FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break with friends and family. We certainly ended the term in a hectic and unusual way, with all the chaos of the power outage. It also made us realise just how much we rely on communication via mobile phones and email. We would like to thank parents for their patience, understanding and cooperation over the last 2 days of term and hope that it is not a situation that becomes commonplace.

Assembly
Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our assembly at the end of last term, due to the unexpected 'weather event', so we have rescheduled for Wednesday, Week 2 at 2:00pm in the Institute. The assembly is being hosted by the Year 8/9 students and we hope that you can come along and join us in acknowledging the great learning that has been happening across the school.

Student Free Day
Staff began the term with professional learning around Transforming Tasks – the 3rd workshop in a series of workshops designed to help teachers reflect on their current practices, focussing on engaging and intellectually challenging students. We also spent time looking at our PAT data and identifying resources / strategies to help progress the learning of identified students.

Year 12’s
The end of the year is fast drawing near for our Year 12 students (their official last day will be the end of Week 4), who will soon be handing in final assessments, sending away materials for Moderation, and studying for, and sitting exams. Several of our students attended exam preparation workshops in Adelaide as part of their revision and staff will be working hard over the next few weeks to continue to support them.

Students will be doing practice exams this week to determine predicted grades and assist in their preparations. Due to the power outage at the end of last term, we were unable to finalise SACE reports, so they will be sent home at the end of this week. We wish our Year 12 students all the best for the coming weeks and hope all of the work and effort they have put in this year will be rewarded.

Staffing
Congratulations to Sharyn Williams and Dylan Milton who have been appointed to the Aboriginal Education teacher position for Term 4. They will be sharing the position (0.1 each) and working with identified students to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes.

Thank you to Michelle Ottens for the work that she has done in this role previously. Sue Grund will be increasing her time to allow for Sharyn and Dylan to be released from class.

The Deputy Principal position has been advertised for the next 3 years – it will close at the end of Week 3 and we hope to know who has won this position by half way through the term.

Kindy Transition
We are excited to have next year’s Reception students starting their Transition visits next week with Mrs Curtis and Mrs Ottens. The 9 students will be split into two groups and visiting us on either Monday or Wednesday. We look forward to them joining us and hope they enjoy the time they spend in the classroom with our current Receptions.

Catch up with a Cowell Kid
At the end of last term I caught up with a few of our Year 8 students – Dale Franklin, Abbey Mills and Briana Bastiaens.

In our conversation, we had some discussion about the direction they think they may head in after they have finished their schooling. Dale, who is obviously a keen sportsperson, would love to become an AFL footballer (although wasn’t sure that he would make it!) We talked about how anything is possible with the right amount of determination, practice and dedication – after all quite a few from over this way have realised the same ambition – Growth Mindset! However, if that didn’t come to fruition, he would like to become a farmer and have a trade as a ‘backup’. Abbey is not so sure about what she would like to do and finds that she changes her mind a fair bit. However, she does enjoy being active and thought that something to do with sport and the fitness industry would be interesting. Briana likes working with little kids, so is thinking that becoming a Primary teacher might be an option. She also loves animals and sees herself staying on the farm to continue being surrounded by animals.

As far as the things they like to do at school, all 3 of them cited PE and Tech amongst their favourite subjects. Briana also enjoys Art and Abbey likes certain aspects of English, like making videos and looking at comedy. Dale would love the opportunity to pursue activities that had a focus on things like Robotics and Engineering because he likes the idea of inventing things. Along these lines, Abbey mentioned that it would be good if they could do more IT, with a focus on programming.

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They see the benefits of coming to school in Cowell being that you know everyone, it's easier to get help in smaller classes and that you also don’t get as nervous when you have to do things like get up and speak in front of the class.

When I asked them for some advice as Principal, Dale raised the issue of the availability of rainwater in the drinking taps (which unfortunately, is an issue that we have explored but can’t do anything about). He also thought that we could make better use of the scrub area at the front of the school, possibly making it a grassed area for kicking the footy and playing other games. An interesting idea that he had was to make better use of aquaponics in the Aquaculture area and create fertilizer for the lawn. Abbey would like to see Pastoral Care taught in a more interactive way and they all spoke about the need to fundraise to support the upgrade of laptops for students.

The Year 8 students had some good ideas and feedback for staff and, although a little quieter than other groups I have chatted with, were prepared to speak up and think a little outside of the square.

Next week I will be catching up with the Year 12 students so that we can spend some time reflecting on their time at Cowell Area School, before they head off into whatever it is their futures may bring them.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 4**

| WEEK 1 | 17-21/10 - Year 10 Careers Camp Adelaide 19/10 - Year 8 Immunisations |
| WEEK 2 | 25/10 - SAPSASA Tennis/Cricket Trials Lock 26/10 - Yr 8 Immunisations Whole School Assembly 2pm at the Institute |
| WEEK 4 | 9-11/11 - Year 4/5 Camp Errappa |
| WEEK 5 | 14/11 - Gala Day |

**POOL KEYS**

Should you be interested in hiring a key for the season you will need to see staff in the Front Office of the school with a copy of your current CPR Certificate and perform a deep water dive and rescue (this can be arranged with the school, please contact Kylie to place your name on the list).

**Keys will not be available for collection until week 2 of Term 4, at this stage.**

Fees for the upcoming season will be as follows:

- Single occasional swimmer $3.00 family $10.00
- Single membership $40.00 family $80.00
- Private party hire $50.00 2 hour period
- Seasonal Key $70.00 with $50.00 refundable on return of key at the end of the season. This refund is forfeited if keys are not returned by the due date.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

We are looking for volunteers to keep our breakfast program running. Are you free on a Tuesday morning for one hour? Do you have a current police check? If so, we would love to see your smiling face serving toast & fruit to students at school.

Contact the school for more details.

**YEAR 12 FORMAL**

Meeting to be held in the library at 4:30pm on Thursday 20th of October.

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**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

All newsletter advertisements need to be in to Kylie by 3:30pm on Mondays prior to publication the following Wednesday. Articles can be emailed to; Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au
HELPFUL MONEY TIPS

Helping to teach good money habits for our children
The teaching of financial responsibility by parents should not stop with the piggy bank. Some interesting facts:

1. Children as young as three years old understand the theories of spending and saving?
2. Money habits are typically set by the age of seven
3. Parents have the biggest influence on their children’s money-management habits.
4. Arguments that couples have can often stem from financial troubles.

Here are some tips for parents to help with instilling good money habits in children.

Model good financial behaviour
Children have a tendency to do what their parents or their elders do. They are observant and often adopt many actions simply from watching their parents. Therefore, parents should model good financial behavior and share positive attitudes. This includes things like shopping on a set budget, using coupons and discount offers to pay less for goods, making choices between new and used, and doing research to demonstrate that money can be saved in this way.

Save for the future
Open a savings account for your child to which they can contribute to each week. At the end of each month, show them the monthly bank statement — to help motivate them to keep saving. This is often the first step toward setting your child up for a lifetime of good financial habits.

Involve them in shopping and budgeting
You can help your kids to learn constructive money habits by involving them in discussions about household budgets. You could let children collect items off a shopping list and encourage them to choose the best products with value. You could discuss expenses of bills such as electricity costs and mortgage repayments. Budgeting should be a part of yours, as well as your kid’s, life. The development of successful personal finances is often the result of careful budgeting.

Let them wait to buy something they want
This is the hardest lesson for every age group to learn, especially for teenage children. Parents should assist them in choosing things that they really need. At an early age, kids need to learn that if they really want to buy something that costs a considerable amount of money, they have to wait and save to buy it. Money lessons at this age set the tone for their future.

Let them make mistakes
Even if you believe that your child is about to waste their money on a toy or game they will be soon tired of, let them buy the item, because it might just teach them a lasting lesson. Explain how you learned from certain missteps in your own life.

Taken from http://www.lifehack.org/391139/5-ways-teach-good-money-habits-your-kids
New this Week

Children’s Picture Books
Meet Snugglepot & Cuddlepie by May Gibbs
See You Later Alligator by Rina Foti

Children’s Non-Fiction
All About Australia—Life Cycles

Teen Fiction
The Fever Code by James Dashner

Adult Fiction
The Maid by Kimberly Cutter
The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton
The Good People by Hannah Kent

Adult Non Fiction
Working Class Boy by Jimmy Barnes
The Skinny NutriBullet—Slimming Smoothies

Children’s DVDs:
Hotel Transylvania 1 & 2 (PG)

Adult DVDs:
The BlackList—Season 3 (MA+15)

School Holiday Fun in the Library
During the holidays we had a variety of activities in the Library. We created Rock Pets, made lots of fantastic craft with recycled materials and topped it off with a movie afternoon. With a great turn out to the events, we’ll certainly be planning more in the future. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Library Hours for Term 4
Monday–Thursday 8.30am–4pm
Friday 8.30am–3pm

Community Connections

EP Creative Writing Group
Next Meeting:
Wednesday 2nd Nov @ 5.30pm in the Library
Topic: “Fractured Fairy Tales”

Storytime
Wednesdays from 9.15am in the Library

Adult Book Club
Next Meeting:
Thursday 3rd Nov @ 11am in the Library.

Family History Workshop
Tuesday 8th Nov @ 2pm in the Library
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COWELL PROBUS CLUB
Meeting on Nov 4th, 10am at the Franklin Harbour Hotel. 11am Guest speaker Sue Chase—Director of Cowell Electric. All welcome.

COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TONIGHT,
8PM IN THE COWELL SPORTING COMPLEX.
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APOLOGIES TO EMMA CARMODY 0434703044

COWELL TENNIS CLUB
Are seeking 30 people or more to play senior tennis this season or place your name down to play reserve.
Are you keen! Call -Scott Williams 0429 949 471 or Narelle Tonkin 0400 140 619 or just leave a message and we will get back to you.
We are needing to get teams up and running ASAP so we can discuss the format of the season.
Subs are $70 for the season. This includes approximately 15 games per season plus finals.
Currently we only have 6 seniors interested, Cowell Tennis Club need you, so we can run this season for all, we don't want to defer a season.

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