



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is great to see that we have the swimming pool up and running for our students. Swimming lessons have been planned for a two week period and all classes will be scheduled to access the pool. In the interim we are all eagerly awaiting the negotiations between the Department for Education and Child Development and the Coober Pedy District Council. I am certainly keen to see this resolved before school concludes on Friday December 9th.

MUSIC CONCERT SUCCESS

It was just fantastic to see so many people at the music concert in the Greek Hall on Saturday evening. A great crowd of over 150 members of our learning community were in attendance to see what was a very entertaining show. The students all performed extremely well and should be congratulated for their performances after just one week of practice. A huge thanks to Eddy and Andrew for their first class presentations of their enormous talents and their commitment to Coober Pedy Area School. Thanks also to Nichole Runge for organising this event and making our extended music program possible. Donations from the evening will go a long way to ensuring that we can continue the valuable program into 2017.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

On Friday evening I was privileged along with some 70 members of our learning community in attending the 2016 Year 12 Graduation at the Desert Cave Hotel. The evening was extremely well organised by Geri Savill and Daniel Botten and a great night was had by all in attendance. A special congratulations to our graduates Krystin Mance, Tyron Kiely-Kavanagh, Jayden Hay, Anastasia Gerogianoudis, Ranul Hewage, Peter Kyrtzaliotis, Bonnie Olsson, Natasha Prpic and Jordon Whalan. I would also like to thank Thiess Mining Company for sponsoring the evening and presenting a wonderful gift to our best all round student Krystin Mance. I firmly believe that year 12 graduates do not get to that point without the support of family and a great team of teachers. Huge thanks to the families for supporting your children throughout their school years and a special thanks to all of the teachers who have made a difference. This was very evident in all of the student speeches that both family and some special teachers have had a positive impact on their learning.

2017 LEADERSHIP MEMBERS

I am very pleased to announce that Rav Padayachi has been appointed as the Deputy Principal and Casey Rivett has been appointed Senior Leader CPC to year 7. Both of these people have a strong understanding of Coober Pedy Area School and will bring skills and experience to these roles. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating them on their new appointments.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Next Wednesday November 30th, we will be holding our presentation assembly in the Gymnasium. All members of our learning community are invited to attend. This assembly is a showcase of the talent and hard work of our students. Celebrating success and acknowledging hard work goes to the heart of what we do here at Coober Pedy Area school. I am certainly looking forward to participating in this event. Huge thanks to Leanne Marijanovic for her hard work in organising this special event

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Please note that school concludes for 2016 on Friday December 9th at 2:00pm. School will recommence on Monday January 30th. If you are looking to leave Coober Pedy Area School over the holiday period please let us know so that we can adjust our class numbers accordingly.

Kind regards

Steve Marshall

2017 CLASS PLACEMENTS

We have started the class placement exercise for 2017. The class placement exercise means that we look at a number of factors in the placement of your child into a class for 2017. Each of these factors have a weighing and the weighing can change from student to student depending on which one has the most impact for the individual student. One of the factors we look at is parent requests. A parent request is based on some information that you as parents feel is important for us to consider. It is normally an expansion on some information that you believe we need to know and something that will affect your child. You are not able to request a teacher or to advise us that you don't want a certain teacher. The information you provide will be part of the placement exercise but the timeline is short and your input is critical as soon as possible. If your request comes in once the process is part way through or near completion then it is not likely to be considered. The timing is important as we have often placed students with friends and a move of one student can have an impact on a number of others.

Please provide your class placement request **in writing** and addressed **To The Principal** by **Wednesday the 30th of November** if you want it to be part of the placement process. Your request details will be summarised and then added to the information we use for placement. Any confidential material you provide will remain confidential. **Students and parents will be notified about class placements with the written report in the last week of term this year.**

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Whole School Assembly– Fri 25th Nov

Presentation Day– Wed 30th Nov

Year 7 Graduation– Thurs 1st Dec

End of Year– 2pm dismissal Friday 9th Dec



INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEADERSHIP



My name is Rav Padayachi, and I will be the Deputy Principal at our school from next year. I feel honoured to be assigned to this position. As an educator for 26 years, my priority is the learning and welfare of all staff and students. I am committed to providing a safe and effective learning environment of our students. Hence, I will be working closely with students and parents to ensure that students are safe and are provided with sound learning experiences. I will also be working with staff on SACE improvement and will be providing our staff with support and appropriate professional development which caters to their needs. As you might already know, we are targeting several areas to support the learning of our students.

The realities of schools today are unique and challenging. There are external as well as internal influences that shape a classroom and consequently the future of a student. As a student, I have experienced the impact of various forms of education, as a parent, I connect with other parent concerns and issues they face every day, as a teacher, I hold in my hands my experience to share with my faculty and now as a Deputy Principal I am enthusiastic about putting all the above together and being a resource for everyone.

I believe that students come first and every student can succeed. My vision is to focus on all students achieving educational excellence, through a rich curriculum and respectful atmosphere. By building on a strong sense of community, inspiring teachers and a commitment to character, we would prepare our students to become strong participants and leaders in the world community.

I am on yard duty every day after school near the main entrance, please come and say hello!

Rav Padayachi



After four enjoyable years in Coober Pedy previously, I am delighted to be back next year as a part of the school leadership team. After teaching in the city for three years, I realised how much I missed the uniqueness of the desert lifestyle: red dirt, year round sun and living underground. However, more importantly, I have missed the community spirit of the town. I am definitely looking forward to engaging students with their learning and supporting teachers to develop and teach quality literacy and numeracy programs that cater for every child's learning needs, so that each child is given the best opportunity to be successful.

Casey Rivett

White Ribbon Day

There is a special whole school assembly Friday 9 a.m. in the school gym followed by a morning tea at recess time

