## Cowell Area School

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Term 3. Week 9

18th September 2024

## <u>Newsletter</u>



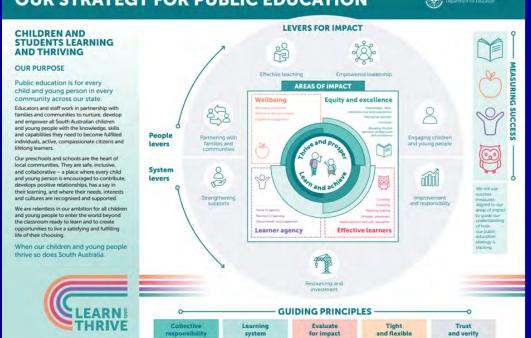
## Principal's News

Congratulations to the Cowell Cats B grade footy team on a premiership win.

Last Thursday, I attended an Eyre Peninsula Alliance Meeting, where Principals from across the region came together to grow our knowledge of the SA Curriculum which has been developed, with implementation of some learning areas next year (especially Mathematics). The SA Curriculum has been re-aligned from the Australian Curriculum and has included a heavier focus on the dispositions and capabilities of learners as well as the knowledge component. This aligns heavily with the Department for Education Purpose Statement and Areas of Impact as well as our own purpose statement of providing authentic learning opportunities to prepare students for success at school and beyond. With the fast changing pace of technology we need our students to be able to transfer the skills they learn into any pathway they choose. This is evident in the you tube clip called - The future of work which shows what is possibly what our students will be confronted with in the future. The Future of Work Will Our Children Be Prepared (youtube.com).

#### OUR STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION





Val Westwall, Director of Learning and Teaching and Sarah Bradbury presented to us the thinking behind this shift and how we can use the SA Curriculum as a lever to meet these goals. A huge part of this was how we can partner with businesses, be provided with challenges or problems that students then can work on how this challenge/problem can be solved and design prototypes or plans to assist the businesses. This is has proven to be an extremely engaging way for students to use critical and creative thinking skills as well as resilience and persistence.

So, we are seeking opportunities to partner with businesses, service clubs and/or volunteer organisations that may have some problems/challenges that we can use to challenge our students, please contact the school.

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

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 3

#### WEEK 9

16-20/9 - Yr 4/5 Camp

#### WEEK 10

23/0 - Red Ball Tennis

24-26/9 - Stage 1 PE Camp

- SAPSASA Tennis @ Lock 25/9

26/9 -School Assembly 12:20pm

- Yr 3/4 Sleepover

27/9 - Last Day of Term 3, school finishes @ 2:20pm

#### TERM 4

#### WEEK 1

14/10 - School Resumes

16/10 - CEP Yr 5/6 Cricket Carnival @ Lock



#### SEPTEMBER

23/9—Scarlett Schutz

24/9—Corbin Starr

24/9—Romi King

26/9—Noah King

29/9—Jed Fullbrook

#### **OCTOBER**

2/10—Flynn Turner

2/10—Lily Kahl

5/10—Olivia Baker

5/10—Fatima Mumtaz

6/10—Paxton Fisher

7/10—Darci Klingberg

7/10—Tyler Klingberg

9/10—Floyd Calderwood

11/10—Reaf Griffiths

12/10—Noah Gill



#### **Student Learning**

It has been a pleasure and I am impressed when I complete walk throughs of the classrooms, talk to students about their learning, with questions like what are you learning and why are you learning it and how do you know that you are improving? Over the year students have been able to articulate what and why with a deeper understanding and how the success criteria that teachers are providing are there for students to be able to self assess and see what they need to do to be successful.

#### **Congratulations to Jack Burton**

Congratulations to Mr Jack Burton for winning the SANFL Teacher of the Year Award for the Norwood Country/Eyre Peninsula area.

SANFL Award a Teacher of the Year for each region based on promotion of Football and I would like to congratulate Jack on winning the Norwood Country/Eyre Peninsula region award.

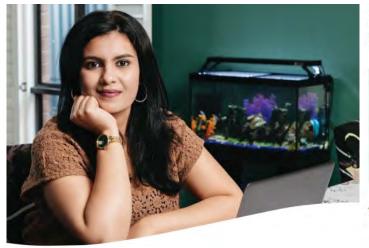
Your efforts in mentoring and coaching the Central Eyre Peninsula SAPSASA Boys team has been fantastic along with your general promotion of Football.

#### Planning for 2025

It is that time of year again when planning begins 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.

As Term 3 comes to its end next week, I would like to remind you of the early finish of 2.20pm on Friday and wish you all a lovely and restful holiday period.

Kind regards, Stephenie Herbert, PRINCIPAL



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#### **Made with Metal**

Year 10 and 11 Industrial and Entrepreneurial Skills students (metal work) are busy honing their welding skills and creating some impressive garden features in tech studies this Semester. Check out Lexi's garden sculpture and Lincoln's firepit made from donated recycled metal from local farming families.



#### **Rural Youth**

Young leaders off to the inaugural EP Rural Ambassadors Youth Forum in Wudinna.







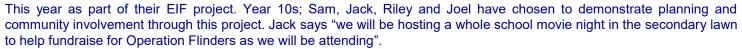
#### Year 10 Movie Night Fundraiser for Op Flinders

By Imogen Moffat-Sleep

On Thursday, Week 10, the Year 10 class will hold a movie night to raise money for Operation Flinders.

Operation Flinders transforms the lives of young people through quality remote outback adventure programs. Every year, the school sends the Year 10 class to Operation Flinders. Operation Flinders involves hiking, abseiling, camping, bushcraft and learning about Indigenous culture.

Year 11, Danielle, was one of five students who attended Operation Flinders last year and this year she was invited back as a peer group mentor. "It's a good experience because it allows you to make personal growth and be challenged," Danielle said.



"We've all heard that Operation Flinders is great for bonding and a real teamwork exercise," Jack said. "This is why we would like to fundraise for Operation Flinders."

Other EIF projects this year include a life-size metal horse sculpture by Noah working with the Men's Shed, and Lincoln and Dominic designing a Pedal Prix Car.

You can check in at 6pm to collect your popcorn and Despicable Me 4 will start at 6:30pm. There will be other snacks available for purchase.

A reminder that alcohol is **NOT** permitted on school grounds.

The Year 10s would like to thank the Cowell Button Club and Cowell Area School P&F for supporting the upcoming event and the Operation Flinders Campaign. Thank you also to Mr Rogers, Miss Maguire, Miss Llewelyn, Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Elson, Scotty, Danielle and Mrs Ramsey for helping prepare for the event.



Cowell Area School has recently purchased a class set of MakeDo construction tools for students to create cardboard sculptures.

These class kits allow students to create anything from models to masks using easy plastic f astenings and fixed hinges - and then they can pull everything apart and start again.

This product is designed to encourage creativity, promote problem-solving skills, and bring joy to the classroom.

Our Year 10s, 11s and 12s had some fun testing out the tool sets with recycled cardboard in Pastoral Care this month.











#### Year 7s bring History to Life

In Year 7 History, students are creating posters for Ancient Egyptian, advertising goods and services that were common at the time.

In these pictures, Eli is tracing his ideas onto linen while Thomas is ageing his poster with heat and coffee.

Year 10 students are currently undertaking the new Exploring Identities and Futures subject, which replaces PLP as a Stage 1 SACE compulsory this year.

Cowell Area School was part of the pilot program for this subject, which is often a challenge for many of our young people, as it prioritises self-management, community connection, independent research and problem-solving.

As part of our Community Connection Project, our students took a Field Trip to Cleve and Arno Bay last week to interview key community members about their projects.

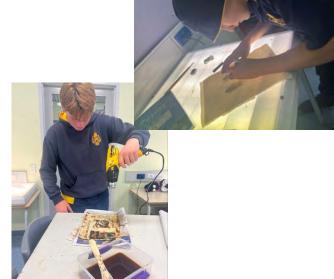
Jack, Sam, Riley and Joel are busy planning a movie night for Thursday, Week 9, to raise funds for Operation Flinders, which they will be part of in Term 4. They met with members of the Arno Bay New Years Day committee to book the blow-up outdoor movie screen and seek advice about running an event of this type. They have also met with key school staff to learn how to complete a risk assessment, organise barbecue and power facilities, a float, purchase of drinks and ice, and promotion of the event.

Dom and Lincoln met with the Cleve Area School pedal prix team members and mechanic and engineer Rob Flounders to discuss designs and requirements for pedal prix human-powered vehicles. They took Mr Tonkin along for the ride to provide expert advice on materials, scale, safety and aerodynamic considerations. As a result, they are now designing their own cars and building cardboard prototypes.

Mr Tonkin was also able to assist Noah in assessing the sculptures of Peter 'Turtle' Crosby for techniques to apply to his own horse sculpture project in cooperation with the Cowell Men's Shed, and then students visited an Arno Bay farm to collect recycled materials.

EIF is a Stage 1 SACE compulsory subject and students begin by exploring themselves, their goals, their strengths and skills, and setting personal goals to work towards while connecting with the wider community for feedback and advice.

The students have managed some big steps forward already this year, and their work is currently benig sent to Adelaide for moderation.





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Whole School Assembly

Thursday 26th September, commencing 12:20pm at the school, hosted by the Year 3/4 class.

All welcome to attend.

### **CPR COURSE**

Do you need to update your qualification?

Want to get a pool key? Current CPR is a requirement

We are taking bookings for a CPR Course here in Cowell.

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024 4:00pm to 6:30pm in Cowell Library

There will be limited spaces available. To book your spot contact Kylie McFarlane on 86292150 or email Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

Course cost depends on number of participants, we estimate this to be around \$60 per person.

Cowell School/Community Swimming Pool

POOL KEY HIRE 2024/25 Season

Do you intend on hiring a pool key this season?

Hire keys and retrieval dives will be limited, bookings are ESSENTIAL!

To hire a seasonal key you are required to have current CPR and perform a Deep Water Retrieval dive.

The first of our retrieval dives will take place at the por from 10:30am to 11:30am on Sunday 13th October.

Please contact the school to book in for this dive,

86292150.

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#### **Annual General Meeting**

Will be held Friday 20th September 10am in the Library

All welcome

Enquiries to Kylie McFarlane at the school 86292150





### **NO LUNCH ORDERS**

School lunch orders will NOT be available on Friday 27th September due to a planned power outage.

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



#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**

Here we go again! Operation Christmas Child!

Most families here in Australia are fortunate enough to be able to give gifts to our family and friends regularly. But overseas, it's a different story! These shoebox gifts that we can put together could be the only gift these children receive for their entire childhood. We don't know exactly where they will be sent, however it is possible to send a letter with the box and hope for a reply, or tracking labels can be purchased online at operationchristmaschild.org.au .

Ways you can help this year:

- Collect a box from school to fill up I will provide a list of items that can and cannot go in and labels to go on the box.
- 2. Donate items to go into a box; each one needs to have the following Items must be NEW:
  - Something to wear: shirt, shoes, cap, beanie, sandals, shorts
  - Something to love: teddy, doll, soft toy
  - Something special: carry bag, sunnies, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, personal note, photo of yourself
  - Something for school: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk etc
  - Something to play with: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets etc
  - Something for personal hygiene: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comp, scrunchie, hair clips etc
- Donate your time to help put the boxes together. Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will put the boxes together at school.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact me at the school, or let your child know they can pick up a box from me at school to bring home.

Donated items can be given to the front office by Monday 23rd of September.

Many thanks for your support.

Jess







#### BUS TRAVEL

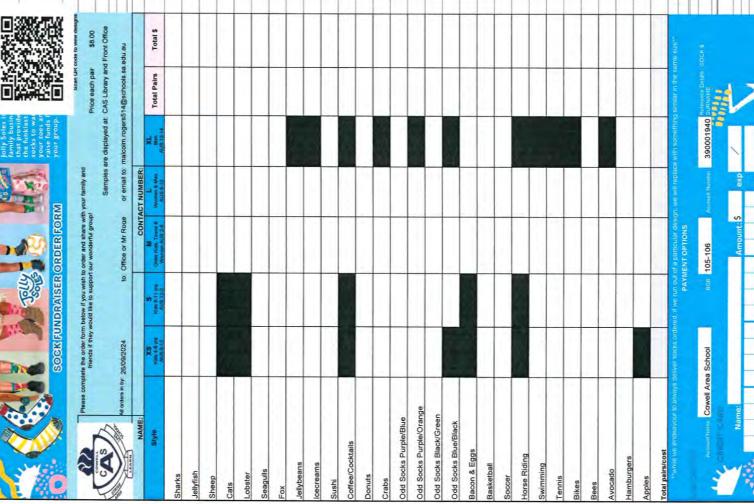
A friendly reminder to anyone who intends travelling on any school bus: Michelle Elson, in the

Front Office, <u>must be contacted before</u> <u>anyone extra is allowed to travel</u>.

Students can notify Mrs Elson but we encourage adults to notify the school before the intended travel is meant to occur.



Thank you for supporting our cause!





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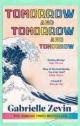
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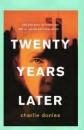
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## **NEW RELEASES**







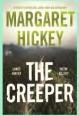












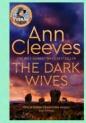
























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Mums & Bubs @ 9:30am Thurs 19th Sep (wk 9) Thurs 3rd Oct (in school Hol.)



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**EVENT** 

## /ISITING AUTHOR





Tricia Stringer is a bestselling and multiple award-winning author. Tricia grew up on a farm in country South Australia and has spent most of her life in rural communities, as owner of a post office and bookshop, as a teacher and librarian, and now as a full-time

## **CHAIR YOGA**



After much success with our Firstival - 'Try your first armchair yoga class', Lynda is now starting regular classes.

Classes will be held on alternate Tuesdays, starting 10th September at the Uniting Church Hall. Sessions are \$10 per class and run from

11am - 11.45am.

For more information contact Lynda on 0428 191 962.