Dear All,

Goodness me we have certainly begun the term with a bang. It's incredibly busy at the school with all manner of events on each day and more coming up.

**Governing Council**
The Council met last night and amongst the discussion a serious concern was raised about the traffic issues at the front of the school. This is particularly bad at the end of each day.

To try to rectify the problem it has been decided that the buses will park at the back of the school. This will free up the space where they have been parking. Remember that we only moved the buses to that spot whilst we were building. I will be asking the staff to park in the car-park across the road if they access the school through the main area, this will leave more spaces free for parents and visitors. The space in front of and to the side of the Library is designated for Library visitors.

It is clear that a number of parents are unaware of the speed limit past the school and as none of us want any kind of accident I remind everyone that the speed past the school is **25KPH** whilst children are present. It is our opinion that even this is fast with everyone backing out and children racing to get to cars across the road.

I would ask that ALL parents think about safety and discuss safe ways to get to and from their cars with their own children.

The Governing Council and I, thank you in anticipation of you full cooperation.

Other matters for discussion included providing direct debit facilities which was agreed.

Council is looking for recipients of the Rowan Ramsey Award.

Barb Shearer’s end of Year concert and her very generous offer to donate the takings to the school for the playground. Governing Council with the Parent Club will ask all families to help with supper on the night of the 26th of September.

**Up-coming Events**
In Week 4 we will celebrate all of our wonderful SSO’s and all the support they give us in so many ways.

Book Week will be held in Week 5. The theme is “Connecting to reading”

Assembly will also be in Week 5 on Thursday at 2.00pm in the Institute, please come along if you can.

Week 6 will see us celebrate Science week, the theme here is “Food Science”

**Swimming Pool**
I have spoken with the Facilities Manager and also met with the Engineer. The reports are that the pool is not really bad but does need some work.

A Tender for the work will be out in the next week or so and hopefully all work will be completed before the end of October. I hear your worried sighs.

It seems better to try to fix it before the really hot weather at the end of the year and into the New Year. More news as it comes to hand.

Lots of other things happening but It’s early in the morning and I am off to Kimba for a Partnerships meeting all day.

Kindest Regards,
Jan Potter

**Thought for the Week**
“Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding” Albert Einstein

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Primary Students enjoying the new playground equipment
Dear Parent / Caregiver

CHANGES TO GRADUATED LICENSING SCHEME - New rules for P1 drivers

South Australia is introducing new laws on 28 July 2014 to help prepare and protect young people for a lifetime of safe driving.

The first year of driving unsupervised is the riskiest in a person’s driving life. Young drivers are still developing their ability to detect, identify and quickly respond to risks or hazards. Lack of experience, night-time driving and the presence of peer-aged passengers all contribute to younger drivers having an increased risk of being involved in a crash. The major change will be the introduction of a night driving and passenger restriction for all P1 drivers under the age of 25.

Night driving restriction
From 28 July 2014, holders of a P1 licence aged under 25 must not drive between midnight and 5 am, unless they have a qualified supervising driver seated beside them or they meet one of the exemption criteria below:

- driving to and from work or driving in the course of employment;
- driving to and from education/training or driving in the course of education/training with a school, university, TAFE, apprenticeship or other formal training provider;
- driving to and from formal volunteer work, or driving in the course of performing formal volunteer work;
- driving to participate in sports, artistic, charitable, religious or scientific activities;
- a police or emergency services officer on duty.

Learner motorcyclists under the age of 25 without a P2 or full licence for a car will also be subject to the night driving restriction.

In the school environment, these exemptions will cater for young people who may need to drive to an early morning training session (e.g. sport) or to drive home after participating in a late night drama production.

Passenger restriction
From 28 July 2014, holders of a P1 licence aged under 25 years must not carry more than one passenger aged between 16 and 20 (excluding immediate family members) unless they have a qualified supervising driver seated beside them or they meet one of the exemption criteria below:

- driving in the course of employment; or
- a police or emergency services officer on duty.

An exemption from the passenger restriction will not be available for any other purpose, including education and training.

I understand that the passenger restriction may impact upon students who currently travel together, for instance where a young P1 driver currently drives with more than one passenger aged 16 to 20 between school campuses. Under the new laws, this practice may continue but only if the P1 driver has a qualified supervising driver in the front seat beside them. Where a qualified supervising driver is present, the passenger restriction does not apply and additional passengers aged between 16 and 20 may travel in the vehicle. Immediate family members are also exempt, which means that P1 drivers will still be able to take their brothers and sisters to school, regardless of their age.

P1 licence holders are responsible for complying with these new laws and will be informed of the changes. They do not need to apply for an exemption from the night driving restriction for education and training purposes but may need to provide evidence that they meet the exemption criteria if requested by police.

Further information about the new laws and the exemption scheme can be found at www.mylicensure.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Date: 24/7/14

PRINCIPAL
Uniform Survey Return

Just a reminder – if you have not returned your uniform survey, please return this to school by this Friday. If you have not received one, there are spare copies in the front office or one can be collected through your child's class teacher. It's important that as many people as possible have a say about possible changes.

Book Week Celebrations

Cowell School Community Library will celebrate Book Week from the 19th to 22nd of August. Dress up day will be on Friday 22nd August, children can come dressed as their favourite book character.

Please watch this space for further information.

FOUND—GLASSES

Near the school oval entrance gates

Black & blue frames. If these belong to you, please contact the front office of the school on 86292150.

HIRE OF SCHOOL COMBINED BUS

The school has a Toyota Coaster bus that is available for hire to Community groups and individual hirers. The bus will seat 20 passengers plus the driver and is air conditioned. If you are interested please contact front office staff at the school on 86292150 for further information.

Mystery BBQ

In the last week of last term the Year 7’s went on a mystery BBQ with our class. At the start of the day, we went to a place with huge rocks called Puddin’ rock. We got to explore the place and have recess. We played marks up in a paddock too. Next we went to Payne’s weir. We climbed the weir and explored the bush. Mrs McFarlane and Linda Symonds saw a snake on the way to the weir, so we weren’t allowed to go that way. The boys and Tahlia made the sausages, they were delicious. We had a tree house/cubby house/tepee competition. I worked with Kira, Chloe and Britt. We got 6 ½ points out of 10 from Scotty. We had help from Linda because some people had 6 in their group. The rest of the groups got 6, so we won. We had an hour and 5 minutes to do the cubby house. We left at about 2:30 pm to get to the school at 3 pm. We had a great day and the weather was beautiful too. Thanks to Mrs Symonds for coming along & Scotty for driving the Hiace too.

Caitlin Jeffrey, Yr 7
NEW STOCK IN

Children’s Picture Books
Bus Fuss by Tom Skinner
Lisa Absolutely Loves Art by Sophie Norsa
Lucas and Jack by Ellie Royce and Andrew McLean
What Happens Next? By Tull Suwannakit
Awesome Possum Band by Jimmy Osmond

Children’s Fiction
Light Horse Boy by Dianne Wolfer
Mission Survival 2: Way of the Wolf by Bear Grylls
Mission Survival 3: Sands of the Scorpion by Bear Grylls

Teenage Fiction
The Body in the Woods by April Henry

Children’s Non Fiction
Medicine Through the Ages by Rebecca Vickers
Creepy Crawlies: Flies by Sian Smith
Creepy Drawlies: Worms by Sian Smith
The Victorians (Homework Helpers) by Louise Armstrong
Australia’s Most Dangerous Snakes by Kathy Riley
Australia’s Most Freaky by Karen McGhee
Transformed: How Everyday Things are Made by Bill Slavin
Even My Ears are Smiling by Michael Rosen

Adult Non Fiction
The Inheritance by Tilly Bagshawe
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 COMMUNITY NEWS

New in the Library
Light Horse Boy by Dianne Wolfer
In 1914 Jim and Charlie abandon the Australian outback for the excitement and adventure of the war to end all wars. But in the Light Horse they quickly discover the brutal realities of life on the frontline. Nothing will ever be the same again.
Children’s Book Council of Australia Shortlisted Book.

Lethal Sky by Greg Barron
In Western Europe and America millions of ordinary people start their day, unaware that a swarm of powerful new weapons, armed with a biological agent, gathers in the skies. In London PJ Johnson leads a team of Special Forces soldiers to find the terrorists’ base of operations as biologist Jan Sloven works furiously to decode the conundrum left by a deranged scientific genius - but time is against them all.
FOOTBALL/NETBALL CANTEEN
The Football/Netball Canteen is a major source of income for both the football and netball club, please support the canteen and bar by working your shift or by finding a replacement.

THURSDAY 31ST JULY

Kitchen Roster
6—8pm
Chris Harding, Rose White, Terrie Walker, Michelle Whibley, Sandy McFarlane & Claire Norsworthy.

8pm—Clean Up
Brooke Turner, Bec Wagner, Matt Franklin & Kierran Fiegert.

Bar Roster
6—7:30pm  7:30pm—9pm  9pm—Close
Peter Mills  Marty Franklin  Dylan Milton
Michael Siviour

COWELL BOOK CLUB
The next meeting of the social book club will be on Friday 8th August at 6pm in the Commercial Hotel. The current book is How to be Good by Nick Hornby. 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 FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB DATES
Junior Medal Count
Junior Medal Count will be held in Kimba on Saturday 30th August.

Semi Final Wind Down
Cowell will host the 1st Semi Final on Saturday 16th August. This night will be a ‘Wind Down’ night with Karaoke. The Football & Netball Committee’s are on roster for teas.

Grand Final Night
As in previous years, the clubrooms will be open Grand Final night to celebrate the season. Tea will be available.

Junior Wind Up
Will be held in the Clubrooms on Thursday 11th September for all Junior Football and Netball players.

Senior Wind Up
Saturday 13th September at the Clubrooms, similar format to last year.

More information to follow, watch this space!

WANTED
A young man between the ages of 14 & 17 yrs for some casual gardening and odd jobs work. Approximately 5 hrs per week, at $12 per hr.

All negotiable. Required ASAP.

If interested please contact Bob Barnes on 86292178

COWELL SWIMMING CLUB
AGM
Wednesday 6th August
7pm in the Cowell Community Library.

All positions available.

Please come along and help keep this club operational for the children of Cowell.

COWELL GOLF CLUB

Bank SA Ambrose Day
Sunday 3rd August at 11.30am for BBQ lunch.
Hit off at 12:15pm, teams of 4 welcome.
Tea to follow after presentations.

Father’s Day Ambrose Competition
Sponsor Commercial Hotel
Business invites teams of 4
Sunday 7th September
More info to follow.
Cowell Recyling Depot
83 Cowell/Kimba Road
0427 292 322
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
10 Clothier Crescent Cowell
SOLD
3 bed, 1 bath, Corner block.

Lot 26 Angas Street Cowell
SOLD
1089 sqm block. Well levelled.

4 Sections Hundred of Hawker
UNDER CONTRACT
1395 acres, 697 irrigable acres.

Cowell Office 08 8629 2592