

# Cowell Area School

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Term 3, Week 5

21st of August 2019

## Newsletter



## Principal's News

It has been brought to our attention that some recent media reports indicated that the senior section of our school will be shutting down and that we will no longer be providing a senior secondary curriculum. We would like to quell rumours in the community by saying that this is untrue, and at no time have we considered becoming an R-9 school.

I passionately believe in the benefits of rural education and despite our school having to continually cope with the impact that losses in student numbers provides, we work very hard to ensure that we can provide the best educational experience possible for those families who choose to educate locally.

Schools such as ours are often the centerpiece of the community, that provide connections between families over many generations; the hub where people meet, chat and catch up over the latest news, share experiences, come to for special occasions and celebrate the achievements and successes of our youngest community members.

As a rural school, we provide a safe, friendly environment for our students, where they can develop close relationships with their teachers, whilst being surrounded by the supportive network provided by family and community.

This information comes to us at a time when our Year 9, 10 and 11 students are undertaking counselling for subjects in 2020. Please be assured that regardless of numbers, we have the interests and needs of individual students at the heart of what we do. We spend a great deal of time and energy endeavouring to 'think outside the square' to provide students with a pathway – be it university, VET (vocational education) or the workforce, that meets their needs. The success of past students, continued improvement in our results (both SACE and NAPLAN) and dedication of our staff are testament to the fact that Cowell Area School is a great place to educate your child.

We hope you can work together with us to ensure that we can grow our school, and in turn, our community.

### Student Free Day

The Governing Council has granted permission for a Student Free Day on Thursday, September 5th, so that all teaching staff can attend training with Anne Bayetto, who we have worked with on several occasions previously. We will continue our learning around the improvement of writing across R-12. We understand that Student Free Days can cause some issues for families, but they are an essential part of the continued improvement work and professional learning for our staff. They also provide an important opportunity for staff to collaborate and share their knowledge and experience with each other and staff from other schools.

### Rowan Ramsey MP Award

Rowan Ramsey (Federal MP for Grey) has advised the Governing Council that he is once again offering his Rowan Ramsey School Community Award. Nominations are open to staff, parents or community members who have 'gone above and beyond' dedicating and volunteering their time and skills for the school.

These nominations are to be received by Friday 6th September and forwarded to the Front Office. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter.

### PAT Testing

This week saw the beginning of PAT testing for our students in Years 2-10. Over the next 5 weeks they will do one test a week in the following areas – Vocab, Reading Comprehension, Maths, Grammar and Punctuation and Science. The PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) give us valuable data about how students have progressed in these areas in the last 12 months, which we then use to plan and programme to support students in the areas of need. It is also important information about student achievement and progress to pass onto the next year's teacher.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 3, 2019

#### WEEK 5

19-23/8 - Yr 5/6 Camp

19-23/8 - Book Week

22/8 - Assembly

#### WEEK 6

28/8 - R-7 Cricket SA

#### WEEK 7

3-6/9 - Yr 4/5 Camp

#### WEEK 8

9-11/9 - Yr 3/4 Camp

12/9 - Primary R.E.

#### WEEK 9

20/9 - Gala Day

#### WEEK 10

23-27/9 - Yr 10 Work Experience

### R/1 and 1/2 Assembly

Come and see the Book Week Parade and guess the teachers' secret powers!

Cowell Area School Basketball Courts

22.08.2019 at 2pm

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# School News

## Book Week

This week we have been celebrating Book Week (after lots of fun with Science Week last week). There have been lots of fun opportunities for students to get involved in activities and competitions. We are looking forward to our parade of book characters tomorrow and the assembly being held by our R-2 classes. We hope you can come along and join us.

## Support Staff Week

Next week is Support Staff week, where we acknowledge and celebrate the fantastic work that our SSOs and AEWs do to support teachers and students and contribute to the improvement of learning across the school. If you see any of our support staff around the school, make sure you take the time to say hi and thank them for the work they do for your children.

## 2020 Planning

We are beginning the process of looking at numbers and classes for next year. In order to do this and make plans around staffing, we need parents to let us know their intentions for 2020. The number of students at school directly affects the number / configuration of classes and staffing. We hope to have each and every one of our students with us next year, however, if you know that your child will not be returning, can you please let us know asap, so that we can continue our planning.

We endeavour to meet the needs of each of our students when we look at our classes, so it is important that parents speak to us if they have any concerns. Whilst we can't meet requests regarding specific teachers, if you would like to discuss your child's learning needs for 2020, please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher or a member of the Leadership team.

## Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$80 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



## Deputy Principal's News

This week I have decided to look again at results from the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection (a survey that our Year 4-12 students completed earlier this year) with a focus on engagement and culture. Research (and often experience) tells us that engaging students in the learning process increases their attention and focus, motivates them to practice higher-level thinking skills including critical thinking and promotes meaningful learning experiences. Our school camps and excursions are example of activities where many students report high engagement. School culture is vital to learning and generally, when school culture is strong – satisfaction, morale, trust and fulfilment grow and learners strive to achieve their best.

Cognitive engagement: Persistence with classroom tasks, generating ideas and attitudes related to holding a growth mindset.

Statements from the 2019 survey that students responded to re cognitive engagement:

- I am excited to come up with new things.
- I took a lot of care with what I was doing.
- I work hard on learning.
- No matter who you are, you can change your intelligence.
- When I found something hard I tried another way.

## Cognitive engagement – Cowell Area School Y4-12 2019)

45%	45%	9%	2016
50%	39%	11%	2017
51%	42%	7%	2018
52%	35%	13%	2019

## Cognitive engagement – all public school students

45%	42%	13%	2016
53%	36%	11%	2017
50%	37%	13%	2018
49%	38%	13%	2019

School climate: Overall tone of the school environment, including the way teachers and students interact and how students treat each other.

Statements from the 2019 survey that students responded to re school climate:

- People care about each other in this school.
- Students in this school help each other, even if they are not friends.

**OPEN  
DAY**

  
University of  
South Australia  
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**Sunday 25 August**  
**11.00 AM — 3.00 PM**  
**Whyalla**

**Respect**

**Success**

**Learning**

**Responsibility**



# School News

-Teachers and students treat each other with respect in this school.

## School climate – Cowell Area School (Y4-12 2019)

33%	50%	17%	2015
32%	38%	30%	2016
45%	26%	29%	2017
36%	46%	19%	2018
43%	36%	21%	2019

## School climate – all public school students

44%	33%	23%	2015
36%	36%	28%	2016
44%	32%	23%	2017
37%	42%	21%	2018
38%	43%	20%	2019

Thank you to everyone who has completed the online survey(s) re the Canberra Camp. There are three different surveys, one for students who attended, another for parents/carers of students in Y7-9 and a survey for adults who attended the camp. Survey results will be published in a future newsletter and we will use the information collected from the surveys to guide planning of future camps to Canberra.

Regards

Colleen Peters

## Word of the Week

Every week we have a Tier 2 vocabulary word to think

about and use.

This week's word is...

**Provide**

What do you think this word means?

Does this word have more than one meaning?

Does your child know? Ask them!

## What's happening here?



What a week we had in entries for the FLASH FICTION competition! As it was Science Week, Mrs Byrnes and I decided a 3 winners and 2 commendations!

Congratulations to all students involved, it's fantastic to read the students' writing each week and see it getting better and better.

Year 6 - AMBER PHILLIPPS

*The astronaut neared the space shuttle with determination.*

*The reflection of the moon in his metallic-like visors and the mist rising off the planet made a spooky effect.*

Year 9 - MADI BOCK

*I looked at my aircraft, probably for the last time.*

*The crack in my helmet was letting air seep out into the strange planet's atmosphere.*

*I took my last breath, knowing I would never return home.*

Year 10 - RYAN BEINKE

*A freezing lonely night,*

*staring into oblivion*

*a red blink eons away*

*the stars go out one by one.*

Year 9 - JOSH PENTECOST

*The aliens have haven over.*

*My ship is gone.*

*I can see the Earth from a distance.*

*I wish I could go home.*

Year 9 - TAYE CHASE

*It took a year for the dust to settle down.*

*The war destroyed everything.*

*But I'm back here now and there's nothing left of this little town Cowell.*

*This is our image of inspiration this week....*

*What could you write about here?*

*Good luck!*



## Subject Counselling 2020

If your child is entering Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2020 please ensure you have booked a subject counselling session with Hannah Darling this week or next.

Alternative times are available on request.

Please call the Front Office on  
8629 2150.



**AUGUST**

23/08- Taye Chase

23/08- Tyler Brown

**Respect**

**Success**

**Learning**

**Responsibility**



## Aquaculture

The Aquaculture course has been evolving this year with a coordinated approach from staff and the revitalisation of the Certificate II in Aquaculture.

Year 11 students, Dylan Francis-Kent, Matthew Oldfield and Dayna Armstrong, have been lucky enough to participate in three external activities so far this term. In weeks 2 and 4, Billy McFarlane took students to Port Lincoln to complete 'Elements of Shipboard Safety' and 'Seamanship Skills' modules as part of their course. The students enjoyed participating in practical activities on the boat, learning how to tie knots, and how to be safe on the water.

In week 3, Lani Hartwig took the Year 10 and 11 Aquaculture students to Whyalla to sit their Boat Operator's licence exam. All students were successful in obtaining their licence and will be able to use this as part of their activities within Aquaculture, for recreational activities and/or for career opportunities.

Staff and students are continually improving the Aquaculture course by working together to tailor the programme to students' interest and need. Next week Matthew Oldfield will begin some work placement at Eyre Shellfish, who we have been in discussions with regarding traineeships.

We are looking forward to establishing a positive working relationship with Eyre Shellfish into the future and thank them for the support of our Aquaculture programme.





# The Library Scoop



Cowell School Community Library 8629 2320

21st August

## Dates to Note



Thursday 22nd August—Book Week

Dress up Parade 2pm. All welcome

Mon 26th August - 2.30pm Story time - Hat theme

Wed 4th September - 10.30am Book Club

Wed 4th September - 5.30pm Writers' Group

Thurs 19th September—Reading Hour—more details to come

Pink notices have been sent home detailing the name/s of the overdue books. If you have any questions please come in and talk to us.



Thursday 22nd August—Book Week Dress up Parade 2pm. All welcome. The parade will take place during school assembly on the basketball court.

Wednesday 4th September we will be open between 5.30 to 7pm for anyone who is not able to visit us during our normal day time opening hours.



Call us as we might be able to help you with your needs/problem. You just never know.

Story time is on Monday 26th Aug at 2.30pm. It will be a hat theme. So put on a hat and walk out the door. If

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## New Books

### Children's Picture Books

Rainbow Menagerie by Linda Jackson

Duck! by Meg McKinlay

Maya & Cat by Caroline Magerl

If I was Prime Minister by Beck & Robin Feuer

### Children's Fiction

The 117-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

Piggy Handsome by Pip Jones

Meet the Netball gems—Pivot and Win Defend to the End by B.Hellard & L.Gibbs

Ego Rangers - Microbat Mayhem

Pelican in Peril by Candice Lemon-Scott

### Teenage Fiction

How to make Friends with the Dark by Kathleen Glasgow  
Sky by Ondine Sherman

### Teenage Non Fiction

Teen Pioneers—Young people who have changed the world  
by Ben Hubbard

Atmospheric the Burning Story of Climate Change  
by Carole Wilkinson

### Graphic

Minecraft—Revenge if the Zombie Monks

The Ender Eye Prophecy by Cara J Steven

### Adult Fiction

The Shelly Bay Ladies Swimming Circle by Sophie Green  
Big Sky by Kate Atkinson

Good Girl Bad Girl by Michael Robotham

Sapphire Falls by Fleur McDonald

One Good Deed by David Baldacci

### Adult Non Fiction

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

The Secret Lives of Planets by Paul Murdin

Hoop Dreams Down Under by Matt Logue



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# Community News

## PROBUS COMBINED CLUB OF COWELL

MEETING FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2019

FRANKLIN HBR HOTEL 10 AM MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER 11 AM ROBERT MCFARLANE EXPERIENCES  
IN VIETNAM VISITORS WELCOME-

PROBUS MEETINGS 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY EACH MONTH 10 AM F.H.HOTEL

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pany, you are very welcome to come along and meet with members of Probus  
Combined Club of Cowell.

## **Cowell Cricket Club AGM**



The Cowell  
cricket club  
AGM will be  
held at the complex on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at  
7.30pm

All Players / parents of players  
are urged to attend.

Apologies to Craig Klingberg  
0427 799 726

## **Golf Equipment**

Thank you very much to  
John Perry and Lee  
Klingberg for their generous  
donations of golf equipment  
to the school. John has  
kindly donated a full set of  
left handed clubs, which we are very excited about as they  
are hard to find, along with bag, balls and tees. We also  
would like to thank Lee Klingberg who has also donated  
some balls, as well as left and right handed irons and  
woods. These will be put to good use this term on the  
school oval and out at the course by our year 5-9 students.

Mr Jack Burton.



## Cowell Inter-Church Council (C.I.C)



### Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 28 August 2019, 3.30 pm**

**In the C.A.S. Meeting room**

**All interested parties welcome.**

**(Election of office bearers)**

## **Afterschool Basketball – Term 3/4**

We are looking to start up an afterschool basketball competition later this term, which would continue into term 4. At this stage we need names of students who are keen to play to ensure we have enough players to run a junior and senior competition.



If your child/ren is/are interested in playing, please return the slip below to the library **before Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. We need to make sure we have enough players and umpires before moving forward with any more decisions. Thank you.

*Please return this slip to the library before Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.*

Student name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to help with coaching? Yes / No

Are you able to help with umpiring? Yes / No



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**ROWAN RAMSEY MP**  
**SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD**  
**NOMINATION 2019**

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Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Award Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Awarded in recognition of (Wording for Certificate 2 lines only please)

Is the Recipient (please circle)    **Parent**    **Community Member**    **Staff Member**

Name of Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Governing Council Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's home or mobile phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time of Presentation (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the box in the front office of the school or  
fax to 8629 2486 or email [dl.0735.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0735.info@schools.sa.edu.au)**

**Prior to: 25 September 2019**

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