

Cowell Area School

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Term 3, Week 4

16th August 2023

Newsletter



Principal's News

It is great to hear all the wonderful stories and adventures that the students have to tell after their camps over the last couple of weeks. There are still some tired students, teachers and no doubt volunteer parents trying to catch up after a busy time away.

However, the students can't be that tired as most of the Year 7-9 students are playing 9 A-side football in Cleve today.

Parent Engagement Survey

You're invited to complete the 2023 annual parent survey, which is now open.

In the week beginning Monday 31 July you would have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey.

If you didn't receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school.

Your answers won't identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school.

Please follow the unique link to Cowell Area School Survey or please use the QR Code

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/CcFxFkSPK2ATq-JyLtZx5Rw2>

The survey closes midnight Sunday 27 August.



Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL

Student Free Day **Friday 25th August**

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 4

SCIENCE WEEK

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

WEEK 5

BOOK WEEK

- 24/8 - Book Week Dress Up
25/8 - Student Free Day

WEEK 6

PAT Testing

- 30/8 - Aqua Expo

WEEK 7

PAT Testing

- 8/9 - Sports Dress Up Day

WEEK 8

PAT Testing

- 14/9 - Yr 9-12 Defence Force Presentation



AUGUST

17/8—Meisha Watts
19/8—Rhys Turner
23/8—Tyler Brown



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Canberra Camp



It took an extra year, but Cowell Area School Year 8, 9 and 10 students made it to Canberra at last.

Mr Rogers, Ms Robst and Ms Owens accompanied students to a variety of our national democratic, historical and cultural institutions - with a few fun physical activities sprinkled in between, including rock climbing and snow play at Perisher ski resort.



The team stayed at the Ibis Styles Eaglehawk where they were treated to hot bacon and egg breakfasts and spacious shared rooms which were quickly remodelled to look like giant sleepovers.

The tour's itinerary began on Monday with the National Museum of Australia, the High Court of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport where students were able to watch artistic gymnast, Commonwealth Medallist and Olympian Georgia Godwin train on the uneven bars.



Tuesday saw students discuss their research of local servicemen and women at the Australian War Memorial before laying their poppies and visiting the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House before a tour of the gardens.

Sadly, due to reconstructions, time at the Australian War Memorial was greatly reduced in comparison to previous years but students voiced an interest in revisiting the updated facilities one day in the future with their own families.



Wednesday we chased the snow from Jindabyne to Perisher before, on Thursday, visiting Mt Ainslie lookout, meeting with Federal MP for Grey Rowan Ramsey at the Australian Parliament House, following a tour of both the Senate and House of Representatives and their chance to role play parliamentary procedures at the PEO. This visit coincided with former PM Kevin Rudd's unveiling of his parliamentary portrait.



The trip ended with a group tour of the National Gallery of Australia, before students hopped on the bus to go home.



The 2023 camp will attract a PACER Grant of \$525 per student to supplement this year's significantly increased travel costs.

The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program is Federal Government initiative which provides financial assistance for students all over Australia to visit Canberra and experience our national democratic, historical and cultural institutions first-hand.

Canberra Camp



Eligibility for the program requires our school to attend a minimum number of identified sites including Australian Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy, The Australian War Memorial and the National Art Gallery.

This trip began years before students stepped on the bus, with dedicated fundraising over several years by parents and staff, as well as donations from various groups and businesses of whom we will acknowledge in a future newsletter.

As a school, we would like to congratulate our students on their positive attitudes, active learning and impeccable behaviour while on camp.

Thank you to our brave parents Narelle Tonkin, David Kovac and Roanna Frost who provided a little reminder of home and a lot of encouragement on the trip.

Thank you also to the History teachers back at school who prepared our students before visiting Canberra's significant sites - Mrs Peters and Ms Tavender - as well as Ms Bourlioufas, Kylie, Jacqui and Michelle for all their support in organising the trip.



Emmersyn Turner, Yr 8

My favourite things from Canberra were the National Museum, our accommodation, and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). I liked these things because they kept me entertained for a long time and I found everything really interesting.

Dylan Gregory, Yr 9

I liked most of the activities that we did while we were in Canberra. I enjoyed the snow because it was the first time I'd ever been to the snow. Another activity that I liked was the Australian Institute of sport (AIS) because that's where all of the top athletes train and we got to see lots of behind the scenes. There were even upcoming Olympians which was really cool! I also liked the National Museum of Australia because there were many fascinating things there, and rock climbing on Monday night was challenging and fun.

Jack Kovac, Yr 9

Last week the year 8, 9 and 10 classes went on a school camp to Canberra. We did lots of activities like going to the Parliament House, War Memorial, AIS, rock climbing, Questacon, just to name a few. One of my favourite activities was rock climbing. It was so fun to do and I also managed to conquer the hardest wall there. I also enjoyed tobogganing down the hill and throwing snowballs at each other at Perisher Snow Field. The massive slide at Questacon was exciting as I found no matter how many times you went down it, it made your stomach drop every time.

Danielle Churchett, Yr 10

I liked rock climbing because it was fun, and we got to hold others up and help them climb. I liked the snow because I had never been before and I saw some sick ski jumps. Parliament House was interesting because it was great to see how large the houses are. We even got to see some voting in action which was really cool!



Recognition of the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

Students from Cowell Area School recently undertook an education tour of the national capital.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$525 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and all eligibility expectations.



School/Community News

Rowan Ramsey MP

COWELL AREA SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD

Nomination Form 2023

Award details:

This award is open to staff, parents or community members who have 'gone the extra mile' dedicating and volunteering their time and skills for our school.

Nomination:

I, _____ would like to nominate _____ for the Rowan Ramsey MP Cowell Area School Community Award.

Brief description how the nominee has shown dedication and service to Cowell Area School:

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please return this nomination from to Cowell Area School, 42 Story Road Cowell SA 5602 or Fax to 86292486 or email Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

By 4pm on Monday 11th September 2023

COWELL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Cowell Early Childhood Centre is running a Picture Products fundraiser. Picture Products offers a range of products decorated with your child's artwork such as plates, clocks, mugs, water bottles and calendars. The cost of the products are as follows:

Products and prices

- Pictureplate: \$30.00
- Pictureclock: \$35.00
- Small clock, 600ml water bottle or tote bag: \$30.00
- Ceramic mug, plastic mug, 400ml water bottle or pencil case: \$25.00
- Calendar: \$20.00

Please get an order form from the Kindy. Orders and payments are due August 25. You will then receive a template which your child will decorate. The templates need to be returned by September 7. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Your picture above 12 tear-off month pages helps this **Calendar** keep the family organised



A fabric **Tote Bag** perfect for library books, sleepovers, gym clothes or shopping trips



Keep hydrated through the day with **600ml Water Bottle** (shown) or backpack-friendly **400ml** size

2025 CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISING MEETING

Tuesday 22nd August, 6pm in the Library

Parents of current Yr 5, 6 & 7 students are invited to attend.

COWELL TENNIS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2023

7PM

COWELL SPORTING COMPLEX

All positions declared vacant
New members welcome!!

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



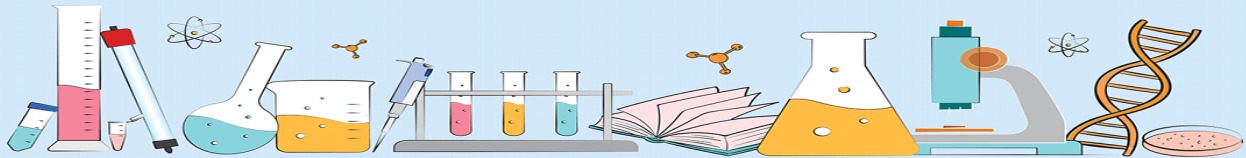
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DATES TO REMEMBER



Storytime

& Baby Bounce

Tues 5th September @ 9.15am

Tues 19th September @ 9.15am



Conversations

Tues 22nd August @ 2.00pm



Book Week

Dress Up Parade

Thursday 24th August
@ 10.30am

Competition Time

RECYCLED SCULPTURE

All students are invited to submit an entry into our recycled sculpture competition.

Sculptures need to be inspired by our garden/ growing theme (flowers, mini-beasts etc) and constructed using mostly recycled items.

Entries need to be delivered to the library, with name and class on them, by Tuesday 22nd of August.

Winners will be announced on Thursday 24th August.



POETRY & PAINT

All students are invited to submit an entry into our Poetry & Paint competition.

poetry

Students are invited to write their own poem about something that grows or lives in the garden. To be handed in on A4 sized paper.

paint/draw

Students are invited to paint or draw something that grows or lives in the garden. To be handed in on A4 sized paper.

Entries need to be delivered to our library by Tuesday 22nd of August.

Winners will be announced on Thursday 24th August.

New Additions

Adult Fiction

Every Happy Family by Sarah Stovell

New Beginnings at the Old Bakehouse by Christie Barlow

Broken Light by Joanne Harris

No One Saw It Coming by Susan Lewis

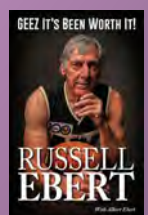
Just Between Us by Adele Parks

The Other Guest by Helen Cooper

The Hidden Secrets of Bumblebee Cottage by Christie Barlow

Adult Non-Fiction

Geez It's Been Worth It by Russell Ebert



Last minute Book Week Costume ideas



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