

Cowell Area School

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Term 1, Week 11

10th April 2024

Newsletter



Principal's News

This is the last week of a very busy Term 1 and with only a couple of days to go it doesn't seem to be slowing down at all. Currently, all primary school students are enjoying Primary School Day down at the foreshore, with games and activities as well as a sausage sizzle lunch.

Staff have attended and engaged in a range of Professional Development activities around many topics – the Public Education Strategy, SA Curriculum and Maths Association of South Australia to name a couple. We have also been working in staff meetings on elements of improving sentence structure in writing for students to write more powerfully and purposefully, but also on building ways to give opportunities for students to become Effective Learners and have Learner Agency within the classroom. These are big pieces of work that align with the Department's Areas of Impact and will be ongoing throughout the rest of this year.

Playground Update

It has been a frustrating term for staff and especially the students with the minimal amount of playground structures that have been available. I am pleased to finally report that the swings have been installed this week, and will be ready to use at the beginning of next term. This is because we need several days for the concrete to dry to minimise movement and we also need an extra 12 tonne of sand.

Tomorrow the ground will start getting prepared and levelled so the new Junior Primary playground can be installed in the holidays.

Canberra Camp Quiz Night

A huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes and vouchers, bought raffle tickets, chocolate squares, bought the wine and came to the Quiz Night. It was a great night had by all and went down to a two team tie breaker, with the teachers table taking it out in the end by 1 point. Generously the teachers donated the prize of \$200 back to the Camp funds. Overall, just under \$2,500 was raised to go towards the camp.

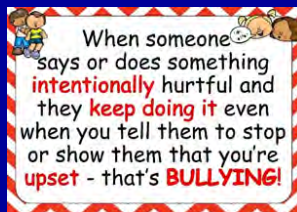
Bullying No Way!

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in the number of students being called names or being bullied.

Bullying is a complex social issue that unfortunately does not have a simple fix.

The schools Bullying Prevention Policy and Action Plan are currently under review and will incorporate cyber bullying as well. This will be presented to the Governing Council next term for feedback and ratification.

We actively work hard to teach students about bullying and how it impacts others and we strongly encourage any students who feel that they are being targeted to reach out to an adult for assistance when this occurs.



Please have a wonderful and safe holiday. I hope to see you out and about during the holidays, especially for the beginning of netball and football season on ANZAC day.

Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

WEEK 11

Parent/Teacher Interviews

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

TERM 2

WEEK 1

29/4 - Term 2 commences

1/5 - SAPSASA Football Trials @ Lock

WEEK 3

15/5 - SAPSASA Netball Trials @ Lock

WEEK 4

21/5 - Volunteers Morning Tea, 11am @ Cowell Library



APRIL

12/4—Sadie Stening

12/4—Brett Smith

15/4—Tanner Goodyear

15/4—Liam Arnold

16/4—Jaime King

16/4—Harmella Stening

19/4—Mia Kahl

28/4—Adam Jackson

28/4—Madison Lewis-Couzner

30/4—Laura Helps



Reminder

Early Dismissal

Don't forget...end of term early dismissal this Friday @ 2:20pm



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Department for Education

School News

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DAY 2024

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the E.E.P.A.S.S.A. Interschool Sports Day in Cleve on Wednesday 3rd of April.

Overall it was a great day and all students should be really proud of their efforts and what they have achieved. Thank you to the students who competed hard and filled in for those who couldn't make it on the day (we had many students compete above of their age group this year), I know all staff and parents were extremely impressed with all of your efforts.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Junior age group events. We won the Junior pennant this year!

Thank you to the following parents and students for helping officiate the discus event and providing transport: Mackenzie Klingberg, Jess Jaeschke, Kellie-Jo Kovac, Jasmine Stening, Rebecca Wagner, Claire Barber, Bronte Stening, Hayley and Kierran Fiegert, Laticiah Hockham and Joel Jackson. Parent support was fantastic this year. Special thanks to Keirran Fiegert for transporting our high jump equipment to Cleve and back for us. I would also like to thank the following staff: Colleen Peters, Cassy Walker and Erin Gale for helping officiate the discus and ballgames events throughout the day, and helping run our team. Thanks also to Michelle Elson for helping score the event. Thank you to the Cowell Lions Club for providing their marquees, Jasmin and Wayne Piggott for providing the trailer for transporting our high jump bag, and thanks to all the other parents/caregivers and Grandparents who provided transport, took photos and supported our school throughout the day. Thank you also to Graeme Byrnes and Cleve Area School for hosting a great carnival this year. It is our turn again next year!

E.E.P.A.S.S.A. Final Score Sheet -2024-

Results

	Cleve	Cowell	Cummins	Kimba	Lock	Tumby Bay	Wudinna
Sub Junior Handicap Pennant	316	353 2 nd	234	364	264	321	323
Junior Handicap Pennant	274	320 1 st	246	265	222	294	279
Intermediate Handicap Pennant	316	304 Equal 3 rd	301	381	219	304	240
Senior Handicap Pennant	356	348 4 th	383	421	256	339	373
HANDICAP SHIELD	1262	1325 2 nd	1164	1431	961	1258	1215
BALLGAMES SHEILD	110	72 Equal 2 nd	60	72	0	48	70
Open Shield points	Cleve	Cowell	Cummins	Kimba	Lock	Tumby Bay	Wudinna
Sub Junior	240	226	234	261	81	207	191
Junior	206	206	246	161	61	210	195
Intermediate	298	212	301	248	20	215	155
Senior	356	165	370	273	12	239	216
OPEN SHIELD RESULTS	1100	809 5 th	1151	943	174	871	757



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MIDDLESCHOOL DAY

This year, the Year 7s, 8s and 9s participated in the annual Middle School Day at the Ada Ryan Gardens in Whyalla, and Whyalla Bowland, on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

At Cowell Area School we strive to encourage a sense of community and connection.

This annual excursion allows students to engage in team-building exercises, and strengthen or build new relationships with teachers and peers.

When first arriving at Whyalla, students were sorted into vertical groups for a beach-side scavenger hunt where they tested their abilities to read instructions and work as a team. They then undertook balloon and hoop races where they encouraged each other to overcome challenges. In the 'mine field' game they tested their communication skills and their trust, before creating 'armour' out of newspaper for live models.

Following a relaxed barbecue lunch cooked by bus drivers Dylan Franklin, Mickey Siviour and Scotty Williams, students had a quick playground play before heading off to Whyalla Bowland to compete in new teams, encouraging students to mix with as many peers as possible on the day.

Whyalla Bowland gave feedback that the group were very well-behaved and a pleasure to host.

Top scorers on the day included Imogen Moffat-Sleep, Casey Beach, Shelby Schutz and Meisha Watts.

The day ended with a healthy snack, topping up of everyone's drink bottles, and one last outdoor run through the wetlands playground, before heading home.

Thank you to our dedicated staff and family supporters on the day, the staff behind the scenes working to support the event, and congratulations to our Middle School students on another positive and successful team-building day out.



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Mid Year Enrollment for Preschool Cowell Early Childhood

Is your child 4 between May 1 and October 31, 2024? They are eligible to start Preschool at Cowell Early Childhood in Term 3, 2024 which starts July 23, 2024.

Please come to the Centre to fill out an enrolment form to secure your place at the Kindy.

If you have any questions or comments please see Michelle

Ottens or Jacqui Finnis at the Centre—
phone 86292243.



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- 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.

COWELL UNITING CHURCH

The Cowell Uniting Church fellowship invites you to hear Helen Baillie speak about her time in Rwanda, Africa, working with underprivileged children. This will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 17th April at the church, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome!

RSL DONATION

At the recent quiz night, Rhys Turner presented Cowell RSL President (Andrew Schutz) a cheque of \$1500 for Remembrance Park- an area at the foreshore being developed in conjunction with the RSL and the DCFH. The money was from the 2021 Y9/10 History students' winning entry in the Anzac Schools Award.



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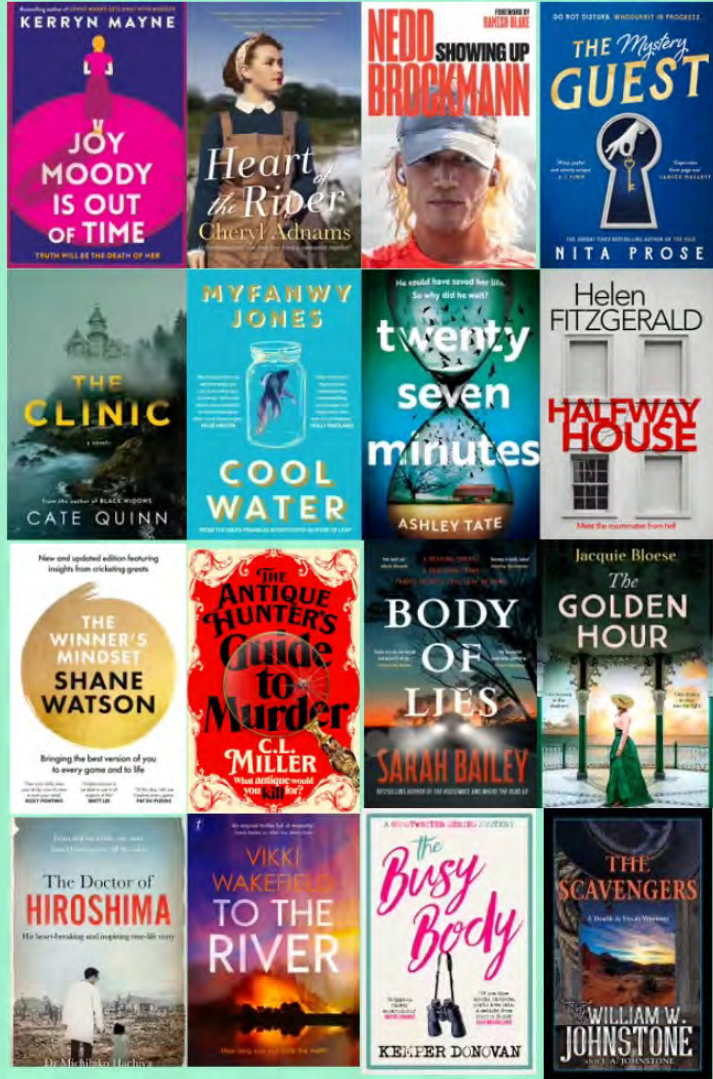


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Week 11

NEW RELEASES



SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

Mon 8:30 - 4:30

Tues 8:30 - 4:30

Wed 8:30 - 4:30

Thurs 8:30 - 4:30

Closed for lunch from
12:30 - 1:30

LADIES NIGHT IN!

Happening This
FRIDAY!

Join us for this FREE event with
Continence and Women's Health
Physiotherapist Connie Andrew.

***The Perinatal Period: from conception
to postpartum (5pm)**

***Menopause and Perimenopause (7pm)**

For more information check out our
Facebook page or contact the library.

This is the first event in our 'Ladies Night
In' series, so bring along a friend and
come along for a 'girls chat'.
Nibbles supplied - BYO drinks.



Dates to Remember

Storytime/Baby Bounce @ 9.30am

Tues 16th April (wk 1 of holidays)

Tues 7th May (wk 2 - Term 2)



Mums & Bubs @ 11am

Thurs 2nd May (wk 1 - Term 2)



TechKnow @ 10.30am

Wed 1st May (in person - wk 1)



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