

Cowell Area School

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Term 3, Week 1

22nd July 2020

Newsletter



Principal's News

Wow – where did those holidays go? It was so nice to be able to enjoy some calm, sunny days (although some rain would've been helpful). I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend time relaxing and enjoying time with their friends and families, especially after the unusual term that we had. I noticed on social media that there were many photos of families travelling around the state-camping and getting outdoors. It's great to spend time together, especially away from devices and other technology.

This term is going to be a busy one with camps, Operation Flinders, Science/Sea week, PAT testing, Subject Information night, the return of SAPSASA...and the list goes on.

Tomorrow night we are holding a Parent Workshop on Restorative Practices, run by Bill Hansberry. Bill has visited us before and delivered a Parenting Workshop, which was very well received. His workshop on Thursday night focuses on what Restorative Practices is, how it operates within our school and he explains why RP is an effective way of dealing with behaviours when things go wrong.

Please come along and listen to Bill, especially if you have any questions about RP and how it fits into our School Behaviour Policy; we would love to see you there. Check out the flyer on Facebook, Skoolbag or later in the newsletter, and rsvp if you intend to attend.

COVID -19 Update

The situation with COVID-19 is always changing and developing, and unlike our neighbours in Victoria, we are fortunate to still be able to go about our lives in a relatively normal way. However, we have been directed by the Department for Education that we need to remain vigilant and prepared for if we need to return to a Remote Learning model.

From the beginning of term 3, the following activities can go ahead as long as SA Health advice (physical distancing and room density requirements) are strictly followed by all adults:

- parents, volunteers, departmental support and other service providers can enter school and preschool grounds. All external service providers and volunteers must complete the [COVID-19 site access form \(PDF, 263.5 KB\)](#) (PDF, 263.5 KB) on entry
- school assemblies (no maximum capacity)
- class photos
- all intrastate camps and excursions (see more information on the [camps and excursions page](#))
- all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (use of shower facilities is not permitted)
- inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- school formals, socials and discos
- larger face-to-face professional learning activities
- visits to nursing homes and aged care facilities

Parents are allowed to enter the school site; however, are encouraged to just drop children rather than stay, so that we can ensure physical distancing is adhered to.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3, 2020

WEEK 1

23/7 - Parent info session with Bill Hansberry on Restorative Practices

24/7 - STUDENT FREE DAY

WEEK 2

27-28/7 - STEM 500

29/7 - Subject info night for Yrs 9 to 12 & parents

31/7 - SAPSASA Football & Netball Trials @ Lock

WEEK 3

4-11/8- Operation Flinders

5/8 - VET Taster Day Yr 10

WEEK 4

12/8 - Local Delivery Taster Day Yr 10

10-21/8 - Subject Counselling for Yrs 9 to 10

WEEK 5

18/8 - Yr 6/7 Basketball @ Wudinna

20/8 - Yr 10-12 boys Basketball @ Pt. Lincoln

20/8 - ICAS Science Competition

WEEK 6

24-27/8 - Yr 7 & 8 Camp

25/8 - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition

27/8 - ICAS English Competition

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



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Department for Education

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We ask that parents still go through the Front office if they need to drop anything to their child/children (lunches, hats, books etc). We appreciate your cooperation.

It is still very important that students stay home if they are unwell.

Site Improvement

We continue our focus on improving achievement in Writing for all students R-12. The areas that we are concentrating on in particular are: sentence structure, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling. Each teacher has set specific learning goals for improvement in their class. Staff are continually updating their knowledge about writing and how to teach the various components across different learning areas. Last night at our staff meeting, we focussed on semi-colons (the most feared punctuation mark) and how to use them effectively and correctly, and each week we will have a different focus. Ms Williams and Mr Paveltish have also been working alongside teachers in their classrooms, with a specific focus on strategies to develop students' writing in Flash Fiction, and we have seen some great pieces come out of these sessions.

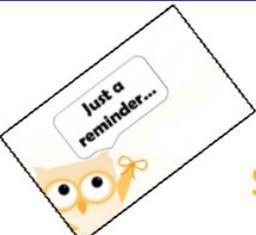
Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Tash Agars, who will be working in the Year 3/4 classroom on a Wednesday for the rest of the year. Mrs Agars is currently the Permanent Relief Teacher (PRT) for our region and is a very experienced teacher and leader, having worked at Cleve as the Deputy Principal for the last 4 years. We hope everyone makes her feel welcome and she enjoys her time here.

Grounds and Facilities

You will have noticed that during the holidays, many of our trees were removed. As part of our ongoing maintenance of the grounds, we are required to do a tree audit, and as part of that a total of 31 trees were identified as being at risk and requiring removal. This has left some very open spaces, particularly at the front of the school (which will take a while to get used to). The Grounds and Facilities committee will be developing a plan for these areas, with some replanting of trees being a priority.

Enjoy the rest of your week and have a great weekend!



Cowell Area School

STUDENT FREE DAY

THIS FRIDAY, 24th July 2020

Staff will be undertaking training & development

SHINE^{SA}

Students from Years 5 - 10 will be starting the SHINE program in Week 2 this term.

Each student has received a letter outlining the topics covered at their year level and a detailed program showing when each lesson will be taught.

Take home messages will be given to students and published in the school newsletter so you can keep up to date with what your child is learning.

Please contact your child's homegroup teacher if you have any questions, or alternatively contact Malcolm Rogers or Lani Hartwig.



Restorative Practices in your Child's School:

What's it all about?

Restorative Practices are used to build, restore and manage relationships, but can often be seen as being a "soft" option.

This 2-hour parent workshop gets right to the heart of what it means to work restoratively and set high expectations for behaviour, offer high levels of support to meet these standards and hold people accountable when they fail to meet standards.

Come along and listen to this highly engaging, 2-hour workshop with Bill Hansberry, educator and author, who will help you understand why Restorative Practices is an excellent vehicle for whole school improvement.

Bill Hansberry is an author of many books on behaviour management in schools and parenting. Bill works as a consultant and a private mentor and specialist dyslexia teacher with kids who need some extra help navigating life and school.

Bill is a father of three school-aged kids himself and understands the trials and self-doubt that comes with being a parent!

When: Thursday July 23rd 6-8pm

Where: Cowell Area School Community Library



*really enjoyed the interactive participation...
We could have a laugh and learn.
Gilles St Primary School*



JULY

22/7—Kaiden Stening
23/7—Charlotte James
29/7—Lucas Schultz
30/7—Charlie Salter

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School News

Cowell Area School SRC put their thinking caps on to organise games and activities that would build positive relationships at our school. Here are some pictures from Term 2 activities: word tennis, musical statues, limbo and the dress up day.



WORD TENNIS



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MUSICAL STATUES



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JUDGING THE MUSICAL STATUES



THE LIMBO CHAMPION



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MUSIC MASTERS FOR MUSICAL STATUES



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DRESS UP DAY



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SA Ambulance - Cowell Team is in need of new recruits!

Due to a shortage of local members, the Cowell SA Ambulance Team is in need of more local people to take the step towards becoming an operational volunteer. If an ambulance crew is not available locally for an incident then it would be dispatched from the next closest team at Cleve or Whyalla, resulting in time delays.

The Cowell team attend approximately 120 incidents per annum. Previous experience or medical training is not necessary as all necessary training will be provided. Training can be set at a pace to suit the person, with volunteers able to drive an ambulance and to support an officer with just seven training days.

The Cowell Team is looking for local people to support the community Team to ensure a sustainable service to the Cowell area can be provided. Volunteers do not need to be on call 24/7; a roster can be prepared around people's availability. Volunteers do not need to stay on the station as they can respond from home or work.

The website for further information is <http://www.saambulance.com.au/Volunteering.aspx>

or interested persons can contact Volunteer Team Leader - Julie Magnay on 0438015242.

The Cowell team train weekly on a Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm during the school term.

Any assistance you would be able to provide would be appreciated.



COWELL NETBALL CLUB

Junior training will commence this Thursday 23rd of July at 4pm.

First of the 4 game days will be this Sunday 26th July in Cleve, the following one will be in Cowell.

Playing times will be announced at training. Any questions please contact Tracy Mills 0439 280 099 or Kylie Martens on 0437 295 276



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**Annual
General
Meeting**

Monday 3rd August 2020

6:30pm

Main Dining Room, Franklin Harbour Hotel

Any enquiries to
Jasmin Piggott (0427 527 646)
Erin King (0400 834 998)

All positions will be declared vacant

EVERYONE WELCOME



Wheat Bags For Sale

**20KG BAGS OF WHEAT FOR SALE,
SUITABLE FOR ANIMAL FEED, \$20 each.**

If you are interested in purchasing a bag or more, please contact the front office of the school to arrange pick up. The bags will then be able to be collected from the front of the admin building.

Payment by EFT preferable (details will be given when ordering)

Proceeds will go towards the next Middle School Canberra trip.

Many thanks to T-Ports and the Schultz family for organising and collecting this for the school.



When bus lights are flashing and they have stopped for children, drivers **MUST** slow down to 25km.

The 25km speed limit applies when passing a school bus with flashing lights, stopping for children on any road. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children make it to school and home safely.

Teach children to be aware, protect themselves and watch for traffic.

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The Library Scoop

Cowell School Community Library Ph/Fax: 8629 2320

Email: cowell.library@plain.sa.gov.au Web: www.libraries.sa.gov.au/cowell



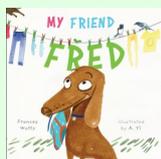
Children's New Books

Children's Picture Books

Nop by Caroline Mageri

My Friend Fred by Frances Watts

Mum's Elephant by Maureen Jipyiliya Nampijinpa O'Keefe



Children's Fiction

Funny Stories and other funny stories by Morris Gleitzman

The Boy Who Fooled the World by Lisa Thompson

How to Look for a Lost Dog by Ann M Martin

The Set Up by Jack Heath



Children's Graphic

The Epic Tales of Captain Underpants—George and Harold's Epic Comix Collection Adapted by Meredith Rusu

Good Dog, Bad Dog: Double Identity by Dave Shelton



Teen Fiction

Four Dead Queens by Astrid Scholte

Burn by Patrick Ness



Adult Fiction

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Fair Warning by Michael Connelly

Where Fortune Lies by Mary-Anne O'Connor

The Flat Share by Beth O'Leary



Adult Non Fiction

Untamed by Glennon Doyle

Jacinda Ardern—A New Kind of Leader by Madeline Chapman



Thank you

Thank you to all those who entered their master pieces for our LEGO Exhibition, this display wouldn't be able to happen without you.

The LEGO display was well visited over the holidays and perhaps inspired some new LEGO artists.

We are pondering what sort of display we will have next holidays, so if you have any ideas let us know.

We appreciate your kindness & generosity in sharing your treasured pieces & we'll have a little gift for you when you collect your pieces this Thursday.

COMMUNITY OPENING HOURS

Monday - Thursday

3pm - 5.30pm

Please contact the library on 8629 2320 if you would like to pick up items outside of these hours.

Public Libraries of South Australia have extended their subscription with Ancestry database which can assist with family or personal research. Trove is another excellent website that can help in this area



If you require assistance to get started, please don't hesitate to contact us.

VHS to DVD Conversion



Have you got a pile of VHS tapes sitting at home with no means to watch them? We offer a VHS to DVD conversion service. The cost is \$5 per DVD and you're more than welcome to drop off a few VHS tapes at a time.

Overdue Books



Notices will be sent to the classrooms by the end of the week to give students the heads up on what they have overdue. We will just be giving them a check out slip this week. This will give them the opportunity to have a look before official notices go home.



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All newsletter advertisements need to be in to Kylie by 3:30pm on Mondays prior to publication the following Wednesday. Articles can be emailed to;
Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

Integrated Primary Health Care Services

Country & Outback Health are offering allied health and specialist nursing for people in the Cowell community with, or at risk of developing chronic conditions in the areas of;

- Diabetes Education
- Podiatry
- Dietetics

Please phone us or visit our website for more information
P: 8643 5600
www.cobh.com.au



Country & Outback Health

*Integrated Primary Health Care Services require a GP referral for all services.

Cowell Volunteer Marine Rescue

Communications Centre
North Terrace COWELL
0457 957 221

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For more information contact:
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0429 054 969
Vice Commodore: Malcolm Brine
0488 292 567




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Whyalla Dental Care



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

- Whyalla Dental Care is a family practice offering all aspects of dentistry.
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