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Term 1. Week 8

22nd March 2023

Newsletter





Principal's News

With the term only having 3½ weeks to go, there is no slowing down, with a range of excursions and incursions occurring to round out the term. We have a visiting artist Paul Rutter coming to work with all students from R-6; we have RE for all students R-6, the Year 3-6 students are going to Cleve, the Year 10/11 students have work experience, Year 10 girls have a "Making your Mark" Women in STEM Careers Showcase in Port Lincoln as well as Interschool Sports Carnival.

Harmony Week

This week is Harmony Week, where the theme for the week is Everyone Belongs, which reminds us of the importance of inclusion and treating everyone with respect. Australia is one of the world's most successful multicultural countries, and our cultural diversity is at the heart of who we are. Over half of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was, so it is important that we celebrate our country's diversity through Harmony Week. On Tuesday, we wore orange, which signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. We also had a range of activities for students to participate in at lunch time.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

School interviews will be held in Weeks 10 and 11 and can be booked through the School Interviews website https:// www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the code xqz2v. Bookings are now open with face to face (in person on site) as the preferred mode, but there is also the option for a phone interview. A ZOOM interview can also be arranged; please speak to your child's teacher if you would like this option. This is an important way of communicating with your child's teachers about their progress and ensuring that we are all working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. More information about how to access the website and make bookings can be found in this newsletter.

Attendance

Currently, the school has a daily average attendance rate of 92% which is very pleasing. Please make sure that if your child is away for any reason, please notify the front office or Homegroup Teacher. This can be as simple as a text to the school mobile or a dojo message. We are required to follow up with parents for any absence from school.

92%

Year to Date (2023)

School Uniform

A reminder about the wearing of school uniform when attending school and that the school has a "No Hat No Play" policy for all students to wear during recess, lunch and extended outdoor activities.

<u>Reminder:</u> Green footy shorts (Cowell Cats) are not in the Cowell Area School uniform and shouldn't be worn to school. **Shorts/dresses need to be mid-thigh length.**

The uniform consists of the following:

Navy/gold polo shirt, navy blue shorts, plain navy blue trousers, blue denim jeans, blue checked school dress, blue checked school skirt and navy blue windcheater/hoodie.

The Front office has stock in if you require to purchase replacement or new items, or alternatively pre-loved school uniform is available from the Op Shop.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

WFFK 8

20-24/3- NAPLAN

WEEK 9

NO NEWSLETTER THIS WEEK

28/3 - R-6 Paul Rutter Visit

29/3 - Interschool Sports Day @ Kimba

WEEK 10

3-5/4 - SAPSASA Softball

7/4 - Public Holiday

WEEK 11

10/4 - Public Holiday

11/4 - Whole School Assembly 2:30pm

11-14/4—Yr 10 & 11 Work Experience

14/4 - Last day of Term, school finishes 2:20pm

TERM 3 COMMENCES 1/5/23



MARCH

24/3—Jai Gregory 26/3—Katrina Parfitt 29/3—Austin Inglis

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK
It will resume Week 10



Swimming in Boat Ramp

Several community members have raised concerns about students jumping in and swimming off the pontoon at the boat ramp, especially when boats are being launched and retrieved. This is very unsafe and dangerous, with large boats and motors going, and it could end up with someone being hurt. Please talk to your children about being safe and SWIMMING where they can and can't swim at the ramp.



Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12 PROFILE

Year 12 student Ky Lewis is travelling into his 13th year of schooling at Cowell Area School in 2023.

Ky is a house captain for Scorpio, and is studying Year 12 General Maths, Materials Solutions (Wood) and Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions (Metal).

This year he is also part of the SAASTA program, as a young indigenous Australian man, working with students at Whyalla Secondary College to undertake Stage 2 Health and Wellbeing with a focus on Aboriginal issues and culture.

Every SAASTA student is encouraged to aim high in the areas of attendance, participation, educational performance, behaviour. As role models for their schools, families and communities, students support each other to achieve these high expectations.

Ky has enjoyed connecting with new people in this new facet of his schooling.

Ky enjoys a positive relationship with all his teachers and says he doesn't have a favourite one.

As a child, Ky wanted to be a race car driver. And today, he is a leading competitor in the Arno Bay Dirt Circuit Club. In fact, Ky's idea of fun is sports of every kind.

If Ky could talk to his younger self, he would tell him to "jump at every opportunity you get given".

For future Year 12s, he advises the same: "Make sure you try everything and take every opportunity offered to you. You never know what you'll enjoy until you try it."

Ky is currently exploring his opportunities for the future, including competitive cricket with the Boomerangs and recently completed the Certificate II in Maritime Operations as a Flexible Industry Pathway (FIP) program.

"I don't know what I want to do in the future, I'm still working it out," Ky said.

"In 10 years, I know I want to still be playing sports, and working a full-time job."

If Ky were an animal, he would be a wedgetailed eagle, because he wants to fly.

The Fast Round Pizza or Pasta? Pasta

Ninjas or Zombies? Ninjas

Unicorns or Dragons? Dragons

The Beach or the Forest? The Beach!





Snapshot 2: Gratitude

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than

focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan

the world to look for positives - this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our

levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps

us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So

many benefits - let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:

- Something that makes you happy
- · Something you love to smell
- Something you enjoy looking at
- Something that is your favourite colour
- · Something you like in nature
- Something that is useful for you

Each member of the family uses the list, and has to find as many things as they can.

You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.

After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.



on school grounds. All welcome.

School News



Parent Information

Interview Booking website will open at 4pm Tuesday 21st March 2023

Reception – Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family.

A link is provided here and on the school website https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/xqz2v

or

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions:

xqz2v Go

Simply enter the event code and press "Go"

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Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see

You may change your bookings, any time by revisiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelt your email address correctly

Thank you for booking a Parent/Teacher Interview for your child. Reminders will not be sent so please add this date and time to your calendar.

Meetings will be held in the following locations:

HOLECEK, Ben - R/1 Classroom FURST, Sue - Year 1/2 Classroom BUCHAN, Corey - Year 3/4 Classroom ROGERS, Malcolm - Year 4/5 Classroom WYKAMP, Emma - Year 5/6 Classroom KOWALD, Sheridyn - Multipurpose Room KELLY, Leah - Meeting Room TONKIN, Michael - Tech Studies Classroom BOURLIOUFAS Vicki - Home Ec Room **BURTON Jack - Science Lab** OWENS, Hannah - Year 9 Classroom MAGUIRE Duan - Art Room McFARLANE Sandy - Year 7 Classroom MICHAEL Stacy - Online or via phone ROBST, Seonie - Year 12 Classroom PETERS, Colleen- Year 10 Classroom TAVENDER, Claire - Year 8 Classroom







We are really looking forward to a visit from one of Australia's leading rural literature author.

Her story lines are drawn from inspiration from having lived and worked for much of her life on farms.

Loving the rural life style Fleur now owns land in rural Western Australia.

Come and meet Fleur on her visit on April 6th at 4pm in the Library. Bookings are essential. Please contact the library on 8629 2320, through our Facebook page or book through Eventbrite. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/inconversation-with-fleur-mcdonald-cowell-tickets-588702574247?
aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Dates to Remember

Story Time & Baby Bounce - Tuesday 4th April, 9.15 Story Time & 9.30 Baby Bounce

Book Club—Tuesday 16th May at 2pm



Like us on Facebook—

Cowell School Community Library

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact us

Conversations in the Library

Join us for Conversations in the Library.

Our new group encourages conversations about almost anything. Each month we'll have a different topic, covering various subjects like local history, wellbeing and even hobbies.

Come in, pull up a chair & enjoy a conversation with a cuppa.

Tuesday 28th March at 2.30pm



Nev A

New Additions

Adult Fiction

Trial and Retribution by Lynda La

Plante

How to Kill a Client by Joanna Jenkins

The Heroines by Laure Shepperson

Some Kind of Perfect by Krista &
Becca Ritchie

Cold Blooded Liar by Karen Rose

The Witches Of Moonshyne Manor by
Bianca Marais

The Death Of John Lacey by Ben Hobson

The Summer Party by Rebecca Heath



Community News



COWELL CATS ROSTER

After the success and positive responses to our changed roster system last season, we will be continuing to use the online booking system for our rosters.

Below are the Roster QR codes for the first half of the season (second half will be released around mid June). Thursday teas are commencing on 6th April and our 1st home game is on Tuesday 25th April v Eastern Ranges. Just open your camera and hover over the QR code you want and open link and choose the shift that works for you.

Guideline is 3 per person for the 1st half of the season. The 2nd half of the season is yet to be released. A count of shifts has been done and we need to cover 144 shifts over the 1st 3 home games and 157 shifts over the 1st half of Thursday teas. We understand the huge ask of all our volunteers and we appreciate everyone's support to cover these shifts to support our club.

The more people who help out on the rosters, the less work there is for everyone.

If you are on Facebook, jump on the Cat's Chatter page to see all the updates and information as we move into the 2023 season.

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





EASTER PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT COWELL AREA SCHOOL



Easter R.E. will be presented on <u>Tuesday</u> <u>March 28th</u> by a team coming from Cleve.

They have some "eggcellent" games to play and will tell the Easter Story in a very engaging and interactive way.

Any queries to the Cowell Inter-church Council.



PLEASE Clean Up After Your Dog

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

We have installed dog waste bags and a rubbish bin on the cricket nets at the school oval.

Please ensure you use these to clean up after your dog and don't leave their mess on the oval where students play!



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Dog and cat grooming.

hone: 8629 2609 (Wednesdays) or 8645 9926 (Anytime) After hours emergencies: 0419 806 392

Joel's Recycling

Is it too hard to recycle refundable cans/bottles/

have an interest in helping to reduce the amount of 10 cent refundable bottles/ cans/milk containers that are going into landfill. Contact me on 0418802237.

You contact me via the above phone number. I deliver a bin. You fill it up. You contact me when your bin is full.

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- Whyalla Dental Care is a family practice offering all aspects of dentistry. If your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Scheme (Medicare) their appointments will be bulk billed
- Private Health Insurance cards for Hicaps Claims as well as Effoos facilities
- Accepting Pension and Health Care Card holders

Please phone the Whyalla Practice on 8644 1111 for all appointments.

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