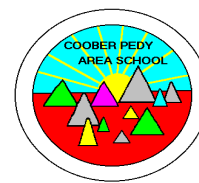


# NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal's Desk

Hi Everyone! I'm here at last!

I have been overwhelmed by the warmth and enthusiasm of the welcome I have received from students, staff, family members and the broader Coober Pedy community. Thank you!! I am making my way through the 'Getting to Know you' process - meeting students, staff, parents and service providers in the community. I am keen to learn as much as I can in the shortest possible time, in order to work with you all to shape the plans for next 5 years with Coober Pedy Area School.

My background includes principalship of a number of Adelaide schools, service as a district director and in state office and leadership in a British International School in Thailand. I am delighted to be adding Coober Pedy Area School to my 'homes' and am committed to building on what's working to make this a very special and highly desirable school.

If you'd like to meet me, I have scheduled the first three **'Meet the New Principal'** sessions:

- Wednesday 17th May 9-10am
- Thursday 8th June 9-10am
- Tuesday 13th June 9-10am

We will talk about:

- What's working at Coober Pedy Area School?
- What do you value in your children's education?
- If you had a magic wand, what would you change?

If you'd like to attend one of these sessions, please contact the front office to register and receive venue information.

In other news, we are celebrating a 10% increase in attendance in Term 1. This is wonderful progress - imagining what we can achieve in 3 more terms!

Our major staff learning focus this term, preschool to Year 12, is oral language. Developing oral fluency and a broad vocabulary underpins all future literacy (and all learning) outcomes. Staff are being supported by the central Learning Improvement Division and the partnership team to check student oral language development and to plan for the needs of all children. We'll be talking lots and practicing a range of oral language skills.

Karen Cornelius

### Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Oodnadatta Races - Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Indigenous hip hop project - Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Reminder.....

Are you eligible for School card?  
You may be eligible for your school fees to be paid!  
Please see the office for details.



**Tuesday nights at 3:30pm  
At the Town Oval**

The new Sports Voucher government Scheme will see the NAB AFL Auskick program cost participants \$20 (country) for the program.

Please follow the prompts on the registration system to submit your ORS Sports Voucher and receive the reduce cost.

If you decide not to redeem your ORS Sports Voucher at your local NAB AFL Auskick centre you will be charged a registration fee of \$70 (country) for the program.

All children intending to participate must register and pay online.

**Parents are required to register online at**

[www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

**What is the Sports Vouchers program?**

The Sports Vouchers program is a Government of South Australia initiative administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport. The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive up to a \$50 discount on sports membership/registration fees. The purpose is to increase the number of children playing organised sport by reducing cost as a barrier to participate in sport.

**Coober Pedy Preschool  
Open Day**

Everyone is welcome to view the new Coober Pedy Preschool Building.

**When:** Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2017

**Where:** Behind the Junior Primary Playground, near the school's rear entrance on Cameron Drive.

**Time:** 3pm – 4pm

Any questions please contact the school on 8672 5077.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

<u>12/05/2017</u>	<u>19/05/2017</u>	<u>26/05/2017</u>	<u>2/06/2017</u>	<u>09/06/2017</u>	<u>16/06/2017</u>	<u>23/06/2017</u>	<u>30/06/2017</u>
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