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Term 3, Week 6

30th August 2023

Newsletter



Principal's News

We are just over half way through Term 3.

Last Friday on the Student Free Day staff broke into Year level groups and worked through and analysed our NAPLAN Writing and Numeracy results, looking for trends throughout so we can target our teaching to some of these areas that are commonly occurring throughout the year levels. In the writing category we noticed that grammar and punctuation were low scoring, including simple mistakes such as not capitalising 'I' through students writing. We also noticed that multi-stepped worded maths problems scored lower than other areas. We worked through problem solving language and ways to improve grammar and punctuation in the classroom.

We also analysed the Wellbeing Data from the Student Survey that was completed earlier this year and compared results to last years survey. We noticed an improvement across all areas, except for Emotional Regulation, which was similar to the 2022 results. This is an area that we will continue to work on utilising the Zones of Regulation and The Resilience Project. We have been very fortunate to have been nominated for a grant and will receive funding to continue with The Resilience Project next year.

Come and Try Aquaculture Day

Today, 25 students from across the Eyre Peninsula are experiencing Aquaculture and what it has to offer through an Industry Immersion at Eyre Shellfish. We had a full tour of the hatchery and how they spawn the larvae that become the oysters, to grow different types of algae to feed them. Ashley Turner from BST discussed how they researched and developed the oyster baskets. All students got to make a basket and take it home if they wanted to, as well as a talk from TAFE Lecturer Brent Smith about Certificate II and Certificate III in Aquaculture and the different careers that can stem from being involved in Aquaculture.

They also enjoyed a boat ride out to the oyster leases, had a look around and spoke to oyster farmers about their experience. Thank you to Colin Pascoe, Terry Rehn, Simon Turner, Carl Jaeschke and their respective businesses for taking time out of their busy work schedule to assist with this aspect of the day.

A full article will be in next week's newsletter but here are some photos from the first part of the day.



Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 6

PAT Testing

30/8 - Aqua Expo

WEEK 7

PAT Testing

8/9 - Sports Theme Dress Up Day

WEEK 8

PAT Testing

13/9 - Not Quite Gala Day

14/9 - Yr 9-12 Defence Force Presentation

WEEK 9

PAT Testing

18/9 - SAPSASA Athletics

19-22/9—Yr 4/5 Camp

WEEK 10

PAT Testing

28/9 - Red Ball Tennis @ Tumby Bay

- SAPSASA Tennis Trials @ Lock

29/9 - Last Day of Term 3, school finishes @ 2:20pm



AUGUST

31/8—Jed King

SEPTEMBER

1/9—Jessie Doyle

2/9—Sam Oldfield

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



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

School News

SRC NEWS

SPORTS DRESS UP AND NOT QUITE GALA DAY

SRC have planned a Sports themed Dress Up Day on Friday, week 7 - the 8th of September. Students are encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite sports team, come dressed in their sports attire or as their favourite sports person.

The SRC team have also been hard at work planning a 'Not Quite GALA DAY' which will be held on Wednesday, Week 8 - 13th September. We have planned this to be a free activity day for students, considering the increased cost of living and recent camps parents have been asked to pay for. Each class will host their own free activity between lessons 3 - 5, with it concluding with a pre-ordered sausage sizzle lunch.

The order forms for this will go out at the beginning of week 7. The 'Not Quite GALA DAY' will have a yellow theme dress up in conjunction with RUOK? Day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who recently participated in the Australian History Competition with some great results;

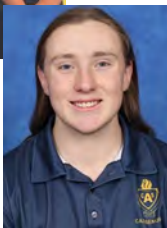
Lauren Beinke & Danielle Churchett—Distinction

Lachlan Holecek, Imogen Jaeschke & Connor Bock—Merit

Tyler Brown, Lucas Schultz, Noah Baker & Dominic Fiegert—Participation



Congratulations also to Rhys Turner for completing his Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. An awesome achievement Rhys!



CPR COURSE

Do you need to update your qualification?

Want to get a pool key this upcoming season? Current CPR is a requirement.

We are seeking expressions of interest in an upcoming CPR course here in Cowell on Saturday 7th October at 10am. To register your interest please contact Kylie McFarlane at the school on 86292150 or via email

Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

There will be limited spaces available, however if we do not get enough interest we will not be able to offer a course here in Cowell.

COWELL AREA SCHOOL
Yr 9 Business Class Presents
MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH FUNDRAISER

Outdoor
MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER, WEEK 6, TERM 3
6:00 PM - THE LORAX (2012) 96MINS
7:40 PM - SPIDERMAN: ACROSS THE SPIDERVERSE (2023) 140MINS

PRE-ORDER SALE 40% OFF
TICKETS - \$5
POPCORN - \$2.50
HOT CHOCOLATE - \$2.50

ORDERS DUE WED, 29TH OF AUGUST, WK 6, TERM 3
OR AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

RUG UP + BYO - CHAIR, BEAN BAGS, BLANKETS AND OODLES

100% OF PROFITS ARE DONATED TO MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION "ARE YOU BOGGED MATE" TO HELP MEN SPEAK UP WHEN THEY ARE IN NEED.

ARE YOU BOGGED MATE?

SENIOR SUBJECT COUNSELLING

Senior subject counselling has begun at Cowell Area School and our teachers are already consulting with students about their pathways and subject choices for 2024.

While Ms Robst will contact parents of Year 10s and 11s directly for subject counselling, we will also hold an open afternoon tea and information session for parents of students from this year's Year 9, 10 and 11 to help you understand the process.

Join us to learn more about the SACE and VET system for your child as they move into senior school.

Learn about compulsory subject requirements, alternative pathways and senior subject choices in the lead-up to the 2024 school year.

Ask questions about apprenticeships (SBATs), make some decisions about university rankings (ATARs), and support your child to plan their future in school and afterwards.

Please meet us in the Year 8 room at 5.30pm, Tuesday, October 31, for afternoon tea and student 'showbags'.

Seonie Robst

Deputy Principal & SACE Improvement

Respect

Success

Learning

Responsibility

Year One/Two

We have been learning how to write information reports. We have:

- Learnt about facts and opinions
- Learnt about fact and fiction.

We researched information about an animal, first with a partner, and then by ourselves.



TASMANIAN DEVILS (Written by Max)

Tasmanian Devils are marsupials. They're about the same size of a small dog. They have four legs and black fur with two white stripes. They also have a wide neck and a thick tail that they store fat in and use for balance. They are small and furry.

Tasmanian Devils have live babies. They have 40 babies, but only 4 survive. The babies are called joeys and joeys stay in their mother's pouch for up to four months. After 6 months out of the pouch, all of the family go their own way. The mum gives birth once a year.

Tasmanian Devils are carnivores. They eat small wallabies, fish, birds and echidnas. Tasmanian Devils often devour the skin, bones and meat of the animal.

Tasmanian Devils live in woodlands, forests or grassy lands. Those areas have wombat holes which they sleep in sometimes. They are called Tasmanian Devils because they live in Tasmania.

Tasmanian Devils are pretty close to being pro swimmers. They hunt during the night and sleep during the day. They group up to hunt big animals. Mainly young Tasmanian Devils climb, but some of the adults can climb when they are in danger.

Devils are threatened by a disease that causes lumps on their face and it goes from one Devil to another. It often starts on the old ones. People are building gates between the healthy and sick Tasmanian Devils.

When we knew more about how to write an animal report, we:

- did our own writing plan
- did our own writing, getting help as needed.
- had some feedback from our peers.



We:

- Practised creating a writing plan with a partner
- Practised writing paragraphs for an animal report.



Bringing the Old Jetty Back to Life Again



In Design, Technology and Engineering, I decided to design and make an outdoor setting out of recycled materials. After completing an extensive design folio, I had the challenge of dressing up the timber and slabbing it into a usable size. Before starting my project, I made a 1:5 scale model to give me an insight into the final product. It allowed me to discuss with Mr. Tonkin to determine the most suitable construction methods and make any necessary changes.

I also tested the timber for flexibility, hardness and density to ensure it would suit its intended purpose.

Here is the major project I constructed throughout the year. The table was built out of the remains of the old Cowell jetty. I have repurposed the old Redgum jetty pillars and have slabbed them into a solid outdoor dining/ picnic table, bringing the wood back and giving it another life. The project was made to be utilised for our outdoor cooking and dining area, and I am pleased with the final result.

- Brandon Schultz



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: ____/____/____

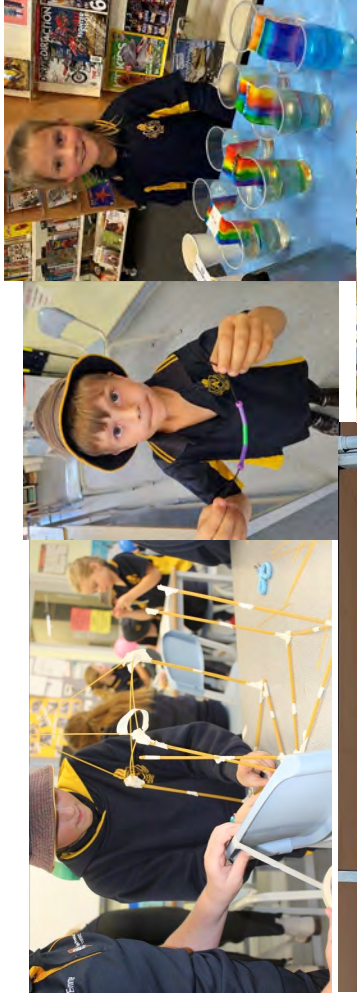
Please return this nomination from to Cowell Area School, 42 Story Road Cowell SA 5602
or Fax to 86292486 or email Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

By 4pm on Monday 11th September 2023

SCIENCE WEEK

Theme: Innovation

In Week 4 we celebrated Science Week at Cowell Area School. The theme this year was Innovation. The week was packed with exciting projects for all students to participate in.



The Library Scoop

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The Week That Was Book Week



A big thank you to all students, staff and parents who embraced Book Week this year. It was definitely a huge success!



Big applause to our lovely librarian Nicole and her band of helpers for organising all the fun activities during the week. Well done everyone!



New Additions

Adult Fiction

Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros

A Winter Grave by Peter May

Stay Buried by Kate Webb

None Of This Is True by Lisa Jewell

Fire Strike by Mike Maden

After That Night by Karin Slaughter

The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel

Teen-Fiction

Gwen & Art Are Not In Love by Lex Croucher

Five Survive by Holly Jackson



DATES TO REMEMBER



Storytime & Baby Bounce

Tues 5th September @ 9.15am

Tues 19th September @ 9.15am

Book Club

Tuesday 12th September @ 2pm



Temporary Change of Opening Hours:

Wed 6th Sept

9 am - 12.30pm

2 pm - 3pm

Thurs 7th Sept

Closed

Book Club is due next Wednesday 6th September



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Children's Book of the Year Winners!



Community News

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Here we go again! Operation Christmas Child!

Most families here in Australia are fortunate enough to be able to give gifts to our family and friends regularly. But overseas, it's a different story! These shoebox gifts that we can put together could be the only gift these children receive for their entire childhood.

Ways you can help this year:

1. Collect a box from school to fill up – I will provide a list of items that can and cannot go in and labels to go on the box.
2. Donate items to go into a box; each one needs to have the following
 - Something to wear: shirt, shoes, cap, beanie, sandals, shorts
 - Something to love: teddy, doll, soft toy
 - Something special: carry bag, sunnies, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, personal note, photo of yourself
 - Something for school: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk etc
 - Something to play with: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets etc
 - Something for personal hygiene: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchie, hair clips etc
3. Donate your time to help put the boxes together. Tuesday week 9 we will put the boxes together at school.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact me at the school, or let your child know they can pick up a box from me at school to bring home.

Donated items can be given to the front office by Friday 15th of September.

Many thanks for your support.

Jess



Cowell Inter-Church Council Annual General Meeting

Notice of the Cowell Inter-Church
Council A.G.M

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

3.30 pm in the School Meeting Room.



All welcome to support the work of our lovely P.C.W.
Jess Jeschke or learn more about the work C.I.C do
at our school.

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.

Picture products
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Pictureplate is the original 25cm melamine art plate, it's dishwasher-safe and tough enough to use every day—use paints, pens and photos to make a memory to treasure forever

What will you create?
There's more—see tips and our full range of products at pictureproducts.com/drawing

Make mum and dad's favourite time of day even better with their very own personalised **Ceramic Mug**, while the **Plastic Mug** is the perfect partner for picnics in the backyard or beyond

It's always time to smile with the 25cm melamine **Pictureclock** or the 20cm MDF **Small Clock**

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

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Vice Commodore: Malcolm Brine
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Whyalla Dental Care

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

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