

NEWSLETTER



Term 1 2018
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From the Principal's Desk

KAREN'S NEWS

2018 is well and truly underway, with a range of new programs and initiatives and good news stories happening, including:

- Reading support and literacy intervention programs R-12 – we are carefully tracking reading progress across the school.
- SSO support for literacy numeracy and research project now also available to secondary students.
- Kathy Walker investigations in the junior primary unit – children are learning about inquiry processes, asking questions and setting out to find answers.
- Go Noodle brain breaks are great fun in 3/4/5 and help students with their focus.
- The Interoception Room is running along well, with students seeking support to self-manage and be 'ready to learn'. Help with work missed is sought next door in the Intervention Room.
- Robert Brown being elected as Captain of the Far North SAASTA Academy – congratulations!
- The cast of the 2018 school musical 'The Grunch' being announced (see this newsletter).
- ABC Me's hugely successful visit to Cooper Pedy and work with the Tourism team and Talent Show candidates.
- A great Harmony Day celebration on Wednesday.
- Year 7-10 Action Teams have started! Students have joined a committee – Grounds, YAC (Youth Advisory Council), Lunchtime Activities, Canteen, Interoception or ICT – to plan what's needed to improve the area, involve students or make a difference. An enthusiastic start!

So much more we could tell you! Follow us on Facebook for regular updates about terrific learning happening around the school.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Next Tuesday, the 27th of March, will be the evening for secondary staff to meet parents in the gym, and also the night primary staff will stay later for working parents. Notes have gone home this week to help you to plan your times with teachers.

STAFFING NEWS

We were pleased to see **Bob Pryce** back at school last week to see his classes. After two weeks of tests in Adelaide, it is a relief to know that while he has cancer of the oesophagus, it is treatable and the prognosis is good. There is a battle ahead and Bob will be out of school until at least October. Jesse-Lee Jones will cover many of Bob's classes for the months ahead. We wish him well and have everything crossed for a speedy recovery.

Chris Thorpe our new Year 6 teacher started this week. Chris will be seeing parents during parent teacher interviews, to get to know you and to hear from you about your child's needs, interests and ambitions.

Ben vanderLoos will start with us on the **1st of May** – teaching digital technology (Digitech or IT) and media. We look forward to him joining the team.

Ash Bambrick has started as an SSO to work with students needing help with their reading. Most of her time will be supporting students through the MultiLit reading program, and the balance working with younger students on literacy intervention programs.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION NEWS

Inspired by “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas”, The Grunch tells the story of Ruby Grunch, a grumpy 6th grader who always feels like an outsider. When the entire school gets excited about the annual school musical, she comes up with a perfect plan to ruin it for everyone; she’ll steal the sets, costumes and lights the night before it opens. But will the spirit of theatre prevail?

The main characters to tell this story will be:

THEATRE CRITICS

NY Times/ The Advertiser	Ishka Maat
NY Mag/ The Messenger	Sharlette
Backstage/ CPRT	Kasey Watts
NY Post/ The Age	Bili Mance
Variety/ Herald Sun	Mitchell Hoad

COOBER ACADEMY STAFF

Principal Cornelius	Ivan Alavija
Mrs Woods	Caleigh Sublin

THE FLOWERS

Pip	Senuli
Apple	Sofia
Tot	Dennis O'Toole
Ribbon	Amy Meyers

COOBER DRAMA ACADEMY

Choreographer	Isadora	Olivia McClure
Lighting designer	Alison (Allen)	Rhianna Prpic ss
Costume Designer	Jamie	Clydine Carboni
Pianist	Alex (Pianist)	Blake Tippet
Aspiring actor	Javier	Jake Stewart
the clever one	Robin (Robyn)	Hayden Lewis
Stage manager	Ryan (Rachel)	Yanni s
Loves Shakespeare	Collin	Elias
Theatre & sports	Christy (Chris)	Navana Inkamala
Drama Queen	Leslie	Vanessa Meyers
The Director	Jade (Jayden)	Erin Pryce
Theatre fanatic	Harper	Andrea Gerschwitz

OUTCASTS

Mills	Shandor Nemes
Ruby Grunch	Emily Tsakiridis

DATES Reminders:

27/3/18 Interview night (see separate notes for arrangements)

4/4/18 Aboriginal Family Meeting 1:30pm

13/4/18 Term 1 finishes at 2pm

30/4/18 First day of Term 2 – Student Free Day – Teachers and SSO team are learning about ‘high ikpact literacy strategies’.

1/5/2018 Term 2 starts

12 and 13/6/18 Student Free Days (Note: Change of Date) Staff attending Partnership professional learning events.

Reception and Year 1 Learning
Miss Kristie Sonntag and Miss Lucy Cogan's Classes

Investigation

This fortnight we have been investigating doctors, vets, Pokémon cards, pirates, sorting and writing. All investigation stations are based on your child's interest.



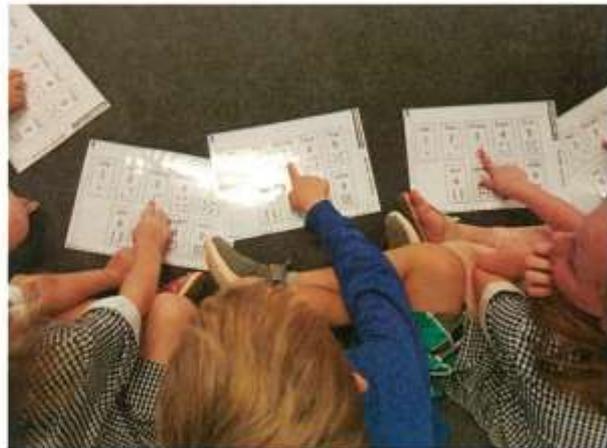
Pirate Station



Doctor / Vet Station

Natural Maths

We are learning how to subitize and recognise numbers.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

All schools are required to collect information about the numbers of students that they provide adjustments to under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and Disability Standards of Education (2005). From 2018 this data will be used as the basis for national funding.

The NCCD involves the collection of:

- the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students
- the level of adjustment provided to students
- student's type of disability if known

Under the model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information will be included in this year's data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Veronika Witham on 8672 5077 Further information can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Message from the Front Office

- School card applications need to be renewed every year. Successful applicants will no school fees.
- Please ensure your child's Medical, Contact information such as phone numbers, address and emergency contacts are up to date with the schools data base.



The Lions Club

The Lions Club of Coober Pedy is organising a fundraiser in aid of Mr Bob Pryce for his treatments. It's going to be a great help to him who has done a significant service to the community, school and students of past and present. Further information will be on school Facebook.