

Cowell Area School

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Term 2, Week 1

1st May 2019



Newsletter

Principal's News

Wow – where did those holidays go? We hope you all had the opportunity to spend some quality time relaxing with your families and friends and are ready for the new term. It was so nice to receive some rain yesterday. Although not as much as what everyone would've wanted, it's a good start and some water in our tanks is great.

Welcome

We would like to welcome two new students this term – Jackson Vandenberg in Year 3 (whose sister Lily joined us late last term in Year 7) and Zephyr Jacobson in Reception. We are excited to have some new faces and know they'll enjoy learning with us. Welcome also to teacher, Samantha Hunt, who is backfilling Shona Porteous in the Year 3/4 class, whilst she is on leave this term.

Anzac Day

It was a very special Anzac Day for the Cowell RSL this year with the Light Horse in attendance and a flyover from a RAAF A-8P, as part of their Centenary year. Our SRC President, Eboni Turner and Secretary, Declan Crabb laid a wreath at the Dawn service, whilst Dylan Francis-Kent, Thomas Beinke and Ryan Beinke also represented our school. Congratulations to the RSL on the organisation of a fantastic event and well done to our students for doing a terrific job of honouring those men and women who have been involved in past and present conflicts.

Year 9 Life Stories

At the end of last term, Mr Paveltish's Year 9 class presented their English Life Story projects about their heroes to students, staff and members of the community. As part of these projects, students interviewed their hero, some face-to-face, some over the phone through text and voice and some using the internet. Students then put life stories together using different mediums, including written, Powerpoint and visual display. Many students, staff, family and community members attended the presentation and were impressed with the quality of work and interesting stories told. Thanks to all the people who were involved as our student's heroes as it was an enriching experience; life lessons and wisdom were certainly passed onto them. Well done to Mr Paveltish and the Year 9 students on putting their presentations together.

Thank you

We would like to thank the Franklin Harbour Button club for their generous donation of \$1000 to go towards our Middle School Canberra trip later this year. Many of our families are currently experiencing difficult times, and this kind of support will enable us to make the trip – which is a fabulous learning experience, more affordable for families.

Grounds

You may have noticed a bit of activity in the school yard over the holiday break. The old shade over the junior primary playground was replaced with a new, bright blue shade to match in with the other shades, and it looks great! Work was also undertaken around the connection to the town effluent system (and is still continuing) with the garden beds outside of the Home Ec/Art/Science rooms being levelled. This area now looks much tidier and the Grounds committee is consulting with students via the SRC, about ideas for developing this area, so that it becomes a usable space.

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Zara Grund who was a member of the CEP SAPSASA Softball team who competed in Adelaide during the last week of term, under the guidance of coach Tanya Williams. After the 4 days of competition, the girls finished 4th (out of 9 teams), which is a fabulous effort. Some of our Year 6 and 7 students will be travelling with Tanya to Lock next Friday, to trial for the Football and Netball SAPSASA teams. We wish them all the best for the day.

Back to School Vouchers

We would like to thank the Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation and the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR) for their continued financial support with the 2019 Back to School programme. The initiative is a national programme that helps rural and remote children and young people access quality educational experiences, by providing \$50 gift vouchers to the families of students in need. The vouchers are redeemable for items such as uniforms, clothing, shoes, and stationery necessary to engage and participate in school.

Next week, we look forward to hearing some stories from Jordan Lewis' adventure on the One and All during the holidays.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2, 2019

WEEK 1

3/5 - Workshops for Yrs 7, 8 & 9's. Blueprint on Becoming a Man & Image Obsessed.

3/5 - Phillip Gwynee visiting Author here

WEEK 2

8/5 - Yr 11/12 Kyak Camp

10/5 - Mothers Day Stall held outside the Yr 5/6 classroom.

10/5 - SAPSASA Football & Netball Trials at Lock

WEEK 3

14-22/5 - NAPLAN Online

17/5 - Walk Safely to School Day

WEEK 5

31/5 - SRC Grip Leadership at Whyalla



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Department for Education

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Deputy Principal's News

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had time to relax and recharge during the break.

A huge thank you to the Franklin Harbour Button Club for their generous donation of \$1000 towards the Cowell Area School Middle School Camp to Canberra. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students are currently working towards their Canberra Camp, learning about civics and citizenship, Australia's history and other relevant topics. The camp is scheduled for August 3rd-9th. Invoices have been sent to families, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school.

The Naplan testing period is fast approaching. Students from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will complete their tests online this year (except for the Year 3 writing test). Demonstration tests are available on the following link: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstrationsite>

Tests will run from Tuesday 14 May to Wednesday 22 May. Students will have one test per day and there will be some days where they don't have a test scheduled. There will be 'catch up' sessions during this timeframe where students who were absent on test days can complete tests that were missed.

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment. Some of the key features include a range of question types, onscreen tools, timers and interactive navigation. Students will be given the opportunity to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment. The demonstration tests cover a sample of possible questions and do not reflect the range of literacy and numeracy content or skills NAPLAN Online will assess. While it is helpful for students to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the online test, ACARA does not encourage students to study separately for NAPLAN. That is why you will not find answers to the demonstration tests.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

Naplan data is collected by the Department for Education and is used when planning at various levels. If you would like to speak to Julie-Anne, myself or a teacher about the Naplan tests, please contact us at the school.

The Cowell Area School congratulates and recognises the Cowell RSL's centenary year. Organisations based on the work of volunteers only exist for 100 years through hard work, dedication and belief in their values. There have been many quiet and thoughtful words about resilience, mateship and courage from RSL members directed our way. Mr Rob McFarlane began sharing his experiences of fighting in the Vietnam War with Cowell Area School students nearly twenty years ago and has continued his involvement with the school since then by guiding students around the RSL, conducting services at the school and speaking with Y7-9 students before they depart for Canberra where they visit the Australian War Memorial. I remember a visit to the RSL where Mrs Pat Kaden told us about her involvement in the Cheer Up Society and her subsequent introduction and marriage to World War 2 pilot and local farmer, Mr Dudley Kaden. During the same visit Mr Stewart spoke to us about his service during World War 2 (he also was worked in Antarctica – an amazing and understated man). Mr Max Grund, also a Vietnam Veteran spoke with our students last year about his experiences and as a result, the Year 10 class entered their work in the Anzac Day Schools' Award and were the runners up in the state secondary category. Mr Mick Williams is a much valued mentor of two our students.

The Cowell Area School RSL Award has been presented to a secondary student for nearly twenty years and is a highly respected award by our school community. Each year the RSL invites student representatives to lay a wreath at the services on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day and the students are honored to do so.

We thank the Cowell RSL for their involvement in the education of our students, helping young people to understand history and gain an insight into sacrifices made by others in pursuit of world peace.

Regards, Colleen Peters



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NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



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Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

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Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NAPLAN Online 2019 timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 24 May 2019.

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy



The Library Scoop

Cowell Community Library

8629 2320

Dates to Flag

Every Monday - Homework club



Thurs 9th May - Library closed for training

Fri 10th May - Scholastic Book club orders due back

Wed 5th June - 10.30 Book Club

Wed 5th June - 5.30pm Writers' Group

New Books

Teen Fiction



In the dark spaces by Cally Black

What I like about me by Jenna Guillaume

Happy girl lucky by Holly Smale

Children's Fiction

The Peski Kids—Bear in the woods by R.A. Spratt

Weirdo - Hopping weird! 12 by Anh Do

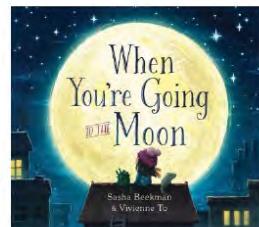
Fing by David Walliams

Penguin problems by Jory John

Superkitty by Hannah Whitty

When You're Going to the Moon

by Sasha Beekman



It all began when I said yes by Simon Philip

The Year 7 class worked in groups last term to create some fantastic models depicting Egyptian life.

These models are now display in the library.

Come and have a look at their fantastic artwork.



New Books

Adult Fiction



Without a doubt by Fleur McDonald

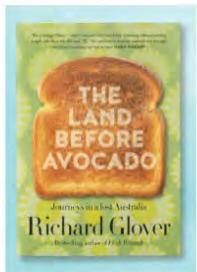
The name of the wind by Patrick Rothfuss

A little life by Hanya Yanagihara

Celtic Empire - A Dirk Pitt Novel by Clive Cussler

A lethal legacy by Heather Graham

Run away by Harlan Coben



Adult Non Fiction

The land before avocado—Journeys in a lost Australia by Richard Glover

Sapiens - A brief history of mankind by Yuval Noah Harari



Overdue notices went home on Monday. Please return or renew books as soon as possible.



Books available to give away. Lots of genres. Pop in and have a look.

Book Club



Our second book club of the year is almost due. Orders can be made online through the Loop App or through the Loop section on Scholastic's website.

Alternatively orders can be dropped off to the library before the end of school **Friday 10th May**.

If you'd rather keep your order a **SECRET** then **please let us know** and we'll make sure any gifts are put away for your personal collection only.

Community News

AUSKICK

Starting this Thursday 2nd May at 3:30pm at the town oval, if there are any parents that are able to stay and help for each training that would be great. Please remember a Water Bottle and appropriate shoes. Please register at www.play.afl/auskick/2019-registration

NET SET GO

Starting next Thursday 9th May at 3:45pm at the far end of the netball courts. Please bring a water bottle and appropriate shoes. Please register your name with Jasmin Piggott 0427527646 and registration forms will be handed out at training.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

20th Event, being held at Cowell IGA Fresh on Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May. Trading table and raffle all day or until sold out. Community donations of food gratefully accepted (please list ingredients). *This event has been held since 2000 and has raised in excess of \$25,000-*



COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

Membership packages are now available for all members of the community to join the Cowell Football Club in the 2019 season!

Come along to the Clubrooms on Thursday nights to enjoy a meal and the chance to take home the cash prize in the weekly members draw.

TWIN MEALS PACKAGE: \$500 (2x individuals)

2x Complimentary Thursday evening meals
2x tickets to Member's Day
2x Membership Draw entries

SINGLE MEALS PACKAGE: \$250 (1x individual)

1x Complimentary Thursday evening meals
1x ticket to Member's Day
1x Club Membership (see below)

CLUB MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE: \$50 (1x individual)

1x Membership Draw entry
1x ticket to Member's Day

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AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Wednesday 22nd May 10am to 12noon at 4 Lincoln Highway, Cowell. All Welcome, phone 0427292153 for takeaway. Marg Winen, Hostess.



PROBUS COMBINED CLUB OF COWELL

MEETING FRIDAY 3RD MAY Franklin Harbour Hotel 10am with guest speaker at 11am FHDC Wellbeing & Mental Health Officer Jasmin Piggott. Visitors welcome.



MAY

2/5 – Austin Grund

3/5 – Jan Posthumus

7/5 – Imogen Moffat-Sleep 7/5 – Drew Tonkin

FRANKLIN HARBOUR BUTTON CLUB AGM

Family fun day

WHEN: SUNDAY 5TH May

WHERE: COWELL COMMUNITY SPORTING COMPLEX

TIME: 11.30am TILL 4pm

- Bouncy Castle
- DRINKS & LUNCH SUPPLIED
- Bike for kids (please bring helmets)
- FACE PAINTING FOR THE KIDS (12-2 only)

RSVP: Kylie - [0437295276](tel:0437295276) or MARG- [0429149905](tel:0429149905)

GREAT FAMILY FUN DAY FOR BUTTON CLUB MEMBERS OR BECOME A MEMBER \$20PP

Mother's Day STALL



The students in the year 5/6 class have been working hard to create handmade gifts for Mother's Day. These will be available to purchase on Friday of Week 2, just before Mother's Day.

All money raised will go towards our Adelaide Camp in Term 3.

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| Bath Bombs | • \$ 2.50 |
| Calico Bags | • \$ 3.00 |
| Succulents | • \$ 5.00 |
| Marble Mugs | • \$ 2.00 |
| Body Scrub | • \$ 3.00 |
| Assorted Gifts | • \$ 3.00-\$ 5.00 |

WHEN: Friday, Term 2 week 2 (10th of May)

WHERE: under the verandah outside the year 5/6 classroom

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Franklin Harbour Button Club

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Whyalla Dental Care

Whyalla Dental Care is working in Cowell from The Doctors Surgery located at South Terrace every Wednesday.

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Phil Cook 0428 158 282

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Ray White