Well we are just about at the end of our first semester and we can’t believe how quickly the time has gone. Teachers have been working tirelessly over the last few weeks assessing student work and ensuring that they provide an accurate and objective assessment of your child’s progress and achievement against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. The mid-year report reflects your child’s achievement, taking into account what has been taught to this point in the year. Students are therefore making progress towards the expected achievement standard. Teachers make a holistic, on-balance judgement using a range of learning evidence and then assign an A–E grade. Teachers will also assign a number grade (1-5) for ‘effort’.

It is important to note that a ‘C’ grade is considered ‘satisfactory’ and means that a student is working at the standard of achievement expected at that level. A ‘B’ or ‘A’ grade means they are achieving the standard at a higher level. If a student receives a ‘D’ or ‘E’ grade they have only achieved part of the achievement standard and still have further to progress.

With regard to effort a ‘3’ means a student is putting in the required effort and meeting the expectations of the teacher. A student who receives a ‘4’ or ‘5’ is putting in extra effort, asking questions, showing initiative, persevering, looking for ways to improve – in other words, showing a Growth Mindset. If a student receives a ‘1’ or ‘2’, there has been inconsistencies in their effort and they would be expected to show improvement in areas like time management, working with others, accepting and acting on feedback and focus in class.

Reports will be sent home on Friday afternoon with the students. Please take the time to go through them with your child and talk about their achievement and progress from Term 1. It’s also a good opportunity to discuss what their goals might be for the rest of the year.

If you have any questions about your child’s progress and achievement, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or a member of the Leadership team.

Parents and Friends

I would like to congratulate and thank all of the women involved in last Friday night’s “Back on the Rack” event. There was a huge amount of time and effort put into the organisation and running of the night and the support shown by the community with regard to donations was very impressive! The school is extremely appreciative of the efforts put in by this group to raise much needed funds to support the learning of our students. We can’t thank you enough!
Catch up with a Cowell Kid

My last catch up for the term was with 3 students from Ms Furst’s Year 1/2 class – Xavier Turner, Tanner Goodyear and Ethan White. Unfortunately, Joel Jackson was meant to join us but was away on Monday morning.

The boys were an excited and chatty group who had plenty of insights to share with me.

On the topic of the things they like about coming to school, they all agreed that they enjoyed doing Reading Eggs – firstly because it is fun, and secondly because it means they get to go on the computer. Tanner and Ethan both enjoy playing on computers so that they can find out stuff. Ethan wants to find out as much as he can so that when he is older, he will know everything! (don’t we wish we could do that?) Ethan also enjoys the challenge of Maths and Xavier likes Spelling because you get to write lots of words down.

All three were very clear on what they would like to do when they leave school! Xavier and Ethan would both like to become mine workers, with the driving of machinery, dump truck and maybe a crane being a real incentive. Tanner and Ethan both enjoy playing on computers so that they can find out stuff. Ethan wants to find out as much as he can so that when he is older, he will know everything! (don’t we wish we could do that!) Ethan also enjoys the challenge of Maths and Xavier likes Spelling because you get to write lots of words down.

When we spoke about the things they would like to improve about school, they mostly focussed on the yard and ways it could be developed – more playground equipment (like the big kids), a flying fox, a motorbike arena (on the oval) and a running race track (to challenge people without going to the oval). They were also very adamant that we would have to make sure everything was safe (so the motorbike arena was ditched after some discussion). Tanner also mentioned that more toys and learning about planets would be good, whilst Ethan and Xavier would like to see more Science stuff.

Our next point of discussion was the things they could improve! Xavier thought he could work on his listening but did think he was getting better at it. Tanner wants to improve his finger spaces and sounding out of words, although he did say he was getting ‘neater everyday’, and Ethan was unsure of what he could focus on.

Finally, when asked what made a good teacher they said that it is someone who is happy, takes them outside, doesn’t put them in danger, buys them stuff and of course …gives them work!

It was great fun talking to 3 students who are so full of energy, have enthusiasm for learning and have some goals for their learning.

At the beginning of Term 3, I will be catching up with Year 10 students- stay tuned!!!!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**TERM 2**

| WEEK 10 | 8/6 | Last Day of Term 2 school finishes at 2:20pm |

**TERM 3**

| WEEK 1 | 25/7 | First day of Term 3 |
| WEEK 2 | 6-12/8 | Middle School Canberra Camp |
| WEEK 3 | 9-11/8 | Cleve Field Days |
| WEEK 4 | 15-19/8 | SAPSASA Football/Netball - Science Week |

**JULY**

8/7 — Jesse Hodgins
10/7 — Lauren Beinke
10/7 — Imogen Jaeschke
10/7 — Chloe Martin
15/7 — Riley Barrett
21/7 — Kalan Russell
21/7 — Amber Phillips
22/7 — Declan Leggate
24/7 — Laura Walker
29/7 — Lucas Schultz

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NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalized learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.
SCHOOL NEWS—RESILIENCE SURVEY RESULTS

59% of our Y6 students are getting at least 8 hours sleep each night.

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Use of phones at night (student responses – Resilience Survey – 2016)

24% of our Y6 students do text between 10pm and 6am
31% of our Y7 students do text between 10pm and 6am
33% of our Y8 students do text between 10pm and 6am

Summary:
Students in Year 6-8 self reported earlier this year on their general sleep times and use of mobile phones at night.
Sleep is crucial to young people's health (refer to the information in last week's newsletter re Sleep).
Considering the information presented in the survey, we can say:
- at least 17 students from Y7-9 are not getting 8 hours sleep each night
- at least 13 students from Year 7-9 are sending and/or receiving text messages during the night.

Strategies to develop good sleep patterns in adolescents include things like:
- No screen time immediately before going to bed
- Leave phones and devices turned off and in another room – not the bedroom
- Create a routine around bed time and sleep (set bed time, wind down time before trying to go to sleep)
- Be active during the day and avoid having naps
- Make the bedroom dark and cool

If you have any questions about the Resilience Project and the survey, please contact me.

Colleen Peters
Deputy Principal
CONGRATULATIONS....
To Mikki Harding who raised over $400 for SIDS & Kids through her cupcake fundraiser on Monday.
A fantastic effort Mikki!

SCHOOL NEWS

It’s not Goodbye, I will be back!
Next term I will be on maternity leave. I hope to return for Term 4, but will be assessing this as time goes on. Deb Taheny is the Pastoral Care Worker at the Cleve Area School and has been granted hours to fill the gap in my absence. Unsure of what day/s Deb will be here at this point, however she is really looking forward to being a part of the school. If you see her around, please say ‘Hi’.

BREAKFAST CLUB:
This term has been a hit with the students and teachers. We’ve all been enjoying pancakes, toast and fruit. Many thanks to my regular band of volunteers that help each breakfast morning, Judy Francis, Julie Magnay, Margaret Deer, Ruth Tonkin and to Maria Papillo and Judy for helping me provide litres of pancake batter. Next term, the school will be introducing an eighth lesson on Tuesday mornings which will make recess time a little later than usual. We would like to keep the breakfast club going, serving toast and fruit between 8:30 and 8:55am. If you would like to help set up (from 8am), serve or can even be available to help pack up, please give me a call at the school – Inter-church Council would be very grateful for the donation of your time.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:
The school will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child this year. We will be filling shoe boxes with donated gifts and sending them to children in other parts of the world. These gifts might be the only present that this child would EVER receive. Noelene Armit is the area co-ordinator for Samaritan’s Purse in Whyalla and she came to talk some students yesterday about her trip to Vietnam last year and delivering boxes to children in need in 10 different schools. Each box is filled with items from 6 different categories:

- Something to love, Something to wear, Something for school, Something special, Something for hygiene and Something to play with.

We have a small band of children willing to sort donations and assemble boxes in the coming months. If you have something you would like to donate, please leave it at the front office or send it to school with your child. We’ll be looking for donations for all of Term 3 and would like to fill as many boxes as we can.

BABY NAME COMPETITION:
This term I have been asking students to help me think of a baby name for this third Jaeschke child. There have been many interesting, common and not so common names suggested. I’ve offered a small prize for the student who can help us to name this baby. With still no name chosen, the competition won’t end until August some time.

I would just like to thank all the staff, students, parents and our Inter-church Council for all their support. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and supported in my role at the school.

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone when I come back.

Literacy and maths tips to help your child

*Doing Maths together at home Before school to Year 2.*

Children need lots of experiences in making, counting, drawing and talking about numbers. Make connections for your child by explaining how numbers and counting are a part of everyday life. The activities below will help your child develop these skills.

You may feel that the maths your child is doing at school is different from how you were taught, but you will still be able to support your child in many ways.

**PLAYING SHOP**
Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices written on sticky notes or prices cut out of shopping catalogues.

- Talk about how we pay for items using notes and coins.
- Make paper money or use play money to buy and sell goods from the shop.
- Order the food items by height (tallest to the shortest) or by cost (least expensive to most expensive).
- Introduce kitchen scales to the shop to weigh some foods such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice and order items by weight.

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**New this Week**

**Children's Picture Books**
- Dexter the Very Good Goat by Jean M Malone

**Children's Non Fiction**
- Monster Tractors by Chris Bowman

**Children's Graphic Novel**
- Alex Rider Scorpia by Anthony Horowitz

**Adult Fiction**
- The Silent Inheritance by Joy Dettman
- Standing Strong by Fiona McCallum

**Adult Audio Books**
- Kane & Abel by Jeffrey Archer
- Away in a Manger by Rhys Bowen

**Adult Large Print**
- Wanted Men by Walt Coburn
- A Death in the Dales by Frances Brody
- The Power of Darkness by Edith Nesbit

**Adult DVDs**
- Just Go with It (M)
- The Breakfast Club (M)
- The Wedding Singer (M)

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**Farewell**

This week we say farewell to our wonderful Teacher Librarian Dawn Chase. Not for good, but for a well earnt break. Dawn is taking Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year but you will still see her smiling face around the school volunteering.

Jo Turner from Cleve will be filling in for Dawn on Thursdays and Fridays.

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**School Holiday Library Hours**

11th - 22nd July
- Monday & Friday—Closed
- Tue, Wed & Thurs—8.30am - 4pm

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**Community Connections**

**EP Creative Writing Group**
- Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th July @ 6.30pm in the Library

**Storytime**
- Is finished for this term, but will commence again after the holidays.

**Adult Book Club**
- Next Meeting: Thursday 28th July @ 11am in the Library.

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**School Community Library Survey yet?**

The survey can be done online at:
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/Local_Library_Planning](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Local_Library_Planning)
or a paper version is available for collection at the Library. See Library Staff for more details.

Only 3 Days Left!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUBS

SAVE THE DATE For These Upcoming Social Events
July 23rd Lip Sync Battle, August 6th Kids Movie Night

COWELL FOOTBALL NETBALL CATERING

THURSDAY 7/7/16

Kitchen Roster
6-8pm
Patrick Frost, Annette Polkinghorne, Judy Chopin, Tina Crettenden, Harrison Schumann, Liam Frost

8pm sharp
Bec Arnold, Ashton Bates, Tristan Carmody, Ethan Grigg

Bar Roster
6-7.30pm 7.30-9pm 9-Close
S. Butson T. Darling T. Crabb
J. Russell

COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB REUNION

On the 16th July 2016 we will be holding a reunion for the 1996 and 2006 A Grade Premierships and we are looking for memorabilia that we would be able to borrow for the night. We are also looking for photos and videos that we would be able to copy and use in the presentations. If you have any memorabilia, photos or videos please contact Dylan Franklin 0428688292, Wogga 0428285080 or Emma 0434703044.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
## Lunch Order Price List

**Lunch Days:**
*Mondays & Fridays*

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