This week is NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who give their time in so many ways to support the students and staff of Cowell Area School. Without our volunteers we wouldn’t be able to run many of the programmes that we offer and our students wouldn’t have access to the wonderful opportunities that are provided. Volunteering activities such as, helping with class reading, attending working bees, coaching and assisting with sporting carnivals, transport, school camps and excursions, support through ICC, mentoring students or sitting on groups like governing council or parents and friends, make a positive difference to the achievement and wellbeing of our students. There are also great benefits for those people who volunteer, particularly with regard to health and happiness. If you are interested in volunteering, give us a call and we can have a chat about how you can be involved!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers - we couldn’t do it without you!

Staffing
There have been a few staffing changes this term with two of our teachers being appointed to new positions within the school. Congratulations to Michelle Ottens who has won an Aboriginal Education teacher role. This has come about as we have 10 students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, which means we are entitled to a 0.2 teacher to support students and teachers meet Literacy and Numeracy outcomes. Congratulations also to Vicki Bourlioufas who has been appointed to a Primary Counsellor role. Vicki will be working with students and teachers to support well being programmes and initiatives across the school. We are sure they will both do a terrific job and look forward to working with them in their new positions.

In order to release Vicki to undertake her role, Sarah Agnew will now be working 0.4 in the Year 2/3 and Year 6 classes and Sandy McFarlane will increase her time to 0.7 in the Year 7 class. We hope they enjoy their extra time with us.

Literacy
Part of our school’s Literacy focus is about developing students’ vocabulary, which is directly linked to their oral language skills. Children’s literacy development begins in the family from when they are born. It continues in the family, children’s services, schools and communities as they grow up. Children learn from how their family uses language and from having lots of opportunities to talk, read, write and draw. They need to experiment and practice their skills. They need to know their learning is important and that you are proud of their efforts.

On the following page you will find some information (from Parenting SA) about what parents can do with regard to Speaking and Listening to help develop their child’s Literacy.

Who Are Our Year 12’s?
Brad Armstrong has completed all of his education at Cowell Area School, having moved from Andamooka when he was only 3 years old. This year he is studying Maths, Tech, Workplace Practices and the Research Project. He is also undertaking a Traineeship with Turner Aquaculture, working two days a week on the oyster lease.

Although unsure of what he would like to do when he leaves school, Brad is keen to get a job straight away. He has an interest in working on an oil rig as a fitter and is considering gaining his Rigger’s ticket and truck licence.

Brad likes to be his own person and happy doing his own thing. He spends a lot of his own time enjoying gaming and listening to heavy metal – particularly ‘Disturbed’, one of his favourite bands.

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11/5 — Noah Szanto
12/5 — Amy Cornelius
12/5 — Taitum Goodyear
12/5 — Regan Newton
13/5 — Caolle McMahon
More than reading and writing

Speaking and listening

Families are teaching by:

- talking together
- asking and answering questions
- explaining things and giving instructions
- listening to what others say or for sounds in the environment
- planning and predicting, e.g. ‘I wonder if it will rain and if we should take an umbrella?’
- sharing stories and jokes
- singing songs and jingles, saying rhymes and chants
- problem solving, e.g. ‘You want the car to go to sport and I need to visit a friend, how can we work this out?’
- thinking out loud, e.g. ‘I am nearly ready for work – now, have I forgotten anything? Oh yes, I must put the dog out’.

Children need you and other family and friends to:

- listen, talk and take an interest in them
- tell stories and share experiences
- answer their questions
- agree and argue with them
- play word games:
  - ‘What does the cow say?’... ‘Moo’
  - ‘Why did the chicken cross the road?’
  - ‘Knock, knock’. ‘Who’s there?’

Encourage children to listen to sounds and words:

- sing songs and say rhymes
- imitate sounds they hear, e.g. motors revving, dogs barking, cows mooing
- listen to stories together
- listen to the wind in the trees, the waves of the sea, birds and aeroplanes
- use different voices, e.g. whispering, happy voice, sad voice, shouting, and talking fast or slow
- help them work out what sound they hear at the beginning of a word.

Teach children:

- words for getting along with others, e.g. ‘Hello’, ‘Thankyou’, ‘Sorry’, ‘Can I join in, please?’
- polite titles, e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr
- social rules – when and how to talk, when to listen and how to behave in different situations.

Point out:

- how people talk and listen, e.g. you have to be very quiet to listen
- how talk can be used in different ways, e.g. when people are cross sometimes they talk very loudly; when they are afraid they may talk very softly.

Talk about:

- what’s happened – the past
- what’s happening now – the present
- what will happen – the future
- people – what sort of job they do, where they fit in the family or community, their relationship to your child.

Use lots of different words to:

- name things, people, actions, feelings
- talk about size, shape, colour
- name the feel, scent, position or number of things.

Talk about what you are doing:

- at bed time, bath time, change time
- working in the house, the shed, the garden
- feeding animals
- planning a trip or a party
- watching a parade or pageant.

Show children their learning is important:

- listen with interest to what children say
- give them time to find the words they want - help them if they really get stuck
- take their questions seriously and help them find answers.
Dear volunteers,

You are usually busy putting other people’s needs first, but this week it’s your turn. Today marks the start of National Volunteer Week when we recognise and celebrate your contribution to our community—especially to South Australian kids.

South Australians can be proud of our record of volunteering. Despite our busy lives, almost 37 per cent of us still find the time to volunteer in our communities—the second highest rate across the country.

This figure includes thousands of parents, grandparents and others who give their time in our children’s centres, preschools, schools and care and protection services. Thank you for all the roles you take on, including coaching kids’ sport, serving on governing councils, listening to reading, helping out in tuck shops or on camps or excursions, teaching languages in our ethnic schools and helping kids in care with their homework, providing transport so they can visit family members or supporting older kids to learn vital life skills.

You make kids’ lives better in so many ways. You support them to develop a love of reading and to know their heritage and culture, you introduce them to the fun of sports and the value of teamwork and you help to establish safe and settled environments for kids in care. And just by being there and sharing your valuable time with kids, you show them they—and their future—are important.

To all of you, I want to say thank you for giving so much to our communities. This week, the spotlight is on you—enjoy your well-deserved celebration.

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

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**Library Hours**

Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 4pm
Friday Closed

**New this Week**

**Children’s Picture Books**
- Little Owl’s Day by Digna Srinivasan
- Sheep Go to Sleep by Nancy Shaw
- Clementine’s Bath by Annie White
- The Great Cheese Robbery by Tim Warnes

**Teen Fiction**
- Get Happy by Mary Amato

**Children’s DVDs**
- Guess How Much I Love You—The Lucky Egg (G)
- Problem Child 1, 2 & 3 (PG)
- A Cinderella Story (PG)
- Matilda (PG)

**Adult Fiction**
- The 45% Hangover by Stuart MacBride
- A Dish Best Served Cold by Rosie Genova
- The Lakehouse by Kate Morton

**Adult Non Fiction**
- The Out of Sync Child by Carol Stock Kranowitz
- The Bee Book by Chadwick, Alton, Tennant, Fitzmaurice & Earl

**Adult DVDs**
- Downtown Abbey Season 5 (Blu-ray) (M)
- Cannonball Run II (PG)
- Thor (M)
- American Sniper (MA+15)
- Great Barrier Reef—David Attenborough (G)

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**Literacy and maths tips to help your child**

*Helping your child to read, write, speak and listen—Before school to Year 2.*

**STORY TELLING**

Story telling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.

Story telling might be about:

- A favourite character from a book or television program.
- Another family member.
- Your child’s favourite toy.

Here are some tips to start your story telling:

- Make it exciting, with different voices, puppets, props or a finger play.
- Start with what interest your child.
- Create a character and setting.

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**Scholastic BookClub**

Due Friday 13th May!

Orders can be made on the LOOP app, downloaded through iTunes or GooglePlay. Or pop into the Library for a catalogue, & drop off an order.

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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
COMMUNITY NEWS

**POOL KEYS**
The pool is now closed.
Key holders are hereby advised that keys need to be returned to the school by **FRIDAY 20TH MAY** in order to be eligible for a $50 refund.
**Key holders who do NOT return keys by this date forfeit their refund.**

**NET SET GO**
Net Set Go will start THIS Wednesday 11th May at 4pm. Can all registration forms be returned by this date. Any further questions please contact Lexi Williams on 0438 307 993.

**COWELL HAIR & BEAUTY CENTA**
Cowell Hair and Beauty will be closed from Thursday 26th May to Monday 6th June. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**COWELL FOOTBALL NETBALL CATERING**
The Football/Netball canteen is a major source of income for both the Football and Netball Clubs. We have tried to take into consideration everyone's preferences and work commitments so please support our clubs by working your shift or by finding a replacement.

**THURSDAY 12TH MAY**

**Kitchen Roster**
6-8pm
Terry White, Cathy Cornelius, Michelle Whibley, Patrick White & Shannon Jeffrey

8pm-Clean up
Amy Oldfield, Meagan Franklin, Dante Zanet & Zane Wykamp

**Bar Roster**
6-7:30pm
G. Simms
7:30-9pm
G. Oldfield, J. McFarlane
9pm-Close
K. Sincock

**THURSDAY 19TH MAY**

**Kitchen Roster**
6-8pm
Nick Turner, Kayleen Turnbull, Annette Polkinghorne, Rhianne Carmody & Lachlan Turner

8pm-Clean up
Alison Turnbull, Ashton Bates, Jack Kelly & Tristan Carmody

**Bar Roster**
6-7:30pm
S. Beinke, J. Klingberg
7:30-9pm
D. Milton
9pm-Close
J. Briese

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**Community Events**

**Adult Book Club**
*Next meeting Thursday 12th May at 11am in the Library.*
*New members always welcome.*

**EP Creative Writing Group**
*The first meeting will be on Monday 23rd May @ 2pm in the Library.*

Best days/times for future meetings will be discussed, so if you can’t get to this meeting, & interested speak with Nicole & Dawn.

The group has a private Facebook page for anyone wanting to join!

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FRANKLIN HARBOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP—PYROTECHNICS DISPLAY

At the last meeting of the FHCDG on Tuesday 26th April, there was discussion as to when to hold the annual Pyrotechnics display & guidance is being sought from the public as to the most appropriate date.

Both Xmas Eve & New Years Eve fall on a Saturday and "Cowell's Big Bang" is traditionally on the Saturday between Xmas & New Year.

Howard & sons, who have been the pyro technicians for the past 20 events are OK with either date.

Some things to bear in mind:
- The annual Xmas pageant could be on Friday 23rd December.
- The Lucky Bay crowd will probably want to stay put on New Years Eve
- Are there other more suitable nights in late Dec/Jan?
- There has been some thoughts that maybe a street party/market could be held in conjunction with the fireworks
- Any other suggestions will be considered

The group would like feedback by the next meeting which is scheduled for 28th June 2016.
Contact Lynda at the Post Office, Sue Grund or Allan Zerna

FRANKLIN HARBOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The FHCDG has been successful in making the "Fund My Community" short list to maybe obtain about $12,000 that will be used to make & erect signs promoting heritage sites in & around Cowell.

But we need community votes to make this happen. Please log onto yoursay.sa.gov.au/fmc2016 before 16th of May & vote.

Thanks in anticipation of your support from the Franklin harbour Community Development Group.

COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

Expressions of Interest
The Cowell Football Club are calling for expressions of interest in catering for our Reunion to be held on 16th July at the Cowell Institute for approximately 160 people. If you are interested please contact Emma Carmody for more info on 0434 703 044.

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2016 SDS Class Exams dates (School Dental Service)
Cowell School – Tuesday 17 May, 2016 at Cowell Area School
Cowell Kindergarten / Rural Care – Tuesday 17 May, 2016 at Cowell Kindergarten.

Disability Independent Living Centre Outreach Service
Will be in Cowell at the Ivy Caire Centre, 17 South Terrace, on Tuesday 17th May 2016 from 9:30am to 12noon.

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Friday 20th May is National Walk Safely to School Day. In conjunction with families all over the country, P&F invite children to join representatives at various spots across town to walk to school.

Representatives will be leaving their meeting spot at 8.20am and walking to school. Please feel free to join us and walk to school with friends.

Meeting spots are as listed below. If the weather is not kind to us, the walk will be rescheduled. Stay tuned to Skoolbag & Facebook for details.

- Cowell Post Office
- Cnr Wellington Rd & Osborne Terrace
- Cnr Kimba Road & Mosely Street
- Cnr O'Connell Street & Robe Terrace
- Cnr Williams & Jacobs Streets

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Keep up to date with the latest school news and upcoming events by liking us on Facebook.

If you would like to have a copy of our weekly newsletter emailed to you, please email your request to Kylie McFarlane at:
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