

# Cowell Area School

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Term 3, Week 7

6th September 2023

## Newsletter



## Principal's News

What a great turnout on Friday night at the Outdoor Cinema. Well done to the Year 9 class for organising this fundraising event for Men's Mental Health. Thanks also to Ms Maguire and Ms Claire for their assistance and commitment in helping the students with the coordination of this.

This is Ms Maguire's last week as she will begin her maternity leave. Ms Maguire will be on leave until Term 4, 2024. To cover Ms Maguire for the remainder of this term we welcome Statewide Permanent Relief Teacher, Mr Neville Marks, who will be teaching across the middle school.

The Year 5/6 boys basketball team had success at Wudinna and will compete in a tournament in Adelaide soon.

The Year 4/5 class are getting prepared for their camp in Week 9

### **Come and Try Aquaculture Day**

Below is the article that will be in the Advocate about the day last week.

Cowell Area School and Eyre Shellfish are shining the spotlight on aquaculture pathways, following a collaborative careers immersion day with local oyster and aquaculture industry leaders last week.

Students from Year 9 and 10 at Cowell were joined by Miltaburra Area School.

This event marks a revitalised industry partnership for Cowell Area School's STEM and careers curriculum.

"Cowell Area School enjoys a close relationship with our broader community and we want to take every opportunity to highlight the expertise and learning happening around us on Eyre Peninsula," Principal Stephenie Herbert said.

"This collaboration meant our students were able to experience some of the real-world requirements of this industry - learning about the design process BST undertook to create their industry-leading oyster baskets, sampling oyster weights and calculating batch numbers."

Students were able to experience all aspects of oyster farming, starting in the Eyre Shellfish hatchery and nursery undertaking a range of activities including oyster grading, counting and weighing oysters, water testing, algae sampling, washing oysters in the raceways and constructing oyster baskets.

"They now have a better understanding of the safety requirements to work out on the water and the variety of qualifications necessary to be active in primary industries."

Local industry partners supporting the day included Shuck Me Oysters, Cowell Seafood Producers, Franklin Harbour Oysters, Turners Aquaculture, BST Oysters, Eyre Shellfish and Clean Air Global. TAFE SA spoke with students about aquaculture pathways opportunities, while Cowell Lions Club hosted a lunch for community members and students alike.

SACE maths and science teacher Stacy Michael welcomed the day as an opportunity to offer examples of real-world science back in her classroom at Cowell Area School.

"This experience will make my teaching more hands-on and industry-related, offering students more concrete examples of what they're learning and how it applies to the real world.

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 3

##### 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

- Last School Day for Term 3.

29/9 - School Closure

## SCHOOL CLOSURE

**Friday, 29th September**

*The last day of school for Term 3 will be Thursday 28th September, with school finishing at 3:20pm.*



**SEPTEMBER**

**8/9—Mia Franklin**



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Department for Education

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"I thought it was a great day and I look forward to doing it again," she said.

This event will be replicated later this term for middle school students from Cowell and partner schools including Cleve and Miltaburra Area Schools, in an effort to encourage early student engagement in the sciences and establish locally-relevant curriculum-industry connections.

Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL



"not quite"

# Gala Day

**RU OK?**<sup>™</sup>  
themed activities

Wednesday week 8, 13th of September  
Free activities  
Wear yellow or school uniform  
Sausage sizzle lunch

**SPORTS  
THEMED  
DRESS UP  
DAY**

**FRIDAY  
WEEK 7**

**8TH  
SEPTEMBER**

**DRESS AS YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
SPORTSPERSON,  
IN YOUR  
SPORTS ATTIRE  
OR FAVOURITE  
TEAM COLOURS.**

Please note sausage sizzle order forms and payment are due in to the front office by Monday 11th September

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## 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**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

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, comp, 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.

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

Many thanks for your support.

Jess



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:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please return this nomination form to Cowell Area School, 42 Story Road Cowell SA 5602 or Fax to 86292486 or email [Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au)

**By 4pm on Monday 11th September 2023**

## Have your details changed?

- Recently moved
- Changed phones or email address
- Need to update your emergency contacts?



**Please phone the front office to update your details 86 292 150 or alternatively text your new details to us on 0448 189 484.**

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# Lost Property Box

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## **OVERFLOWING**

Please come have a look through for any items belonging to your child/children. This box will be emptied at the end of term and items will be taken to the Op Shop.

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## STEM Congress & SAASTA

Arriving in Glenelg in the evening we wore off some energy at the playgroup before dinner, card games and bed - ready for our STEM congress.

Thursday saw an early start as we journeyed to the Adelaide Convention Centre. The day commenced with Uncle Moogey's moving welcome to Country and a heartfelt welcome to the congress. A powerful dance against racism and Mr. Peter Malinauskas's address about First Nations' innovation, science, and exploration set the tone. He encouraged our youth to embrace curiosity, new concepts, and self-confidence.

Next, we were captivated by Daniel Riley, a renowned artist whose global travels showcased the intersection of STEM and the performing arts. He illustrated how STEM infiltrates dance and theatre via lighting, music, props, and advertising. The day progressed with breakout sessions. Our group focused on tracking, delving into the historical significance of this skill in survival and policing. Replicating tracks, crafting stories with markings, and identifying different footprints enthralled the students, as revealed by Bethany and Floyd's enthusiasm.

After lunch we immersed ourselves in a presentation by Natan Noel, a Marine Scientist working on an electric submarine design. Motivated by his work, we designed balloon-powered vehicles, igniting a competitive spirit. Bethany's triumphant victory in the race left her beaming. We closed the day listening to Peter Reeve an enthusiastic Scientist who majored in Physics, with studies in Astro and Atmospheric Physics.

The evening took us to Marion, where the lolly shop experienced a frenzy of activity in the form of Bethany and Floyd. Amidst laughter, Floyd's antics had Miss Claire trying some extremely sour sweets. We concluded the day with playground antics in Glenelg before returning to our Airb'n'b.

Friday dawned with a brisk walk along the Karrawirra Parri (River Torrens), navigating swans and speedy cyclists. As friendships with students from other sites blossomed, Mickey and Claire were excited to see new connections forming amongst the students. Bethany and Floyd found joy in the Convention Centre escalators and lifts- riveting. Bethany's interview at the STEM congress echoed her gratitude for this Aboriginal-led gathering of innovative minds as she stated "we're really lucky to be here with all these Aboriginal kids. We get to do cool activities and listen to really inspiring people".

Our final day featured a presentation connecting technology and culture by Mikaela Jade, a park ranger who developed an app weaving stories with QR codes in national parks. The QR codes will be scanned by walkers as they reaped through national parks, where they will be provided information about the people, place, plants or stories that are relevant to that exact area. Inspired by this, we journeyed to Tamtanya Zoo (Adelaide Zoo), collaborating on an animal hunt. Back at the convention centre, we absorbed Corey Tutts's wisdom: "Find your passion and pursue it. If you're unsure what you're passionate about, just try something." Our minds brimming with ideas, we embarked on the journey back to Cowell, equal parts invigorated and exhausted.

During week five, we received an invitation for our SAASTA class to join Whyalla Secondary College's afternoon tea. Hosted by Senior SAASTA students, it was a great opportunity for our Connect (younger) students to see their older peers working within SAASTA. We were shown the students' artwork and creative projects which showcased the vibrant engagement within the program. Students are also exposed to aboriginal education, mental health and community supports that are relevant to our local area.

This event not only offered a glimpse into the senior years of SAASTA, but also inspired our Connect students by revealing the potential of their futures in the program. A shout out to Ky and Amber for their efforts in organising the day along with their Whyalla peers.

Lastly, SAASTA students are in the process of submitting artwork into a competition. Each student has contributed to a final piece that was collated by Haden. The winning school of the statewide competition will have their artwork printed on SAASTA uniforms and will be used in promotional material.



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# The Library Scoop

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## New Additions

### Adult Fiction

Black Lies by Mercedes Mercier

The Last Dance by Mark Billingham

The House in the Woods by Zoe Miller

The Hidden One by Linda Castillo

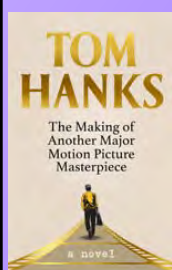
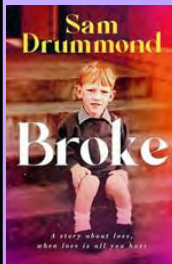
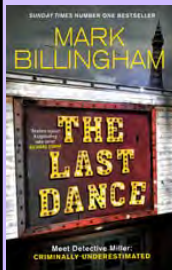
The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece by Tom Hanks

Shadows on the Horizon by Sarah Barrie

### Adult Non-Fiction

Broke by Sam Drummond

Aphrodite's Breath by Susan Johnson



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Storytime & Baby Bounce

Tues 19th September @ 9.15am



### Book Club

Tues 12th September @ 2pm

### Nitro Nat - Science Show

Wed 20th September @ 2pm



### Conversations

Tuesday 26th September @ 2pm

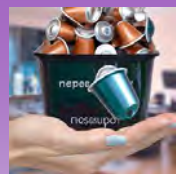


### Nitro Nat - Science Show

Thanks to Inspiring SA, we are excited to host Nitro Nat who will be performing her Physics Science Show in the library on **Wednesday 20th September**. Members of the community are welcome to attend our 2pm session. Please RSVP to the library. This event is free.



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### TEA OR COFFEE ANYONE?



## Conversations in the Library

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

Tuesday 26th September at 2.30pm

Join us for Conversations in the Library. Each conversation session encourages chat-chat about almost anything. Each month we'll have a different topic, covering various subjects like local history, well-being, and even hobbies. One quirky question that is on the cards is, does pineapple belong on pizza?

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Ph: 8629 2320 E: cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov

**CLOSED**

*We'll be closed this Thursday 7th September. Our apologies for any inconvenience. Holds can be collected on Friday between 9am—12pm.*

# Community News



## COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE

Sunday 17th September from 9:30am

between Ag Museum & Men's Shed

\*Bring your garden gloves\*



It's that time again!! Get out your cameras and start taking photographs of our district for the 2024 calendar

All photographs need to be submitted by Friday 22nd September by emailing them to [cowellwellbeinggroups@gmail.com](mailto:cowellwellbeinggroups@gmail.com)

If more than 12 photos are submitted, we will ask the district to choose which ones get featured in the calendar

*Note: Photographs need to be submitted by the photographer or with written permission from the photographer*

THIS CALENDAR IS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF AN AUSTRALIA POST GRANT



### 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.**

### VACSWIM 2023

The 2023 Vacswim Program will be held at the Cowell Pool will be from Monday 18th December to Friday 22nd December. Enrolments are open NOW. For further details, or to enrol, visit the Vacswim website at <https://www.vacswimsa.com.au/>



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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, **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER.**

[Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto: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.

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Are you missing the Mt Pleasant Butcher Mettwurst that was sold at the Cowell Butcher? Then this is the fundraiser for you. We are raising money for new playground equipment.

**Please return order forms along with payment by Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September.** Delivery is expected to be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Product	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Price
Garlic Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$19.00		
Plain Woodsmoked Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$19.00		
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Lamb and Rosemary Garlic Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$20.00		
Pork & Fennel Aniseed Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$20.00		
Bung Fritz (500g)	\$8.00		
Woodsmoked Biersticks			
Twin Packs	\$5.00		
Triple Packs	\$7.00		
Single Vac Packed	\$3.50		
Woodsmoked Pepperoni			
Twin Packs	\$5.00		
Triple Packs	\$7.00		
Single Vac Packed	\$3.50		
Beef Jerky (40 gm packs)	\$6.00		
Chilli Jerky (40 gm packs)	\$6.00		
<b>Total Order</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method:

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Credit Card (at school)

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