Mr Luke Kenny
Principal

From the Principal’s Desk...

Some of you may have already heard unfortunately Mark Ireland has taken medical leave and will not be returning as Principal. I would like to thank Mr Ireland for all of the great work he has done in moving the school forward by improving learning outcomes for students and staff. We wish him all the best for the future.

I have taken over the position of Principal for the rest of the term 2. At this stage we are unsure what the future will hold for Coober Pedy Area School regarding the principal position, however we will have Rob Harkin (the far north Education Director) coming to visit our school to give us some more information in the near future.

Student Free Days

On Thursday 9th June school will finish at 12:00pm and will be closed on Friday 10th June. The school staff will be involved in partnership training at Woomera with a number of other far north schools. The training is based around growth mind-sets, which is looking at the way students develop and grow in the 21st century. This training is a great opportunity for teachers and SSO’s to work with other staff in the partnership to get ideas about their teaching practices to allow the staff to develop and grow. There will be a number of schools participating in the day which include Oodnadatta, Mintabie, Roxby, Andamooka, Woomera, Leigh Creek, Marree, and Quorn. This will be the 3rd time the partnership has organised the training at Woomera and it looks like this will become an annual event.

Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday the 20th of May we had a number of students from across the school meet down at the town oval at 8:20am to participate in the national ‘Walk Safely to School Day.’ This day is a way to provide students with knowledge about a safe and healthy way to get to school. It was great to see how well the students, parents and staff represented the school and wider community in this national recognised event.

Power Cup—SAASTA

Last week we had a number of students travel down to Adelaide to represent the school as part of SAASTA’s Power Cup. The students that represented the school did a great job in the football competition as well as in the theory section. The students that represented the school included Izzy Zelenko, Alex Carmichael, Melika Williams, Talana Brady-Williams, Shylah Dacey and the SAASTA teacher was Ainslie Smith. Power Cup is designed to get Aboriginal students motivated at school through sport. It looks at students attendance throughout the year and it provides great opportunities for students to get extra SACE credits at year 11 and 12 level, which in turn helps them complete their final year of schooling.

Mid Year Reports

Teachers are busy at the moment writing your child/ren’s reports. These reports will reflect on how your child is travelling in all of their subject areas for the first semester. The reports will be posted home on Wednesday 6th of July so parents can have the opportunity to come and see teachers and ask questions about their child/ren’s progression in their class.

Victorian Variety Club Bash

Last Friday 20th of May we had the Variety Club visit us from Victoria. This was a great opportunity of the students to experience some friendly characters that are raising money for a number of different charities. I would like to thank all the staff and students that helped with providing the visitors lunch, which raised $900.00 to go towards our food and hospitality centre. I understand the students had a great time on the oval playing different games and looking at the ‘bash cars’ at lunchtime.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

School Photo’s—Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June
Student Free Days—Thursday 9th June school finishes at 12:00pm and Friday 10th June
Public Holiday/ Queen’s Birthday—Monday 13th June

UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY

Respect ◆ Inclusivity ◆ Integrity ◆ Commitment & Responsibility ◆ Excellence
We are learning to count and order numbers to 10.

We are learning to cut with scissors.

Here we are learning to pattern and sort.