Principal’s News

We are consistently proud to acknowledge the great achievements of our students, whether it be sporting, academic or within their own personal goals. Some of our students travelled to Ceduna on the weekend to represent the Central Eyre Peninsula in football and netball. Yesterday many of our Year 8-12 students enjoyed participating in the Port Lincoln Football/Netball Challenge. These are great opportunities and we congratulate our students for their positive involvement (regardless of what the results were).

Last Wednesday, Tilly McFarlane travelled to Sydney with her family to attend the Harding Miller Public Education Foundation Awards night, where she was awarded a scholarship with the Harding Miller Education Foundation. Tilly applied for, and was identified as, a Year 9 student with enormous potential to achieve academic excellence and significant professional success. Tilly will receive support in her education through until the completion of Year 12, with the provision of tools such as tutoring, coaching assistance, access to technology and other educational resources. Tilly’s drive and commitment to achieve is certainly to be commended and wish her all the best with her scholarship.

Last week, I spent time visiting classrooms and talking to students about their learning. I asked them 3 questions:

- What are you learning?
- Why are you learning that?
- How will you know when you have learnt it?

These questions come from the work of John Hattie, Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey on making learning visible. Visible Learning is about teachers being able to see learning through the eyes of students and helping them to become their own teachers. When learning is visible, it means that students know what it is they are learning, and how to go about doing it, and teachers know if learning is occurring. John Hattie looks at the things that have the most impact on learning, and one of those things is being explicit about the learning and success criteria of the lesson. What we want to hear is students talking about what they are learning, rather than just what they are doing. It was interesting to hear the answers from students and many of them were quite thoughtful and insightful about their learning. We will be doing more learning in this area over the year – why don’t you try asking your child the 3 questions and see what they say!

National Volunteer Week

This week is National Volunteer week, which gives us the opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to the many amazing volunteers who donate their time, energy and enthusiasm to help in our school. We have a range of people from across our community who volunteer their time to a variety of activities and programmes, including listening to children read, mentoring, assisting with camps and excursions, coaching, driving buses, attending working bees, helping in the library, Breakfast club and becoming part of a group or committee like Governing Council or Parents and Friends. Without the contributions of these people, it would be very difficult to support our students the way we do and provide the many opportunities that exist for them. Working with volunteers can help our students develop a love for learning, discover new interests and gain real life experiences that help build their confidence and self-worth. Volunteering is also of great benefit to volunteers and can be a great way to learn new skills, build confidence, gain valuable work experience, meet new people, provide a positive role model for children, improve mental health and have FUN!!!!

To show our appreciation, we would like to invite our volunteers to join us for morning tea this Friday at 10:30am in the library.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Today was National Simultaneous Storytime, which is an annual campaign to encourage young Australians to read and enjoy books. Every year, a picture book written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres and bookshops across Australia. This year the story was Alpacas with Maracas, written by Matt Cosgrove. Our primary students enjoyed a reading and performance of the story by Ms Matthews Year 5/6 class, who did a terrific job of engaging and entertaining the younger students.

"A positive & collaborative community of resilient learners, prepared for future challenges"
National Reconciliation Week
The theme of National Reconciliation week, which is being held from May 27th to June 3rd is ‘Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage’. National Reconciliation week is a time for learning about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Vicki Bourlioufas, our Aboriginal Education teacher has been busy organising a week of activities for our students, including Art, cooking, storytelling, cultural activities and performances. We look forward to sharing some of the experiences with you next week.

Walk Safely to School Day
Well done to the students, staff and parents who walked to school last Friday. It was great to see so many people out enjoying a walk to school on such a beautiful day. Thank you to Maria Papillo who, on behalf of Parents and Friends, coordinated the meeting places and supervising adults, and a big thank you to those mums who volunteered their time to walk with our students.

Governing Council Raffle Roster
Each Saturday night the Governing council runs the raffle at the Commercial Hotel as one of their major fundraisers. It is becoming increasingly difficult to fill the roster and the Governing council is seeking assistance from the parent body in filling the roster. If you can donate 1 hour of your time on a Saturday night to help with the raffle, please contact Erin King, chairperson of the Governing Council. As we are hitting the colder months it is also difficult to sell tickets due to low numbers, so if you would like to support the Governing Council, get down and buy a few tickets on a Saturday night.

Naplan online testing concludes for our students today and despite some early interruptions we have been pleased with the delivery of the tests. We expect to receive results around August. Well done to our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students who gave their best in each test.

Along with many other locals, I attended the Cowell RSL's Centenary Dinner on Saturday night. It was a formal and happy event where we had a chance to consider the sacrifices made by people within our town over the years. His Excellency the Governor attended, while addressing the gathering he recognised our resilience as a great strength. A small group of Cowell Area School students volunteered their time and helped out with waiting on tables, they did a great job.

This Friday we are celebrating Volunteers’ Week with a morning tea in the library. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who volunteers in any way to assist with our students’ education. Volunteers make a big difference in our school and we are very appreciative of their time and work.

Well done to our secondary students who participated in the netball and football carnival in Port Lincoln yesterday. It was great to see good sportsmanship and young people working in teams and being active.

Have a great week, challenge yourself by doing something new.

Regards,
Colleen Peters
Reconciliation Week at Cowell Area School

Next week we are celebrating National Reconciliation Week at our school. The week will be about students learning about some aspects of our shared histories, Indigenous cultures and achievements.

All students will be involved in various activities in one way or another, and these will include:

- Craft making in the library
- Art activities in classes
- Damper eating and making
- Making of Lemon Myrtle biscuits
- Aboriginal games and the Science involved
- Story reading and illustrating
- Poem writing
- An excursion to Whyalla to see Black Screen, a series of short movies produced by indigenous people, and to learn about indigenous people and their past in and around Whyalla
- Reading to Kindergarten students

What’s happening here?

Last week I missed the deadline for the newsletter so didn’t get your FLASH FICTION winner for Week 2 announced! So this week we have TWO stories for your reading pleasure!

Week 2 featured the below image and our winner was Danielle Churchett from Year 6 with her story...

"The professor locks himself away in a dark gloomy room where the light can barely get through.

The potion he is brewing is fizzing, bubbling and popping like it is about to explode.

The experiment has gone wrong."

Last week our winner was another Year 6 student, Murphy Starr!

"It’s true! She screamed in amazement. Had this giant of a man been telling the truth?

It was just a normal river stone but in her hands it was glowing.

Then the stone vibrated and made a whirling sound like there was a giant fan above her.

She got scared and the light changed to blue and exploded as if it was a grenade."

This is our image for inspiration this week....what could you write about?

Word of the Week

Every week we have a Tier 2 vocabulary word to think about and use.

This week’s word is... **Strategy**

What do you think this word means?
Does this word have more than one meaning?
Does your child know? Ask them!

One and All Tall Ship – Duke of Ed participants (from Aida Ashworth - Delivery Partner Manager)

We recently shared with you an opportunity for your Participants to take part on an Adventurous Journey in the high seas aboard the One and All Tall Ship. There was quite a lot of interest, and we were happy to hear that two Participants across the state were able to experience the One And All.

Based on the interest, the One and All is putting on another 2 voyages in the July School Holidays, each 3 days, 2 nights. Each journey meets the Participant’s Bronze Adventurous Journey. Cost of the journey is $595.

For more information please see Mrs Peters asap or go to [www.oneandallship.com.au](http://www.oneandallship.com.au)
Primary NIT

R/1

The R/1 class has been working hard learning about measurement. We have focused on size and are currently looking at time.

3/4

Apart from learning about our HASS subjects, we have started looking at Robots for Digital Technologies and how they work.

1/2

In the 1/2 class we have been busy learning about History, PE and Science. In Science we have looked at Biological Science and have just started Chemical Science.

4/5

In Science we have started Chemical Science and are looking at materials, solids, liquids and gases.

5/6

After finishing History we have started Civics and Citizenship and continuing on with our Visual Art work.
Open Boys Football

On Tuesday 21st May, Cowell combined with 15 students from Tumby Bay Area School to compete in the Eyre Peninsula Open Boys Football Carnival that was played in perfect sunny conditions at Ravendale Oval in Port Lincoln. The students from both schools gelled quickly and played some great consistent football throughout their 3 matches which placed them third overall, with Cummins dominating the carnival to win convincingly.

Special thanks to Shane Masson from Tumby Bay for coaching/umpiring, as well as Declan Crabb and Vincent Casas for running water and helping throughout the day.

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Best: Jackson Murphy, Dylan Francis Kent, Tom McDonald, Seth Beek, Mitchell Anesbury, Charlie Richardson, Reef Pople.

Goals: Jackson Murphy 1.

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Best: Lachlan Turner, Dylan Francis Kent, Jackson Murphy, Sean Norsworthy, Jack McDonald, Brodie Higgins, Tyson Sherrin.

Goals: Jackson Murphy, Flynn Webb, Lachlan Turner, Mitchell Anesbury, Tom McDonald 1.

Game 3

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Best: Chad Beinke, Mitchell Anesbury, Braeden Hammond, Jackson Murphy, Dylan Francis Kent, Tom McDonald, Mitch Higgins.


Jack Burton

PE/Sports Coordinator
Lunchtime gave us a chance for those who came into the library to play around with the beauty of technology photo apps. The kids loved the changes and additions to their faces and how the photos turn out.
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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PERSON/S
We are looking for a couple of energetic students keen to earn some extra money washing oyster baskets. The work is flexible and can be done after school or on a weekend. Payment is based on a per basket rate, so depending on how well you work ultimately depends on how much you can earn. If you're interested please contact Nicole on 0412034811.

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.

Whole School Assembly
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