COWELL AREA SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

WEEK 3
PAT C BLOCK WEEK YR 11

WEEK 4
2/11 - MTA
2/11 - Yr 11 English Field Trip
2-4/11 - Yr 7 Camp
6/11 - Biology & Maths Exams
7/11 - Formal

WEEK 5
PAT C BLOCK WEEK YR 11
9-11/11 - SAPSASA Tennis
11/11 - Super 8's Cricket @ Kimba
11/11 - Remembrance Day

WEEK 6
16-19/11 - Yr 9/10 Science Camp
18/11 - Bron's Music Concert
20/11 - Ambrose Golf Yr 7-10

WEEK 7
23-25/11 - SAPSASA Cricket
23-25/11 - Yr 9 Camp
27/11 - Student Free Day

WEEK 8
30/11 - Student Free Day
1/12 - Presentation Evening, 6pm

LEADERSHIP NEWS

As many of you know, Stephenie is currently on leave, and I have had the pleasure of stepping into the role of Principal over the past few weeks as the Education Director.
During this time, it has been wonderful to spend more time getting to know your children and staff and to see firsthand what great young people and staff they are. They are a credit to our school community, and I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of their learning.

Currently our year 12s are getting ready to complete their end of year including submitting final assessments and exams. We trust they will have a successful finish. We look forward as a staff team to celebrating them today at a shared morning tea.

We trust our Year 5/6 students had a fantastic time away on camp, creating lasting memories and taking part in valuable learning experiences. We also look forward to hearing all about the Year 7 camp next week and sharing in the stories and highlights when they return.

At the moment, we are also working closely on planning and preparing for the 2027 school year. This includes ensuring we have excellent teachers and SSOs in place to give our students the very best start to the year. It is an exciting time as we look ahead and continue building a strong, supportive and successful learning environment for every child. As soon as I have more confirmed information, I will communicate clearly with families about what this will look like.

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of following the road safety rules in front of the school. By following signage, parking appropriately and taking care during drop-off and pick-up times, we can all help ensure our students, families and staff remain safe.
Thank you for your ongoing support. There is much to look forward to, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our school as we move towards 2027 with optimism and confidence.

Kind regards,
Tammy Williams, Education Director



World Teachers' Day is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and thank our dedicated teachers for the care, commitment and passion they bring to their work every day. Their efforts make a lasting difference in the lives of our students, and we are very grateful for all they do for our school community.



Central Eyre Peninsula SAPSASA Track & Field
On 2 September 2026, Sharina Hope competed at the SA Athletics Stadium in Mile End, Adelaide, representing Central Eyre Peninsula.
Sharina competed in the 10-year-old girls' 100m , 200m and 4 × 100m relay & long jump, achieving 1st place in each event.
As a result of her performances, Sharina was selected to represent South Australia in the State team.
She has been attending training sessions in Adelaide in preparation for the competition in Melbourne in late November.
Cowell Area School congratulates Sharina and wishes her all the best for this exciting opportunity.



GOVERNING COUNCIL
28/10/2026
POSTPONED
WILL NOW BE HELD NEXT WEDNESDAY
4/11/2026
7PM IN THE LIBRARY.

FOOD FOR SOULS

Food For Souls are available on the fourth Friday of each month, this Friday, 30th of October 11.00 - 12.00 noon at the Uniting Church Hall. We have a small selection of food, at no cost to you, available for those who are finding it tough to make ends meet. All you need to be is a Concession Card holder. You can come once or every month, it's up to you. More information available if you wish, please ring Sue 0428287068.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 8 Geography

Y8 Students entered the Geography Teachers' Association - SA photo competition again, this year. Students were required to submit a photo which they took themselves in SA, with a caption (max. 100 words) connecting the image to the theme 'Planning for the Future'.
Congratulations to Bella Piggott and Flynn Turner, whose entries were shortlisted and will be displayed in the Adelaide Town Hall. Bella, Flynn and families will attend a presentation next week in Adelaide where the winner is announced.
Other notable entries were completed by Jaime King, Amani Franklin and Harmella Stening.

C Peters
Y8 Geography Teacher

South Australian Geography Photo Competition 2026
Theme: Planning for the Future

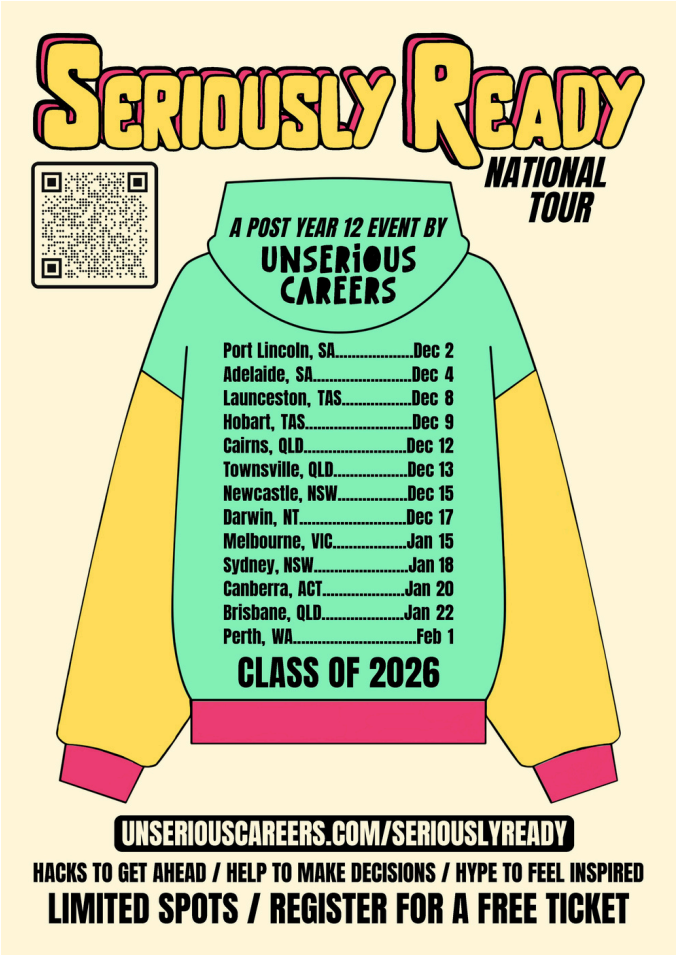


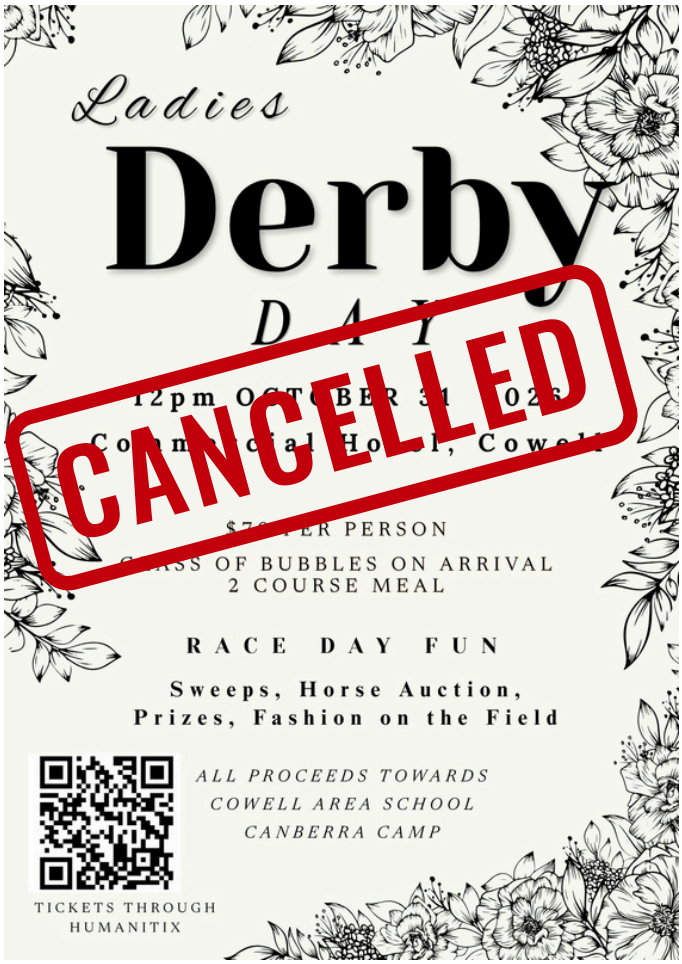
I live on an intergenerational farm and we are turning to a more sustainable way of dryland farming. This photo is of a pulse crop, in this case field peas, which means it puts nitrogen and carbon back into the soil so we aren't as reliant on synthetic fertilisers. This also helps because of the carbon that allows us to store more water in the soil to allow us to grow crops on bad years because of the carry over nutrients and moisture.
In the future these two things are going to be the biggest problems facing dryland farmers.



Growing Up Not Out
This 119-metre-tall tower functions as a vital office, university, and student accommodation hub for Adelaide's growing population. The project demonstrates how urban construction must adapt to vertical density while respecting heritage.
To achieve this, the rear of the site was demolished to secure land for the larger tower, leaving the historic Victorian-era facade intact. This development delivers essential housing without destroying the architectural significance of the city's past.
Ultimately, this approach preserves Adelaide's cultural character while modernising infrastructure, successfully preparing the city to support future population growth and sustainable urban density in the central business district.

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2026 Cowell Area School Magazine Order Form

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Orders Due 20th November

YR 8 CAMP
FLINDERS RANGES

The Year 8 students recently spent time camping and bushwalking in Wilpena Pound - Flinders Ranges.While at Wilpena Resort, many visitors complimented the students on their behaviours. Thank you to everyone who supported the camp, especially Mr Burton, Stacey Franklin and Blue King for attending. A school social (fund raiser) is planned for Friday Wk5 ie 13 November. More details to come soon!

C Peters Y8 Homegroup Teacher











STUDENT REFLECTIONS

Highlights from the camp:

Bella - Getting everyone lost on the first day!
Dane – Spotting the possums in the tree and eating KFC on Friday.
Kobi - The views were great. I liked the frogs!
McKenna - Climbing to the top of St Mary's Peak.
Paxton - Having a thumb war on the top of Mt Ohlssen Bagge.
Jaime - The view from St Mary's Peak and seeing the emu at the campsite.
Harmella - The night games and reaching St Mary's Peak.
Flynn - The views from St Mary's Peak and the good weather.
Austin G - Climbing to the top of St Mary's Peak and Mt Ohlssen Bagge and watching Kobi accidentally do a somersault on the track.
Amani - Hiking up to St Mary's Peak and the purple flowers.
Mckenzie - The view from St Mary's Peak and the night games.
Anja - Finding the tent in the trees.
Mia - Seeing a yellow footed rock wallaby and the purple flowers.









YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Our Year 5/6 students recently attended camp to Victor Harbour, Goolwa and the Coorong as part of their learning linked to Storm Boy. The camp gave students the opportunity to explore places connected to the novel and movies, learn more about the local environment and wildlife, and build teamwork and independence through shared experiences. - Miss Murphy



On camp we went to the boatshed and looked around town. We also made tiny boats. We went to Goolwa and split up into groups and went into the shops and explored around town. We also went to the beach and filmed some scenes. We went to Victor Harbour and looked around in the shops there. We also went to Pt Elliot Bakery. - Sharina Year 5



We went to look at Storm Boys boat. We went and looked at Storm Boys hometown. - Nash year 6



What we did at camp was recreate Storm Boy. Then we went to the wild life park and we went to Granite Island. - Hudson Year 5

We made the newspaper!!


Fleurieu Sun

Fleurieu Sun

Storm Boy studies





On camp we walked around Goolwa and Victor Harbour. - Pypah Year 5

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

STORM BOY VS YEAR 5/6 CLASS













YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Something I have learnt about myself after going on camp is..... being brave about the recreating a part of a film of Storm Boy. - Narissa Year 5

Something I have learnt about myself after going to camp is..... I'm more confident about myself and faced my fears by feeding the buff kangaroo. - Sadie Year 6







I liked when we went to the wildlife park and I liked feeding the kangaroos. I also liked when we saw the seal on the Goolwa Barrages. - Lexie Year 5





On camp we walked around Victor Harbour and walked to Granite Island. On Granite Island we walked to the top of the mountain. - Declan Year 5

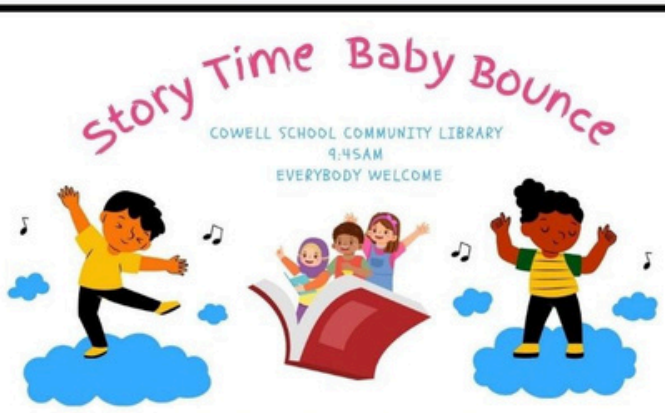


LIBRARY NEWS

WHAT'S ON

Armchair Yoga

Every **Tuesday at 11am** with Lynda Turner on the big TV. $10 per session.



DATES FOR TERM 4
NOV 3RD, NOV 17TH, DEC 1ST, DEC 15TH

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.

HEY PARENTS!...LET'S TALK 'LEXILES'

A Lexile measure is a standardised score that matches a child's reading ability with the difficulty level of a specific book or text.They are incredibly important for children because they eliminate the guesswork from choosing books, ensuring kids select material that is neither so easy that they get bored, nor so difficult that they become frustrated. By targeting reading material within a child's unique "Lexile range," parents and educators can foster an optimal learning environment that builds comprehension skills, boosts reading confidence, and encourages a lifelong love of books.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Daily reading vs occasional reading

Australian research found that children who were read to every day at ages two to three had higher average Year 3 NAPLAN reading scores than children who were read to less often.



NEW RELEASES

