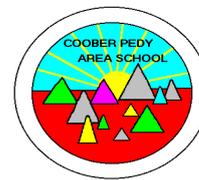


NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Vision for Coober Pedy Area School

Parents have been attending Meet the New Principal Sessions to hear about the vision for Coober Pedy Area School. We are beginning a journey to put student voice at the centre of our structures, organisation and the pathways we offer students. We have a diverse student body, and innovative thinking will be required on our part, to support greater engagement, improved learning outcomes and entrepreneurship, problem solving and critical thinking.

Part 1: Secondary school vision

We are very clear that the current school model is organised around traditional structures such as year levels, subject coverage and a common pathway, no matter what entry point students bring or end points they aspire to. It is our intention to rethink traditional models and plan around student interests and needs, to dramatically increase engagement, to open multiple pathways to post school options and to work with the community and industry to offer contextually relevant learning opportunities.

We plan to offer literacy/English, numeracy/Mathematics and STEM options to as many students as possible, and to add 'project-based learning options' responsive to student needs. Over time, every student will have an individual plan, negotiated with their family and staff members. This plan will signal students' pathway goals (understanding that these may change frequently through their education at CPAS), and their interest and passions. These planning sessions will be the first step in helping students to understand the links between subject content and career pathways and the requirements of work.

Want to know more?

Next: Meet the New Principal session is **Tuesday June 13th** at 9:00am. Please let Anne in the office know if you are coming, so we have enough chairs.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Breakaways Marathon- Sat 10th June
Public Holiday- Monday 12th June
Basketball clinic- Wed 21st and Thurs 22nd June
Mintabie Sports Day- Fri 30th June
Coober Pedy Rodeo- Sat 1st July

Are you interested in applying for a SSO position within Coober Pedy Area School?

For more information please bring in your CV, DCSI Police Clearance and RAN training certificate to the school office.

Applications are completed via an online register.

See office staff for information.

Fidget Spinners

We are having problems with the use of fidget spinners during school hours. We urge parents to keep them at home to prevent them going missing, being misplaced or distracting students during learning time. If they are seen in class time, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

If you feel that your child needs to use one at school please have a chat to your child's teacher.

IT'S REPORT WRITING TIME AGAIN!

That's right, Report time! All teachers are currently busy collating data and written progress about how each child has progressed this year so far into a report document, ready to be mailed out at the end of term. This report format will vary depending on your child's year level and this notice is to give you a general understanding of what to expect:

If your child is in Preschool, they will not be receiving a summative report at this time. You'll continue to receive regular updates about progress and receive a formal end of year report in Term 4.

EFFORT

- 5 – Maximum effort demonstrated in this area
- 4 – Good effort demonstrated in this area
- 3 – Adequate level of effort demonstrated in this area
- 2 – Some effort demonstrated in this area
- 1 – Requires support to engage and improve in this area

Students from Years 1-10 will also receive an effort grade as shown above, but they are also assessed against the Australian Curriculum and given a grade from A-E as shown.

Reception students will receive a number grade for their effort in all areas as shown, as well as written feedback about how they are progressing; however, they are not formally graded this year.

ACHIEVEMENT

- A - Excellent achievement of what is expected at this year level
- B - Good achievement of what is expected at this year level
- C - Satisfactory achievement of what is expected at this year level
- D - Partial achievement of what is expected at this year level
- E - Minimal achievement of what is expected at this year level

In Years 11 & 12, students are also graded on their effort and achievement; in Year 12 the achievement grade ranges from A+ to E-. The difference is that these grades reflect each teacher's balanced judgement of your student's progress against the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), rather than the Australian Curriculum. These results can be subject to change due to SACE moderation.

If your child is on a Negotiated Education Plan (NEP), and is on a modified program for any subject, then they will not be marked against the Australian Curriculum. Instead, their mark will be based upon whether they have exceeded, achieved or still developing towards planned goals in those learning areas.

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress this year, please organise a meeting with your child's teacher.

New Governing Council Sub Committee SPORTS COMMITTEE

Are you interested in sporting opportunities for children?
Willing to help?

Join us at 9:00am in the Library Board Room, Friday 16th June 2017



Level 0 Community Coaching Course

Where: Coober Pedy Area School Gym

When: Wednesday 21st June 2017 6:00-8:00 PM

Jamie Petty, Player and Coach Development Officer for SA Country Basketball will be conducting a community coaching course aimed to help improve your ability to coach drills and trainings.