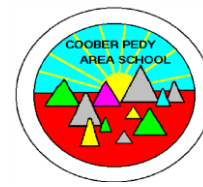


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From the Principal's Desk

Thanks to the teachers, students and parents who celebrated Harmony Day at school on Wednesday. At CPAS, we are incredibly proud of the many diverse cultures which make up our school and local community. We celebrate our differences and value the fact that we all belong!

Our school community passes on our sincerest condolences to Mr Pad, Ms Ravi and Hertu on the passing of their mother and grandmother in India. We are all thinking of them at this sad time.

Student behaviour

This week we had a special meeting with the secondary students to address some ongoing concerns. We are thrilled about the improved attendance of many students and we are trying to support each of them to engage with school and their learning. Senior Seargent, Bob Bartlett spoke to the students about a range of issues and he explained that illegal behaviour outside of school is illegal in school. We would appreciate your support as parents and carers to reinforce the messages about the expectations we have for them at school. These include;

- Remaining in class during lesson time according to timetables.
- No mobile phones in classes (years 8-10) and in negation with teachers (years 11-12). If students persist in using their phones during lesson times they will be confiscated and can be picked up from the Front Office at 3:00pm. If there are emergency messages, please ring the Front Office and we will make sure they are delivered immediately.
- Bullying, harassment and intimidation inside and outside school hours. We are encouraging students to report these and we will respond thoroughly.
- Inappropriate, unwanted touching will not be tolerated and consequences will be put in place.

We want CPAS to be a safe and happy environment for every student and family. The staff are working hard to ensure all students can learn and they can teach. We are working to develop a sense of pride and belonging in our school. The students have responsibility for this too by meeting our expectations and reporting incidents which are unsafe.

Governing Council AGM

Next Wednesday, March 29th is our Governing Council AGM at 5:00pm in the Community Library Boardroom. Last meeting we did not have a quorum so we were unable to complete the meeting. It would be great to see as many parents as possible to attend and show your support for our school.

Student Free Day

Next Tuesday, March 28th is our first Pupil Free Day. Staff will be at school to learn about improving curriculum and providing intervention for students who have speech and language difficulties. We have a team coming from DECD Adelaide to present the training. OHSC will provide a service all day for those families who need it. Students and Preschool children will not attend on that day.

Attendance

Finally, as the school term gets closer to the end, I want to thank you all for your support in helping us improve our attendance. There has been a significant improvement in you letting us know why students are away, filling out exemption forms for longer absences and communicating if there are issues which may affect the students. If we work together, we will continue to ensure that every student happily attends school and works towards their success for the rest of their lives.

Staff absence

Mrs Harinder Kaur, Reception/ year 1 Teacher will be on 6 weeks leave from the beginning of week 11, her replacement will be TRT Mr Chris McNicol

Counsellors Corner by Belle Maduro

Girls Day- On March 8th we had a great anti-bullying workshop up at the Golf Club with all of the year 7-10 girls. Everyone who came along had a great time. The girls have made a commitment to Action to prevent bullying in our school. They have all agreed to;

- Look out for each other
- Be welcoming, helpful and inclusive
- Show empathy
- Respect each other
- Smile at one another
- Speak respectfully about each other



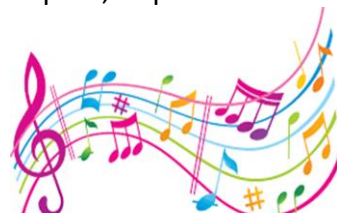
Thank you very much to our supporters from RSAS, Red Cross, AFSS, Uniting Care Wesley, Umoona Health, Coober Pedy Golf Club and of course the girls themselves. Without all of you the day would not have been so successful.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Student Free Day- Tuesday 28th March
Governing Council Meeting- Wednesday 29th March
Year 10 work experience- 3rd – 7th April
End of Term- Thursday 13th April

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 to reserve a place. Be quick, as places are limited!



NRM Field Day

As a finale to weeks of organisation and preparation, the Year 9 students prepared and served lunch to a group of community members attending the SA Arid Lands Field Day at the Coober Pedy Golf Club on March 10th. People attended the event from as far away as Western Australia and Darwin. We have received many positive comments about their professional conduct and customer service on the day. They worked as a team in a pressure kitchen situation and made a positive impression.

Students from Year 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, Yr 7 & Year 9 classes were involved in preparing food for lunch at Mount Barry on the Thursday and lunch at the Golf Club on the Friday. The people attending were impressed by the quality of the food and its presentation.

During the weeks leading up to the event, students worked in both class groups and combined class groups in a positive, safe and supportive manner in the Hospitality Trade Training Centre.

Thanks to Lil, Jackie, Chevahn and Joel for providing the opportunity to cater for this event. Thanks to Kathryn for supporting student & staff involvement. Thanks to the other staff who helped give the students more time to prepare.

Sharlene, Lyndal & Sally (CPAS Catering Committee)

