



# Newsletter

## From the Principal's Desk...

### Easter Break

Have a terrific family Easter break this weekend and please ensure that safety is at the fore front of your minds. The Opal Festival gives a great opportunity for people to get together and celebrate the meaning of Easter. The school has two stalls at the Opal Festival. One is tied to the Pathways 2 Construction program and the other to our Art program. Many thanks to the students, staff and families that are supporting these two stalls.

### National Sorry Day

The school had 35 students attending the National Sorry Day on Tuesday. This will give our students a much greater understanding of the meaning of Sorry Day and the student certainly gained a lot from the experience.

### Safety First

We have a number of students who are not wearing their shoes or footwear during recess and lunchtimes. This is a major safety concern in that we will have some toe nail and foot damage as students are playing on hard surfaces. Please encourage your children to keep their shoes/ footwear on during the day to protect their feet.

### No Tolerance to Violence

Again I would ask that you remind your children that the school has a No Tolerance to Violence Policy. The act of physically hurting or threatening to hurt someone is not acceptable in the school setting. It will result in suspension from school as we strive to ensure a safe environment for all students. Violence is unacceptable as a way of managing conflicts with others.

### Governing Council Positions

Following our Governing Council AGM and some changes on our Council, we now have 3 positions that are available for one year. This is a great opportunity to be part of the school's decision making body that looks at the bigger picture policies and directions of the school. We have around two meetings per term so it is not a huge time commitment. If you have an interest or would like more information, please contact the front Office and someone will give you a call back to discuss the possibilities of you becoming a member of our Governing Council. We look forward to having some new people and ideas to support us as we move forward as a school.

### Filming next week

A film crew working on an ABC 3 production about kids and their lives in Australia, will be at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday doing some filming around being a kid at Coober Pedy. The main group impacted will be the Year 8 group but there will be some shots at lunchtime around the school. If you have an issue with your child's image being in the filming then please let us know so that we can ensure that such images are edited out. The show will screen later in the year.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Good Friday— Friday the 25th March

Easter—Monday the 28th March

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## Student Free Days 2016

The Governing Council have approved the following Student Free Day schedule for this year. The delay in setting our days has been based around decisions being made by our Far North Partnership. (collection of schools working together to support each other.) The Partnership has set a conference date for Woomera again now so we have been able to look at our program and the following arrangements have been approved

**Monday 2 May** (first day of Term 2) Student Free Day school resumes Tuesday 3 May

**Friday 10 June** will be the Partnership Day at Woomera Thursday 9 June will be a half day until 12 noon to allow travel time for staff.

**Monday 25 July** will be a Student Free Day. School will resume on Tuesday 26 July

**Friday 4 November** will be our Review and Planning Day

The whole school closure day will be **Friday 2 September** to coincide with the opening day of the Adelaide Show. The school will not open on that day.

## NAPLAN Testing

The NAPLAN testing is set for Week 2 next term. The testing involves 5 tests across 3 days for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The purpose of the testing is to determine how your child is progressing in comparison to other students in that year level Australia wide. For some students with learning difficulties, the testing may not tell you any more than you already know and it may put them under stress for little or no gain. If you feel that your child would be better off not sitting the test then please let us know as we have paperwork to complete to allow them not to sit the test. If you are in doubt then please have a chat to your child's teacher and take advice from them.

Mark Ireland

Principal

## Come down to the Opal Festival and support the Construction students.



All money raised on the day will go towards the Doorways to contraction program.

Coffee \$4 Cakes \$2

Or Coffee and Cake \$5

## POOL OPERATIONS COURSE

Run by Barry Hutchinson from the Aquatic Operation and Development Australasia

**DATE:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

**WHERE:** Library Boardroom & Swimming Pool (meet at the Library boardroom)

**TIME:** Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am to 4.30pm

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> May 9am to 4pm

**COST:** \$395.00 per person

Please contact Barry Daniell on 0407722839 or email to [bmdaniell@bigpond.com](mailto:bmdaniell@bigpond.com) if interested or want to find out more about the course.

Barry Daniell

Pool Supervisor



## Year 8 Immunisations

An Immunisation information session will be held on Thursday 31st March 10am in the boardroom.

Immunisations will take place on Tuesday 12th April between 9-12 in the boardroom

### SCHOOL IMMUNISATION FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS IN 2016

The SA School Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by Country Health SA Local Health Unit Coober Pedy Community Health.

**All Year 8 students will be offered:**

- Chickenpox (varicella) vaccine 1 dose
- HPV human papillomavirus vaccine, Gardasil, a full course (3 doses) over 3 separate visits

Boostrix vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough) 1 dose

Immunisation consent packs will be sent home shortly with all Year 8 students. It is important that you read the information contained in the packs before you give consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Coober Pedy Community Health, Susan Radeka or the Immunisation Section, SA Health, Monday –Friday, 8.30am – 5pm on 1300 232 272.

**All parents / legal guardians are required to complete, sign and return the Consent Cards, even if you do not consent for the student to be vaccinated at school.**

If you do not receive a year 8 Immunisation Consent pack from your child please ask at the school office.

## Counsellors' Corner

Congratulations to the Mini Blue winners from each of the Primary classes:

Kiara Borg, Qwynisha Betts-Wanganeen, Lucas Marjanovic, Shelby Seekamp, Hayden Lewis, Maida Berovic, Tanola Treloar, LeChelle Clark, and Teah Williams.

It is fantastic to see you living the school values!

The next prize draw will be in Week 10.

*Geri Savill* - Student Counsellor