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Term 4, Week 4

7th November 2019

Newsletter



Principal's News

Last Friday, saw our whole school community pull together (in perfect weather) to put on a great day of fun, entertainment, socialising and activity, at our Gala Day. Driven by our SRC, with a focus on positive culture, each class was responsible for a stall or activity and worked over several weeks to plan and organise the event. We were also joined by Parents and Friends, our Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) Support Group, Lions, SAPOL (Rhys Pye), Ambulance SA (Julie Magnay) and Cowell Local Vocals who all supported us in creating a day to enjoy being together and think about wellbeing. It was great to see so many family and community members come along to relax and enjoy a coffee and biscuit at the café, have a hit on the putt-putt golf course, pick up a bargain from the Bric-A-Brac stall, spin the prize wheel, throw a cream pie, watch a game of volleyball and many more...

The afternoon ended with the everyone coming together with the Cowell Local Vocals, led by Michelle Curtis, to sing "We Are" – as a practice for Music Count Us In 2019, which was held today at our assembly.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us – we hope you had a great day!

Opinion surveys

At this stage of the year, we always seek feedback from staff, parents and students regarding teaching and learning at our school, to give us future direction for improvement. We take your constructive opinions very seriously and appreciate you taking the time to provide us with comment on the things we do. An email with a link and code, has been sent to all parents, so that they can access the survey. In order to get a more accurate picture of how we're doing, we need as many parents as possible to complete the survey. It doesn't take long. Remember to fill in with only one child in mind each time, as your experience may differ and to ensure you submit your response at the end (sometimes we have issues with people not completing the survey completely). We look forward to hearing from you.

Student Free Day

On Monday Week 6, we will have our final Student Free Day for the year. The purpose of the day will be for staff to 'Review and Evaluate' our site improvement plan by looking at some of our data and planning areas for improvement in 2020.

School Uniform

As we move into the warmer weather, we would like to remind parents and students of the expectations for the summer school uniform. Students are expected to wear the following:

Summer Boys:

Navy blue shorts, Navy/Gold polo shirt.

Summer Girls:

Blue checked school dress, Navy shorts, Navy/Gold polo shirt. (Denim shorts are not part of uniform and all shorts need to be of an appropriate length).

Hats

Cowell Area School has a "No Hat No Play" Policy all term and we expect all students to wear a hat during recess, lunch and extended outdoor activities. Navy hats are available from the school. Wide brim hats must be worn.

Shoes

For Health & Safety reasons enclosed shoes must be worn for practical subjects e.g. Tech Studies, Home Ec, Art, Science, Aquaculture Studies and P.E.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4, 2019

WEEK 4

- 4-8/11 - SAPSASA Cricket/Tennis in Adelaide
- 7/11 - Whole School Assembly, 11am on school grounds

WEEK 5

- 11/11 - Remembrance Day
- Mrs Smith's Music Concert 6pm in Multipurpose Room
- 16/11 - Yr 12 Formal

WEEK 6

- 18/11 - Student Free Day
- 19/11 - Primary RE
- Careers Dress Up Day
- 20/11 - Sausage Sizzle
- 22/11 - Write a Novel in a Day

WEEK 7

- 26-28/11 - Life Education R-9

WEEK 8

- 3/12 - Presentation Evening
- 6/12 - Yr 11's Last Day

WEEK 9

- 10/12 - Primary Athletics R-6

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STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 18th November

Staff will be participating in professional learning



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Department for Education

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If your child is in need of new shorts or tops, they are available for purchase from the front office at a reasonable price (or we are happy to work out a payment plan with you). There is also a stock of secondhand uniforms available from the Op shop if you wish to purchase these.

Please help instil a sense of belonging and pride in our school and support us by sending your child to school in the correct uniform.

Materials and Services 2020

You have recently received information in the newsletter about the proposed materials and services fees for 2020. These were approved by Governing Council and we will now undergo a polling process. This fee reflects the actual cost of goods and services needed to educate the children at our school. Governing Council is seeking support from parents through a polling process to endorse that the difference between the proposed charge and the DECD 'standard sum' is recoverable. A letter will be sent out outlining the process. If you have any questions about the process, please contact either Jacqui or Erin King. Votes need to be returned by Friday November 22nd.

PPEP Talk

Last week, our Year 8-11 girls attended a session entitled Periods, Pain and Endometriosis as part of a programme launched by the Pelvic Pain foundation. The session provided an opportunity for the girls to take part in medically responsible, positive and interactive learning about periods, pain and Endometriosis – a condition that occurs when cells similar to those that line the uterus are found in other parts of the body. It most commonly occurs in the pelvis and can affect a woman's reproductive organs. It affects about 1 in 10 women. The session provided our girls with lots of information and the opportunity to talk about their own experiences.

Working Bee

This Sunday, the Governing Council has organised a working bee, starting at 10:00am, to help us tidy up some areas of our yard. If you can give us an hour or two of your time, we would love to see you there. Bring along your gardening gloves and tools; refreshments provided.



Deputy Principals Report

Last week's Gala Day was a highlight of the school year for me as it demonstrated our resilience and camaraderie across the school community. A big thank you to everyone involved for making the day such fun while raising money for the school. The focus of the day was around building positive relationships and by the number of happy faces I saw and the laughter I heard, I believe we achieved that! I thoroughly enjoyed playing volleyball (although my timing isn't what it used to be) and it will take a while to forget Oscar Franklin playing bubble soccer.

At this time of the year many Year 12 students are contemplating the end of their schooling and wondering about life beyond the classroom. I wish them all the best and encourage them to be positive about learning, for it never ends! It has been a pleasure to be a part of Declan Crabb's educational journey, I remember Declan as a serious lad in primary school and a talkative young man in the latter years. Declan has the dubious honour of being the only student who broke two bones while in my care (his wrist while playing soccer and his collarbone in touch footy). Both times he simply walked to the front office without fuss or fanfare, in typical Declan fashion! Declan's helpful and sincere nature, impeccable manners and thorough work habits will hold him in good stead for the future.

Well done to all of our students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Certificates and medals will be awarded at this week's assembly. Reading is crucial to learning and also, a great way to relax and escape. I am looking forward to reading during the holidays, stretching out with a book and then wondering where that time went!

The following students' attendance for the year is at (or very close to) 100% - a mighty effort and worth recognising: Noah King, Kalan Russell and Danielle Churchett 100%; Paxton Fisher, Jaime King, Cathryn Doyle, Natasha Inglis and Caleb Churchett 99.4%

I hope you're enjoying the beautiful weather!

Regards,
Colleen Peters



NOVEMBER

8/11 - Zephyr Jacobson

10/11 - Lily Vandenberg

10/11 - Lachlan Turner 13/11 - Xavier Turner



A reminder that students should not bring sharp implements to school, including knives to cut fruit etc. Should this be required, please cut items at home into bite size pieces.

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What's happening here?



Our image for inspiration from Week 3 was certainly a different kind of environment that we are used to!

We had some excellent FLASH FICTION stories come in from across the Secondary school with our winner coming AGAIN from the Year 8 class!

Keep it going!

Winter is finally over, now I just have to wait for the snow to melt so I can find my people.

"Cough, cough"

"What was that?" I said to myself.

"It was I, the Palace" said the Palace in a heroic voice.

"Go, go find your people, follow the brightest star, then head East. Then and only then you will find your people and be safe."

Off I go on a journey that will test my courage and strength.

Congratulations Brock Kent!

This week our image for inspiration is this:

Here are some questions that may help with your thinking.

Who are these men?

What do they do?

How do you know?

What do you think they are going to do?

How are they feeling?

Do you recognise these men from anywhere?

We can't wait to read this week's stories!



Word of the Week

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

This week's word is...

Selection

What do you think this word means?

Does this word have more than one meaning?

Does your child know? Ask them!

CPR COURSE

Do you need to update your qualification?

Want to get a pool key? *Current CPR is a requirement*

Tuesday 12th November 2019

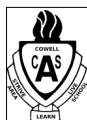
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or email Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

Course cost is approximately \$55 per person.

Limited spaces , bookings are essential.



2019 COWELL AREA SCHOOL YEAR BOOK

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Should you wish to order a 2019 Year Book please cut out this advertisement, fill in the details below and return to the school with your payment prior to Friday 22nd November.

I _____ would like to order _____ (qty) 2019 Cowell Area School Year Books at \$20.00 each. I have enclosed full payment of \$_____ with this order.

I understand the school will contact me when the books are ready for collection.

Signed: _____



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OVERFLOWING



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GALA DAY



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YEAR 9 AQUAPONICS INVESTIGATIONS

Learning how
aquaponics systems
work and determining
which conditions will
grow the best plants.



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The Library Scoop

Cowell School Community Library 8629 2320
6th November 2019



Dates to Note

Wednesday 6th November—5.30pm Writers' Group

Friday 8th Nov—Library closed

Wednesday 4th December—10.30am Book Club

Wednesday 4th December—5.30pm Writers' Group

Bread tags—drop off point at the library



Six groups of Lego Masters, have got together of various ages to show case their Lego skills. We have their displays on view in the library. This fortnights theme was Halloween. We have some very creative minds, working hard with team work to display their amazing Lego handiwork.

The winner will be announced on Thursday at the assembly.

While our district may have had no rain to speak of. The kindness tree in the library is growing with joy. The branches are gaining more and more acts of recognition of random acts of kindness in our school.

World Kindness Day is on
Wednesday 13th November



The Book Club books have now arrived. This months book is One Day in December by Josie Silver. Pop in to pick up a book. We welcome casual members. No cost involved :)



The library
will be
closed on
Friday 8th
November



Remembrance Day

The library is currently running a power point to acknowledge Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November.

The display is showing the ways our school and it's students are learning and valuing those who served our wonderful country.

Your welcome to come in and make a poppy while viewing the slide show. The poppies will be placed out on the front lawn of the library on Monday, weather permitting.

New Books

Children's Picture Fiction

Let's go Strolling

by Katrina Germaein & Danny Snell

Crabbing with Dad—Paul Seden

Ghost Tram by Robert Lastdrager

Little Green Donkey by Anuska Allepuz

My Tree and Me (A book of Seasons) by Jo Witek



Children Fiction

Botherhood—Return of the Temujai
by John Flanagan

A tale of Magic by Chris Colfer



Graphic

Guts by Raina Telgemeier

White Bird by R J Palacio



Teenage Fiction

The Surface Breaks by Louise O'Neill

Take The Shot by Susan White

Adult Fiction

When all is said by Anne Griffin

Silver by Chris Hammer

The Girl in the Letter by Emily Gunnis

The Model Wife by Tricia Stringer

The Testaments by Margaret Atwood

The Last Train to London by Meg Waite Clayton

The Lost Pearl by Emily Madden



Adult Non Fiction

Gotta Get Throux my Life and Strange This times in Television by Louis Theroux

Me by Elton John

It's Ok Not To Be Ok by Claire Chamberlain

DVD's

The Darkest Minds (M)

Long Shot (M)



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Trivia Night
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 Saturday Nov 16th 7.30pm
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Cowell remembers...



Remembrance Day

on

11th November 2019 at 11am

At the Cenotaph.

After the service join with us at the Cowell RSL for camaraderie. Bar open and Devonshire tea available.

Gold coin donation appreciated.




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