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NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 5

PATC Block week

Science Week

21/8 - Open Boys Basketball

21/8 - RWR Medicine

Ambassadors Visit

WEEK 6

Book Week

25/8 - MTA

26/8 - Bell Shakespeare

27/8 - Book Week Parade

28/8 - SRC Movie Night

WEEK 7

PAT Testing Begins

PATC Block week

1/9-2/9 - Fathers Day stall

3/9 - Yr7-10 Table Tennis Port
Lincoln

4/9 - SAPSASA Track & Field
Adelaide



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are at the half way point of the term already. This week we are celebrating National Science Week with the school theme being Seeds of Science: *nurturing science for all*.

This theme invites students across Australia to explore the power of curiosity, inquiry and shared learning in growing scientific understanding. Just as seeds need the right conditions to grow, knowledge flourishes when it is nurtured, shared and applied to real-world and authentic challenges across all the scientific disciplines.

The theme encourages schools to explore how ideas take root, develop and spread – from the first spark of a question to the sharing of discoveries that benefit the wider community. It's a celebration of how knowledge grows when tended with care, creativity and collaboration.

While it aligns with the United Nations International Year of Woman Farmers and the year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, it's about more than just agriculture. There are opportunities to explore seeds in all their forms... from seeding pearls, to growing crystals.





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This has seen classes join together to explore a range of different activities. From the R/1 class joining with the Year 10s and the Kindy exploring seed paper to the Year 5/6 and Year 11s working on Sprouting after fire. This has seen some great collaboration across the school.

2026 Book Week

Next week we celebrate Book Week which has the theme of "Symphony of Stories" as well as celebrating the amazing work that our SSOs do to support students and teachers.

Thank You

Next week we see the return of Kylie McFarlane and Leah Kelly from their leave. We thank Tegan Boothby for filling in for Kylie to help keep the office running smoothly. We also thank Emma Wykamp for stepping up and taking on the Assistant Principal role while Leah was away.

Cleve Field Days & Yumbah Visit

A huge thank you to Darren Fisher, the Year 5/6 and year 10 class as well as staff volunteers for manning the aquaculture display at the field days. We had a great response from the community and showed how Cowell Area School utilises aquaculture for learning and as well as the promoting the Certificate II in Aquaculture, which corresponded with a Come and Try Day yesterday at Yumbah as well as at the school.

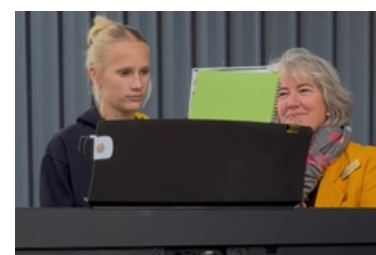


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We also had students who participated on the Field Days music stage showcasing their musical talents and in the Articulture event.



Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies

Following on from the review of our 2026 Behaviour Support Policy, staff at Cowell Area School are now preparing to re-assess and re-design our school's behaviour intervention support framework.

A team of dedicated teachers from across the school will lead this process, using the Department for Education's evidence-based Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies (PBIS) model.

PBIS is a proactive, evidence-based framework used by schools to improve safety, promote good behavior, and create a positive school culture by teaching and rewarding appropriate actions instead of relying only on punishment.

The core principles of PBIS are:

- Prevention focus: Teaching clear behavioral expectations the same way academic subjects are taught.
- Positive reinforcement: Acknowledging and rewarding students when they follow rules and show good behavior.
- Data-driven: Using school data to track problem areas and solve behavioral issues systematically.

PBIS acknowledges and is the foundation of a three-tiered program of support.

- Tier 1 (Universal): General, school-wide rules and proactive support that apply to all students in all settings.
- Tier 2 (Targeted): Additional, focused group support for students who need extra help meeting behavioral goals.
- Tier 3 (Intensive): Highly individualized, specialized support for students with chronic or severe behavioral needs.

Cowell Area School's Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies will be designed with the following values in mind.

- We believe that all student behaviour is a form of communication and may be an indicator of unmet needs.
- As professionals, we have a responsibility to investigate the underlying cause or message behind each action and take proactive steps to address students' needs.
- We believe that school is a place for learning, and that includes learning how to behave as a part of a kind, collaborative and inclusive community.
- We believe that these behaviours should be explicitly taught and modelled to give all students the opportunity to feel safe and be successful.

Staff will meet on Mondays, beginning by designing a matrix of expectations for students and staff that reflect the school's values of **Respect, Learning, Responsibility** and **Success**. This draft outline will then be released to staff, students and parents for consultation and feedback.



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2026 Central Eyre Peninsula 9-a-Side Football Carnival

On Friday 31 July, a group of Cowell Area School Year 7, 8 and 9 students travelled to Cleve to compete in the annual Eyre Peninsula Girls' and Boys' 9-a-side Football Carnival. Despite a cold winter's day, the conditions were ideal for football.

Both our girls' and boys' teams played some excellent, consistent football across their three matches. The boys enjoyed a mix of convincing wins and narrow losses, putting together a strong overall carnival performance. The girls were involved in several tightly contested games and were unlucky to narrowly miss out on a place in the grand final.

The standard of football in the girls' competition continues to improve each year, and it was fantastic to witness the high level of skill, teamwork and emerging talent on display throughout the day.

To finish the carnival, the Cowell girls and boys combined to form two mixed teams for a friendly "grudge match", which

was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. Even the coaches took to the field to join in the fun, making for a great way to wrap up the day. Congratulations to McKenna Arnold and Dane Beach, who were each presented with a Norwood Football in recognition of their outstanding sportsmanship throughout the carnival. Both students consistently demonstrated fair play, teamwork, respect and strong performances on the field, making them worthy recipients of the award.

A big thank you to Darren Fisher for assisting with transport and umpiring throughout the carnival. Thank you also to Kyla Franklin and Danielle Whitwell for their support with coaching, goal umpiring and encouraging our students throughout the day.

Our Year 10 student leaders, Quintin Fisher, Chase Piggott and Zoe Flavel, also did an outstanding job coaching our teams and continued to develop their leadership skills in a positive and supportive environment.

Finally, thank you to Cleve Area School for organising another fantastic carnival. It was great to see students from across Central Eyre Peninsula coming together, making new connections and enjoying a day of quality football.



Operation Flinders 2026 – Team Catch-Up

The Operation Flinders 2026 Tango 1 team recently caught up with Team Leaders Liz and Craig for a great day of reconnecting and reflecting on the experience. The group travelled to Darke Peak to tackle Carapee Hill before enjoying lunch together at the Darke Peak Hotel.

It was fantastic to see everyone again and reflect on the strong relationships and friendships that were developed throughout the trip. Students were also presented with a small gift and information about future opportunities through the Next Step Program.

A great day of catching up, sharing memories and celebrating the achievements of our Operation Flinders team!



PASTORAL CARE

This term at Garden Club we've been kept busy with weeding and planting. We cleaned out the 4 big garden beds that live at the back of the school. With many hands the job was done before I could even get a good photo! They were all very full of very high weeds. And this week we planted lots of vegetables and flowers in them ready for Spring to do its thing! Hopefully next term we'll be in the kitchen with our produce making some interesting snacks.



Breakfast Club is also as busy as ever. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we serve at least four – sometimes five, loaves of toast and a platter of fruit. We love making sure everyone is going off to class with a full belly ready for learning. Thanks to our volunteers who come each week and to Foodbank and the Cowell Inter-church Council for providing the food and supplies.

If you would like to volunteer at school in any way, please reach out at the front office and leave a message.

Jess Jaeschke
Pastoral Care Worker

**SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
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PROGRAM**



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LAUREN BEINKE



Lauren Beinke has attended Cowell Area School since Reception, as did her older brothers Ryan and Thomas. Today, she is a Year 11 and plans to become a theoretical physicist. Lauren has loved growing up in a small country community and believes that Cowell Area School has taught her to always try her hardest and treat everyone with respect. Her favourite memory was the Wilpena Pound Camp with Ms Maguire and Mr Burton, but her great love at school is maths - "because I love maths and I've always had good maths teachers".

In 2026, Lauren is studying Chemistry, Physics, Maths Methods, Mathematics, AIF and Essential English through a combination of face-to-face and local delivery subjects. This demanding Year 11 subject workload is designed to ensure Lauren's entry to the Adelaide University's Bachelor of Science, majoring in Theoretical Physics.

Lauren is already on a steady path for her goal after recently completing work experience with Professor Martin White, from the Adelaide University School of Physics. Year 10 Careers Trip and a visit to the university was a pivotal moment for Lauren and her family in making this opportunity happen.

"I think Careers Trip was particularly helpful because you had to look at a wide range of things - it wasn't necessarily about other jobs you could do but people coming and talking to you about their careers and providing insights," she said. "Going to university and seeing all the buildings and the support services made me feel comfortable and made it feel real - when, before, it was always a dream."

Despite some early anxiety about studying in Adelaide, Lauren's confidence has grown through her pathways experiences and the support of her family, teachers and peers. "My advice to someone going into senior school at Cowell Area School is to believe you can do anything. You want to work hard and just believe in yourself."

And Lauren has put that advice into action for herself. As a local delivery student, she receives some of her specialist subjects from teachers based at other EP schools, meeting her teachers and peers online a handful of times a week for classes, as well as working closely with SACE maths and science specialist Mrs Stacy Michael at Cowell.

"There were lots of reasons I wanted to stay when we were considering how I would access the subjects I need, but I like being at school with my family and my friends, so when I met my Local Delivery teachers that really cinched it for me and I've been happy ever since. I'm doing well in those classes, but I get family support and I'm able to stay with the mates I've had my whole life."

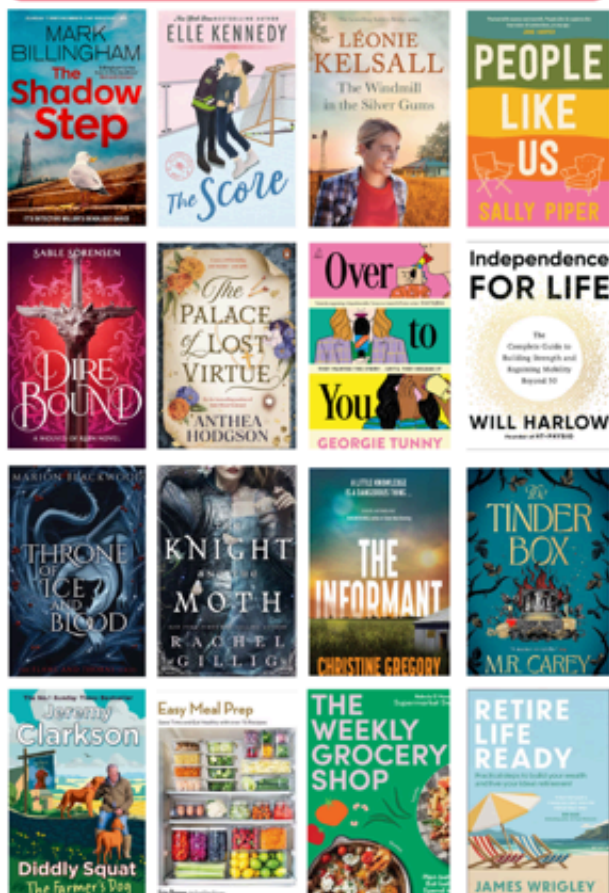
Lauren intends to complete Year 12 and SACE at Cowell Area School in 2027, studying a range of maths and science subjects in the hopes of achieving a high ATAR and entry into Adelaide University's Bachelor of Science, majoring in Theoretical Physics.

But beyond her studies, Lauren wants to be remembered for working hard, being kind to her peers and the staff who have supported her at Cowell Area School for her entire school career.



LIBRARY NEWS

NEW RELEASES



THE
FRANKLIN
TIDE

August edition out now!

<https://www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au/community/newsletter>

WHAT'S ON



Frustrated by technology?
Need help with your phone or laptop?
Don't know how to spot a scam email?



Help is here!
Book in for a one on one
with us. Appointments
available every
Wednesday morning.



Libraries
SA

Contact the library on
8629 2320 to book in.



Community Connect

Cuppa with our local Copper

Cowell Library
Thursday 27th August 10am

Join us at the library and have
a cuppa with our local Copper.
A great opportunity to ask
questions, share concerns or
ideas in a welcoming
environment.



Storytime & Baby Bounce

Tuesdays @ 9.45am

- August 11th
- August 25th
- September 8th
- September 22nd



Special event- Tuesday Sept 8th 9:45am
Belated Book Week session
"Symphony of Stories" Rave Party
Wear your favourite colour to celebrate!



With Father's Day approaching, we're excited to announce that Cowell Area School will be holding a special stall on the 1st and 2nd of September to help students find the perfect gift for Dad!

To make this event a success, we're seeking donations of small, unused items that you may have at home. If you have surplus knick knacks—such as unused hats, tools, ties, mugs or other similar treasures—why not give them a new life as a Father's Day gift?

Donated items can be dropped off at the front office. Your generosity will help our students celebrate the special men in their lives, while also supporting our school community and promoting sustainability

Thank you for your support



Courtesy of the SRC
Funraising for New School Hats

Kids Club

Hosted at the Cowell Institute
8 Main St, Cowell SA 5602

WEEK 6
FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH

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ENTRY

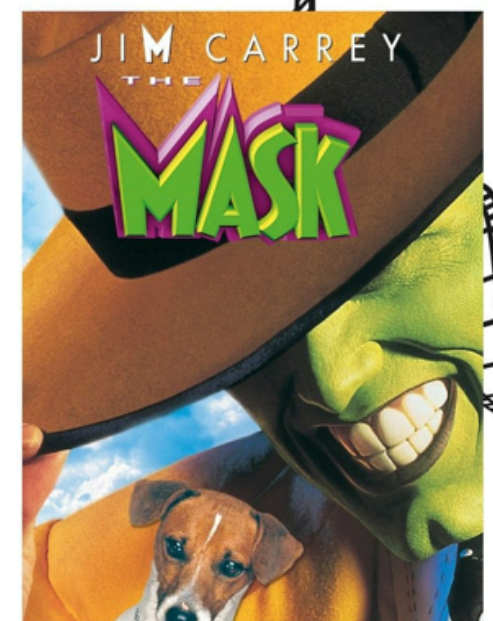


Over the Hedge

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Arrival - 4pm
Start - 4:30pm

Dress up as your favorite animal
or bring your animal stuffy



The Mask

PG

Arrival - 6:15pm
Start - 6:45pm

Come with your best mask/ best
dressed inspired by the Mask



Competition for best dress
Prizes to be won
Advised to bring your own seating and blankets

Food Available





LOCAL
Delivery
education

COME & TRY DAY

DISCOVER

EXPLORE

CONNECT

Thinking about studying a Local Delivery subject next year?

*Thinking about studying a Local Delivery subject next year?
Join us for an exciting opportunity to experience Local Delivery firsthand and find out how it can help you access more subject choices and future pathways.*

What is it about?

Meet Local Delivery teachers and students from across the Eyre Peninsula, explore subject options, and experience how online learning works in a supportive and engaging environment.

DISCOVER

Meet the teachers..

Get to know the teachers who may be teaching your Local Delivery subjects next year.

EXPLORE

Connecting...

with other students

Meet students from other schools who may become your classmates next year.

CONNECT

Experience Local Delivery

See how online lessons work and discover the tools that help students learn, collaborate and succeed.

CORE SUBJECTS:

**BIOLOGY | CHEMISTRY | PHYSICS |
PSYCHOLOGY | MATHS METHODS &
SPECIALIST MATHS**

NON-CORE SUBJECTS

MAY BE OFFERED, PLEASE ENQUIRE

WHO is it for?

- ✓ Year 10 students moving into Stage 1
- ✓ Stage 1 students considering Stage 2 LD subjects
- ✓ Any student new to studying through Local Delivery

Come & Try Local Delivery...

Date: Term 4 - 20th October 2026

Location: **Wudinna Area School**

Register at your school with your
Senior School Co-ordinator

Ring: **8688 3488** for further info.

Explore your options

Find out more about the subjects available and how they can support your career and study goals.

**YOUR FUTURE | YOUR SUBJECTS
YOUR OPPORTUNITIES**



**4 year old Preschool
Enrolment**

is Now Open!



**If you are interested in enrolling your child in
4 year old preschool in January 2027, please
come into the Centre to fill out a form**

If your child turns 4 before 1 May, they are eligible to start in term 1 of that year. If your child turns 4 between May 1 and Oct. 31 they are eligible to start in term 3 of that year. If your child is born after October 31 they are eligible to start preschool in term 1 the following year.



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