

# Cowell Area School

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Term 4, Week 3

1st November 2023

## Newsletter



## Principal's News

This Friday sees the end of formal schooling for our Year 12 students. With only exams and the Vocational Education Training to be completed over the coming weeks. To celebrate this milestone we will be having a morning tea on Monday.

Last night we held a very successful SACE and VET Parent Information session, for those students in Year 9 -11 to discuss and inform parents and students on what SACE is, expectations and what subjects are on offer.

Last Friday was World Teachers Day. The theme of the day was "Hats Off to Teachers" for all of their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our students.

***A huge thank you to all SSOs for putting on a wonderful morning tea for all of us!***



### Staffing

This is still an ongoing process with a number of vacancies yet to be filled in both the Primary and Secondary areas of the school. As soon as classroom teachers are finalised, I will be able to notify you.

### Student Free Day

A friendly reminder that this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a Student Free Day. Staff will be analysing student Progress Achievement Tests Results in Numeracy and Reading. This will help inform our school improvement planning for next year.

Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL

### Cowell Area School

# STUDENT FREE DAY

## Friday 3rd November

*Staff will be undertaking training & development*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 4

##### WEEK 3

- 1/11 - SAPSASA Tennis Trials @ Lock
- Yr 5/6 Visit RSL
- 3/11 - Student Free Day
- Yr 12's Final Day

##### WEEK 4

- 6/11 - Yr 11/12 Morning Tea
- Casual Dress Day
- 7/11 - Aus Earth Ed Presentation R-6
- 8/11 - Kindy Transition
- SAASTA Excursion

##### WEEK 5

- 13-16/11—R-6 Australian Ballet
- 14-16/11—SAPSASA Cricket @ Adelaide
- 15/11 - Yr 8-10 Cricket in Kimba
- Kindy Transition
- 16/11 - Traffic Lights

##### WEEK 6

- 21/11 - Music Concert
- 22/11 - Kindy Transition
- SAASTA Excursion
- 22-24/11 - SAPSASA Tennis @ Adelaide
- 23/11 - Yr 4/5 Excursion
- 24/11 - Yr 11's Last Day



### NOVEMBER

- 1/11—McKenzie Schutz
- 1/11—Jackson O'Brien
- 3/11—Conor Gregory
- 8/11—Max Schutz

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# School News

## SAASTA Connect Cup Camp - Newsletter

Our year 6-9 students in SASTA Connect attended the SAASTA Connect Cup camp in Adelaide in week 3.

### **Wednesday:**

We drove to Adelaide, dropped off Pig, and made a stop at a playground and skatepark before visiting Colebrook Reconciliation Park. Located on Shepherds Hill Road, Colebrook Blackwood Reconciliation Park stands on the site of the former Colebrook Home. It now serves as a memorial to the Aboriginal children and families affected by the Stolen Generation. Students walked through the park, listening to poignant audio recordings of Elders who once resided at Colebrook Home—an experience both significant and moving. “It was a really great experience. All the sites we visited were inspiring...Going to all the amazing Aboriginal sites was a really incredible experience.” - H. Frost.

Later, we visited the Native Food store in Marion to explore and experience the scents and tastes of native foods such as green ant jam and wattle candles.

Exhausted, we headed to our accommodation at Regency Park where we engaged in team-building games like cricket before dinner and retiring for the night.



### **Thursday:**

It was Liam's birthday, so we had a brief celebration before visiting the Living Kurna Centre. There, we learned about the traditional uses of ochre in Aboriginal culture. The art class provided a unique insight into traditional Aboriginal art and the use of traditional paints. Using ochre, the students created art pieces based on traditional symbols.



Next, we took a tram to the central markets, exploring the vibrant sights and sounds and completing a task to locate Aboriginal foods like kangaroo tail and wallaby steaks.

To celebrate Liam's birthday, we were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of Alberton Oval. Braydon showed us the various areas such as the change rooms, trophy museum, conference rooms, gyms, and pools. We ended our visit by enjoying kicking the footies and running around on Alberton Oval. Back at Regency Park TAFE, students from other SAASTA Connect Cup classes across the state had arrived. The students made new friends, played pool, and discussed footy tactics for the next day.



### **Friday:**

On our final day, we rose early for breakfast and boarded the bus to Alberton Oval for the Connect Cup, a 9-a-side footy carnival where students from different schools across the state competed. “Going to see all the amazing Port Adelaide football clubs history and the club itself and kicking the footy on the main oval was fun. Playing with other schools was a fun experience but scary.” - H.Frost. Between games, we explored the Careers Expo, learning about scholarships, degrees, training, and post-school pathways. We also had a dance session with the Dusty Feet Mob, experiencing traditional dance and learning a routine. “think the best part was when we went to the dance because it was cool and taught us about the women and how they are close to the water, and used to hunt and gather”- B. Frost. We won four out of five games and felt proud and exhausted by day's end.

In the afternoon, we loaded onto the bus for the final journey home.

“It was really fun and important to learn about our culture and all the different cultural traditions, and overall I think and believe that in the future other students that can go on this trip will have a blast of an experience and learn a lot” - K. Iversen.



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## END OF YEAR STUDENT AWARDS

As we approach the end of the year, we are considering student eligibility for awards.

Students will visit the attached survey in Pastoral Care this term to list their achievements for the year.

If you would like to help your child brainstorm their achievements, school and community involvement, please log on and review the questions at:

<https://forms.gle/zowDPsXw5ZJGcHxy6>

Home Group teachers will accept diary notes or a ClassDojo message if you have any last-minute additions to your child's list.



## Cowell Area School PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 5th December,  
at Cowell Institute.

Doors open from 6pm,  
ceremony commences at 6:30pm

All students are expected to wear school uniform.



2023 COWELL AREA SCHOOL YEAR BOOK

*AVAILABLE VIA PRE-ORDER ONLY \$25 ea*

Should you wish to order a 2023 Year Book please complete the order form below and return to the school with your payment prior to Tuesday 28th November.

Alternatively, you can email your order details to Kylie McFarlane at [Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au) and complete an online payment.

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ (qty) 2023 Cowell Area School Year Books at \$25.00 each.

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I have made payment online

BSB: 105 106 Acct: 390 001 940 Acct Name: Cowell Area School Reference: Magazine Order

The school will contact you when the books are ready for collection.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Cowell Area School

## LUNCH ORDER—For Thursday 9th November

NAME & CLASS	S/Roll	Pie	Pasty	Sauce (free)	F/Bun	Fruit Box Apple/ Orange	PRICE
	\$3.50	\$4	\$4		\$2.50	\$2	
<b>ORDERS DUE 10am Wednesday 8th November</b>						<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 30 October 2023**

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**HEADLINE** Whyalla's Earth Science Encore  
**SUBHEAD** Unearthing Geology's Wonders in the Region

Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd) is thrilled to announce its return to the Whyalla region, South Australia, for the second time. This exciting venture is part of AusEarthEd's commitment to sharing earth science knowledge with students and educators in the region.

As part of the Primary Australian Literacy Mathematics and Science (PALMS) program, supported by Santos, AusEarthEd provides a wide range of free educational opportunities and resources for students and educators. We are thrilled to announce our upcoming return to Whyalla, where our recently awarded "STEM Hero of the Year" (Northern Territory National Science Week Awards), Lachlan Hallett, will provide hands-on earth science education support in the local context.

Topics covered during these sessions will include local fossils, volcanoes across Australia, and investigating light from the Sun. Lachlan will also conduct a workshop for teachers, introducing them to the extensive array of free Earth and Space Science teaching resources available through PALMS.

From November 6 to 10, 2023, students in Whyalla, Cowell and Adelaide will embark on an immersive journey into earth science through engaging incursions led by AusEarthEd. Participating schools, including Nicolson Avenue Primary School, and Long Street Primary School, will explore the captivating realms of fossils, soils, and volcanoes. Furthermore, AusEarthEd is offering a dedicated teacher professional development session to empower educators.

"Engagement with, and support of, regional students and teachers is a vital part of what AusEarthEd does to improve the quality of earth sciences and STEM education across Australia," said CEO of AusEarthEd Joanne Watkins.

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Visit Schedule

Mon 6 Nov 2023	Nicolson Avenue Primary School Y2-3 (Fake a Fossil, Changing Beads, What's in a Soil)
Tue 7 Nov 2023	Cowell Area School R-Y6 (Fake a Fossil, Changing Beads, What's in a Soil)
Wed 8 Nov 2023	Long Street Primary School R-Y5 (Fake a Fossil, Changing Beads, What's in a Soil)
Fri 10 Nov 2023	Hills Christian Community School Y1-2 (Fake a Fossil)

**CONTACT:** Joanne Watkins, CEO, [ceo@ausearthed.com.au](mailto:ceo@ausearthed.com.au), 0419 194 845

**About Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd)**

Earth Science Western Australia (ESWA) is a not-for-profit organisation that has been working with schools across WA since 2005. Formed in response to declining geoscience education in WA and the need to improve the quality of earth sciences and STEM education for our students, teachers and the wider community. In 2020, ESWA launched Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd) as it began expanding it's on the ground resources into New South Wales and the Northern Territory. AusEarthEd now creates, produces and delivers innovative, valuable earth science education materials and experiences across Australia.

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Years 4-12 students across the state completed the Well-Being and Engagement Survey earlier in the year. This survey asks students to reflect on their own personal well-being and engagement in learning at school and habits outside of school. The questions included how many days a week students slept well and ate breakfast, which we know is important to waking up on time for school and being ready to learn. This represents the data collected from Cowell Area School.

## WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT COLLECTION



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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



**56%**

Get a good night's sleep at least 5 nights a week

**65%**

students in years 4-6

**51%**

students in years 7-9

**47%**

students in years 10-12



**62%**

Eat breakfast at least 5 times a week

**78%**

students in years 4-6

**53%**

students in years 7-9

**47%**

students in years 10-12

## RESULTS

**56%** Proportion of students who reported having a good night's sleep at least 5 nights a week:



Years 4-6 **50%**

Years 7-9 **64%**

Years 10-12 **57%**



Years 4-6 **92%**

Years 7-9 **50%**

Years 10-12 **40%**



## To the Cowell Area School Community

Cowell Area School Parents and Friends have again been invited to cater for the **Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon** for the District Council of Franklin Harbour on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a major fundraiser for Parents and Friends, with **all the proceeds going directly to the school**. To help us achieve that, we are asking for your kind generosity in two ways:

### 1 Volunteer

If you can spare two or three hours on the day, **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, for preparation, washing dishes and/or to plate and serve food, please let us know. **Please wear black and white waiting attire**. Any time between 11:30am and 3pm would be appreciated.

We are also doing food preparation on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** (time to be advised) in the Supper Room (Cowell Institute). Even an hour of help on any of these days would be wonderful. Many hands make light work.

Please contact Roanna Frost on 0429 133 301 with your availability.

### 2 Monetary Donation

An envelope can be provided from the Front Office for your monetary donation if you wish or you are welcome to EFT into our Parents & Friends' account. All donations go towards catering for this event.

BSB 105-106

Account number 390 002 740

Account name Cowell Parents & Friends Club

Please leave your name as a reference, as all monetary donations are receipted.



# The Library Scoop

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P: 8629 2320 Web: [www.libraries.sa.gov.au/cowell](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/cowell) E: [cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au](mailto:cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au)



## Mums & Bubs' Group

**FORTNIGHTLY ON THURSDAYS  
2ND, 16TH & 30TH NOVEMBER**

Come and enjoy a conversation & cuppa with fellow mums, fortnightly in the library. Dads, grandparents & carers are more than welcome too.

Informal and relaxing, pop in **from 11am**, no need to RSVP.

Keep on eye on updates for guest speakers!

## New Additions

### Adult Fiction

Escape by James Patterson

Darling Girls by Sally Hepworth

As The River Rises by Fiona McArthur

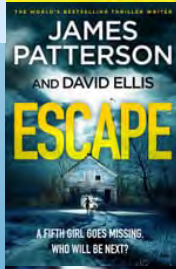
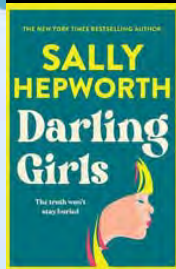
Storm Watch by C.J. Box

Taste of Blood by Lynda La Plante

In The Dark by Claire Allan

Kill For Me Kill For You by Steve Cavanagh

The Fall by Gilly Macmillan



## TechKnow



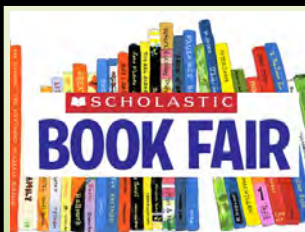
Do you need help with your mobile phones? Having trouble with your emails? Laptop driving you nuts?

Thanks to Libraries SA and the State Government of SA, we have secured funding to work with Whyalla Library to run short sessions, to help conquer your technology troubles.

Our next session is on **Wednesday 1st November from 10.30am**.

**This week - Mobile Phones, Android and Apple phone users welcome.** Let us, help you.

For more information or to RSVP call us on 8629 2320.



We are welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair this term.

Come in and get some great ideas for Christmas & some stocking stuffers!

EFTPOS will be available.

14th - 23rd  
November

# Community News



## Remembrance Day Service

on

11<sup>th</sup> November

10:40am

At the Cowell Cenotaph.

After the service the Cowell RSL will be open for Devonshire tea & drinks. All welcome.



**We will remember them.**

Gold coin donation for *Poppy Appeal*



**Employment Opportunity:**

**Administrative Assistant – Cowell Electric**

**Part Time or Full-Time position**

*About the role:*

We are currently seeking an Administrative Assistant at our Cowell location. Reporting to the RAES Manager, the successful candidate will play a key role in providing day to day support across the business.

For further information please visit our Facebook page – Cowell Electric Supply Pty Ltd or call our office on 08 8629 2136. To apply please submit your updated resume and cover letter to [accounts@cowellelectric.com.au](mailto:accounts@cowellelectric.com.au)



*Taking Power Beyond the Horizon*



Cowell Area School Canberra Camp presents

## Stakes Day Ladies Lunch

11 November 2023 @ 12pm

Cowell Commercial Hotel

Tickets \$55 -

Includes glass of bubbles, two course lunch, prizes and entertainment

Tickets available from Humanitix

Scan for ticket link



Fundraiser for Lily Salter's trip to Singapore

**ENTRY:**  
\$10  
per person



**BAR  
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SUPPER**

**Tables  
of 8**

**FRI 10TH NOV 2023 AT 7:30PM**

**STEEL UNITED CLUBROOMS  
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**BOOKINGS OR ENQUIRIES TO:  
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0457 957 221

Learn Boat Handling,  
Radio Procedure, Navigation  
Training—Monday—1700-1900hrs

For more information contact:

**Commodore: Dale Bailey**  
0429 054 969

**Vice Commodore: Malcolm Brine**  
0488 292 567





## Whyalla Dental Care

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

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- If your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Scheme (Medicare) their appointments will be bulk billed.
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