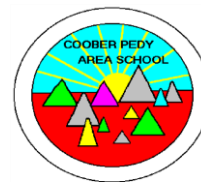


# NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal's Desk

It is amazing to think we are more than half way through the term. I have enjoyed meeting the students, parents and community members. I have been impressed by the community support that exists for CPAS. At school, we are trying hard to connect strongly with the local community and build on those relationships to provide a strong identity for our students and families.

## Attendance

We have been working hard on improving our attendance and making our school a place where students want to be. Staff have been following up unexplained absence and we are welcoming back a number of students who had been away for some time. We have significantly reduced the number of "take homes" because we want everyone here all day, every day!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are supporting us by informing us about absence reasons and getting your kids to school. Education is a child's right and is pivotal for future life experiences and choices as they reach adulthood.

## Governing Council AGM

Next Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> is the Governing Council AGM at 5:00pm in the Community Library Boardroom. It would be fantastic to see as many of you as possible at that meeting. The GC provides a voice for you, as parents and caregivers in the future of the school and its plans for improving. The GC meets monthly at 5:00pm and the meetings don't go any longer than 2 hours. Please think about nominating as a GC rep and making a valuable contribution to our school and our students.

## Principal position

The Principal position has been advertised and the outcome should be known in a few weeks. The position has been advertised for a five year tenure so I am very hopeful that you will have a long term Principal who will bring the stability and leadership that CPAS deserves. I will be able to have a thorough handover with the successful applicant to ensure there is continuity for you and the staff.

Enjoy the long weekend!

### Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Adelaide Cup public holiday- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Governing Council AGM Meeting- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Harmony Day- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Operation Flinders- 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March

## Want to save money on your school fees?

*10% discount available until 24<sup>th</sup> March!*

*Are you eligible for school card? See the front office for an application form.*

## Clean School

It is wonderful to see how much cleaner and tidier our school is looking lately.

A raffle ticket system is currently in place to encourage students to put their rubbish into bins. Teachers on yard duty carry a raffle ticket book around with them and when they observe a student either picking up litter or placing litter into the bin, they pop the students name onto a ticket.

The raffle tickets are drawn during our assembly and 3 lucky students are selected. The students receive a canteen item of their choice.

Well done to all the students who are working so hard towards keeping Coober Pedy Area School a litter free zone.

Ms Witham

Snr Leader

## Harmony Day

We invite all families to come along and celebrate Cultural Diversity at our Harmony Day assembly.

When: Tuesday March 21st at 12pm

Where: CPAS Gym

Classes from across the school will be making short presentations.

This will then be followed by a whole school shared lunch.

Please bring a plate of food from your culture to share with each other.

(\*\*\*NO NUTS, NUT PRODUCTS or NUT OILS\*\*\*)

We also invite students to wear National or Cultural dress to celebrate the diversity of our great school and community.



### Want to learn an instrument?

Mr & Mrs Home are offering one-on-one music lessons for any students who would like to learn a musical instrument. These lessons would take place outside school hours, either in the music room or at the Home's home. Express your interest in an email to [jason.p.home@gmail.com](mailto:jason.p.home@gmail.com) to reserve a place. Be quick, as places are limited!



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DEV PATEL ROONEY MARA DAVID WENHAM AND NICOLE KIDMAN  
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MARCH 11  
GATES OPEN 8:30pm  
FILM COMMENCES 9:00pm

