



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final newsletter for 2016 and I trust that you are looking forward to the Christmas Holidays. I know that many of our students are keen for the holidays to commence as are lots of teachers. On a personal note, I would like to thank our Learning Community members for making me feel so welcome here in Coober Pedy. My two terms here have been a very rewarding experience and I have really enjoyed my time here. I would like to thank the staff for their support and make particular note of the leadership team who have worked with me and taught me a great deal. I must also mention the office staff who work under extreme pressure and have been fantastic support for me at all times. 2017 will see us move further forward in our quest to improve student achievement and attendance. Your support as parents and carers is a vital component of this equation.

SWIMMING POOL TO OPEN

I am very pleased to announce that the Swimming Pool will be open to the public during the school holidays.

The Minister for Education and Child Development Susan Close has announced this week that the State Government has committed funds for the pool to be open during the school holidays. The State Government will cover the staffing and maintenance costs of the pool during this time. The Coober Pedy District Council will be responsible for managing the service, providing the staffing, opening and closing the pool. I am very pleased that DECD and the Coober Pedy Council have come to these interim arrangements for the school holidays whilst negotiations continue on a longer term contract. This decision will be a welcome boost for all of us and one which I am sure will be very well received by the community.

It was great to see staff running a lifesaver course last weekend to up skill staff members. The more staff we have trained the better and this increases the opportunities for students to use the pool during school time in the future.

2017 LEADERSHIP TEAM

At this point in time we are unsure of the who will be Principal here next year but I am very pleased to inform you that the rest leadership team is in place and ready to start for 2017. I congratulate these people in winning these position and I am confident that the school will be in good hands.

Principal	To be announced Fri day 9t h Dec
Deputy Principal	Ravi Padayachi
Senior Leader Primary	Casey Rivett
Senior Leader Intervention	Veronika Witham
Senior Leader AET (Aboriginal Education)	Michael Beelitz
School Counsellor	Belle Maduro

FAREWELLS

This week sees a large number of our teachers leave the school. I would like to say a hearty thanks to the following people and wish them well in their new positions.

Luke Kenny	Adele Kenny	Angela Ratcliffe
Geri Savill	Daniel Botten	Nichole Runge
Lisa Vermeeren	Beth Greiner	Sarah Turner
Peter Lesue	Chris Butler	

They will be missed both in the school and in the community.

2017 SCHOOL YEAR

School recommences for the students on Monday January 30th. The school office will re-open on Monday January 23rd and teachers will be back at work on Tuesday January 24th.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2017.

Kind regards,

Steve Marshall

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

End of Year– 2pm dismissal Friday 9th Dec

School Starts – Monday 30th Jan 2017