

# Cowell Area School

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Term 2, Week 3

15th May 2024

## Newsletter



## Principal's News

It is great to hear and see the enthusiasm and chatter in the yard around football and netball. Also the large number of boys who have organised their own game of footy every Tuesday night after school on the oval is great to see. A large range of boys across multiple year levels being able to organise, get along and play footy together for a large portion of time is commendable.

We have been continuing our work to ensure that students see purpose in their learning, make connections to the real world and are able to take their school learning into other experiences. We have been having conversations with our learners around our purpose and we would love for you to continue this conversation at home by asking the questions - "Why do you think you go to school, what is the purpose of school?" and please let us know the answer.

### ATTENDANCE

The start of term is a good opportunity to mention the importance of consistent school attendance. Going to school everyday matters; absences affect learning, wellbeing and success. At Cowell Area School we have an Attendance plan that is guided by the Department for Education's attendance policy. The attendance policy defines the following groups of students as at risk because of how often they miss school.

- Habitual non-attendance: a student misses 5 to 9 school days/term for any reason.
- Chronic non-attendance: a student misses 10 or more days/term for any reason.

We acknowledge and understand with COVID and illness in the community, families are encouraged to keep their children home if unwell. We thank families for supporting the school in these times. The staff at Cowell strive to provide a holistic education for all children and to support families. We encourage and invite families to have ongoing discussions with us about your child's learning, wellbeing, attendance and successes.

### UNIFORM

The weather has really started to cool down and we are noticing a large number of students not wearing school uniform. Cowell Area School does have a school uniform policy which requires students to wear:

#### Uniform Colours

Cowell Area School colours are Navy Blue and Gold.

Acceptable clothing for winter includes plain navy trousers, blue denim jeans, navy windcheater.

It is an expectation that on school excursions that all students who are representing Cowell Area School are in full uniform.

We have a small supply of hoodies in stock, however, we do have a larger supply of zip front hoodies. There is also an overfull lost property box in the front office if you feel your child has left one at school.

### BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Tomorrow the Community Library is holding a Biggest Morning Tea and Trading Table Fundraiser. There are dine in and takeaway options for \$10 for a plate of food and coffee/tea or soup. Please come and support this worthy cause.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 2

##### WEEK 3

15/5 - SAPSASA Netball Trials @ Lock

##### WEEK 4

National Volunteers Week

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

22/5 - Yr 7-11 Football/Netball @ Port Lincoln

##### WEEK 5

Reconciliation Week

27-29/5 - SAPSASA Boys Football Adelaide

##### WEEK 6

4-6/6 - Port Lincoln Careers Explore, Yrs 7,8,9

7/6 - STUDENT FREE DAY

##### WEEK 7

10/6 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

13/6 - Joel McKerrow Author Visit



#### MAY

23/5—Sophia Lewis-Couzner

24/5—Hunter Vawser

25/5—Connor Bock

26/5—Lily Salter

27/5—Jackson Vandenberg

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Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

# School News

National 20-26 MAY 2024  
**Volunteer**  
Something for Everyone Week

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Next week is National Volunteer Week, where we celebrate the wonderful contribution that our volunteers contribute to the school. We have volunteers listening to reading and mentoring students. If you would like to become a volunteer to help our students please call Kylie in the Front Office.


Kind regards,  
Stephanie Herbert, PRINCIPAL

## PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

20 weeks into 2024 already! Where is the year going?!

This term I'm working on Mondays and Wednesdays. I've started a Talent Club, where students/staff can demonstrate their talent and teach others how to do it! On Monday we learnt how to do finger-knitting. Bella and Harmella demonstrated and taught us the technique. They were excellent at explaining the steps and very helpful teachers! There should now be a dozen or so primary school students with an extra talent!

Our brekkie club volunteers helped organise the serving of pancakes on Friday morning for students who walked to school on 'Walk Safely to School Day'. Thank you to our volunteers who made pancakes and/or helped serve – Raelene James, Sue Story, Judy Francis, Kyla Franklin, Katrina Hornhardt and Ruth Tonkin.



Cowell Area School  
Whole School Assembly  
Monday 27th May, commencing  
12:20pm at the school, run by Year 9 class.

All welcome to attend, please ensure that you sign  
in at the front office on arrival.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2024



School photographs will be taken on **Tuesday, June 18th.**

Order envelopes will be sent home with each student today.

**PLEASE NOTE: every student must return their envelope, even if not purchasing photos.**

Family order envelopes are available from the front office. If you order these online please make sure you still collect a family envelope from the front office so we can make sure your name is added to the list.

**Payment Information (please read carefully):** All payment details are listed on the payment envelope. Payment can be made either by cash (*please enclose correct money*), money order or online.

Please return all order envelopes to the Front Office **no later than Friday, June 14th.**

Thank you.

Cowell Area School Admin

## Tree Planting at the Foreshore



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**Success**

**Learning**

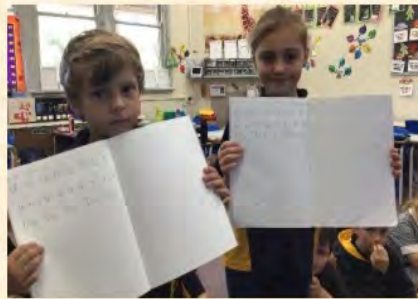
**Responsibility**



# YEAR 1/2 CLASS

## Formal handwriting lessons

- Students practise writing the letter on a whiteboard.
- Students get a partner to watch them write the letter and the partner gives feedback.
- The feedback is on letter formation, spacing and letter position on the line.
- The teacher models the letter formation using the lines that are in the handwriting book.
- Students then do a row of the letter in their book.
- Some students get feedback from the class or at times they all get peer feedback on their bookwork.
- We also have just put up a handwriting 'ladder' where students can have a go at doing some self-assessment.
- We talk about the importance of handwriting in all learning areas and refer to our success criteria.



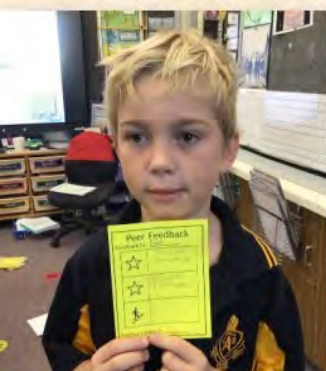
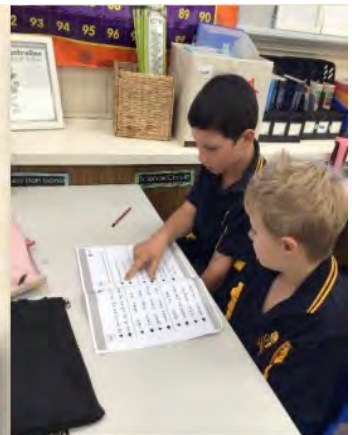
## Year 1-2 Handwriting

### Letter Formation Practice

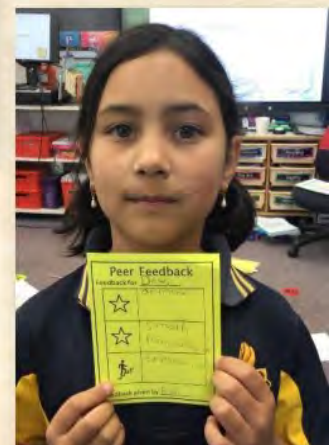
We try and do some quick letter formation activities during the week in addition to our formal handwriting lesson. We use an audio recording to do guided letter writing on laminated sheets.

## Reading Fluency

- Students do a paired activity where they take turns reading phonemes, words, and sentences, with the aim of increasing reading fluency.
- We often do paired reads of short texts in InitialLit- 2 and give peer feedback.
- Our aim is for reading to be smooth, like talking, accurate, and expressive. We also need to attend to punctuation when we read.
- Most of the feedback has been verbal. We have a fluency ladder to refer to when giving feedback. The Year 2 students have just started to do some 'stars and stairs' written feedback. Stars are things done well, stairs are things that are still developing or need more work.



- The aim is for students to read each day to an adult at school and we encourage students to read regularly at home too. This term, Mrs James, Mrs Hanson and Mr Combes have been coming in to listen to reading.
- We have a suite of tests we use to measure and track reading fluency. This is the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills test (DIBELS). The tests are phonic segmentation fluency (Year 1), nonsense word fluency, word reading fluency, and passage reading fluency. All are one-minute timed tests. The nonsense word component tests the student's ability to decode words.







## School Lunch Order Price List



<b>Sandwiches</b> <small>GF DF VEG V</small>	
3 Fillings or less	\$5.50
Meat and Salad	\$6.50
<b>Rolls</b> <small>VEG</small>	
3 Fillings or less	\$6.50
Meat and Salad	\$7.50
<b>Focaccia (Toasted)</b>	
Chicken, Cheese,	\$8.00
Avocado, Baby Spinach	
<b>Croissant</b>	
Ham and Cheese	\$6.50
<b>Salads</b>	
Chicken Cob Salad <small>GF</small>	\$8.50
Chicken, Lettuce, Red Onion, Tomato, Cucumber, Cheese, Bacon, Boiled Egg, Dressing	
Garden Salad <small>GF DF V VEG</small>	\$8.00
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot Red Onion, Cucumber, Cheese Choice of meat, Ham, Beef, Corn Beef, Chicken, Canned Tuna Dressings: French, Italian, Greek	

Chickpeas or 4 bean mix can be substituted for meat in salads.

TERM 2, 2024

Sassys Café  
25 Main St, Cowell  
08 8629 2097



GF - Gluten  
DF- Dairy Free  
Veg - Vegetarian  
V - Vegan

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF STUDENTS HAVE ANY ALLERGIES

<b>Hot Dogs</b>	
Plain w/ sauce	\$5.50
The Lot	\$6.50
Bacon, cheese, sauce	
<b>Hot Food</b>	
Mini Pizza	\$4.50
Plain Pie	\$5.00
Pastie	\$5.00
Flavoured Pie	\$6.50
Sausage Roll	\$5.50
Sauce: Tomato, BBQ Sweet Chili	
<b>Drinks</b>	
Water 600ml	\$3.50
Fruit Box	\$2.50
Orange, Tropical, Apple and Blackcurrant	
Pop Top	\$3.00
Apple, Orange, A/Blackcurrant Nippy's	\$3.20
Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana	
Juice Bomb	\$2.50
Apple Rasp, Grape, W/Melon or Orange Passionfruit	



Our Children  
Our Communities  
Our Future

## The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

# Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national data collection of early childhood development at the time children commence their first year of full-time school.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used results from the AEDC to help provide the right kind of services, resources and support for children and families.

Teachers of children in their first year of full-time school will complete online training prior to completing the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument (AEDI) for children in their class. Data collection will take place from May 2024 and school results will be available from late 2024. Individual children are not identifiable in the results.

Your school's participation in the AEDC helps to build a more complete picture of the health, wellbeing and development of children in the community. By taking part in the AEDC, you will be contributing important information that can assist other schools and the entire community to better support children and their families to be ready for school.

Every school counts and it's through the commitment of all schools that the AEDC is a success. Thank you for playing your part in the AEDC data collection.

Talk to your principal to find out more about participating in the 2024 AEDC. To find out more about the AEDC and how schools and communities are using the data to help children and families, visit [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).







*You're Invited!*

*On Tuesday 21st May Cowell Area School will be holding a morning tea in the Library to celebrate all of our wonderful volunteers.*

*You are invited to come along to this celebration commencing at 11am*

*Please RSVP to;  
Kylie McFarlane  
Phone: 86 292 150*

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

*We hope you can join us.*

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# WHISPERINGS

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from Cowell School Community Library

Week 3

## NEW RELEASES



### THURSDAY 16TH MAY WK 3 - STARTS AT 10:00AM

Dine in or takeaway

Come in and enjoy some nice warm soup or coffee/tea a plate of home made goods. Phone orders are welcome. There will also be a trading table so you can stock up for home.

You can expect delicious cakes, biscuits and pastries, warm soup and coffee plus much much more!

We hope to see you there. All money raised will be donated to the 'Cancer Council'



## Dates to Remember

Storytime/Baby Bounce @ 9.30am

Tues 21st May (wk 4)

Tues 4th June (wk 6)



Mums & Bubs @ 9:30am

Thurs 16th May (wk 3)

Thurs 14th May (wk 5)



Book Club & Cuppa @ 2pm

Tues 21st May (wk 4)

TechKnow @ 10.30am

Wed 29th May (wk 5) In Person

Wed 12th June (wk 7) Online



## BOOK CHAT & CUPPA

We're looking for some more community members to join our Book Chat & Cuppa group. Don't be scared we won't bite. We chat about books & so much more. Our next meeting is

**Tuesday 21st May from 2pm.**

Everyone welcome



P: 8629 2320

E: [cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au](mailto:cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au)



# School/Community News



## Mid Year Enrolment for Preschool Cowell Early Childhood Centre

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.



## RED CROSS BADGE DAY

Friday 24th May from 8:30am to 1pm in Main Street near Foodland. Thank you for your support.

Keep up to date with the latest school news and upcoming events by liking us on Facebook.



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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.

JOIN US FOR A

### Devonshire Tea Morning Tea

*Gluten free options will be available*

WED 29TH MAY FROM 9:30AM  
AT COWELL RSL

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

### Cowell Area School

# STUDENT FREE DAY

## Friday 7th June

*Staff will be undertaking training & development*

PARENTS & FRIENDS  
**SOUP DAYS**  
at Cowell RSL

**Fri 21st June & Fri 26th July**  
from 11:30am

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