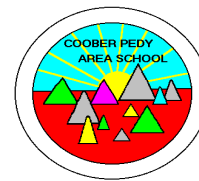


NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Changes in Secondary:

*Do you have a secondary student in your home?
Has she/he had anything to say about the changes to the timetable?*

We have begun a reform process that involves changing the focus of secondary based on the timetable and are moving toward a model that offers more choice, allows multidisciplinary (mixed subjects) options and is more matched to what our students need and are interested in.

Students are still doing 4 subjects under the more traditional model: English, Mathematics, Science and the group of HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) subjects that include History and Geography.

This semester they also have 3 electives; where they had a choice of 3 or 4 subjects in each timetable slot. The electives include: PE, Music, Art, Landscaping/Gardening, Media (video construction), Mentoring/Leadership, Design and Tech, Digital Technology, Radio, Drama and Catering. These electives are currently open to Years 8-10.

What are students saying about the electives?

"I love being with different kids in lessons, I've met new people."
"I like learning with people who want to be in the class."
"Great to have choices."
"They're fun to do."
"I didn't think it would work, but I am really enjoying that part of school."

What do you think?

We are planning to meet with every student, with a parent or caregiver over the rest of this term. We want to know

- What their possible pathway is; are they on a Uni track or are they interested in other pathways?
- What they are interested in.
- What subjects they enjoy.
- What they need support with.

This will enable us to be even more flexible with what we offer students in 2018, and to tailor our offerings to better suit the students we are working with. We look forward to the conversation with you all.

Karen Cornelius
Principal

Primary Assembly

On Wednesday the 9th of August, at 9am, the first Primary Assembly of the term will be held in 'The Unit'. A handful of students across the Unit classes (3-7) will be working together with Miss Rivett and the Unit teachers to welcome other classes to the Assembly in its new and improved location. All parents of Primary students are welcome; the team of students running assembly will be seeking parent feedback on the current assembly format to report back to staff and parents.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Cooper Pedy Races- Friday 11th August and Sat 12th August
School closure day- Mon 4th Sept
Festival of Music- Mon 5th Sept to Fri 8th Sept
Tournament of the Minds- Fri 8th Sept to 12th Sept

Basketball funded by Sporting Schools

This term the school is offering Basketball as an after school activity. This programme has been developed to encourage students to increase their physical activity levels and improve skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

Tuesday 3pm -4pm at School Gym for 5-10 year olds
Friday 4.15pm to 5.15pm at School Gym for 11 year olds and older

If you have any enquiries please contact Donna Clements on 0434 357 851.

Special music has returned for 2017!

Students of all musical abilities are invited to participate in the following Specialist Music Ensembles:

- Marimba Ensemble for Grade 5 upwards, rehearsing Mondays, 3:00-3:40pm
- Recorder/Dood/Toot/J Sax Ensemble for Grade 5 upwards, rehearsing Wednesdays, 3:00-3:40pm

There will also be a Junior Musicians class for Grades 1-4, rehearsing Thursdays 3:00-3:30. This group is designed to provide a practical introduction to making music on a variety of instruments, in preparation for the other ensembles. Parents/carers are welcome to participate in this class with their child.

If your child is interested in participating in one or more of these ensembles, please ask Mr Home for an application form, and bring the completed form to rehearsal.



Interested in reviewing the school uniform?
Calling students Years 6-8!

Interested in reviewing our school uniform?

Some Year 8 students have proposed a review of the school uniform. Casey Rivett has agreed to help them and they are looking for some Year 6-8 volunteers to join them. Please see Casey Rivett for an application form.



Playgroup is held every Friday morning in the new kindy. All parents of 0-5 are welcome with their kids, and it's a great way to network and enjoy a cuppa with other parents whilst the kids take part in some fun activities.

Consider treating your child to a session of OSHC School days, 3-6pm daily - Outside School Hours Care

Includes a healthy snack, indoor and outdoor activities and loads of opportunities to socialise with other children aged 5-12 years.



Plenty of spaces remain on Mondays and Thursdays.

NQF rated as Exceeding National Quality Standards.

Contact the Director: Karen Jones on 0419814957.

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From Term 3 2017 OSHC RATES increased to \$21.00 per session HOWEVER, if you are eligible for CCB fee reductions/CCR payments, this can drastically reduce the amount that you actually pay.

Are you eligible? Check with Centrelink (see examples below / family entitlements differ)

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| Family #1 | 1 child attends once for the week @ \$21.00 Less CCB fee reduction and CCR payment | \$21.00 <u>\$16.39</u> Family pays \$ 4.61 |
| Family #2 | 1 child attends once for the week @ \$21.00 Less CCB fee reduction | \$21.00 <u>\$ 8.80</u> Family pays \$12.20 |
| Family #3 | 1 child attends twice for the week @ \$21.00 Less CCB fee reduction and CCR payment | \$42.00 <u>\$32.77</u> Family pays \$ 9.23 |
| Family #4 | 1 child attends 3 times for the week @ \$21.00 Less CCB fee reduction | \$63.00 <u>\$40.37</u> Family pays \$22.63 |
| Family #5 | 1 child attends 4 times for the week @ \$21.00 Less CCB fee reduction and CCR payment | \$84.00 <u>\$40.63</u> Family pays \$43.37 |

