



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what is already proving to be a busy term. Science Week has been a huge success and the students have really enjoyed the activities. The issue of the Swimming Pool has taken up a lot of time and I am just as keen as you all are for a resolution on this matter as soon as possible.

## WORLD TEACHERS DAY

We celebrated World Teachers Day on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> October. The front office staff and SSO's organised a wonderful morning tea, a great way to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to our students and school.

## SCIENCE WEEK

This week has seen a number of activities take place in the school and culminated with a Science Spectacular Show in the Gym on Thursday afternoon. The activities undertaken during the week have been well received and a huge thanks goes out to our visiting scientists and to Ravi for his organisation.

## SWIMMING POOL

Firstly let me say that I am fully supportive of the swimming pool opening to the public and see it as a very important part of the community both as a recreational facility and as a social asset to the town of Coober Pedy. The current issue with the pool is that the previous contract with the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) and the Coober Pedy Council, in regards to the Council running the pool after hours and during holidays, has expired. The Council is reluctant to continue to run the pool without a current contract. I have been in contact with DECD and they have drawn up a new contract for the pool. This contract is currently with the Coober Pedy Council for their consideration and comment. I am hoping that they will see fit to work on it from their perspective as soon as possible. Whilst I understand that the Council has some issues related to their budget, I believe it is in everyone's best interest to get this matter resolved at the earliest possible convenience. I would suggest that any questions related to the pool be directed to your local Councillor.

## ART SHOW

This week we were all treated to a fantastic display of art work from Coober Pedy Area School students. The evening was a huge success with well over 100 people attending. The art work on display was of a high standard and I am sure that everyone who attended would have found something that took their eye. Many thanks to Sally Martin for her hard work in organisation and set up. Thankyou to Beth Greiner and her hospitality students for organising the food for the night. Also thankyou to the many staff members who contributed to the success of the event both in preparation and on the night. **A huge thankyou must go to the OUTBACK BAR AND GRILL for hosting the evening and supporting our school in such a positive and proactive manner.**

## SCHOOL SUPPORT

We are very lucky here in Coober Pedy to have so many local business who support our school. I am always amazed at how generous businesses are when we ask for support and donations. Just recently I approached Tony and Linda from the **DESERT VIEW UNDERGROUND APARTMENTS** to see if they could assist in any way with accommodation for a visit from our new music teacher. Without hesitation they very kindly offered to donate a room at the **DESERT VIEW** for the teacher and his wife to visit the school and Coober Pedy for a few days. This made an extremely positive impression on the new teacher and his wife and they are really looking forward to being here next year. Huge thanks to Tony and Linda for their wonderful support.

## FAREWELL

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Ali Laslett. Ali recently informed me that she will be leaving Coober Pedy to take up a new employment opportunity. Ali has been a Temporary teacher at Coober Pedy Area School for over 6 years. Ali has been available to the school at the 'drop of a hat' over many years and I would like to thank Ali for her services and wish her and her family all the best for the future.

Kind regards,

Steve Marshall

## Walking the rainbow

On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October students from Coober Pedy Area School celebrated their hard work at the annual school art exhibition. This years exhibition follows the successful “Banyan tree” hosted at Josephine’s Gallery in 2015.

The theme for this years 2016 art exhibition entitled “Walking the Rainbow” was curated by art teacher Sally Martin. This year the students were much more excited, several came down after school to the Outback Bar and Grill to assist in setting up. On the night students took ownership of the exhibition and helped coordinate the event, it was fantastic.

The venue choice was made as the art committee wanted to show case not just the visual arts but also Food and Hospitality, Technology and Choir curriculum as well.

### *Winners of the night:*

1st Bonnie – Year 12

2nd Chantelle -Year 11 and Atindria—Year 9

3rd Semir- Year 4

4th Krystin – Year 12

5th Mirjana – Year 5

