Wow! Gala Day was a terrific success yesterday with our staff and students, parents, family and community members, all coming together to have fun and raise much needed funds for our school.

It was a perfect day (weather wise) and a great culmination to the work that staff and students have put into organising the day. The entertainment ranging from wet sponge throwing (I came off quite well in that one – not too many accurate throws!) and belly bumpers to putt putt golf and ‘splat the rat’ kept everyone busy for hours. The crowd had the chance to grab a bargain at the White Elephant stall, spin the lucky wheel, get their face painted, decorate a cupcake and try their hand at Archery. Peter Harris was a huge hit, providing the kids with lots of laughs pedalling his bike around. And after all of that, the Lion’s donuts, Interchurch Council icecreams, Kindy iceblocks and biscuits, Parents and Friends drinks and BBQ put on by the Governing Council, kept us all fed and watered. We even had a visit from our terrific volunteers from the Ambulance Service and Marine Rescue, and our local Policeman.

I would like to thanks Ms B, Mrs Williams and the SRC for their coordination of the day and all of the staff and students who contributed their time and energy to helping out.

A special thank you to all of the parents and community members who supported us by either being involved or coming along to just have some fun with our kids! Looking forward to the next one!!

Staffing
Congratulations to Hannah Wight, who has been appointed here next year in an Arts role – we are very excited that Hannah will be joining us again as part of our staff. Hannah has brought great creativity and enthusiasm to our teaching team and we look forward to having her back again. The staffing process will be continuing over the next few weeks and we will keep everyone informed about appointments as they happen.

Year 8/9 Super 8’s Cricket
On Tuesday I was lucky to be able to travel to Cleve with our Year 8/9 students to participate in the Super 8’s Cricket Carnival against students from Cleve and Kimba.

After a slow and ‘gentle’ start, the girls team went on to win three games and lose two. They played against Kimba in the final, which the Kimba team won. The girls developed confidence as the day went on and the Year 8’s are looking forward to the 2017 Super 8’s Carnival. Tori became everyone’s hero after bowling an important wicket, first ball of the second game.

The boys enjoyed the day, with ‘highlights’ including a classic catch by Matthew and a diamond duck for Declan. Many of the boys reached the important 20+ score and retired. Their team won one game and their final game of the day was closely fought out against Cleve 2, with Cleve 2 winning.

Thanks to Mrs Byrnes, Mrs Tonkin and Ethan G for assisting with umpiring, scoring and driving.

Colleen Peters

Super 8’s Cricket
Year 8 & 9 students, Mrs Byrnes, Mrs Peters, Mrs Tonkin and Ethan Grigg travelled to Cleve on Tuesday to participate in the Super 8’s Cricket Carnival against students from Cleve and Kimba.

Catch Up with a Cowell Kid
Unfortunately, due to the business of the start of this week, I was unable to meet with the Year 12 students, so our chat will be in next week’s newsletter!
Year 2/3 Class Discovers the Importance of Reading

For homework over the last two weeks the Year 2/3 class have been investigating how their families use their reading skills in their every day life, and why. We were amazed by the results and would like to some share them with you.

- Mum read an email to see if her parcel had dispatched on her phone.
- Dad read the instructions for the moisture meter to know how to use it in a book.
- My brother read a book for his homework so he could get a lolly at the end of the week.
- The whole family read a letter from my cousins to see how they are going.
- Mum read a checklist so she knows what to do at work.
- Dad read a blast map to prepare for a blast at work on paper.
- My brother read face-book to find out what is happening with his friends on his phone.
- Mum read the order book so she could make a new order for work.
- Dad read a road sign so he knew where to go.
- Mum read a referral from the Doctor to see what to do next.
- Dad read an email to find out his work roster on the computer.
- Mum read a pamphlet to find the weekly shopping specials.
- Mum read a recipe to know what to cook in a book.
- Dad read instructions on a piece of paper to know how to mix chemicals.
- Nana read the phonebook to look up someone’s phone number.
- Dad read the news and sport on his i-Pad to keep up with current affairs.
- Dad read the tide-times for fishing information in the paper.
- My brother read the tennis team sheet on a piece of paper because he is captain of the team.
- Mum read school notes so she knows what is happening at school.
- I read my book because it looked really interesting.
- Grandma read a ‘Better Homes and Gardening’ magazine to find out about Gardening.
- My brother read the Tribune to find out the cricket scores.
- Dad read the pre-start information on paper before he started work so he knew what to do.
- Mum read the newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening at school.
- My brother read his plane ticket so he knew how to get on his plane.
- Dad read instructions for injecting the sheep so he knew how to do it properly.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

WEEK 5  18/11 - Mathematical Methods Exam
WEEK 6  21/11 - Geography Exam
        21-23/11 - Year 4/5 Camp Errappa
        21-25/11 - SAPSASA Tennis/Cricket
        26/11 - Year 12 Formal
WEEK 7  28-2/12 - Year 6 Camp
WEEK 8  6/12 - Presentation Evening
        7/12 - Cyber Safety Presentation Yr 6 & up
        8/12 - SMG Programmes
WEEK 9  16/12 - Last Day of Term 4

Resilience is about young people reaching their potential.
“Resilience is the ability to draw upon the strengths within yourself and around you to flexibly respond to life while remaining true to yourself and creating positive relationships with others.”

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Literacy and maths tips to help your child

Helping Your Child to Read, Write and View

In the middle to upper years of primary school students use reading and writing to learn and explore other learning areas, and to seek out information for themselves as active learners. The activities below will help your child develop these skills.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD’S READING AND WRITING AT HOME

Create a routine for learning and provide materials to motivate writing such as:
- Notebooks to write their ideas and feelings.
- Computers and/or netbooks.
- Markers, pencils, highlighters and pens.
- Dictionaries and thesauruses as references. These can be books or found online.
- Online resources such as online maps, encyclopaedias, weather sites.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Library Hours for Term 4**
Monday–Thursday 8.30am–4pm
Friday 8.30am–3pm

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**New this Week!**

**Children’s Picture Books**
- The Star of the Zoo by Virginie Zurcher
- Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp
- Colours of Australia by Bronwyn Bancroft

**Adult Non-Fiction**
- Simple Low-Cost Games and Activities for Sensorimotor Learning by Lisa A. Kurtz
- Shine: The Making of the Australian Netball Diamonds by Jenny Sinclair & Megan Maurice

**Adult Fiction**
- The Wrong Girl by Zoe Foster Blake
- Heart of the Country by Tricia Stringer
- Pirate by Clive Cussler
- After You by Jojo Moyes

**Children’s Easy Fiction**
- Dino-Mike and the Museum Mayhem by Franco Aureliana

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**Thank you!**

**Lions Market Thank You**

Thank you to the many people who came along to visit our stall at the Lions Market. Many people helped us by taking away our discarded books and making very kind donations to the library for them. It was great to chat with people about what the library has to offer and exciting to sign up some new members too!

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**Holds Pick-Up**

Holds have to be made by 30th November to ensure they are received by Christmas.

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**Community Connections**

**EP Creative Writing Group**
Next Meeting:
Wednesday 7th Dec @ 5.30pm in the Library
Topic: “Outback”
Bring a plate to share
Guest Speaker: Johnny Close

**Storytime**
Wednesdays from 9.15am in the Library

**Adult Book Club**
Next Meeting:
Thursday 8th Dec @ 11am in the Library.

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**Family History Workshop**
Coming up in February 2017
Interested in your family history but don’t know where to start?
Join us to get you started on the right track. Contact the Library for more information.

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**Whyalla Dental Care**

Dr. Mark Peneres and Dr. Nicholas Wood have extended Whyalla Dental Care to Cowell, located at Dr. Ochini’s Medical Practice every Wednesday.
- Whyalla Dental Care is a family practice offering all aspects of dentistry.
- If your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Scheme (Medicare) their appointments will be bulk billed.
- Private health insurance cards for Hicaps claims as well as Eftpos facilities are available.

Please phone the Whyalla Practice on 86441111 for all appointments.
COWELL JUNIOR TENNIS
Junior tennis will be on this Friday, commencing 3:30pm sharp. Games will be as follows: Tennis Kings V The Mint Mongrels, The Beasts V Chicken Dinners, The Piglets V Top Deck. The Dominators have the bye & The Mint Mongrels are on roster.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FEEDBACK
For those who didn’t catch up with our final results at our start of the term assembly, here they are. We packed 35 boxes, collected $260.00 in cash donations and 2 bags of gifts as well as a cheque from the Cowell Inter-church Council of $315.00. Well done to all involved. Many thanks and blessings to everyone who gave so generously.

COWELL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
Next meeting will be on Thursday 24th November, 11:30am in the Commercial Hotel dining room, followed by lunch. All welcome.

COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB
Cowell Cats Training Singlets are available to order for Juniors and Seniors. Orders must be in to Kylie McFarlane by Monday 28th November, text orders to 0428311666 with the details of what size & the name & number you would like printed on the back. The design of these tops can be found on the Cowell Football Club Facebook page.

PARENTS & FRIENDS—SENIOR CITIZENS
We are still seeking donations of food items, money or your time for the upcoming Senior Citizens function. Monetary donations can be made via the following bank details; BSB 105-106 Account number 390002740 Account name: Cowell Parents & Friends Club For further information please contact Roanna Frost on 0429 133 301.
Cowell Veterinary & Clinic

For all your building needs contact Bron te on: 0417 813 345
BLD 57250

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

Contact Matt
0427 292 055

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 Incl Site Design
Call Mark for a consultation Regarding your connection
0429 624 291

AQUATIC RESCUE

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

Franklin Harbour
Button Club

BBQ TRAILER HIRE
$100 hire for 24hr period
Phone 0437 295 276

Cowell Volunteer Marine Rescue

SOLD

Lot 1 Blombery Road, ARNO BAY
22 acres of land with 700 meters of amazing beach frontage. Giving you your own vehicle access to the spectacular white sands of Turnbull’s Beach. Council has approved a substantial 2 storey, 6 bedroom home with plans available. The allotment also has a small section zoned for tourist accommodation for the entrepreneur.

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