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Term 3, Week 2

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<u>Newsletter</u>



Principal's News

What wonderful weather we had over the weekend. I hope you all managed to have some time out and enjoyed it.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Lions Club, Eyre Shellfish, Shuck Me Oysters, Turners Aquaculture, Cowell Seafood Producers and Scott Williams for volunteering and supporting the Working Bee that was held to clean up and stocktake the Oyster area. The area looks amazing with all areas being tidied up, all the bags being cleaned and around 5 trailer loads of rubbish sent to the dump.

Also thank you to the Lions Club that put on a sausage sizzle and soup lunch afterwards.



Lions Club Volunteers: Bruce and Judy Francis, Jack and Michelle Curtis, Jack Kaden, Susan Barker, Jenny Wake, Adrian and Sharran Franklin, Peter Story and Kym Allen

Shuck Me Oysters Volunteers and Basket Washing: Nic Turner, Lachlan Turner, Rhys Turner and Matthew Forster

Turners Aquaculture Basket Washing: Simon Turner

Cowell Seafood Producers Truck Hire: Carl Jaeschke

Eyre Shellfish Volunteers: Ron Tremaine, Kirsten Tremaine, Gary Martens and Millie Wakelin

Cowell Area School Volunteers: Scott Williams and Stephenie Herbert

Welcome Franklin

Late last term we were made aware of a South Australian dog breeder "Adelaide Hills **Groodles**" who were in a position to donate one of their ethically bred, responsibly raised, groodle pups to a lucky South Australian School to become a Wellness Puppy.

We undertook the application process and were shortlisted to one of three schools that were shortlisted to have an interview. Unfortunately we weren't successful but congratulations to Elliston Area School.

After overwhelming support from staff, students and parents (especially the student letters) I decided to purchase a suitable dog to grow up in the school community and ultimately contribute to our ongoing wellbeing programs that we offer the school.

Although Franklin will undertake extensive training and commence a lengthy transition period into this new role, we are thrilled to have him as a member of our school community. I will be Franklin's primary handler and he will live at my house and attend school on a regular basis.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 2

- 2/8 Yr 6 & 7 Fab Five
 - CEP/WEP Basketball @ Wudinna
- 2-4/8 Yr 3/4 Camp
- 4/8 Yr 10 Op Flinders Presentation

WEEK 3

5-11/8 - Yr 8-10 Canberra Camp 8-11/8 - Yr 7 Camp

WEEK 4

- 16/8 9 A Side Football @ Cleve
- 18/8 Traffic Lights

WEEK 5 25/8 - Student Free Day

WEEK 6 PAT Testing 30/8 - Aqua Expo



<u>AUGUST</u> 4/8—Adelaide Griffiths 4/8—Nash Griffiths 5/8—Alex Ferguson 7/8—Kayden Iversen 9/8—Brock Kent 9/8—Cathryn Doyle 9/8—Ruby Kovac





I look forward to communicating with families more information over the coming weeks about Franklin's training and transition to school and the measures in place to ensure we maintain a positive learning environment for all students. In the meantime we have commenced puppy school training on Sunday mornings in Whyalla



A recent report highlighted students working with therapy dogs experienced increased motivation for learning, resulting in improved outcomes. Research into the effects of therapy dogs in schools is showing a range of benefits including:

- increase in school attendance
- gains in confidence
- decreases in learner anxiety behaviours resulting in improved learning outcomes, such as increases in reading and writing levels
- positive changes towards learning and improved motivation, and
- enhanced relationships with peers and teachers due to experiencing trust and unconditional love from a therapy dog. This in turn helps students learn how to express their feelings and enter into more trusting relationships.

It should be noted that Franklin has all relevant Veterinary Health Screening including Immunisation requirements, and has passed a Department for Education risk assessment.

We understand that there may be some families who do not want Franklin to work directly with their child. This may be due to allergies or a fear of dogs. Please let us know if this will impact your child in anyway so that we are considerate of all students needs.

FUN'raising BITES

Thank you to all the families that are supporting the school with our biscuit fundraiser. All money raised will go towards all Camps for 2023 and the Canberra Camp in 2025.

We have been advised by members of the community that some young students are door knocking by themselves. As a school

we **don't** recommend this and an adult should be accompanying them.

Success

Learning

Lunch Orders – Monday 7th August

We will be offering hotdogs, apple and orange juice and finger buns for sale. Orders need to be back by Friday 4th August. Envelopes went home yesterday with the oldest in the family.



Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL





Responsibility

| Operation Flinders Just recently, Amber Phillips, Danielle Churchett, Kaye Hockham, Jamie Schultz and Connor Bock all participated in an Operation Flinders exercise. They were faced with some tough conditions and coped very well. Most commented that they'd do the challenge again! Photos from the trip follow. Cowell Area School students first participated in an Op Flinders Exercise in | 2001, and since then 15 more groups of approximately 5 students from our school have also been involved. Our students usually make up a combined team of 10 members with others from Cleve. Some information about Operation Flinders - from their website <u>https://operationflinders.org.au/</u> The Operation Flinders Exercises operate in the far northern Flinders Ranges, near Arkaroola. The exercises accommodate up to 120 participants and teams operate independently and trek more than 100 kms over eicht davs. Participants | are confronted with physical, emotional and psychological challenges in an | isolated and unfamiliar environment. Activities undertaken include daily cross country hikes, abseiling/high ropes, team building activities, bush survival skills. | navigation and first aid skills, and an understanding of Aboriginal culture and the | nistory of the Finders Ranges, both participants and adult leaders carry backpacks containing sleeping/camping equipment, personal items, water and a | limited supply of food. Through participation in the program, participants are also | able to gain credit towards their Year 11 and Year 12 South Australian | Certificate of Education. | Highlights for this year's group: | Danielle – making people at the base | happy by answering all their riddles! | Jamie – walking! Connor – the people were awesome! | Kaye - our group leaders were amazing! Amber - talking to James about our | favourite songs, it got me through all of the |
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| SACE MATHS SHOUT OUT | THE MATHS • converting between units • adding and subtracting times • writing in 12 and 24-hour time SHOUT OUT TO THE | MIDDLEBACK THEATRE | When initially planning our trip, the movie times wouldn't have allowed us to | watch the movie and return to school before the end of the day. The staff at | the Middleback theatre were very | accommodating and changed the screening time to make nur excursion | possible. A massive thank to everyone | | | | | | | Fun fact: The scene of Unicron appearing |
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| SAC | Transformers: Rise Of the Beasts | Place/Destination | leave the school hevel to Whyalia | Whyalia Shops recess, snacks | Drive to movies and get popcorn, drinks, toilet, tickets | watch the movie | movie end | back to Cowell | arrive in Cowell clean the car out | go homé | PLANNING A DAY TRIP | Adam applied skills learned in Maths to plan a trip to Whyalla to see the Transformers | arrival times, and how long we would have at KFC for lunch. | Adam was in channe of the itingeneral for the |
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day and making sure we got everywhere on time. He was quick to point out when Mrs Michael was running behind schedule.

Thank you Haylee, for Letting us to

Watch the movie by Adam Lily and Mrs Mich

was different to what they had initially planned.

It was hard to get everyone to stick to the schedule but it was fun to be in charge.







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New Additions

Adult Fiction Cross Down by James Patterson

Broken Bay by Margaret Hickey Over Sharing by Jane Fallon The Book that Wouldn't Burn by Mark Lawrence The Summer Skies by Jenny Colgan The Light We Left Behind by Tessa Harris

The Benevolent Society of III-Mannered Ladies by Alison Goodman

The Guest Room by Tasha Sylva



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<u>Dates to Remember</u>



<u>Book Club</u>

Tuesday 8th August @ 2pm

Storytime & Baby Bounce

Tuesday 15th August @ 9.15am Tuesday 5th September @ 9.15am Tuesday 19th September @ 9.15am



<u>Conversations</u>

Tuesday 22nd August @ 2.00pm

Book Week Dress Up Parade

Thursday 24th August @ 10.30am



Need some costume ideas for Book Week?



Dress-up Parade: Thurs 24th August



Our Recycling Bread Bag Promotion ends this week. Please drop off any bread bags before midday Friday.

Recycle Hub News!

We have added an item to our collection.



Nespresso are recycling coffee cap-

sules and transforming the coffee into compost while the aluminium is recycled into new aluminium products, such as bikes and pens.

We can only recycle <u>Aluminium pods</u>. Bring in your coffee pods for recycling & let's do our bit to help reduce landfill.

Community News



