**FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Wow – what a crazy few weeks it’s been! Several times over the last fortnight I was reminded of Dory’s words in Finding Nemo – “just keep swimming… just keep swimming”.

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students returned from Canberra on Friday - a little weary but full of stories to tell from their week away. We had a very successful time at the Field Days selling our oysters and promoting the great work that goes on here at Cowell, and plenty of people visiting and presenting to our students, including “No Limb-its” and “Louder” seminars.

**National Support Staff Week**

This week is set aside to acknowledge the great work that our support staff do in our schools across the country. We have 20 support staff members employed at the school, who do a variety of tasks ranging from reception and administrative duties, finance, curriculum support with small groups and individuals, organising and preparing materials and resources, supervising activities, excursions and camps, laboratory prep work and support, managing computer systems, maintaining grounds and facilities, managing the oyster lease ... and many more! We would like to thank our fantastic team of support staff for the value that they add to the teaching and learning at Cowell. We couldn’t ask for a more dedicated group!!

A big THANK YOU to Michelle Elson, Kylie McFarlane, Jacqui Lewis-Couzner, Tanya Williams, Maria Papillio, Jodi Gregory, Deb Carlaw, Gregory Preiss, Ruth Tonkin, Scott Williams, Michelle Beinke, Pat Linton, Gaynor Phillips, Rose White, Mackenzie Klingberg, Nicole Turner, Jess Jaeschke, Ettiene Posthumus, Mickey Sivioir and John Kirby.

**Governor’s Visit**

The Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, will be visiting the Eyre Peninsula next week, and as part of the trip will be visiting our school. His Excellency and Mrs Le will be touring the school and in particular, the Aquaculture programme. We are looking forward to the visit and the opportunity to showcase what we do to the Governor.

**SAPSASA**

Some of our Year 6 and 7 students are currently in Adelaide competing at the SAPSASA Netball and Football competitions. From all accounts they are doing well so far, with the boys winning 3 out of 3 games yesterday and both netball teams winning one and losing one. Well done to Lainie McFarlane, Mackenzie Klingberg, Nicole Turner, Jess Jaeschke, Ettiene Posthumus, Mickey Sivioir and John Kirby.

**Field Days**

Well done to everyone who was involved in the Field Days, whether it was through their involvement in the Movers and Groovers, contributing work for our site in the Ranbuilt shed or helping out with the oysters.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out with our preparations—everyone who assisted with shucking oysters, assembling kebabs, setting up our site and working at the site selling our products. A special thanks to Kylie McFarlane, Ettiene Posthumus and Scott Williams for their organisation throughout the year and to Michelle Curtis for her great efforts working with our very talented Movers and Groovers.

Discussions are already underway for the next one!!!

**Year 12 Meetings**

With the end of the year looming for our senior students, Mr Combes, Mrs Michael and I will be meeting with our Year 11 and 12 students to discuss their progress and ensuring that plans to support them for the rest of the year and beyond are well underway.

**Catch up With a Cowell Kid**

Last week I had a catch up with students (Amy Cornelius, Natasha Inglis, Regan Newton and Liliana Crettenden) from the Year 6 class ...finally (they were the last group). However, as we didn’t have a newsletter last week they are in this week’s.

Each of these students moved to Cowell from another town at some stage of their life. Amy moved from Adelaide to Cleve and then to Cowell, Natasha went to kindy in Whyalla before moving, Regan came to us in Cowell from Darke Peak and before living in Cowell, Liliana spent some time in Roxby Downs.

They all enjoy living and going to school in a country town for the same reasons – it’s safe and you get to know lots of people. Both Regan and Liliana mentioned the fact that you can go down the street or ride around on your bike on your own without worrying about your safety – although Liliana does enjoy going to the city for the different things you can do there.

The students have a variety of ambitions, with Amy wanting to go to uni and become a policewoman (so she can catch the baddies); Natasha thinking she could either work at the Franklin, go to uni or become a vet; Regan is keen to pursue life as a shearer but if that backfires would turn to video game consultancy as a career (he loves playing Minecraft) and Liliana is not sure exactly what she would like to do, but does know she would like to have a variety of careers (like her mum).

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SCHOOL NEWS

We discussed their learning at Cowell and they were quite thoughtful about what they do and don’t like and the reasons why. Regan enjoys Digital technology because he can build his own games using programmes like Scratch but is not a fan of Maths. Although, he thinks he could ask for help sooner, rather than sitting for ages trying to work things out. Nataisha likes to be moving around, so she enjoys PE and break times because she gets to play with her friends. This is why she is not a fan of tests because you have to sit for too long. She has improved in Maths this year because she has sought help but thinks she could get better at this, instead of waiting until she is ‘desperate’. Lilliana enjoys most things about school and always tries to persevere if she finds something hard. She is not a fan of spelling because she runs out of time but likes to get better at it. Amy has improved her Maths this year and likes the fact that the teachers encourage you to do well, but would still like to get even better at Maths.

When it came to talking about the things we could improve, they had a few ideas. They thought that some kind of “Get Together” day where students work together across different year levels would be good and they would also like to have some ideas for different games at lunchtimes instead of always playing cricket. Social media was also an area that they thought we should have some more education around – especially how people use their phones!

Thanks to the Year 6 students – next week we start again and I will be talking to DuToit Posthumus, Luca Kuhn, Amber Phillips and Danielle Churchett from the Year 2/3 class.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

WEEK 4  15-19/8  - SAPSASA Football/Netball
          - Science Week
    19/8  - Due date for book week competitions
          Years R-6

WEEK 5  22-26/8  - Book Week
    24/8  - Governor Visiting
          - Book Week Dress Up Day
          - Whole School Assembly
    26/8  - Due date for book week competitions
          Years 7-12

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PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SURVEY ONLINE AT:
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Cowell Area School
Parent and Community Engagement Survey

1. How regularly do you read the Cowell Area School newsletter?
   □ Weekly  □ Occasionally  □ Not at all

2. How do you access the newsletter?
   □ Hard copy (paper)
   □ Email
   □ Facebook
   □ Skoolbag

3. What is your main reason for reading the newsletter?
   □ Find out about what’s happening in my child’s class
   □ Find out about what’s happening at the school
   □ Find out about upcoming events
   □ Community notices
   □ Other (please specify) ______________________

4. How would you rate the presentation of our newsletter?
   □ Needs improving
   □ Satisfactory
   □ Good
   □ Excellent

5. How would you rate the content of our newsletter?
   □ Needs improving
   □ Satisfactory
   □ Good
   □ Excellent

6. How could we improve our newsletter?
   ______________________________________
   ______________________________________
   ______________________________________

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, please return it to the front office of the school.
Values
Our opinions and attitudes about particular events may change according to circumstances. Our values are relatively unchanging aspects of positions we take about the world and about how we see ourselves. Values help us to think more deeply about who we are and how we live up to our own standards. Resilience is about recognising and taking responsibility for fixing disturbed relationships. In this way, the key values of trust, forgiveness, honesty and optimism and compassion, are significant for determining the quality of our relationships. As young people grow up their values will form the moral centre of their life.

According to the Resilient Youth Survey, earlier this year CAS students from Years 6-8 responded to the following prompts as follows:
- I stand up for what I believe in: 27%
- I take responsibility: 86%
- I tell the truth: 64%
- I forgive others: 67%
- I forgive myself: 74%
- I trust others: 70%
- I consider myself trustworthy: 91%
- I feel in control of my life: 57%
- I feel good about my future: 78%
- I help others: 80%
- I make the community a better place: 51%
Last week, students in Year 7-9 were involved in a trip to Canberra, Sovereign Hill and Perisher Valley. The group left the school on Saturday afternoon (6th of August) and travelled overnight in a coach to Sovereign Hill. Here students learnt how to pan for gold, they went into an underground shaft and visited shops that were set out as shops were in the Gold Rush Period in Australia which began in the 1850s. On Monday we travelled to Canberra and students went rock climbing at night.

On Tuesday, we began the day by visiting Parliament House. Students were split into major and minor parties, and debated whether Wi-Fi should be included on free on public transport. This was followed by a visit to The Electoral Education Office in Old Parliament House. Students learnt about our voting system by voting for their favourite fruit; the Apple Party won this. Next on the itinerary was The Australian National Gallery where some viewed paintings by Sidney Nolan who is famous for painting images of Ned Kelly. We also visited Questacon, the National Science Centre where many of the students chose a 3 storey free fall drop as an activity. Lastly, we visited The Australian Institute of Sports where students got to test their skills on many different sporting activities.

On Wednesday, we began the day by rising at about 3.30am and boarding the bus at 4am. Off to Perisher Ski fields we went, where students were involved in skiing or snowboarding lessons. Many stuck to their chosen activity that day and others built snow men and participated in throwing balls of snow.

On Thursday, our first visit of the day was to Mt Ainslie where we were treated to wonderful views of Canberra. The High Court of Australia was our first official visit for the day and this was followed by The Museum of Australian Democracy where students were once again split into two parties. They debated if conscription should be compulsory (and may I add, most voted for the introduction of conscription). Our last visit was to The Australian War Memorial where students were treated to visual shows and the playing of *The Last Post* on the bugle.

Once again, we would like to thank all those people who helped with our fundraising efforts by purchasing goods, participating in raffles, those who donated food for sale and those who donated goods for our Facebook auction. We would also like to thank The Franklin Harbour Council and the Button Club for their donation of money. We also received much appreciated grants from the Flinders Ports Grant, coordinated by Peter Treloar’s office and the Sydney-Myer Foundation. We will also receive funding from the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) which is an Australian Government initiative.

Thanks also to the parents and teachers who came with us on camp. Not only were they required to sleep on the bus and participate in our very busy schedule, they were also asked to act as substitute parents for the week.

Student’s behaviour was excellent, they were excellent ambassadors for our school.

For many of our students, the experience will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Many have already said that there were many highlights on the camp.

Vicki Bourlioufas
Canberra Camp Coordinator
Library Hours for Term 3

Monday–Thursday
8.30am–4pm
Friday
8.30am–3pm

New this Week

Children’s Fiction
Witch series Book 1—The Power of Five
Witch series Book 2—The Disappearance
Both books by Elizabeth Lenhard

Children’s Non-Fiction
Dogs by Martha Rustad
South Australian Native Bees: A glimpse inside their world
by Susanne Richards

Teenage Fiction
One Step by Andrew Daddo

Adult Fiction
Breaking Cover by Stella Rimington

Adult Non Fiction
Camping and caravanning guide to the Murray River by
Craig Lewis and Cathy Savage
The Lonely Planet’s Philippines by Michael Grosberg

Library Public Meeting
Thank you to the many community members who took the time to attend our Public Library Review Meeting on Friday the 5th August. There were some excellent suggestions put forward for discussion from our community members and from the feedback from our library survey. Some of our short term goals include the improvement of our street signage and working on setting up a lounge area for community members to use.

Community Connections

EP Creative Writing Group
Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th September @ 5.30pm in the Library

Storytime
Wednesdays from 9.15am in the Library

Computing Workshops
We are now taking expressions of interest for any community members interested in attending computing workshops.

Adult Book Club
Next Meeting: Thursday 1st Sept @ 11am in the Library.

BookWeek 2016
20th - 26th August

Theme: Australia! Story Country

This year we have two competitions open to school students.

A poetry writing competition open to all students. Students can submit an acrostic poem, a limerick or a rhyming poem on anything that fits with the theme.

An art competition open to all students. Students can submit a dot painting, either A3 or A4 in size, which could be used as an alternative cover to a favourite book.

Entries close @ Recess 19th August for both competitions.

Dress up day will be on Wednesday 24th August and students can dress up as a character from a favourite Australian Book. Each class will parade their costumes in the library at recess time for judging and winners will be announced at the assembly.

The Poetry and Art Competitions winners will also be announced at this assembly.
COWELL FOOTBALL NETBALL CATERING

THURSDAY 18/8/16

Kitchen Roster
6-8pm
Scott Williams, Kayleen Turnbull, Michelle Whibley, Shannon Jeffrey & Lachlan Turner.

8pm sharp
Mickey Siviour, Katarina Zanet, Wayne Piggott & Ethan Grigg.

Bar Roster
6-7.30pm  7.30-9pm  9-Close
N. Turner  T. McFarlane  S. Magnay
C. Ramsey

SAVE THE DATE
Barb’s Cowell Community Concert
Friday September 23rd (night of the student free day term 3 Week 9), 7pm at the Cowell Institute.
Proceeds to Cowell Area School, last year we raised $3000
Performers include, Movers and Groovers, Reception/Kindy
3 little pigs, local singers and instrumentalists, Sing Australia, skits, Ra’na Dancers and lots more.
Come along and support our local talents and help raise money to continue to support children's learning at Cowell Area School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
This Sunday 21st August at 10:00am in the Lutheran Church Hall, Church is at 9:00am. All children of all ages welcome.

Cowell Tennis Club
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August 29th 7:30pm 2016
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COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITIVE VACANT Commercial Hotel

Casual bar position
- Position is for an enthusiastic person looking for a career in the Hospitality Industry.
- Includes working weekdays, Weekend, Nights & School holidays.
- Must be flexible with hours.
- Must have responsible service of alcohol & gaming certificates or be willing to acquire this.
- Experience is preferred but not necessary.
- More information call Kylie 0437295276

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Attention: Kylie Martens
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Position Vacant Commercial Hotel

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- Must be flexible with hours
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- TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
@ THE COWELL SPORTING COMPLEX
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- TICKETS $60 -

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TICKET SALES END 9th SEPTEMBER, Half sold of the loud

The Idle Saints
To Celebrate Cowell’s newly constructed Skatepark! There will be a day of Skatepark fun with an Official opening starting at 10am and lessons and free skating continuing until 1.30pm.

Skate coaching sessions and free skating throughout the day (see information above for times/details)

Costs are $25 to enter a coaching lesson, all lesson participants go in the draw to win 1 of 8 skateboard and helmet combos used on the day.

Register online for lessons as places are limited at cowellskatepark.eventbrite.com.au (I just put this into Google and it took me to the page for bookings, this saves us taking money on the day and the money goes straight to Trinity Skateparks)

A sizzle and drinks will be available to purchase for lunch! And there are lots of Free Skate Prizes to give away on the day. Come down and join in the fun.

Machinery short courses

Machinery training across Eyre Peninsula.
A series of short courses designed to help you get to know your machinery and develop your skills.
Do one, a few or all of them.

Forklift licence
Licence to operate a forklift truck (TLILIC2001A)
This unit requires the operator to be able to plan the work, conduct routine checks on the forklift, shut down in a safe manner and shut down and secure the equipment after completion of operations. This unit is based on the National Standard for Licensing Persons Performing High Risk Work.
Duration: 2 days
Dates and locations
> Ceduna 22 and 23 August
> Cleve 20 and 21 September
> Cowell 22 and 23 September
> Kimba 15 and 16 September
> Port Lincoln 6, 7 and 8 September; 11, 12 and 13 October; 8, 9 and 10 November; 6, 7 and 8 December
> Wudinna 25 and 26 August

Working at heights / Enter and work in confined spaces (RWHHS2020D / RWHHS2020C)
The materials in this course provide the information you need to undertake safe working practices at heights or in confined spaces including: identifying the work requirements, procedures and instructions for the task, accessing and installing equipment, performing work at heights and cleaning up the work area. The work required in this unit relates to the National Standard for High Risk Work (Enter and work in confined spaces).
Duration: 3 days
Dates and locations
> Wudinna 30, 31 August and 1 September

Elevated work platform licence
Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (TLILIC5584A)
Licence to operate a boom type elevating platform with a boom length 11 metres or more.
Duration: 3 days
Dates and locations
> Wudinna 4, 5 and 6 October

Skid steer
Conduct civil construction skid steer loader operations (RIIMPO316B)
Conduct civil construction skid steer loader operations.
Duration: 3 days
Dates and locations
> Cleve 25, 26 and 27 October

Community News

Treasured Family Heirloom Missing

Treasured family heirlooms belonging to the late Janet Kathleen Rhue previously of Cowell are missing. The clock was inscribed with “W M Melen 25 Years” It is of significant sentimental and family history importance. If you have any information regarding the clock or any other personal items which belonged to Janet Rhue please call;

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