



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Steve Marshall and I am fortunate enough to have been selected as the Principal of Coober Pedy Area School for the remainder of the 2016 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been a school leader in numerous roles for over 25 years, ranging from small schools of less than 100 students through to a very large school of over 1200 students. I have been a Principal in a number of country schools including a time in Whyalla and at Roxby Downs Area School. My experience also includes a number of roles in Executive Positions including Regional Directorships and General Manager Roles within the South Australian and Northern Territory Education Departments. I have most recently been Principal at Fulham North Primary School in Henley Beach. I am really looking forward to working here in Coober Pedy and note that the staff and students have made me feel very welcome this week. Many thanks to Luke Kenny and his leadership team for ensuring the school is functioning very well. This has certainly made my introduction to the school much easier. I am really looking forward to my time as Principal of Coober Pedy Area School and I am keen to get to know as many members of our Learning Community as I can.

RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE

We have been asked to participate in a South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Project which is looking at Rheumatic heart disease. The process involves screening of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. They aim to screen approximately 2000 people aged 5 years and above. Further information regarding this research is in this newsletter and consent notes will be sent home in the very near future.

ATTENDANCE

This week I met with a number of our remote Schools Attendance Strategy team and we discussed the very real issue of non-attendance with regard to number of students. I cannot stress enough that attendance at school is vital and establishing a positive pattern of attendance goes along way to helping students with their learning in all aspects of school. As parents and carers it is an important part of your role to ensure that your children do attend school as regularly as possible. If you are having difficulties in getting your child or children to school please talk to the school and if you are going away or your child is not well please let us know.

MINDSET

Mindset is about how we think; having a fixed mindset means not being open to new ideas or different ways of doing things and believing that people cannot learn new things. It is important for us as educators to encourage a growth mindset, that is; a mindset of thinking positively and having an attitude of trying to do well and giving new things a go. A growth mindset also sees us believing that everyone can learn and continue to learn. This is a very healthy and positive way to think about learning and one which links to our school values of Commitment and Responsibility and Excellence.

Kind regards,

Mr Steve Marshall

Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Governing Council Meeting at 5pm in the Library Boardroom—8th August

Variety Club Bash—12th of August.

Sport Day—19th August

Working Bee – Saturday 27th August

FROM THE SENIOR LEADER'S DESKS....

VARIETY CLUB BASH

Will be here next Friday the 12th of August. They will be driving into the school oval from about 5pm to show off their cars and give out prizes to the students. They will also be running a footy clinic from 5pm till 5:45pm. All families and students are welcome to come and meet the characters driving the cars. The school will be running a fundraising dinner for all of the 248 variety club bashes between 6pm till 8pm in the gym. Some of the music students will be also playing for them while they eat dinner to show off what the students of Coober Pedy Area School can do.

CANTEEN

As of Friday Lori will finish up as our canteen manager. We are looking at getting the Miners Store to run the canteen using students employed by them to make it a successful business. We are still in the process of making this happen so there may be some disruptions to the canteen next week.

SPORTS DAY

Will be run down at the town oval on Friday 19th August. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the town oval on that day. All families are welcome come and support their teams.

Senior Leader

Luke Kenny

Early Years News

It is great to be back at the school again after my year of maternity/parental leave. I have missed seeing the children's smiling faces each day and watching them learn and grow. I have returned to my office, which is situated next door to Ms Harinder Kaur's Year 1 class. I look forward to working in partnership with you all again, to ensure the best possible learning opportunities for your children. Please feel free to see me if you have any issues or concerns regarding your child, or just pop in and say hello!

Adele Kenny

Early Years Senior Leader Preschool – Year 3



Has your child lost or misplaced an item of clothing?

The front office has a large amount of lost property.

If your child has lost an item of clothing come see the staff in the front office or please call

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2/3 Mrs Lange's Class

At the end of Term 2 the two 2/3 classes held a knowledge and skills tournament. The aim of the day was to have fun and test ourselves and what we had learned in the first half of the year.

In teams of four, students competed in a range of activities including maths, spelling and general knowledge quizzes, snakes and ladders, jigsaw completion and basketball shooting.

The eventual winners after a hard fought battle were the Terminators- Hertu, Ty, Rhianna and Lehansa. Second place was claimed by the Casses- Rosie, Keneshia, Mitchell and Teah. These teams put a great deal of effort into the rubbish collection component, both teams found over 100 pieces.

The Olympic Games are the focus of our leaning this term as we investigate new concepts.

Sue Lange

