

Cowell Area School

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Term 3, Week 3

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Newsletter



Principal's News

Well the weather has certainly been a bit chilly over the last couple of weeks. Thankfully the weather on Saturday for the football and netball wasn't as cold as the Sunday. Well done to everyone who played and kept fighting hard even though the results weren't favourable.

If you have been past the school in the last week you would have seen progress on the landscaping of the front of the school, new mature trees planted around the grounds to provide much needed shade for the students as well as the site works for the new playground which will be installed on the 19th August.



Planning for 2025

As we enter Semester 2, it's that time of year again when planning starts for the 2025 school year. For planning purposes around class configurations, staffing and overall enrolment numbers, it would be appreciated if you know that your child/ren will not be continuing with us next year to please communicate this to one of the Leadership team members or the Front Office. If you know of families considering enrolling at CAS please contact the school.

2025 Canberra Camp

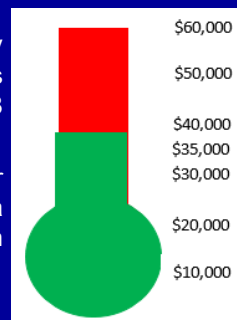
Last night we held a fundraising meeting to discuss the catering of the Lions Convention lunch on Saturday 12th October at the Cowell Institute. This will be catering for around 150 people and they would like lunch items that are premade and wrapped such as salad bowls, wraps, sandwiches, cakes, muffins, fruit platters etc. **A flyer asking for monetary donations as well as items will be distributed shortly.**

We have also been asked to help with the flag ceremony on the Friday night as well as providing servers on the Saturday night dinner. As this is in the school holidays we will be seeking Year 6, 7 and 8 students who are interested closer to the date.

Our current fundraising efforts have raised us just over \$36,000 so far thanks to the South Australian Oyster Growers Association holding a silent auction on the schools behalf to auction of the Eyre Shellfish donation of \$5,000 worth of spat.

Other fundraising ideas that came out of the meeting are:

- Ladies Day Luncheon
- Facebook Auctions – **any donations would be appreciated**
- Barefoot lawn bowls
- Waitressing for upcoming catering events



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 3

9/8 - SRC Anything but a Bag Day

WEEK 4

SCIENCE WEEK

13/8 - Yr 4/5 Excursion

14/8 - School Closure

WEEK 5

19/8 - African Drumming

23/8 - Student Free Day

- Traffic Lights Due

WEEK 6

26/8 - Bell Shakespeare

28/8 - SAPSASA Football Trials, Cleve

29-30/8—STEM Congress, Adelaide

WEEK 8

9-11/9 - SAPSASA Hockey, Adelaide

WEEK 9

16/9 - SAPSASA Athletics, Adelaide

16-20/9—Yr 4/5 Camp



AUGUST

9/8—CJ Doyle

9/8—Ruby Kovac

10/8—Mardi King

10/8—Reuben Jaeschke

11/8—Hudson O'Brien

13/8—Seth James

13/8—Annabelle Williams

16/8—Lexi Burrows

17/8—Meisha Watts

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



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Attendance Update

As we embark on another exciting term at Cowell Area School, we want to take a moment to highlight a crucial aspect of your child's education: regular school attendance. Consistent attendance is not just about meeting requirements; it's about ensuring that your child has the best possible chance to succeed both academically and socially.

Why Regular Attendance Matters

- ⇒ **Academic Achievement:** Students who attend school regularly are more likely to keep up with daily lessons and assignments and achieve higher grades.
- ⇒ **Social Skills:** Regular attendance helps children develop social skills and form meaningful relationships with peers and teachers.
- ⇒ **Future Success:** Good attendance habits in school can lead to better job opportunities and success in the future.

It may seem like missing a day here and there isn't a big deal, but let's break it down:

1 Day a Week: If your child misses one day of school each week, they miss 20% of their learning time.

Over a Year: This adds up to approximately 40 days of school missed in a single year.

Over Schooling Life: Over their schooling from Foundation to Year 12, this equates to nearly 2.5 years of lost learning!

Here's a visual to help understand this better:

Days Absent Per Week	Days Absent per Term	Days Absent per Year	Years of Lost Learning (Reception to Year 12)
1	10	40	2.5
2	20	80	5

How you can help.

Set a Routine: Ensure your child has a regular bedtime and morning routine to make getting to school on time easier.

Prepare in Advance: Lay out uniforms, pack lunches, and organise school bags the night before.

Stay Informed: Keep track of school events and important dates to avoid unnecessary absences.

Communicate: If your child is struggling with attending school, talk to their teacher or Emma Wykamp the Wellbeing leader, or myself. We are here to support you.

Every school day counts. By prioritising regular attendance, you are helping to build a strong foundation for your child's future. Let's work together to make every day count at Cowell Area School!

OSHC Demand Survey

The Department for Education is seeking our help to inform the future planning for Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) services. You are invited to participate in a survey which will seek your feedback for your potential needs for an OSHC service, to better understand the demand in our community and across the state.

You can access the survey via the link or scan the QR code below. The survey is open until **Friday 16 August 2024**.

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/n/1WnS5O3>



The survey takes less than 5 minutes and is completely anonymous - your answers will never identify you or your child.

Please note that completing this survey does not mean an OSHC service will be established.

For more information, or if you have any questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the department's OSHC Reform Team via email: education.OSHCReform@sa.gov.au.

Kind regards,

Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL

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Anything but a

Bag SRC Day

Bring the contents of your school bag along in anything but your backpack! Dress in casual clothes too if you like.



Friday 9th
of August



Prizes for
the most
creative

Gold coin donation going to the Smith Family
House points will be awarded too

CONGRATULATIONS to Lewis Stening (Yr 4/5) who competed in his first archery tournament over the weekend. In the '50th Anniversary Birger Nielson Memorial Shoot' Lewis won first place! This involved shooting a distance of 30m using a compound bow in the under 14s division. Lewis is a part of the 'Whyalla Bowman' club and in his time there he has been ranked at 9th place for under 14s in the state. Great stuff Lewis!



PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Can we believe it's almost time to start thinking about filling up some shoeboxes??

If you have any to spare, please think of Operation Christmas Child and drop your 'normal sized' shoeboxes off at the front office. If you'd like to fill your own, please do so! Remember- nothing that can melt or leak. No lotions, shampoos, toothpastes, crayons or bubble mix. Lots of toys, games, teddys, clothes, special items, and school things.

Our last two TALENT CLUBS have been a hit!

Widhi and Zoe showed us how to draw a 'Boba tea' with cartoon sitting in the top and Olivia and Riley taught us how to draw a cat, and Addison showed us her cartoon princess. It was very creative and a lot of fun.

Last week we had a special visitor—Ms Maguire came along and taught us how to do a Fly Kick! Thanks to Harper for getting the participants all warmed up with some Taekwondo warm-up exercises while we waited for Ms Maguire. It was tough, but exciting – and surprising - to see what everyone was capable of!

If you have a talent and you'd like to showcase it and teach some students how to do it too, please reach out to me at school. I work on Mondays and Wednesdays, or call the front office any time and leave a message.

Thank you!

Jess Jaeschke



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



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TEMPORARY GSE6 - COWELL AREA SCHOOL - AQUAPONICS FARM TECHNICIAN

Position No: 2024-0735-GS6-B-0-9
Applications Close: 18/08/2024 11:30 PM

Position Descriptor:

Cowell Area School is a small Area School with approximately 160 students R-12. Senior school numbers are small.

The Aquaponics Farm Technician is responsible to the Principal for the development and ongoing maintenance of the Aquaponics facilities and stock as well as providing assistance with hydroponics and landscaping of specific projects around the school.

Cowell is located on the Eyre Peninsula, just a 2 hour drive from Port Lincoln and is known for its picturesque coastline, abundant aquatic pursuits and relaxed lifestyle, as well as its magnificent oysters and other seafood delights.

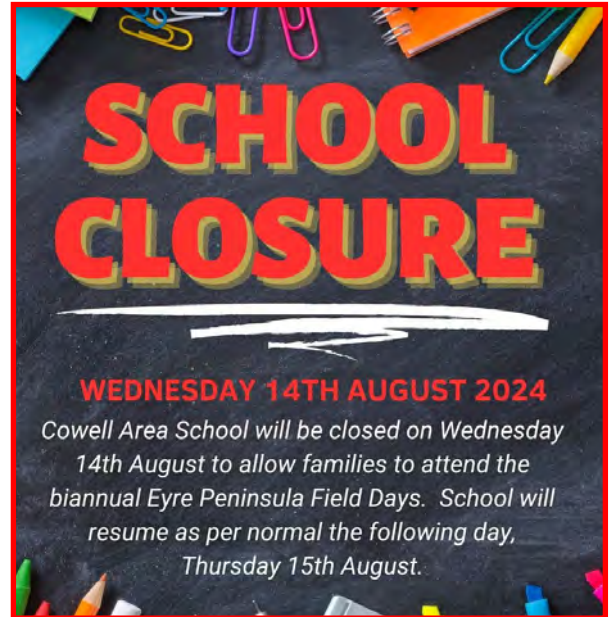
As a central part of the town, Cowell Area School prides itself on providing students with a positive community environment with strong connections to groups such as RSL, Lions and local industry who play a valuable part in providing rich, relevant experiences for their students.

In addition to the salary the following financial incentives may apply depending on the site location:

Locality Allowance

Please note that part time and flexible arrangements will be considered.

Site:	Cowell Area School														
Local Partnership:	Central Eyre 2														
Tenure:	02/09/2024 to 25/01/2026														
Hours Per Week:	37														
Roster: (may be negotiable)															
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Classification:	GSE06 - GSE Level 6														
Conditions:	\$1,185.50 - \$1,199.50 per week FTE / Leave Conditions														
Major Function(s) / Skill(s):	Grounds/Agriculture Facilities														
Information:	Stephanie Herbert phone 86292150														
School Website:	http://www.cowell.asa.edu.au														





Take control of your finances

For every dollar you save, you will receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500.



Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!
If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), **ANZ will double it.**

What can the \$500 be spent on?

- Laptops and tablets
- Vocational education
- Books and supplies
- Uniforms and shoes
- Lessons and activities
- Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au **1300 610 355**

Rowan Ramsey MP COWELL AREA SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD Nomination Form 2024

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:

Signed: _____

Date: _____/_____/_____

Please return this nomination from to Cowell Area School, 42 Story Road Cowell SA 5602
or Fax to 86292486 or email Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

By 4pm on Monday 2nd September 2024



WHISPERINGS

Libraries SA

from Cowell School Community Library

Week 3

Opening Hours

Mon : 9am - 12pm
Tue, Wed, & Thurs:
8:30 - 12:30 &
2pm - 4:30pm
Fri: 9am - 12pm

ADVANCED NOTICE

Library Closure: FRI 23rd August

New Additions



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 3rd September from 2pm.** Everyone welcome

P: 8629 2320

VISITING AUTHOR



Meredith Appleyard

Copies of her books are available to borrow in the library NOW!

Join us for this in-person event with bestselling Australian author Meredith Appleyard, as she discusses her latest novel, *The Seachangers*



28th August @4pm
Light refreshments available
Please RSVP

GIRLS NIGHT IN

AUGUST

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WITH ZINIA KING 21ST AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

'MINT FUSION'
6th Sep.

OCTOBER

Pottery Painting
25th Oct.

NOVEMBER

'PAINT & PACK'
Bags for Dignity
Friday 22nd

DECEMBER

Christmas inspo!

STORY TIME AND BABY BOUNCE

TUESDAY AUGUST 13TH
9:30AM

COWELL SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

EVERYONE IS "BEARY" WELCOME



Special Dress Up BOOK-WEEK edition of Story Time and Baby Bounce

Tuesday August 27th 9:30am
Cowell School Community Library

Reading is MAGIC

Join the fun and come dressed as a character from your favourite book. Morning tea provided after the session

Children's Book Week® Reading is Magic 2024 17 - 23 August

'READING IS MAGIC!'

It's time to start getting your costumes ready! Come dressed as your favourite book character and join the parade on the day.

BOOK WEEK THURS WEEK 5

E: cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au