Dear All,
Welcome back to the final term of 2014, this year has certainly flown by and been extremely busy. I’m sure this last term won’t be any different.

Thankyou
To Mr Bob Combes and all the staff, my sincere thanks, for their continuing commitment to excellence and for their support in enabling two staff and myself to venture overseas. I have included a report and a number of photographs from our journey which I’m sure you will find interesting. If you would like further information or to talk to me about our trip, please don’t hesitate to call in and speak to me in person. Obviously with a trip such as this there are rigorous requirements set out under the application guidelines, so plenty of writing coming up for the three of us!

A wonderful Evening with Barb Shearer
Whilst I wasn’t here to attend this special community event, I have heard the most wonderful feedback. To those involved in the organisation, congratulations. To our staff and students you continue to be amazing. Our sincere thanks to Barb Shearer who has donated the proceeds of this concert to the school, we will use the money to continue to provide lovely areas for play and conversations.

Some updates for you:
Bushfire Season
Today marks the beginning of the Bushfire Season and to support all of our families I have included information about having your Bushfire Action Plan in place in case of emergencies. Many of you will remember that our school is not usually open during a catastrophic day but we do not run our buses as they do pass through the catastrophic zones. To help us to support you and your children please ensure that your contact details and those of your emergency contacts are up to date at the school. We are finding that people are changing phones and not letting us know their new numbers. In case of a bushfire it is critical that we are able to contact you.

Hat Policy
Again for everyone’s safety we ask that your child has a hat, which they will be required to have on for play times, sport events, PE lessons and moving between classes. We are working hard to have more shaded areas but it does take time so hats are essential. Sunscreen is provided in each class for students to use.

Hot Weather Policy
When the weather is 35°C we ask that all students and staff remain in the air-conditioned areas of the school.

Swimming Pool
We are still waiting for the finalisation of the process to have the pool repaired. To enable the children to be able to use the pool until the end of term I have asked that the repairs take place in January if at all possible. This should enable us to run swimming lessons in the New Year.

No keys will be given to the community again this year because it is impossible to know when we will have to take the water out of the pool. I can only apologise for this inconvenience.

Vac Swim
If you have registered for Vac swim then you will need to either go to the jetty in Cowell or out to Lucky Bay as the pool will be unavailable. Hopefully this is the last year we will have to be messing around with any of this organisation. To confirm registrations or discuss any worries please contact Denise Power At Royal Life Saving on 8210-4500.

Fridge Bags
Don’t forget with the hot weather coming up pretty rapidly that all of our students can place their lunches in “cool bags” and they will be put into our large refrigerator. Names on lunch boxes or on plastic bags is a very helpful idea.

Janine Baker
Yesterday Janine Baker visited our school and shared her considerable knowledge about the ocean and many the creatures which live in that environment. Across the school our children were enthralled. This morning as she dropped her key back, Janine commented on the engagement of our students and the passion of all the staff. What a lovely way to begin the day!

Negotiated Curriculum Plans and Individual Learning Plans
Over the next couple of weeks staff will work with students and parents to review and update these plans so that students are ready for their new teachers and classes in 2015. A considerable amount of work goes into these plans as they are legally binding.

Basketball
It has been great to have some more parents come on board so that this competition can be made available to our students here in Cowell. Matches will be on Wednesdays at 4:00pm.

Plans underway
These are some of the things in the wind: Gala Day, exams, SRC to Whyalla, Folios from senior students to Adelaide, School Magazine, staffing, class placements, uniform consultation, presentation night, reports......... Oh dear!!

Kind regards,
Jan Potter

Thought for the week
We continue to “develop a positive and innovative community” our school vision statement.

Bushfire Season Awareness
DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline
1800 000 279

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Trip to America

An outstanding opportunity!

The reasons for taking the chance to travel to America were to seek more knowledge, to be re-energised and further to commit to innovation and opportunities for our students. Using the funds which we won as part of our Public Teaching Award in 2013, we took a long time planning what we would do and connecting with various people and Institutions all over America. It pretty soon became clear that America is a huge country and we needed to limit what we could actually achieve given the timeframe.

Eventually after much thinking we decided on the Harbour High School in New York. They began a project last year to regenerate the health of New York Harbour using oysters through a project called “The Billion Oyster Project”. They hope to have a billion oysters filtering the harbour by the year 2030.

Secondly we had already made connections with Dr Stan Allen at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. (VIMS) and were especially keen to share our own story with him and his students who come from a wide range of academic backgrounds and have been training with him in a “hands-on” project at Gloucester Point on Chesapeake Bay, on the East Coast of America.

Our final destination was to be New Orleans and then Grand Isle, a research facility which is run by Dr John Schupan and his team as part of Louisiana University.

The oyster industry worldwide is relatively small and so many people know each other or know of each other’s work across many countries. Industry at every level is looking for young people to work in the Industry through Science and research, oyster leases, repatriation of damaged areas either through poor management or through natural disasters. We knew it before from our work with our friends from Japan but now know that there are many opportunities for our students to enter this industry and have a life-long career. Please enjoy a small snapshot of all the people we met and interacted with at Harbour High School. Next week VIMS.

The Ferry Terminal to and from Governor’s Island.

Harbour High teachers Jeremy and Susannah in the classroom with the Year 9’s who had only been at the school for two weeks. They were interested and asked amazing questions and interacted really well with our presentation.

Harbour High Staff and Students off for some truly authentic learning in New York Harbour.

Harbour High School’s very own boat!

This is the harbour side of the school and their floating wharf. The students are involved in Vessel Ops training, Fire Drill with the New York Fire Department and Marine Systems Training. In the background is the ferry terminal for Governor’s Island.
The baskets in the boat are suspended in the water to enable the oysters to filter feed, thus cleaning the water in the harbour.

A classroom area turned into a lab for the production of spat.

Here are the baskets up close. Much different from anything we do!

Here are the baskets after two weeks in the water. The oysters are changed and the basket is left to dry out then the weed is brushed off before the basket is reused.

Used and old shells are collected from all around the harbour and reused as beds for spat to attach to. The oysters are only for the repatriation of the Harbour, by removing the toxic waste, not for eating.

Freedom Tower, New York

Time Square, New York
SCHOOL NEWS

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 4**

**WEEK 1**
- 14-17/10 - Yr 7 & 8 Camp to Flinders Ranges
- 17/10 - SRC Meeting in Whyalla

**WEEK 2**
- 20-24/10 - Yr 10 Work Experience
- 22-24/10 - Yr 4/5 Camp
- 24/10 - Library Board Tour at Cowell

**WEEK 3**
- 27-28/10 - Yr 3/4 Camp
- 29/10 - School Photo Day
- 29-31/10 - Yr 6 Camp

**WEEK 4**
- 3-7/11 - SAPSASA Tennis/Cricket
- 6/11 - Gala Day
- 6/11 - Yr 12 Maths Exam

**WEEK 5**
- 10-11/11 - First Aid in Schools Rec to Yr 8
- 12/11 - Year 7 Straight Spines Checks

**WEEK 6**
- 21/11 - Senior Formal

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**SIDNEY MYER FUND**

At the end of last term a group of ten students from Cowell and Cleve schools participated in an Operation Flinders exercise. Tamlyn, Crystal, Amy, Ebonii and Alison found the experience challenging and inspiring. They travelled to the northern Flinders Ranges and camped out with minimal equipment for eight days, walking approximately 100km while learning about resilience, teamwork and responsibility. Highlights included abseilling, watching a beautiful sunset from the top of a hill, surviving a thunderstorm, getting to know everyone, walking at night then sleeping in a creekbed, catching two goats and climbing Mt Rose and Yudlamoora. The students took turns cooking, being responsible for the fire and sanitation (ie a latrine and a slops pit) and some were given the opportunity to lead the group.

At the end of the programme everyone commented on how much they had learned about themselves; how appreciative they had become and how their rucksacks didn’t feel heavy anymore! Participants were awarded with dog tags and a tshirt from the Operation Flinders Foundation. Crystal was recognised for her great teamwork and received the team mascot.

The programme was funded by the Operation Flinders Foundation and a grant from the Sidney Myer Fund.

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**Trading Table**

When: Thursday 23rd October 2014
Between 9.30 & 12.30
Where: Outside the IGA, Cowell
What: Baked goods, home-grown fruit and veggies, fresh eggs and so on.

Year 6 are holding the trading table to raise funds for their camp to Nyroca this term and would be grateful for your support.

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**LOST PROPERTY BOX**

Is once again overflowing with school jumpers, towels, drink bottles etc. It will be emptied within the next few weeks & all unclaimed clothing will be taken to the Opportunity Shop. Please come & have a look through to see if any of these items belong to your child/children.
has a ‘low risk’ bushfire rating.
This means on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our school/preschool will remain open.
School buses and taxis will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

**Bushfire Emergency Contact:**
Cowell Area School
School/Preschool number:
86 292 150

Please note that this number may be engaged during an emergency situation. If you are unable to get through please contact the **DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline**: 1800 000 279

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**For more information:**
DECD Emergency and Crisis Management Website:
www.crisis.sa.edu.au
SA Country Fire Service (CFS) Website:
www.cfs.sa.gov.au

CFS Bushfire Information Hotline:
1300 362 361
During days of forecast catastrophic fire danger ratings or an actual bushfire, the DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline will be activated.

**DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline:**
1800 000 279

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The fire danger season can be an anxious time for children and families.

Our schools and preschools in bushfire prone areas have emergency and Bushfire Response Plans, to keep everybody as safe as possible in the event of a bushfire.

By being prepared, and acting now, you will help our schools and preschools to be bushfire ready and keep our children as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support.

**How you can help:**
We ask parents and carers to:

- Read all bushfire information provided.
- Talk to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool.
- Make sure your emergency contact details are up-to-date with our school or preschool.
- Make a Personal Bushfire Survival Plan for your family and tell your school or preschool if this affects your child’s attendance.

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**Days of Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating:**
Catastrophic fire danger rating days are days when the weather conditions mean a fire is more likely to start and is more difficult to control.

When a catastrophic fire danger rating is forecast for the following day by the Bureau of Meteorology, all ‘low/mid risk’ schools and preschools (such as ours) in the declared Fire Ban District will remain open.

School buses and taxis services that travel through affected Fire Ban District(s) however will not operate.

Parents and carers will need to make alternative transport arrangements for their children on these days.

Please make sure your emergency contact details are updated before the fire danger season starts.

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**Approaching Bushfire:**
If our school or preschool is open and a bushfire is approaching, the safety of children is our highest priority.

The school or preschool Emergency Response Team (with the assistance of SA Police and other emergency services) will take charge if a bushfire is approaching. It is recommended that during these events, everyone should remain at their school or preschool unless instructed to do otherwise.

Principals and preschool directors must comply with SAPOI and CFS instructions.

Unless there is no other option, or our school or preschool is advised to evacuate by CFS or other emergency services then everyone will remain inside a designated building and emergency procedures will be activated.

These will include:

- Moving everybody inside, closing windows, doors, and turning off the air-conditioning.
- Filling available containers with water.
- If it is safe to do so and time permits turning on all sprinklers and irrigation systems.
- Remaining inside and activating our emergency procedures with the children until the main fire-front passes.
- Listening to local ABC Radio Station and FVFire radio stations for bushfire updates and information.
- If possible, communicating to parents that students are moving into the designated building.

We hope that we will never have to enact our emergency procedures for a bushfire. However, we are working with our school and preschool communities to be ready in the event of a bushfire emergency and trust that as parents and carers we will have your support.
LIBRARY NEWS

Library Opening Times
Monday to Friday 9 am til 4pm

NEW STOCK IN

Children's Picture Books
River Boy by Elizabeth Frankel

Children's Fiction
Billie B Treasure Hunt by Sally Rippin
The Naughtiest Girl Keeps a Secret by Enid Blyton
Deadly D & Justice Jones by Scott Prince
The Naughtiest Girl Saves the Day by Enid Blyton
Flip It Twin Trouble by Sally Rippin

Adult Fiction
Made For You by Melissa Marr
Desert God by Wilbur Smith
Sylo by DJ MacHale
Nightingale by Fiona McIntosh

Adult Non-Fiction
Can I Tell You About Having a Stroke by Lisa Taylor
YogaLean by Beth Shaw

Internet Changes
The Public Library Service are making some changes to the Library's internet service. Unfortunately while this upgrade happens we are unable to offer internet or wifi services on Friday 17th October between 12pm until 4pm. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

The Reading Hour
With the overwhelming success of our last Reading Hour, we have organised our next event for Tuesday 11th November at 6pm. Doors will open from 5.45pm.

Come along in your PJs and join us for some stories about Remembrance Day and a night activity. Please RSVP to Library staff or via our Facebook Page. We look forward to seeing you there.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with events, competitions and new books!

Building Resilience In Your Children.
Presented by CAMHS

After the positive response from the last session, we are pleased to be hosting another information evening presented by CAMHS Northern Country Team.

Parents, carers, educators and interested persons are invited to attend an information evening around building resilience in your children.

This session will cover:
- Bullying
- Managing stressful situations
- Self-respect, confidence & worth
- Secure attachment relationships e.g. what these may look like
- How to respond to children/adolescents in their distress
- Developmental stages and what is ‘appropriate’ in building resilience

WHEN: Monday 27th of October at 7pm
WHERE: Cowell School Community Library
RSVP: Roma Frost 0429 133 301 or Nicole Turner 0412 034 811

This session is organized and supported by Cowell Area School Parents and Friends, supporting our school and local community. We urge you to attend this important free session. Supper will be provided.
COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL SWIMMING CLUB FUNDRAISER
Does your child need a new swimming bag? Cowell Swimming Club have Kaboodle bags on display at the Schools front office. These swimming bags are long lasting and with summer fast approaching they make a great birthday or Christmas present. Simply go to www.kaboodlebags.com.au then click on Fundraising, Support Fundraiser and choose Cowell Swimming Club. From then on any purchase you make the Cowell Swimming club will receive 10% commission of any sales. For any further details contact Jane Smith 86285039.

FRANKLIN HARBOUR RED CROSS COWELL BRANCH
Extends an Invitation to you to the unveiling of the ‘Red Cross Centenary Plaque’ in Main Street on 25th October at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow. Help use celebrate this occasion.

COWELL GOLF CLUB—AGM
Friday 17th October, 7:30pm at the Cowell Golf Club. Old and new members/players most welcome.

JUNIOR TENNIS
Will commence on Friday 24th at 3:45pm sharp. Registration forms will be there for Parents/Caregivers to complete. More info will follow in next week’s newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL BOOK CLUB
The next meeting of the social book club will be on Thursday 6th November at 6 p.m. in the Commercial Hotel. The current book is The Crossroad, by Mark Donaldson. You can use the new one card system to put a hold on the book and have it sent to the library. If you are unsure of how to do this you can visit the library and they will help you. New members are always welcome to attend.

COWELL Senior Tennis

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Michael Sivaor, Brad Mills, Mackerle Kpling, Glen Kling, Clare Bach, Corey Smith, Steve Mapay

FRIDAY OCT 10TH
Lucky Bay BYE
Miltalie V Yabmana
CARPA V COWELL

SATURDAY OCT 18TH
Miltalie BYE
Lucky Bay V CARPA
Yabmana V COWELL

FRIDAY OCT 24TH
Yabmana BYE
Lucky Bay V COWELL
Carpa V Miltalie

SATURDAY NOV 1ST
Cowell BYE
Yabmana V CARPA
Lucky Bay V Miltalie

FRIDAY NOV 7TH
Carpa BYE
Yabmana V Lucky Bay
Cowell V Miltalie

FRIDAY NOV 13TH
Lucky Bay BYE
Lucky Bay V COWELL
CARPA V Miltalie

SATURDAY NOV 21ST
Cowell BYE
Yabmana V CARPA
Lucky Bay V Miltalie

SATURDAY DEC 5TH
Cowell BYE
Yabmana V CARPA
Lucky Bay V Miltalie

FRIDAY DEC 11TH
CARPA BYE
Yabmana V Lucky Bay
Cowell V Miltalie

SATURDAY DEC 18TH
CARPA BYE
Yabmana V Lucky Bay
Cowell V Miltalie

FRIDAY DEC 27TH
CARPA BYE
Yabmana V Lucky Bay
Cowell V Miltalie

Saturday games start at 4pm
Grand Final between top 4 teams SAT mar 7th

GARAGE SALE—8 Esplanade, Cowell
Saturday 18th October, 8:30am to 1pm
Household items, baby gear & much more

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Ph: 86292609 (Wednesdays)
86459926 (other days)
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Contact Matt
0427 292 055

Franklin Electrical Solutions

- Building extensions on your home?
- Planning a new outdoor area?
- Building the shed of your dreams, or finally running power to it?

For quality solutions to your electrical problems

SKate Park Fundraiser

We are seeking donations of the following items for our champagne & canapé event;
- 2 x packs of Melba Toasts
- 2 x cans Tuna Spread—John West 60 x 5ml Paper Plates
- 2 x 100gm Goats Cheese
- 2 x 600ml Cream
- 1 x Jar Sweet Quandong Jam/Paste

All items required by 24th October. Special thanks to those who have already donated.
Danni Osborne, 0427296090
Kylie Inglis, 0428292154

Cowell Volunteer Marine Rescue

Communications Centre
North Terrace COWELL

Learn Boat Handling, Radio Procedure, Navigation
Training—Monday—17.00hrs
Juniors—Tuesday—16.30hrs
If you are aged 12yrs or over & want more information contact:
Commodore—Garry Lum
0427 292 132
Meetings are first Wednesday of every month.

Cowell Recycling Depot

83 Cowell/Kimba Road
0427292322

OPEN HOURS:
Thursday 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Friday 2:30pm to 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am to 1:00pm

Ray White Eastern Eyre Peninsula

45 Main Street Cowell
UNDER CONTRACT

Cowell Office 08 8629 2592

Franklin Harbour

Button Club
Cash Raffle

The Annual Button Club Cash Raffle is currently running again.
8 Cash prizes to be won and only 1,000 tickets will be sold;
- 1st prize: $3,000
- 2nd prize: $1,000
- 3rd prize: $500
- 4th to 8th prizes: $100

Tickets available up until 21st November. Raffle drawn on 23rd November, winners notified by phone. Tickets available from Cowell Area School & Cowell Post Office.