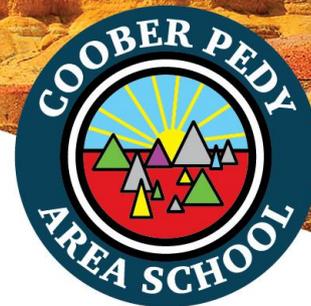


# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



### TERM 2 2020

A big thank all our parents/caregivers and the community for your tremendous and unflinching support of our school especially during these times.

Our staff team deserves commendation and acknowledgement for their commitment, flexibility and the hard work they put in for all our students and their learning.

Please come and speak to me if you require any further details or to discuss anything. The last week of Term 1 2020 was used by our teachers to prepare for the different learning modes that the current situation presented at the start of this term. I can confidently say that our teaching staff stood up to this challenge and we were able to cater for both our students who were learning onsite and at home with fidelity.

**Week 3 (Week commencing from Monday, 11/5/2020)** will see our classes and lessons return to normal with no combined classes and we look forward to welcoming all our

students back including our students who were learning from home.

Our Chief Medical Officer (SA) through a letter sent out to all parents/caregivers maintained that **schools are safe** for both students and staff to attend. I have attached a copy of this letter to this newsletter.

We as a school have continued to put in place and maintain our site specific safety precautions and measures to ensure that our site continues to remain safe for our students and staff.

Some of these measures include **No food handling onsite** until further notice. The canteen **remains closed, no breakfast club** and **no cooking or food related** lessons are taking place.

We encourage parents/caregivers to continue to send food with their children for recess and lunch.

We do have the **capacity** to organise emergency recess or lunch that involves no food handling by our staff. We need to be notified of this when the need arises.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you all for your immense support of our school, students and staff in ensuring that our school continues to be a centre of **quality teaching and learning opportunities**.

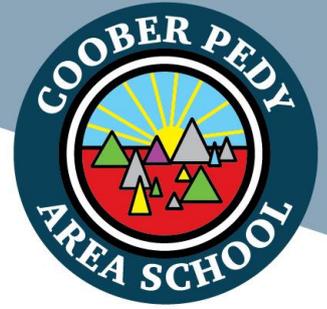
Let us keep modelling **high expectations** to all our students and to everyone every day!

*Mr Maurice Saah  
Principal*



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Department for Education

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## IMMUNISATIONS

Legislation underpinning the No Jab No Play policy passed through South Australian parliament earlier this week, meaning that children up to the age of six years will be excluded from early learning services from August unless they are fully vaccinated. For all current and new preschool enrolments, ensure you provide up to date vaccination information to the preschool staff.

***Ms Tink Seekamp***  
***Preschool Teacher***

## STUDENT FREE DAY UPDATE

Our originally scheduled Student Free Days for **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020** have been put **on hold** until further notice so our school will be operational for student on these days. School will start and finish as per normal. Please come and speak to me if you require any further information.

## STAFFING UPDATES

### **We wish to congratulate:**

Ms Ayla Hurley for winning and accepting the Early Years Leader position for the rest of the school year. Arrangements are in place to ensure a smooth transition for her class and students.

### **New appointments at the school:**

The following staff members have been appointed for various tenures during this term (Term 2 2020)

Mr Matt Wiseman- Teacher

Ms Mij Dukarich- Support Staff

Miss Anastasia Georgioudis- Support Staff

## STAFF PROFILE

### **Ms Ayla Hurley**



I wish to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students, staff, parents/caregivers and the community to Term 2. We are very excited about the term as we look forward to many exciting learning opportunities for all our students. I have won the Early Years Coordinator position for the remainder of the year, backfilling Elyse.

As a quick introduction, as most of you already know me, this is my third year teaching in Cooper Pedy. I have worked in various teaching roles prior to CPAS and I am very privileged and excited to lead and support the Junior Primary teachers. I look forward to working with you all to ensure our students continue to get the best teaching and learning opportunities.

Kind Regards,

***Ms Ayla Hurley***

***Early Years Leader***

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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you have had the chance to enjoy time with your children during the school holiday period.

The COVID-19 pandemic is and will continue to be, a very worrying time for many parents and carers as we see the devastation caused by this virus around the world. Importantly, schools are a central part of a child's life. They provide stability, a sense of achievement and a rich learning environment for every child. This is especially important at a time when many children and young people are feeling stressed about COVID-19 and worried about what the future may hold.

We have been lucky in South Australia to now have very low numbers of positive cases in our state. This is the result of closing both the national and state borders, having effective quarantine processes, having many people in our community coming forward for testing and having every single one of you reducing your travel, practicing social distancing and good hygiene. Please keep it up, we have achieved a lot, but there is still a long way to go before we can say it is over. Thank you for all that you and your family are doing.

My job is to ensure that the South Australian community stays as healthy and disease free as possible. Together with the other Chief Health Officers in other States and Territories, I have weighed up the pros and cons of children attending school.

With the very low levels of COVID-19 in South Australia along with the wider public health strategies in South Australia, I strongly believe there is no need for school closures in this state, at this time. Even when we had higher rates of disease in South Australia, only 2% of cases were school students, all of whom had mild illness and have fully recovered. I encourage families to feel comfortable and safe about sending their children to school.

However, if your child has a chronic medical condition or a compromised immune system, you may wish to consult your GP or paediatrician when deciding if your child should return to school.

I have been working closely with the Department for Education, Catholic Education and the Association of Independent Schools to make schools as safe as possible for everyone. This includes increased cleaning, making sure there is soap, sanitiser and tissues for students and staff, having protocols in place to practice social distancing, not having large gatherings of the school community and teaching children, however young, to avoid passing on germs.

We have a clear protocol for a minimum 24-hour closure in the event of a case of COVID-19 in a school, to allow us to contact anyone at risk and to undertake a deep clean. These protocols have been used six times without fail.

If your child/children are well, I encourage you to send them back to school or preschool this term. If they have symptoms of a cold or have a fever, keep them at home until they are better plus get them tested for COVID-19.

I wish you and your child/children all the very best in health and education for term 2.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Spurrer', written in a cursive style.

**PROFESSOR NICOLA SPURRIER**  
Chief Public Health Officer  
Health Regulation and Protection

22/04/2020

# Message to parents and carers from Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer



**It is safe to send your child or children back to school,  
kindy and day care.**

## Don't send them if:



They are sick.



They have a health problem and you want to talk to your doctor first.

## I am confident it is safe for them to return because:



We have a low rate of community spread in SA.



Borders are still closed.



Lots of the community has been tested.



Good social distancing and hygiene.

## To keep schools safe we are:



Increasing cleaning.



Making sure there is soap, sanitiser and tissues available.



Not having large gatherings.



Teaching kids to not spread germs.