

Cowell Area School

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Term 3, Week 8

11th of September 2019

Newsletter



Principal's News

Last Thursday, our staff spent time with Anne Bayetto, Flinders University Lecturer and 'expert' in the field of Special Education and Literacy, learning about improving student writing and especially the important role that oral language and vocabulary play. This is our major area of focus on our Site Improvement Plan.

Vocabulary and Oral language are part of the **Big 6**, which are the components identified as being essential to reading instruction. In fact, vocabulary is strongly related to reading proficiency and school achievement in general. The Big 6 includes:

- Phonological awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Comprehension
- Oral language

It is important that our students learn and become confident speakers and listeners, before they move onto further develop their skills as readers and writers. We can't assume that students are able to do this when they enter school and we need to specifically teach students how to communicate through oral language. Oral language is the foundation for the development of literacy skills and, is a strong indicator of later reading, writing and overall academic achievement. Parents and families play a big role in the development of a child's oral language and vocabulary. Here are just a few things that you can do to support us in our focus:

- Talk with your child for extended periods of time about different topics – this can be done during ordinary activities like shopping, cooking dinner, in the car. Make sure you have several exchanges in a row – "Strive for 5" for students in R-2 and "8 is Great" for students in Year 3 and above.
- Describe the things that you're doing – use a variety of adjectives and adverbs eg. it's not just 'hot', it's 'scorching', instead of being 'tired', you could be 'exhausted'. Make sure you explain the meaning of the new words you use and use them often.
- Read to your child – not just books...anything! Choose books, articles, messages etc, that have some unfamiliar language.
- Play language games like Scrabble, Boggle, Taboo
- Read about/watch and discuss documentaries, current affairs, news
- Encourage your child to ask questions and give opinions
- Talk through their daily activities and experiences
- Involve your child in planning – a holiday, weekend activity, short trip, party etc

One of the things that the secondary staff decided to focus on is using synonyms (words that have the same or similar meaning) each week for nominated common words eg. 'good' and 'answer'. Students will keep a tally of when the synonyms are used and work on embedding them as part of their conversation. Primary staff are going to focus on trying to maintain longer two-way conversations with more interactions, with a focus on 'Strive for 5' for R-2 students and '8 is Great' for Year 3-6 students.

Gala Day

Don't forget that Gala Day is next Friday September 20 from 10:30 -2:30. There will be lots of games and activities, and some yummy food too. We hope that lots of parents, grandparents and friends can come along and join in the fun. There is a focus on school pride, with students planning and running the day together. Any money raised will go towards the redevelopment of the area outside the Home Ec, Science and Art rooms. A letter has gone home today to explain how students can exchange money for raffle tickets, to avoid carrying money on the day.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Industrial Action

"A positive & collaborative community of resilient learners, prepared for future challenges"

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3, 2019

WEEK 8

- 9-11/9 - Yr 3/4 Camp
- 12/9 - Primary R.E.
- 13/9 - SAPSASA Cricket/Tennis Trials in Lock

WEEK 9

- 20/9 - Gala Day

WEEK 10

- 23-27/9 - Yr 10 Work Experience
- 23/9 - Yr 9 Hatchery Tour @ Arno Bay
- 27/9 - Last day of Term 3, school finishes 2:20pm

TERM 4, 2019

WEEK 1

- 14-18/10 - Footsteps Dance
- 16/10 - Yr 8 Immunisations

WEEK 4

- 4-8/11 - SAPSASA Cricket/Tennis in Adelaide



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

School News

As you may be aware from reports in the media, negotiations between the AEU (Australian Education Union) and the government have failed to find a resolution regarding the requests in the Enterprise agreement. These issues are focussed on improved conditions for employees and support for our schools and students, particularly in rural areas. The AEU has recommended further industrial action in the form of rolling stoppages, which have begun in some sites this week. The government has now sought to engage the South Australian Employment Tribunal in the process.

Our sub-branch has voted with the majority in favour of the rolling stoppages. This is in the form of a 1 hour early finish on Wednesday September 25th (the day allocated to our region by the AEU). A letter will come home tomorrow, outlining the implications for the school programme on that day and how classes will be affected.

We hope you can support our staff (teachers and SSOs) in working for improved conditions around teaching and learning at our site.

Planning for 2020

We are currently going through the process of looking at classes and staffing for next year and, as part of this, it is important that we know numbers of students who will be attending in 2020. The number of students at school directly affects the number / configuration of classes and staffing.

If your child will not be here next year and you have not informed either Colleen or myself as yet, can you please notify us of your intentions asap.

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.

Interim reports

Interim reports for students in Years 7-11 will be sent home at the end of Week 10, with interviews requested for students who are not achieving satisfactory in either their learning area grades or attitude. Interviews will be held in Week 1 and 2 of Term 4.



SEPTEMBER

15/9 - Natasha Inglis
17/9 - Haden Frost
17/9 - Kane Fiebert
17/9 - Eboni Turner

Keep up to date with the latest school news and upcoming events by liking us on Facebook.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

During the past week we have seen lots of activity at school, with the return of the Y4/5s from their camp to the Gawler Ranges, the departure of the Y3/4s to Errappa, the Operation Flinders students catching up with the rest of their team, running records and ongoing PAT testing. Sometimes it is easy to overlook people in our busy lives and a timely reminder is the upcoming RUOK Day.

*R U OK? Day (Thursday 12th September, 2019) is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you ok?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. This year we want everyone to **Trust the Signs, Trust your Gut & Ask R U OK?***

Follow the four steps while checking in with others:



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

(taken from: <https://www.ruok.org.au/education>)

On Thursday last week, the teaching staff attended a workshop with Anne Bayetto about Writing. We found it informative and useful and have made plans on how to implement strategies to improve writing, particularly through vocab. A key point that Anne made was around the importance of oral language; vocabulary is built when families talk a lot ie chat about many different topics and have extended conversations with more than eight interactions. Varied experiences enhance listening, interacting and speaking opportunities; children learn to talk about different topics and use a variety of grammar and sophisticated vocabulary. Next time you consider your child a 'chatter box' and crave for a moment of silence – perhaps you can remember the benefits of oral language and extend the conversation!

I am looking forward to joining our middle and senior students on our camp to Wilpena Pound next week. The weather is warming up and it will be great to be out walking – lots of time for extended conversations then!

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...

Compulsory

What do you think this word means?

Does this word have more than one meaning?

Does your child know? Ask them!

Respect

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Learning

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School News

What's happening here?

This was our image for inspiration in week 7...



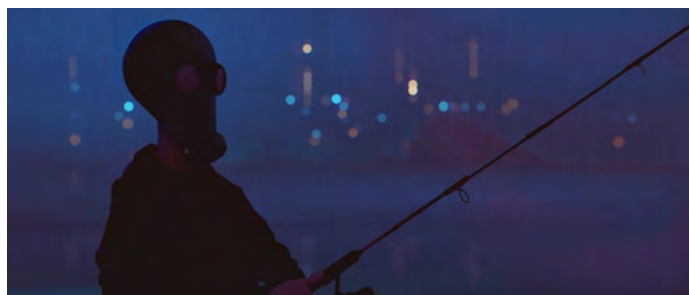
Our winner came from the Year 10 class – Ryan Beinke!

I heard the blood curdling screams, rushed inside, leaped up the stairs, kicked open the door and froze, petrified.

Congratulations Ryan!

It's great to have a range of year levels entering our competition every week so from this week onwards there will be an opportunity to win the Primary R-6 competition and a Secondary 7-12 competition!

This week our image for inspiration is...



Here are some questions that may help to start your writing...

What can you see?

What do you think is happening here?

Why is the person wearing a mask?

What are the dangers in this scene?

Who is this person?

What else is in the background? Are there any other people around?

Good luck!



After School Basketball

We've had an overwhelming response to our shout out for basketball players for the 2019 season with almost 1/3 of our students participating.



At this stage our junior team will be students in years 3-6 and seniors from years 6-12. Junior games will be on Wednesdays, starting at 3.30pm with seniors following them at 4.20pm.

Round 1 starts Wednesday 18th September.

All players should have received a registration form & information letter for parents. **Please ensure forms & payment are returned to the library by this Friday 13th September at the latest.** We will then confirm teams based on the returned forms.

Being such a small committee, like any other sport, we need parents to help with running the competition in areas such as coaching & umpiring but also to rotate timing and scoring duties. Without help, the competition can't run.

Anyone interested in coaching a senior team will be rewarded with very appreciative players keen to play ball.

As mentioned in the parent letter, this competition is not a school based comp & school staff will not be on duty to supervise players. Therefore we ask if you can not supervise your child & they are not playing, for safety reasons students will be asked to leave the school grounds.

If you have any queries or would like to volunteer to coach or umpire, please feel free to speak with Heather Slee, Dee Cook or Nicole Turner. We looking forward to another great season.

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On Camp

Tuesday 3 September, 2019

I got stabbed four times in the foot by spinifex and it was painful but I kept on walking and climbed and it was painful.

Then we came down.

We got in the bus to go back to the camp to have lunch.

By Joel Jackson



Tuesday 3rd of September 2019

The first day we were on the bus for a long time to get Gawler Ranges. Then we climbed on a hill. We got to the top off the hill. When I was climbing down, I tripped on a rock and I hurt my leg.

Wednesday 4th of September 2019

We saw a ranger at the park. He took us to a field full of shrubs and trees. Then we climbed hills together, but I tripped over on a bush. Then I keep going. We did a 4 km walk and we got a good look out. We went to a waterfall and all the boys tripped.



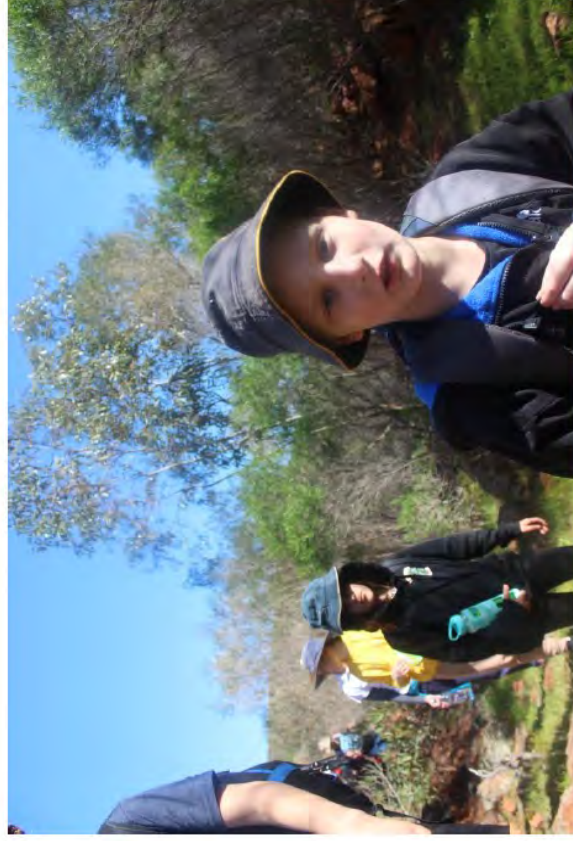
Thursday 5th of September 2019

We went to Policeman's Point and I had a great look at the rocks. Then we had lunch. Then we went to a spot in a hill. Then we went to 100 m from that point then we saw a house and went to the old house. Then we went on a walk that took a long time to get there but we all got there. Then we went to Yandinga where the dry creek was and played there then we tea that was nice than we got back. That took a long time to get there.

Friday the 6th of 2019

We climbed Mt Wudinna then we had to go back home. We went to shop and bought things like water, chips and more things. Then we went to have lunch. I had a pasty and a half of a pasty then we went home.

By Bree



Y R 4/5 C A M P

We went on a camp called the Gawler Ranges. When we got there, we played cricket then we had to go and get our daypacks for our first hill climb. When we got there, the hill looked small but when we got up close to the hill, it looked massive.

It started feeling steep when we were climbing. The hill was called Mt Allalone.

The second day was when we went for a walk with park rangers and we climbed a hill but I didn't know the name of the hill. It was really fun climbing the hill.

The third day was when we went for another walk up a hill to see an enclosure. After we went to see the enclosure, we went to a place called the Organ Pipes there were a lot of curved rocks and we got to climb up the rocky part a bit but we weren't allowed to go too high. On the last night, we went somewhere different for dinner in the national park. We went to go to try to find a yellow-footed rock wallaby. They're really rare and hard to find in the bush. It took a while to get back to camp.

Xavier

ROWAN RAMSEY MP

SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD

NOMINATION 2019

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**

Prior to: 25 September 2019

Enquiries: 8629 2150

Free parenting seminar

Positive ways to help children behave



Are you the parent or
carer of a 3-13 year old?
Are you tired of behaviour dramas,
and looking for ways to guide children
that work better than punishment?

Come and hear Dr Justin Coulson, a nationally
recognised parenting expert, author and
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- positive discipline strategies that lead to
better behaviour, better relationships and
a happier family
- the importance of strong connections
- how to handle challenging behaviour.

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>

Phone: 8303 1660

Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

This seminar is designed for an adult audience.

Wednesday 6 November

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: City Rooms

Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Presented by Parenting SA.
Find new Parent Easy Guide
"Positive approaches to
guiding behaviour" at
www.parenting.sa.gov.au

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The Library



Cowell School Community Library 8629 2320

Dates to Note



Thurs 19th September— Reading Hour

Friday 20th September— Gala Day.

The Library will be open from 8.30 to 10.30

Mon 23rd September- 2.30pm Story time

Tuesday 1st October—Janice Madden book launch

Whyalla 2pm / 8645 7891

Tuesday 15th October—Janice Madden book launch

Port Lincoln 2pm / 8621 2340

Wednesday 6th November—10.30am Book Club

Wednesday 6th November—5.30pm Writers Group

New Books



Children's Picture Books

The Girls by Lauren Ace

The Spotty Dotty Lady by Josie Boyle

Magpie Learns a Lesson

by Sally Morgan & Ezekiel Kwaymullina

Bouncing Back and Eastern Barred Banicoot Story

by Rohan Cleave & Coral Tullock

The Singing Seal by Merv Lamington

Children's Fiction

Ninja Kid 4 - Amazing Ninja! By Anh Do

His name was Walter by Emily Rodda

The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell



Graphic

Dog Man For Whom The Ball Rolls by Dav Pilkey

The Baby Sitters Club—Kristy's Great Idea

The Baby Sitter Club—The Truth About Stacey

by Ann M. Martin

Teenage Fiction

What Waits in the Woods by Kieran Scott

Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman

Hacked by Tracy Alexander



Green Overdue notices have been sent out to all children with overdue books on Monday the 9th September. If you have any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact us.



Due to Gala Day on
Friday 20th September
the library will be open
between 8.30am to
10.30am only.

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WE'RE
CLOSING
EARLY**



Stone Country

by Nicole Alexander is
the Book Club book. Pop
in and borrow this
adventurous Australian
novel set in the outback.

A journey of desire,
adventure and
discovery to the
heart of stone
country and beyond.

We have other
books available by
Nicole Alexander as
well.

Adult Fiction

Firefly lane by Kristin Hannah

The House of Silk by Anthony Horowitz

Bluegrass Bend by Mandy Magro

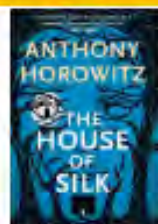
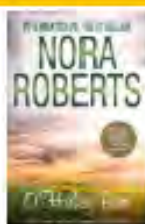
Where the Dead Go by Sarah Bailey

O'Hurley Born by Nora Roberts

DVD's

Rocketman (M)

The Vanishing (MA15+)



Australian Reading Hour

Next Thursday 19th September get
ready for bed early, grab your
comforter, teddy or toy and come
along to the Library to help us
celebrate Australian Reading Hour.
The Reading Hour promotes people
to rediscover or introduce themselves
to the benefits of reading especially
in children.

Join us in the library between 6pm -
7pm for a story and some fun.

Community News

COWELL SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL MANAGEMENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 19th September, 2pm in the Library.
All welcome

COWELL CRICKET CLUB

Cricket training will start Thursday 19th September.
Junior training at 4pm, Senior training at 6pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle after the 1st training. Any junior enquiries to Billy McFarlane 0428751707, Seniors enquiries to Snow Klingberg 0427799726 Or Jarrad Schiller 0455282077

THE COWELL SWIMMING CLUB

For the first time in a few years, The Cowell Swimming Club didn't have to re-call the AGM. Thank you to all those who attended the AGM and gave their apologies.

The positions have been filled by

Nikki Walsh - President

Mackenzie Klingberg – Vice President

Belinda Grund – Treasurer

Maria Papillo – Secretary, until position can be filled.

Swim Club will keep you informed when enrolments start. A day/days, have not been decided as yet.

Like our Facebook page for updates and continue to check the newsletter.



SWIMMING CLUB COACHING POSITIONS

Cowell Swimming Club are in dire need of Volunteer Swimming Coaches, to come on board this season.

Coaching Swimming is a very rewarding position. Watching the children developing their skills throughout the season, knowing that these skills will be with them for a lifetime and perhaps could even save their lives. The physical and health benefits from swimming are excellent for children and people of all ages. With the added bonus of meeting and interacting new people.

Cowell Swim Club Coaches are the backbone of our Club and we can't run without them.

An Austswim course of *Teacher of Swimming and Water safety* is available in Port Lincoln on 28th September. <https://oramsocb.austswim.com.au/coursefinder/>

Interested in Coaching, call Nikki 0427 361 873 or Maria 0408 396 110

Cowell Football & Netball Club



Senior Presentation Night

When: Friday 13th September

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm Start

Featuring Band "Hey Jude"

Tickets \$85/person
Alcoholic Drinks
Dinner
Entertainment

Tickets \$50/person
Soft Drinks & Water
Dinner
Entertainment



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Ethan, Buzz, Geordie & Tracy

Limited Tickets so get in quick – NO HOLDS

Cowell Football & Netball Club

Junior Presentation Night

When: Wednesday 11th September

Where: Complex

Time: 5.00pm for 5.30pm Start



Everyone Welcome

Mental Health Week

Family Fun Day

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MONDAY OCTOBER 7 | 10AM TO 4PM

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Music

Dragon Boat Come and Try
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Please phone the Whyalla Practice on **8644 1111** for all appointments.

Herman Puijs WALL & FLOOR
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