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Term 1, Week 5

28th February 2024

Newsletter



Principal's News

Staff are busy working on setting goals and targets for the 2024 writing improvement goal that we have set. Tonight, we will be working on what students should be able to do in creating clear and concise sentences that form part of a larger part of text for each year level. This is part of the school journey in making the learning even better for all students so that they can communicate effectively in and after school.

Education Management System

Over the last 4 weeks, staff have been learning new administration and finance software that finally got rolled out last Friday. This sees changes to our reporting and collecting of attendance and also gives us increased functionality in some areas to help with some administration that teachers are required to follow up. This includes the function of an automated SMS at 10.00 am every morning for unexplained absences. A simple reason for return SMS would be appreciated so we can keep up-to-date and accurate records.

Congratulations Taurus

Well done to Taurus for their win at the Swimming Carnival. Seeing students participate, encourage others, and help with official duties was great. It was a pleasure to witness the atmosphere of all involved. Thanks to all the parents for coming and supporting their students and teams.

Congratulations Noah

Congratulations to Noah Baker, who has been selected to represent Cowell Area School and regional students on the SA Student Representative Council.

Noah was selected in response to an application essay where he discussed the importance of supporting schools to provide quality sporting facilities and experiences for rural and regional students.

He aligned himself with the Fitness for Free campaign to ensure that high school students have free access to gyms, pools, and other leisure activities to deal with stress and maintain a healthy school-life balance.

Noah will spend the year working together with 150 high school students from across the State to create community change.

The SA SRC was designed to connect a large network of South Australian young people and help them work together towards a shared vision.

Students will also have the opportunity to meet other organisations who are advocating for change across Australia. They will learn who their local and state decision-makers are and have the chance to meet with them.

Noah will have opportunities to upskill through sessions with experts in media, campaigning, advocacy and more.

He will leave the SA SRC at the end of this year with new friends, experience working in professional contexts, a greater understanding of what creating social change entails, and a whole swag of collaboration and leadership skills, too!

Well done Noah, and good luck at your first state-wide conference on March 22, 2024.



Cowell Area School

STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday 6th March

Staff will be undertaking numeracy & math training & development

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

WEEK 5

28/2 - SAPSASA Cricket Trials, Kimba

WEEK 6

5/3 - Australian Olympic Committee Visit

6/3 - **STUDENT FREE DAY**

WEEK 7

11/3 - Adelaide Cup P/Holiday

13-15/3—NAPLAN

15/3 - Sports Day R-12

WEEK 8

18-22/3 - NAPLAN

WEEK 9

25-27/3 - SAPSASA Softball, Adelaide

29/3 - Good Friday P/Holiday

WEEK 10

Parent/Teacher Interviews

1/4 - Easter Monday P/Holiday

3/4 - Interschool Sports Day, Cleve

WEEK 11

Parent/Teacher Interviews

8/4 - SAPSASA Swimming, Adelaide

12/4 - Last day of Term 1, school finishes 2:20pm

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Department for Education

School News

STEM Scholarship

At the end of last year, Connor Bock won a STEM Scholarship, which is designed to support Connor in accessing his Certificate III in Gaming Design and will require him to complete high-level maths and sciences subjects at the Stage 1 and 2 levels. Connor attended the presentation day with Mrs Michael (his mentor teacher) and his mum to receive his certificate.



SPORTS DAY MARCH 15TH (FRI WEEK 7)

Sports practice is underway as students have shifted to an 8 lesson timetable to incorporate athletics training in preparation for sports day on Friday 15th March.

The 1500m race will be held on the school oval on Tuesday 12th March, commencing at 9am. All welcome to come along and support our runners.

The Sports Committee are looking for volunteers to help with the running of the CAS Sports Day on 15th March (Fri week 7). If you would be willing to assist with timing, place judging or a field event throughout the day, your help would be much appreciated. You can leave your name with the front office staff, or alternatively, see Jack. Thank you.

CAS Sports Committee

New Smoking and Vaping Laws – Department of Health 10-metre zone beyond the boundary

The new laws require the establishment of a 10-metre smoke-free and vape-free area in all public areas from the boundary of early childhood services and education and children's services facilities. This area does not extend into areas that are not open to or used by the public or a section of the public. For example, residential premises that share a boundary with, or are within 10 metres of the boundary of, children's education centres, child-care centres and school land.

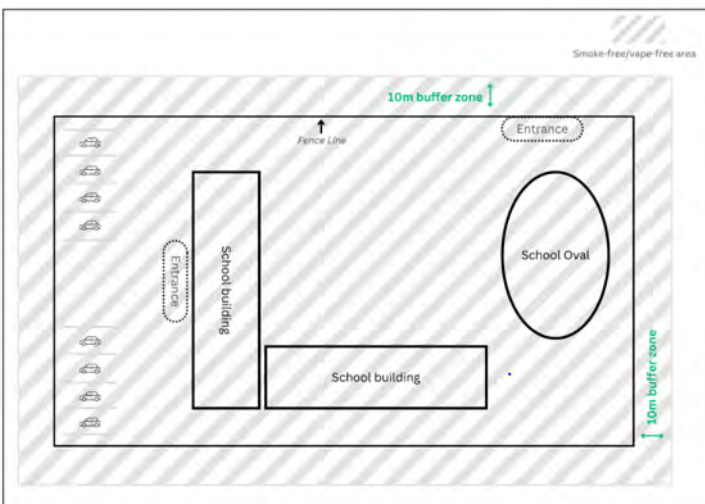


Diagram 3.1 - An example of where the new smoking and vaping laws apply at a school.

Sports Day

Staff are busy organising Sports Day which is occurring on the 15th March. Students are busy practising events in the respected age groups so that they can focus on learning the skills and using the correct size equipment for each event. We look forward to seeing you on the day to support students.

Kind regards, Stephanie Herbert, PRINCIPAL



MARCH

- 2/3—Emmersyn Turner
- 2/3—Willow Vawser
- 2/3—Airlie Grund
- 3/3—Addison Watts
- 6/3—Zayden Grgurovic
- 6/3—Zara Tonkin
- 7/3—Daisy Franklin
- 9/3—Kobi Lewis

Pastoral Care News

This term has been a bit crazy hectic, and it's only week 5! I've had to change my days to squeeze in a day working in the library on Tuesdays, which is fun and I'm loving that, but also teaching swimming. My days are currently Monday and Thursday as a PCW now that swim teaching has finished, because the carnival has come and gone! **GO TAURUS!** What a fun day that was.

I'd love to offer a Seasons for Growth program again this year in term 2. If you would like your child to participate in having some guidance around their emotions and feelings with grief, change, loss or something big that has happened in their world, then please reach out to me. Last year I had two small groups of 6-8 and it worked really well. We would meet once a week, generally during lesson time or part lesson and part lunch time and it's a safe space for them to learn about how the seasons change and things in life change also. It's a safe space for them to open up if they want to and work through these tricky times and establish ways of coping. Plus we have some fun as well!

You can contact me at the school or leave a message at the front office to book your child a spot.

Jess Jaeschke



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R-12 Cowell Area School Swimming Carnival

A great team effort from the Taurus House resulted in a strong performance to win the 2024 CAS Swimming Carnival Trophy. Final results were: Taurus 917 points, Scorpio 887 points and Aries 829 points.

Championship Winners and Runners Up:

Sub Jun Boys Champion:	Kane Walsh (A)	21 pts	Runner Up:	Oscar Franklin (T)	15 pts
Sub Jun Girls Champion:	Ruby Kovac (A)	18 pts	Runner Up:	Lily Kahl (T)	14 pts
Junior Boys Champion:	Quintin Fisher (S)	30 pts	Runner Up:	Malik Grgurovic (S)	29 pts
Junior Girls Champion:	Harper Jaeschke (T)	29 pts	Runner Up:	Zoe Flavel (S)	24 pts
Inter Boys Champion:	Tyler Klingberg (T)	26 pts	Runner Up:	Sam Kovac (A)	25 pts
Inter Girls Champion:	Darci Klingberg (T)	22 pts	Runner Up:	Imogen Jaeschke (T)	12 pts
Senior Boys Champion:	Lincoln Fisher (S)	23 pts	Runner Up:	Sam Kovac (A)	15 pts
Senior Girls Champion:	Lily Salter (T)	27 pts	Runner Up:	Lily Gregory (S)	9

*No new records this year

Congratulations to all who participated. A huge thankyou to everyone who helped out with the running of the carnival and the parents who participated in the student, staff, & parent race! Special mention to Jasmine Stening for volunteering as our first aid support officer in the absence of staff on the day. House Leaders did a terrific job of organising their team members – well done. Thanks to *Star Motors, Parents & Friends* and *Cowell Plumbing and Gas* for their very generous donations towards medallions/trophies/ribbons.

Feedback!

We would appreciate some feedback on the carnival so if you would like to provide feedback, please address it to 'Sports Committee
Att: Jack Burton'
(pass to front office staff).

Jack Burton and the Sports Committee



Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive) which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, and our series of videos where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [nap.edu.au/Information-for-Parents](https://www.nap.edu.au/Information-for-Parents).

How is my child's performance reported?

From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and finishes on Monday 25 March 2024. Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 students do the writing test on paper and on day 1 only. Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations). 	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with an idea or topic called a "writing stimulus" or "prompt" and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed after the writing test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed after the reading test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed after the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students are assessed on number and algebra, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

How are NAPLAN results used?

Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.

Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.

School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.

The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAAs
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.



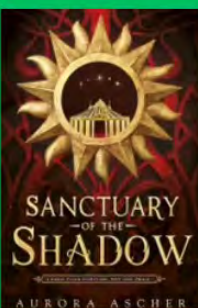
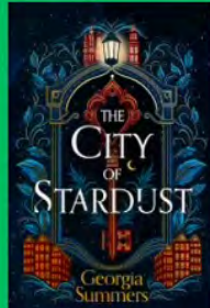
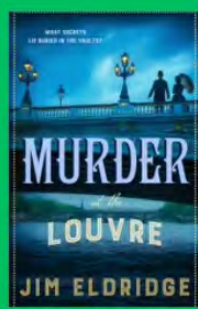
WHISPERINGS



Libraries SA

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NEW RELEASES



Dates to Remember

Storytime/Baby Bounce @ 9.30am

Tues 5th March (wk 6)

Tues 19th March (wk 8)



Mums & Bubs @ 11am

Thurs 29th Feb (wk 5)

Thurs 14th March (wk 7)



Book Club & Cuppa @ 2pm

Tues 12th March (wk 7)



TechKnow @ 10.30am

Wed 6th March (wk 6) In Person



****SPORTS DAY CLOSURE****

Friday 15th March

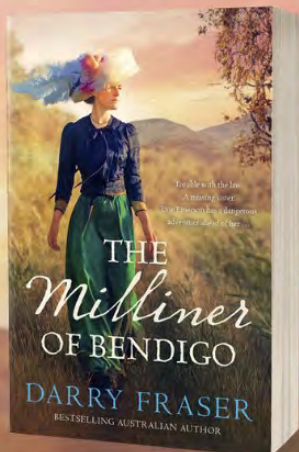
(Week 7)

WRITERS WEEK

We will be live streaming Writers Week East Stage sessions from Mon 4th March through to Thurs 7th March. Check our facebook page or come in and see us to find out session times.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for afternoon tea & chat with Australian author Darry Fraser.
MONDAY 8TH APRIL FROM 4PM



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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 Thursday, 7th March. Delivery is expected to be Wednesday 27th March.

Product	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Price
Garlic Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$19.00		
Plain Woodsmoked Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$19.00		
Red Wine & Cracked Pepper Woodsmoked Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$20.00		
Chilli Woodsmoked Garlic Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$20.00		
Bundaberg Rum & Herb Woodsmoked Garlic Mettwurst (Full stick - 800g)	\$20.00		
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 Pepporoni			
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		
Total Order			

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

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Name: Cowell Area School Council Inc.
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REF: Name & 'mettwurst'

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Fri 15th March

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School/Community News



Thank You Maria

THERE ARE MANY WORDS TO EXPRESS HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL LADY WHO HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR COMMITTEE, SCHOOL AND TOWN - GRATEFUL, THANKFUL, APPRECIATIVE, BLESSED! MARIA HAS BEEN PART OF THE PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE SINCE MOVING TO COWELL MANY YEARS AGO. MARIA TOOK ON THE ROLE OF TREASURER AND CONTINUED IN THIS ROLE FOR OVER A DECADE. MARIA HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND OUR SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEONS FOR MORE YEARS THAN WE CAN COUNT. MARIA'S LOVE FOR ALL THINGS COOKING AND BAKING SHONE THROUGH EVERY YEAR.

P&F ARE VERY SAD TO ENTER 2024 WITHOUT MARIA ON OUR COMMITTEE, BUT WE KNOW IT IS NOT GOODBYE - JUST SEE YOU LATER.


WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOUR ENERGY AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE. MARIA!!! ❤️

Cowell Area School

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Expression of interest



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BALLET, JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY AND TAP DANCE

BDS Elite Dance Academy is seeking expressions of interest from those that would like to undertake dance lessons in Cowell which would include classes in:

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Tap
- Contemporary

Classes are available for children from 2 years old through to adults.

Exercise class are also available for adults.

For further information or to express your interest please contact

Jodie on 0427398580

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.

PLEASE

Clean Up After Your Dog



ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

We have installed dog waste bags and a rubbish bin on the cricket nets at the school oval.

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For more information contact:

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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.

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