We had a very positive first week and it’s great to see everyone feeling energised about the year ahead. Term 1 is always so busy and we already have a calendar that is filling up fast. We spent time this week electing school leaders – SRC and Sports Captains. Well done to the students who will be taking on leadership responsibilities and contributing to student voice across the school.

We will be holding our Leadership Induction on Friday February 17th, at 9:30am in the Institute. This is a significant day on our school calendar where we recognise the importance of these roles and acknowledge the students who have been elected to represent the rest of the student body. We hope that you can join us in celebrating this special event.

House Captains already have plenty of work to do with teams to organise for Swimming Carnival coming up on Friday Week 4 and Sports Day on Thursday Week 7.

We must also congratulate Lexi Williams on being named the Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year. This is a huge honour and acknowledgement of the work that Lexi does in the community as a young leader. It is important for our young people to be part of the volunteer work that goes on, in order for them to understand the commitment required and benefits gained from actively engaging in community life. Lexi is a great example of what can be achieved with a bit of ‘grit and determination’ and a ‘growth mindset’.

In Week 6, some of our young leaders will have the opportunity to travel to Whyalla and be involved in a Leadership conference with students from other schools in our region. The conference is run by the Rogue and Rouge Foundation and will focus on building self-belief and working with students to develop specific goals and strategies to take back to their schools.

Learner Improvement Programmes

We were fortunate at the end of 2016 to apply for, and be accepted into, several professional learning programmes and training opportunities. I have outlined them below:

- Thinking Maths (Year 6-9): Sandy McFarlane and Dylan Milton will be involved in this programme, aimed at driving improvement in Numeracy at our site.
- 3D Printing in Primary Schools project: Michelle Curtis and Malcolm Rogers will be involved in this programme, which gives our school access to the Makers Empire software and Learning programme including professional learning and support. This project is primarily about engaging students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and critical and creative thinking.
- QuickSmart Numeracy: QuickSmart is a Numeracy intervention programme and will involve the training of SSOs to implement the programme. The programme is based on current research and is supported by extensive materials and computer based resources.
- Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE School Partnerships Programme: Hannah Wight and Sharyn Williams will be involved in this programme that aims to connect Australian teachers, students and school communities with their counterparts in Indonesia. We will be lucky enough to have 2 Indonesian teachers visit us for 2 weeks, to share practice and strengthen intercultural understandings.

We are really excited about the opportunities for our school to build the professional capacity of our teachers and SSOs and to deepen our understanding of learning and assessment, and to maximise the learning growth of each of our students.

Meet and Greet

As we did last year, we are planning a “Meet and Greet”, so that parents, family and interested community members can come along to the school, wander through the classrooms, catch up with staff and join us for a BBQ afterwards. Further details in next week’s newsletter.

Emergency and Bushfire Response Plan

We have included a copy of the Fire Danger Season – Information for Families in this week’s newsletter as a reminder of the importance of being prepared and having a plan at this time of the year. We will also be emailing a copy of the Bushfires and Your Child’s School brochure to all families which outlines information regarding bushfire procedures in more detail. A reminder that we are considered a low-risk (R3) school when it comes to the bushfire risk rating.

Newsletter

We are sending a hard copy of the newsletter out for the first few weeks, to ensure everyone gets the information required for a successful start to the year, and as we gather email addresses. After this we will email the newsletter, unless you would specifically like them to be sent home with your child. If you would like a hard copy, can you please contact the front office and let them know.

Who are our Year 12’s?

Laura Walker has lived in Cowell for most of her life, moving from Melbourne when she was 3 years old. Laura has decided to study English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and the Research project this year, having already completed Stage 2 Child Studies and Stage 2 Biology in Year 11. Laura is committed to entering the Medical profession and would particularly like to work in either Paediatrics or as a Neonatologist (that’s a mouthful!). Her desire to follow this path has been further fuelled by her visit to Nepal earlier this year as part of Projects Abroad, where she spent 2 weeks with 12 students observing in various hospitals. At one stage during this time she actually had to perform CPR. Laura thinks that this year is going to be ‘interesting’ and is going to go quickly. However, is not really looking forward to it ending, as it means she is going to have to ‘adult’ – something she is a little bit nervous about! Laura enjoys spending time with friends, watching movies, playing cards, going to the beach and playing softball and she hates sharks and snakes. She would love to do further travel, particularly to Europe and has a bucket list goal to complete a sky-dive (when she turns 18). Laura has taken on the role of SRC President and Captain of Aries this year and we wish her well for all that the year will bring.
SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER
TERM 1

WEEK 2 10/2 - School Swimming Lessons Begin

WEEK 3 13-17/2 - School Swimming Lessons
13/2 - Middle School ‘Get to Know You Day’
14/2 - Governing Council Meeting 7pm
17/2 - School Leaders Induction Ceremony

WEEK 4 20-23/2 - School Swimming Lessons
24/2 - Swimming Carnival

WEEK 7 13/3 - Public Holiday
16/3 - Sports Day

WEEK 8 21/3 - Harmony Day
- Year 8 Immunisations

WEEK 10 3/4 - Interschool Sports Day at Cleve
4/4 - Yr 10, 11 & 12 Immunisations

ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE
Thursday lunchtimes $1.00 each
outside the Yr 5/6 room
proceeds to class fundraising

SCHOOL NEWS

Cowell Area School
Congratulates Our 2017 Leaders

SRC Executives;
President: Laura Walker
Vice President: Grace Chopin
Secretary: Chloe Walker
Treasurer: Alexis Williams

Class Representatives:
R/1 Chase Piggott & Scarlett Martin
1/2 Meisha Watts & Liam Iversen
2/3 Cathryn Doyle & Kealey Maslin
3/4 Amber Phillips & Murphy Maslin
5/6 Adara Chase & Kyan Goodyear
7 Joel Simms & Lainie McFarlane
8 Chloe Frost & Lachlan Turner
9/10 Jaxon Webb, Oscar White & Callum Guidera
12 Amy Oldfield & Claire Norsworthy

House Captains:
Scorpio Captains Claire Norrisworthy & Grace Chopin
Vice Captain Oscar White
Aries Captains Alexis Williams & Laura Walker
Vice Captain Dylan Francis-Kent
Taurus Captains Amy Oldfield & Karrie Haines
Vice Captain Jamie Smith

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
As indicated in last week’s newsletter, I am now the Primary School Counsellor at Cowell Area School. I would like to thank Vicki Bourlioufas for her fantastic work in this role last year. I am hoping to continue some of the social skills sessions and other work Vicki has started. I am available to work with students either individually or in groups to support them with positive mental health and wellbeing. Parents, students and staff can approach me if they would like to have a chat about a student or a specific issue etc. I will contact parents, where appropriate, about plans to work with students. Please feel free to contact me at the school or you can e-mail at michelle.ottens637@schools.sa.edu.au

Michelle Ottens

LOST PROPERTY BOX
We advise parents/caregivers that the Lost Property box is currently full. We ask you to please come in to the front office & check through items that may belong to your child. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the Op Shop at the end of next week.
Some of the items include brand new jumpers & polo shirts.

Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY
9/2—Lily Fiegert
10/2—Matthew Oldfield
11/2—Danielle Churchett

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT LEADERS
INDUCTION CEREMONY
Friday 17th February, 2017
At the Institute, commencing at 9:30am
All welcome to attend
Cowell Area School is located in a low-risk bushfire area.

While we have a have an emergency and bushfire response plan for our site it is important that we are all prepared for a bushfire emergency.

**Parent and family checklist**
- read all of the bushfire information provided to you
- talk with your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool
- update your emergency contact details with us before the start of the fire danger season
- make a personal Bushfire Survival Plan for your family and let us know if this will affect your child’s attendance
- download the AlertSA app if you use a smartphone.

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**If a bushfire approaches us**

The safety of children in our care is our highest priority if a bushfire approaches our site. We have a designated bushfire refuge, which is the safest place for staff and students to be in this situation.

Evacuation is our last option unless advised otherwise by emergency services.

When we move to our bushfire refuge we:
- move everybody inside, close windows, doors, and turn off the air conditioning
- fill available containers with water
- turn on all sprinklers and irrigation systems if it is safe and time permits
- remain inside with the children until the main fireline passes
- listen to local radio or monitor the CFS or AlertSA website for bushfire updates and information
- liaise with DECD Security, Bushfire and Emergency Management team and the CFS to stay informed about changing conditions.

**Further information**

**Department for Education and Child Development**

**Parent Bushfire Information Hotline**
1800 000 279

The Parent Bushfire Information Hotline operates during business hours, with an out-of-hours messaging service at other times.

The hotline is the best source of current and up-to-date information on bushfire emergencies.

**Bushfire and Emergency Management website**
[www.crisis.sa.edu.au](http://www.crisis.sa.edu.au)

**Country Fire Service**

**Bushfire Information Hotline**
1300 362 361

**Website** [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

**Alert SA**

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**‘Catastrophic’ fire danger days**

‘Catastrophic’ fire danger days occur when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold on a ‘catastrophic’ day it will be extremely difficult to control.

**Find out about site closures**

DECD is working towards school closures appearing on the Alerts SA website and mobile app. By downloading the Alert SA app to your mobile device you will be able to obtain real-time information and warnings.

Cowell Area School has a ‘low risk’ bushfire rating.

This means on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our site will remain open.

School buses and taxis will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

**Our phone number is** 08 8629 2150

If this number is engaged during an emergency, contact the DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline on 1800 000 279
Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2017 we are continuing to offer free lessons on either a Brass (Trumpet & Trombone) or a Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone) Instrument via the videoconferencing facilities at Cleve & Cowell Area Schools with myself, Mrs. Anna Davidson, from Kimba Area School.

I have been teaching Music at Kimba Area School since 2011 and Instrumental Music in SA and VIC prior to this specialising in Brass & Woodwind instruments. I am keen to promote instrumental playing in the smaller townships of the Eastern Eyre Peninsula and foster a sense of community through opportunities to play and sing in bands and attend music camps with children from other parts of country and metropolitan SA.

Students will attend a ½ hour lesson once a week at the same time grouped according to ability / experience and/or instrument. I will visit Cleve & Cowell students in a face-to-face lesson at least once a term. Students are expected to develop a routine of home practice to reinforce skills learnt. Mrs. Davidson is investigating ways for students from Cleve & Cowell to play with the Kimba Band or come to Country Camp during Term 2. If any parents are interested in forming a committee to get some of these camps and tours off of the group any help would be greatly appreciated.

Students can choose to hire or buy instruments as appropriate. The school is able to hire instruments from Musicroar in Adelaide. Below is a guide as to what the 2016 prices for hire were:

- Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone: $219/year
- Alto Saxophones: $360/year

There are options to purchase beginner models of some of these instruments for a similar price. Learning an instrument has so many scientifically proven benefits to children and adults, particularly development of fine motor skills, aural awareness, memory and literacy and numeracy skills.

Yours in music,

Anna Davidson
(08) 86272074
anna.davidson482@schools.sa.edu.au

Endorsed by:
Cowell AS Principal

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Student’s Full Name: ___________________________ Class: ______

- I will / will not be learning the Flute / Clarinet / Alto Saxophone / Trumpet / Trombone during 2017.
- I understand it is an agreement to learn for the full school year.

Student Signature: ___________________________

We would like to hire an instrument during 2017. Yes / No

By signing below, parents/carers give consent for enrolment & for the school to organise a hire instrument (if indicated).

Parent/Carer Signature: ___________________________

Parent/Carer Contact Information:
Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Parent/Carer Email: ___________________________

Developing a positive and innovative community
New this Week!

**Children’s Picture Books**
- Hugless Douglas and the Great Cake Bake by David Melling
- Gorilla loves Vanilla by Chae Strathie
- The Flying Diggers by Ian Whybrow

**Children’s Fiction**
- The World’s Worst Children by David Walliams
- Friends not Forever—Ella Diaries by Meredith Costain
- Captain Firebird’s School for Pirates by Chae Strathie

**Children’s Non-Fiction**
- Minecraft Medieval Fortress
- It Can’t Be True 2

**Teen Fiction**
- 1915 by Sally Murphy
- Love Song by Sophia Bennett

**Adult Fiction**
- Lyrebird by Cecelia Ahern
- Pharaoh by Wilbur Smith
- Dark Heart by James Phelan

**Adult Non-Fiction**
- The Barefoot Investor by Scott Pape

**Adult Large Print**
- Mockingbird Songs by RJ Ellory

**Adult DVDs**
- Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children (M)
- Blindspot Season 1 (MA+15)

### Community Connections

**EP Creative Writing Group**
Next Meeting: Wed 1st March @ 5.30pm
Topic: “Magic”

**Family History Workshop**
Tues Feb 28th @ 3pm—4pm
Covering where to start, hints & tips and Ancestry.
**RSVP** - Library staff by Friday 24th Feb

### Library Lovers’ Month

This month we are celebrating Library Lovers’ Month. We have a mystery raffle running for all community borrowers.

We’re also launching our 2017 Storytime, Book Club and Book Chat & Cuppa Groups. Check our Facebook page for details.

Public Libraries are running a great competition for the month too, come in and grab an entry form today.

Please join us for morning tea to celebrate Library Lovers’ Month & launch our new Book Chat & Cuppa Group. & our 2017 Book Club. We would love to see you.

### Library Lovers’ Day

Thursday 9th Feb @10.30am
RSVP preferred
COMMUNITY NEWS

Agm
Tuesday 21st of February
4pm @ the Library

PFE will go into recess if no committee is formed at this meeting.

We need YOU
Seeking new P&F committee members for 2017!

Become involved in your school community.

~ Why join P&F? ~
Cowell Area School Parents & Friends focuses on building and sustaining effective partnerships with the students, families, staff and community to provide support, resources and social opportunities to all.

Joining our committee doesn’t take a lot of work, we don’t need to move mountains, but giving a little of your time will go a long way towards the betterment of our school.

Plus you might make a friend, have some fun and feel great about volunteering in the process.

ChemCard
Accreditation & Re-Accreditation

To enrol or for information, contact:
Ph: 08 8622 6511
philips.fallon@tafesa.edu.au

Learning Support: To successfully complete the Chemical course, you must be able to read the information on chemical labels and understand how to follow safety instructions.

If you have trouble with either of these tasks, please advise the co-ordinator and we may be able to provide you with appropriate learning support.

ACCREDITED COURSES

Course includes:
- Legislation
- Reading and Understanding the Product Label
- Familiarity with Chemical Formulations
- Personal Safety
- Environmental Safety
- Record Keeping
- Risk Assessment
- Health and Safety Management
- Calibration

Participants will be issued with a TAFESA Chemical Card after successful completion of the course.

Cost: $320 per participant, or Small Regional Community funding may be eligible. For eligibility please contact Jackie Fallon 08 8622 6626

Duration: 2 days course
Class Times: 9am - 5pm
Locations:
- CLEVE
  - 21st & 22nd February
- CUMMINS
  - 23rd & 24th February
- KIMBA
  - 8th March
- CEDUNA CAMPUS
  - 14th - 15th March
- WOODLUG CAMPUS
  - 16th - 17th March

Free Workshop on How to Minimise your Business Income Tax

2017 Dates and Locations
Cleve: Monday 6th March
Meningie: Monday 6th March

For more information or to apply contact:
Kathleen Davis
08 8622 6541
kathleen.davis@tafesa.edu.au

Please note that these workshops may be rescheduled.

Free Fee Eligibility Conditions
- Student must be enrolled in a Regional Community in South Australia from an eligible Regional Area
- Must have as an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- TAFE SA courses are eligible
- Depending on your income, you may be entitled to an income based fee of up to 80%.

Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Provide First Aid

Short courses in Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Provide First Aid
National codes: K7460601, K2000061

How to apply:
- Visit www.tafe.sa.edu.au/firstaid
- Select course and click in Enrol now! to submit your online application.

Worship & Eye Performances 2017 dates
Regional:
- 28th February, 30th May, 25th August, 30th November
- 5th, 8th, 15th, 4th September, 1st December
- 10th, 15th, 9th August, 8th October
- 25th February, 19th April, 18th June, 21st August, 20th November, 8th December

Worship:
- 9th March, 11th May, 6th July, 9th September, 6th December

Worship:

CIRCSOS code: 006302; RTO code: 41008
Information current as at January 2017

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COWELL NETBALL CLUB
The Cowell Netball Club are seeking coaches for C, C2, E2 & F grade for the 2017 season. After researching JNR numbers and ages we have decided we will NOT be submitting any Extra Grades. If you are interested or would like more information please don’t hesitate to contact Tracy Mills 0439280099 or Rachel Deer 0427005720.

COWELL UNITING CHURCH FAMILY SERVICES
Cowell Uniting Church Family Services are starting. Services will be held on February 19th, March 19th & April 16th (Sunrise Easter Service).
Invite your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNIOR TENNIS
Parents and players are asked to please check the Cowell Tennis Club Facebook page for details regarding team changes.
Games this week will be as follows:
The Beasts v The Piglets, The Dominators v Tennis Kings, The Mint Mongrels v Top Deck. Chicken Dinners have the bye & The Beasts are on roster.

COWELL SWIMMING CLUB
Parent Helpers this week are as follows;

Wednesday 8/2/17
3:30—4pm—Shelley Staines  4—4:30pm—Meagan Turner
4:30—5pm—Roanna Frost  5—5:30pm—Maria Papillo
5:30—6pm—Maria Papillo  6—6:30pm—Nicole Turner

Thursday 9/2/17
3:30—4pm—Mackenzie Kling  4—4:30pm—Narelle Tonkin
4:30—5pm—Katie Wenske  5—5:30pm—Donna Starr
5:30—6pm—Simon Chase  6—6:30pm—Terri Williams

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday School resumes this Sunday 12th February at 9am in the Lutheran Church hall. All children of all ages welcome to join us. Please note the Lutheran church’s AGM will follow after the 9am church service, all welcome to be a part of the planning of church life for the next 12 months.

RENTAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE
41A Main Street is a fully furnished 1 bedroom low maintenance unit available for immediate rent.
41C Main Street is a large retail space suitable for an office or retail shop.
Both properties are available for any length of time at affordable rates. Please contact Meagan for more information on 0427292068 or to view the properties.

COWELL CRICKET CLUB
Cowell Cricket Club will be having teas at the complex THIS THURSDAY NIGHT 9th February. $15 steak chips and salad. You don’t have to be involved with the cricket club to come for tea. Get a group of friends or just come by yourself. Everyone welcome.

COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB
Pre-season will kick off Sunday the 19th February, with a sandhills / beach training at Gibbon starting at 10.30am, followed by a BBQ and some refreshments on the beach under the Jetty (pack some BYO). Thereafter training will be held Wednesday nights at the town oval from 6pm, until the end of the cricket season.
IN COWELL
OPEN TUESDAYS
Consultation and surgery by appointment. Dog and Cat grooming available as well as rescued pets, see website www.whyallavet.com.au
Ph: 86292609 (Tuesdays)
86459926 (other days)
Emergencies: call the vet on 049806392

KAYLEEN TURNBULL, Dip. Nat.
Offering support with:-
- Nutrition & Weight Management
- Comprehensive Health Assessment
- Maintaining Wellbeing
- Counselling
- Remedial/Lymphatic Massage
- Reflexology
Consults Tues, Wed & Thurs
From Cowell Allied Health Services
Health fund claimable. Gift vouchers available
Ph: 0862850681, 0427 020 200

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

Franklin Harbour Button Club
BBQ TRAILER HIRE
$100 hire for 24hr period Phone 0437 295 276

MV Trenching & Plumbing
Mark together with Michael & Grant from M&G Plumbers specialize in connecting your home to the CWMS.
* knowledge of your homes individual connection needs
* Handle all paperwork direct with Council Inel Site Design
Call Mark for a consultation Regarding your connection
0429 624 291
Michael Whitford Lic # PGE 1007
Brian Rixtlic Lic # PGE 10097

Communications Centre North Terrace COWELL 0457 957 221
Learn Boat Handling, Radio Procedure, Navigation Training—Monday—1700-1900hrs
For more information contact:
Commodore: Dale Bailey
0429 054 969
Vice Commodore: Malcolm Brine
0488 292 567