share some exciting news: The Governing Council is working tirelessly to reopen the school canteen in March 2025! However, we can't do this without the support of our amazing parents and caregivers. If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas to contribute, we would love to hear from you. Your help will ensure the canteen becomes a thriving part of our school community once again. Talk to Maria at the library or send us an email at:

[cpasgoverningcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cpasgoverningcouncil@gmail.com)

To our graduating students, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. It has been wonderful to see you grow, learn, and thrive.

To everyone else, we look forward to seeing you back next year, ready for another exciting chapter.

Thank you for being part of our school family and for all you do to support our students.

Warm regards,

**Ms Ariane M-Roberge**

Governing Council Chairperson





## Proud Moments at CPAS



The 2024 School Year **finishes at 2.00pm on Friday, 06/12/2024.**

The 2025 School Year **starts at 8.50am on Tuesday, 28/01/2025.**

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school in 2025.

*We wish you all a restful holiday break and a Merry Christmas.*

*See you all in 2025.*