FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

From the leadership team:

Another busy week has passed us by – with tonnes of learning and fun activities going on. We also had lots of visitors to our school – parents, family and friends celebrating our Volunteers and Reconciliation week, the ‘Kaboom’ performers who worked with our R-6 students and a news crew from Southern Cross Austereo (which the students were most excited about). The news crew were here filming snippets of some of the things that go on at Cowell Area School, which will go towards the production of 2 commercials to promote education in the Central Eyre Peninsula Partnership. The Partnership which comprises schools and pre-schools from Cowell, Cleve, Kimba, Tumby Bay, Cummins, Lock, Ungarra, Elliston, Wudinna and Port Neill decided to invest in celebrating and promoting the terrific opportunities that exist, and the quality educational outcomes that are achieved through Public education at our sites. We were really proud to be part of this. The crew filmed parts of the school including our Year 7 students running lunchtime games with younger students, ‘Movers and ‘Groovers’ rehearsing for the assembly, our Reception classroom, local delivery, Art, Tech and Aquaculture – where they spoke to Jake, Tayla and Lexi about the Seafood course. Congratulations to all of our students who presented themselves very well – particularly the 3 students mentioned, who spoke with confidence and authority about their learning and future plans. We look forward to seeing the commercials air in a few weeks!

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):

The ICT committee met last week and there is a letter included later in the newsletter about their plans for supporting students with regard to the use of digital devices. Please take the time to read and contact Mr Rogers if you have any questions.

Pre-Service teachers:

A big thank you and farewell to Nicole Utting and Emma Dennis who have been working at our school this term in the Reception and Year 6 classes. We have really enjoyed having them here as part of our staff and hope that they have found the experience a valuable one. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and hope they keep in touch.

We would also like to welcome Shona Beazley from Cardiff, South Wales, who will be doing work experience with Ms Porteous’ Year 4/5 class over the next 3 weeks. Shona is studying Educational Studies and Early Childhood Studies and we’re sure she’ll have a great time learning with our students.

Homework Club:

As part of school initiatives to support student learning outcomes, we have decided to implement a Homework club on a trial basis on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. This will be held in the library from 3:30 – 4:00pm and will be supervised on a volunteer basis by teaching staff. The purpose is for students to come along and have allocated time to study or complete some of their homework, with the assistance of a teacher, if required. It is open to students in all year levels.

We need to stress that this is for the purpose of completing school tasks only and parents are responsible for the dropping off and picking up of their children. Homework Club will start this Thursday (tomorrow night) and continue through to the end of term.

Catch-up with a Cowell Kid:

This week I had the privilege of chatting with 4 of our Year 8/9 students – Jamie Smith, Tahla, Zanet, Sharni Napper and Chloe Walker who all had plenty of things to talk about. We talked about the things they like to do and their plans for the future, and also their ideas about how we can improve both facilities and the learning at Cowell.

Tahla was very clear about where she is headed, with a career in Aeronautical Engineering her top priority because of her interest in, and fascination with space – especially Mars! Sharni is unsure of what she would like to do and happy to keep her options open, whilst Jamie (although not really sure) would like to make his millions owning his own business. Chloe, who likes the idea of helping people or animals, is considering the possibility of Nursing as a career pathway.

When we discussed the benefits of coming to Cowell, they were all happy with the education that we can provide and commented that although we aren’t a very big school it was good that we can offer lots of different subjects either by local delivery or Open Access. The fact that you can form a close group of friends was mentioned as a positive but also that it can sometimes be hard in a small schools.

On the topic of improvements the students would like to see, they came up with quite a few ideas including:

- A chill room
- Better use of the scrub area eg- soccer field
- More things to do at recess and lunch – table tennis table in shed etc
- some choice of subjects at Year 8 and 9
- better soccer goals
- staff to change tasks / activities each year (not always offer the same topics in a subject)

We also discussed what makes a good teacher and they were all adamant that a sense of humour was one of the most important things but that teachers are serious when they need to be. They also think that teachers need to make sure they include some practical and that learning is not just ‘out of a text book’. Teachers also need to make sure they are fair and not blame the whole class when a few students mess around. All of the students were positive about their teachers and thought they were doing a good job.

I enjoyed talking with the year 8/9s (it was difficult getting them away from their hot chocolates and back to class) and think they conducted themselves in a very sensible and mature way. I will be passing on their ideas to staff for discussion. Next week I am catching up with Ruby Crettenden, Charlotte Starr, Ky Lewis, Kyan Goodyear and Tahla Martin from the Year 4/5 class, so stay tuned!
The Digital Education Revolution funding has previously allowed our school to purchase ICT for student curriculum use. This has included network hardware, wireless technology and laptops for every student in the secondary part of the school. This funding ceased a few years ago and our school is not in the financial position to supply good quality devices to meet the needs of all students on a 1 to 1 basis.

Cowell Area School is trialling a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme which allows students to access the school’s Wi-Fi. This means that Cowell Area School will support the use of digital devices brought by the students, providing they fall within the guidelines developed by the school and found in the separate handout, ‘Frequently Asked Questions by Parents / Caregivers’.

While the school has many digital devices, to ensure that all students are able to access the internet and other programs normally associated with learning purposes, we, like many schools, have considered our options. We believe that BYOD is the most appropriate way to meet the students’ learning requirements. By having a one-to-one digital device, students will also be able to access Assessment Plans, Daily Notices and other school work.

We encourage BYOD in respect of digital technology however it should be stressed that the school is still committed to providing reliable access to ICT for all our students, but the equipment that is offered will need to be shared amongst a number of classes.

Security is a major concern when using ICT and the DECD ICT Policy is clear: passwords must be kept confidential and not displayed or written down in any form; students must not disclose their personal passwords to any person other than Cowell Area School ICT staff and Administration Team members and students will be accountable for any inappropriate actions, such as bullying undertaken by someone using their personal user-ID. When students connect to the school’s Wi-Fi, inappropriate sites are automatically blocked.

Prior to any BYOD being used at school, students and parents / caregivers will be required to sign and return the: Bring Your Own Device Acceptable Use Agreement. They also need to ensure they have read the Acceptable Use Policy for ICT on the website and signed to agree to the terms.

Please also note that school ICT staff (eg Greg Preiss) will not do any maintenance or troubleshooting on any BYOD devices.

If you intend to purchase a device for school use the following minimum specifications are recommended:

- Processor: Intel i3
- RAM: 4 GB
- Storage: 120 GB SSD or 500 GB HDD
- Wireless: Intel Wireless (802.11n or 802.11ac)
- Screen: 10” or bigger
- 7 hour battery life (laptop must be fully charged at start of day).

Recommend getting extended warranty and accidental damage protection.

If you have any questions / concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Malcolm Rogers

Vicki Bourlioufas
DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

WEEK 6
9/6 - Dress Up Day Pirate Theme
10/6 - Student Free Day

WEEK 7
13/6 - Public Holiday
15/6 - ICAS Spelling Competition
16/6 - Questacon Visit Yrs 6-12
- Yr 8/9 9 A-side Footy, Cleve

WEEK 8
20/6 - Schools Ministry Week
24/6 - End of Semester 1

WEEK 9
27/6 - Start of Semester 2
29/6 - SAPSASA Football/Netball Trials at Lock

WEEK 10
8/6 - Last Day of Term 2

JUNE
7/6—Katarina Zanet
7/6—Oscar White
9/6—Kealey Maslin
12/6—Paige Hanold
12/6—Tyson Sherrin
14/6—Ava Walsh
15/6—Haylee Magnay

Literacy and maths tips to help your child

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

Reading and Writing Go Hand in Hand

Learning to write begins with scribble and drawings. This is an important first step and should be encouraged. Support your child to read their writing aloud. Create somewhere to store and display their writing.

Use your child’s experiences to create links between talking, writing and reading.

Here are some steps to follow:

- Ask your child to talk about an experience or something that interests them.
- Ask your child what part of the conversation they would like you to write.
- As your child is talking write down their ideas. Use the child’s language.
- Ask your child to read back the writing.
- Your child may want to draw a picture or create something to match the writing.

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STUDENT FREE DAY
This Friday 10th June

Working Bee
Sunday 19th June

9:30am at Cowell Area School

We will be focusing on cleaning up around the aquaculture sheds removing all scrap metal etc and a general tidy up of the yard.

Any help you could offer would be greatly appreciated, please bring some general gardening equipment if you can.

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS
They are coming.

My name is Jason, as in the name of the hero of Greek mythology. My parents loved Greek mythology before they died. It was the aliens that killed them and all my relatives. No one knows what they look like except me. They have never come down to earth, at least that’s what people say. They are shapeshifters and take the form of humans.

I gather up a few essential things I need to live, like some food and water. I get my books. I love reading and video games, but electronics died after the aliens dropped an EMP on us. I get my composite bow, my silenced Desert Eagle and my M16. I rarely shoot my M16, as it makes lots of noise and it will alert the drones of where I am. I use my bow for hunting. I am an excellent shot since the aliens arrived. I have used it every day. I could hit a rabbit’s eye from two hundred metres away. The desert Eagle I use on the aliens. The bow isn’t strong enough to take out the aliens.

When the aliens arrived, I was assigned a hunter. My job was to take out any aliens that came to Earth. That was where I learnt to shoot a gun and bow. I was the top of the class - I didn’t miss. This was all before we knew what they looked like. I was walking to class at the safe haven. I got there, then all of a sudden a soldier, one of the trainers, just started shooting everyone. I was the only one who made it out alive. I hit him twice one in the eye - one square between his eyes.

I got up and left my tent. It would be a long walk before I found somewhere safe. I was walking down the highway and saw some cars that had obviously stopped working when the EMP hit, but something was off. There was a smell, a terrible rancid smell. He walked a little further and that’s where he found them, three dead bodies in the middle of the road. He walked over to them and touched their skin, it’s still warm and the blood is fresh.

“Shizen!” screeched Jason.

That was the first word I had said in months. I realised I had just walked into the sights of an alien and they were probably hiding in the trees ready to ambush me. There was one still breathing I walked over to him. I was two steps away when he rolled sideways and pulled out a revolver. I lunged forwards, grabbed the revolver and shot him in the ankle. The man was tall and had broad shoulders, he was wearing a name tag that said Evan.

“Don’t shoot I’m a human, not an alien!” yelled Evan.

“How am I meant to trust you when you pulled a forty-four Magnum on me?” blurted Jason.

“I have an eye piece, it shows whether people are aliens or humans and I know you are a human. You can use my eye piece, it will tell you if I am an alien,” said Evan calmly.

I took the eyepiece and looked through it. Evan was a human. I walked to Evan’s hideout where he said there were two other people. When they got there I was introduced to Sam, a smaller person, but was likely the fastest runner he had ever seen. And Sarah who was about as tall as Jason and the best sniper he had ever seen. I camped out at the hideout, trying to convince them to fight the aliens. After two weeks of convincing, Jason got them to fight. They spent months drawing up the plans, figuring out how to get onto the mothership.

The time had come to fight the aliens. To get onto the ship they would need a spacecraft to fly up there, so Sarah was camping out that night and saw a drone about to drop off an alien. She shot the driver through the glass and killed him. They all got onto the ship and started up the engine, they got it flying then took off into outer space.

They landed at one of the landing docks and snuck onto the big alien ship. They had no idea where to go so they followed a line of troops, and ended up getting into the throne room, where the alien king was. They snuck into the room quietly and Sarah took position up high, so she could get a clear shot at the king. All the boys were waiting outside, so when the aliens ran out of the room, they got trapped in an ambush. All of a sudden there were twenty aliens running out, they all got shot in the ambush. Now the group was running down to the engine room to blow it up, while the rest of the ship was in chaos. They made it to the engine room and threw the C4 in there. It wouldn’t detonate, it had to be manually detonated. Someone had to stay behind and shoot the C4, dying in the process. They decided who would stay behind, it was Evan. The rest of the group made it back to the spacecraft before the ship blew up.

By Mac Cotter, Yr 7
Last week Cowell Area School celebrated Reconciliation Week.

On Monday, we started the week with an assembly to discuss the meaning of Reconciliation Week.

Each day, a different class of students were invited to come to the Library to decorate their footprint on a mural entitled (Walking Towards Reconciliation).

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Year 6’s and 7’s respectively, organized and facilitated traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games for primary students.

On Thursday, some classes shared what they have learned and work they have completed around the theme of Reconciliation Week.

On Friday, Mrs. B, cooked damper with the Year 7 class to share with the school.

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**Year 12 Visual Art Studies**

Students study a collection of researched artists within a particular theme or question. Researching 20 different artists.

Ebonii is studying how implied and actual texture is utilised to create art.

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**Year 9 – Ephemeral Art Project.**

The Year 9 art students planned and proposed temporary Art Bombs. They had to design and put forth to administer their plan to brighten a space in the school. The art pieces last for a temporary amount of time and have helped the students think about how they can use a space to display their art.

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There will be more to come in next week’s newsletter.
COWELL FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUBS

SAVE THE DATE For These Upcoming Social Events

June 18th Auction
July 2nd Amazing Race & Family Day
July 23rd Lip Sync Battle
August 6th Kids Movie Night

JUNIOR COLTS
Junior Colts please remember football training will be at the Town Oval from now on.

COWELL FOOTBALL NETBALL CATERING
NO TEAS THIS THURSDAY DUE TO KITCHEN RENOVATIONS

COWELL BASKETBALL
Our basketball finals were held last week. It was great to see all of the students improving with their basketball skills over the short season.

Incentive awards were given to Natasha Inglis and Zac Crettenden in the junior competition, while best player awards were given to Oscar White and Mikayla Harding in the senior competition.

In the junior competition, the Cowell Trailblasers beat the Wildcats 22 to 14.

In the senior competition, the Cowell Cavaliers beat the LCs 30 to 25.

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.

Library Hours
Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 4pm
Friday Closed

New this Week
Children’s Picture Books
The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
Cyclone by Jackie French
The Day the Crayons Quit by Oliver Jeffers
My Perfect Pup by Sue Walker
The Slightly Annoying Elephant by David Walliams

Teen Fiction
Missing in Action by Dean Hughes

Children’s DVDs
Goosebumps (PG)
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG)
Bigfoot & the Burtons (PG)

Adult Non-Fiction
Footballers to Foot Soldiers by Matthew Agius

Large Print
The Body in the Wardrobe by Katherine Hall Page
City of Rocks by Michael Zimmer

Audio Books
Kane & Abel by Jeffrey Archer

Community Connections
EP Creative Writing Group
Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th July @ 6.30pm in the Library

Adult BookClub
Next Meeting: Thursday 16th June @ 11am in the Library

Scrapbooking & Card Making
Interested in learning Scrapbooking or getting together with other “crafty” people? Then contact the Library on 8629 2920 & watch this space!

Storytime
Wednesday mornings from 9.15am in the Library.

June Book Club Books
Gone Girl
Princess
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

COWELL FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

AUCTION NIGHT
A MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

OVER 20 ITEMS HAVE BEEN OUTSOURCED FROM INCREDIBLY GENEROUS INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES TO AUCTION OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

Some of these items include:

- $3 nights on a house boat in Berri for 10 people, donated by Brian & Shure at Houseboat Adventure
- A Fishing charter for 4 people with Fuzzells Fishing Adventures
- Drum of hydraulic oil donated by Cowell Hardware & Titec Lubricants
- A sheep cut and kill package deal donated by Our Butcher © Cowell & Glenville Stud
- A signed Adelaide Crows Football donated by the Adelaide Crows football club
- 2 tickets to the showdown donated by Andrew Tahaney
- A 3 hour pamper package from Emily Wykamp at The Beauty Room
- A kids Lego pack donated by Toyworld in the Myer Centre

** Full list of auction items is on display in the clubrooms **

JUNE 18TH – COWELL VS. E.R @ HOME
[AUCTION BEGINS AFTER ADULT TEAS - 8.30PM]

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