Dear All,

Another week has flown by and we are fast approaching the end of our school year, with plenty still happening!

On Friday last week, we were visited by Jan Potter, who was able to catch up with lots of the students and staff. It was great to see her back again and everyone enjoyed having a chance to have a chat. We wish Jan all the best!

Staffing
We are sad to say goodbye to Ben Christensen and Elise Graymore, who will be leaving Cowell at the end of this year and returning to Victoria. We have enjoyed and appreciated the energy and commitment that they have brought to the Arts at Cowell and wish them well in their new endeavours.

We would like to congratulate Jacqui Finnis who has been appointed to the Cowell Kindy Director’s position for 2016. We will miss Jacqui in the Primary school but know that she will do a terrific job at the Kindy, and wish her all the best. This means that we still have a vacancy to fill in the Year 2/3 classroom. We hope to be able to announce the teacher for this class next week.

We are still working through the rest of the staffing process and should be able to announce who our Art teacher and Primary Coordinator will be by the end of term.

Pool
The work on the pool has finally been completed and it is now in the process of being filled and readied for swimming. It has been a long process and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding throughout.

Governing Council
This meeting was held last night, with some interesting discussion, especially around the proposal for a crossing on the Lincoln Highway. You may have noticed that there has recently been some monitoring of the traffic (both vehicle and pedestrian) that travel along and across that section of highway at various times of the day. A report is currently being compiled with recommendations and will be presented to Governing council for comment when finished.

Presentation night was also discussed quite extensively and parents / community members will be given the opportunity to provide feedback about this event before the end of term.

Student Free Day
On Monday, staff spent time working with Stuart Kenny, Manager, Literacy, Secondary Years, Learning Improvement, who helped us go through our PAT-R and NAPLAN tests to better understand the data and how to design the learning in our classrooms to cater for individual students’ needs. We had some good robust discussions and some effective planning for next year.

We have had an action packed week with our Receptions heading off to Glenforest, the Year 6 students having a sleepover at Thuruna, SRC’s ‘Heroes and Villains’ day, SMG seminars, Kindy Transition - and on Friday I am really looking forward to visiting the Year 9 restaurant – ‘Cucinati con Amore’ for a delicious lunch!!!

Kind Regards,
Julie-Anne Byrnes

DATES TO REMEMBER

THREE

WEEK 8  1-2/12  - Yr 6 Sleepover
         2/12  - Heroes & Villains Day / sausage sizzle

WEEK 9  7-11/12  - Yr 8/9 Aquatic Camp to Coffin Bay
         11/12  - Last Day of Term 4, school finishes at 2:20pm, buses leave at 2:25pm

2016 TERM DATES
Term 1   1st February—15th April
Term 2   2nd May—8th July
Term 3   25th July—30th September
Term 4   17th October—16th December

DECEMBER
2/12—Charlotte Starr
2/12—Lori Turner
8/12—Sid McFarlane

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IS OVERFLOWING
Please come into the front office & see if any of the items in this box belong to you or your child/children.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Have your say on early childhood reform**

The Premier of South Australia is committed to leading early childhood education reform. As part of this commitment, feedback is being sought from South Australian families and service providers about early childhood education services that are needed to support young children.

We ask for your support to promote the article below through available communication channels: "The South Australian government wants to hear your ideas for improving early childhood education and support for families.

Research shows that access to services such as preschools can reduce the effects of disadvantage, giving children a better start to schooling, creating benefits that continue into adulthood. It also tells us that it is more effective to support children’s development during their early years than attempting to 'fix' problems when they are older.

Share your views and ideas about before and after preschool care, services for disadvantaged children, and greater flexibility and choice for families when accessing preschool.

Have your say by visiting the [YourSAy online consultation](#) until 4 December 2015 and go into the running to win one of three prizes."

**Australian Passports – New arrangements for 16 and 17 year old applicants**

The Australian Government recently introduced legislation that affects 16 and 17 year old passport applicants. From 1 January 2016, child applicants aged 16 and 17 will be issued with 10 year passports instead of the 5 year ones currently issued to children under 18. Parental consent will still be required.

16 and 17 year old applicants must still be accompanied by their parent or a person with parental responsibility when lodging passport applications. The application fee will be the same as for adults, reflecting the longer validity of the passport to be issued.

**Contact:** The Australian Passport Information Service on: 131 232.

**Religious Education 2015**

This year Religious Education lessons have seen some new faces. We thank our predecessors Jean Tonkin and David Alcock, who have volunteered for many, many years.

One morning a term our Year R – 6 students sing some catchy songs, hear a Bible story and end with an activity. We enjoy their very enthusiastic participation.

**Term 1** we had the Prodigal Son story and learned the true meaning behind the symbolism of Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs. A big thank you to Mr Etienne Posthumus who helped make this session a success. We bid him farewell from the team to take up full time employment as our Aquaculture technician.

We then started a series on “The Children of Israel” and their heroes. Everyone needs to look up to a hero!

**Term 2** we followed the story of Joseph, who rose above very difficult life circumstances to be used to save his people and the nation of Egypt from a severe famine.

**Term 3** saw us learning some amazing life lessons from our next hero, Moses. One man who bravely stood against the injustice of a mighty Pharaoh.

**Term 4** we look forward to wrapping up Moses (he did live 120 years!) and ending with a Christmas session.

We are thrilled with the support of parents, Principal and staff. We look forward to the future with you all at Cowell Area School.

Kind regards,

David and Ruth Tonkin

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Presentation Evening**

This event was held on the evening of Tuesday 24th November and once again was well attended by staff, students, parents and the community.

We celebrated the year that was with some fantastic musical performances by students, a slide show of photo’s from throughout the year and some art works which were on display in the hall.

Congratulations must go to students and volunteers who were recipients of awards on the evening, of which you will find photo’s on the following page.

**Major Award Winners:**

Maxine Thompson: Ila Cotter
Cowell Electric Senior All-rounder: Laura Walker
Caltex Middle School All-rounder: Alexis Williams
Peter Treloar, MP Aquaculture Award: Benn Posthumus
CEG Vocational Education Award: Ebonii Osborne
Long Tan Leadership Awards: Holley Smith & Laura Walker
Parents & Friends Citizenship Award: Ethan Grigg
RSL Award: Ryan Beinke
Jim West Memorial Award: Jamie Smith & Joel Simms
Rowan Ramsey Community Award: Ms Vicki Bourlioufas
Minister of Education Volunteers Award: Mrs Shirley Jackson

**Academic & Class Award Winners:**

Year R/1: Imogen Jaeschke & Ethan White
Year 1/2: Levi Smith & Danielle Churchett
Year 3: Sid McFarlane & Nathan Carmody
Year 4: Ky Lewis & Sharni Flavel
Year 5: Vanessa Keen, Lainie McFarlane & Charli Barrett
Year 6: Mackinley Cotter & Sean Norsworthy
Year 7: Jaxon Webb & Tori Hanold
Year 8: Luci McFarlane & Declan Crabb
Year 9: Marni McFarlane & Alexis Williams
Year 10: Laura Walker & Benn Posthumus
Year 11: Ila Cotter & Rebecca Inglis
Year 12: Holley Smith

**Subject Area Awards for Excellence:**

Year 3—Nathan Carmody, Kane Fiegert, Zara Grund, Sid McFarlane & Drew Tonkin.
Year 4—Cody Cornelius, Shami Flavel, Ky Lewis, Charlotte Starr & Rhys Turner.
Year 5—Lilliana Crettenden, Lily Fiegert, Liam Frost, Vanessa Keen, Lainie McFarlane, Regan Newton, Cameron Smith & Tyler Gregory
Year 7—Jaxon Webb, Tori Hanold, Jamie Magnay, Matthew Oldfield & Callum Guidera.
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PRESENTATION EVENING

Congratulations
New in Stock

Children’s Picture Books
Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini by Paul Vance

Children’s Fiction
The Tournament at Gorlan, The Early Years—Rangers Apprentice by John Flanagan

Adult Fiction
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Heartbreaker by Julie Garwood
Islands of Gold by Grant Hyde
Power of a Women by Barbara Taylor Bradford
Mystique by Amanda Quick
Indiscretion by Jude Morgan
Deprieved Heart by Patricia Cornwall

Adult Non-Fiction
Samira & Samir by Siba Shakib

Adult CDs
ABC Local Radio Saturday Night Country

End of Term
With the end of term drawing near, if you happen to find any school books at home could you please return to the library as soon as possible. Thank you.

Library Holiday Times
14th Dec - 1st Feb
Monday Closed
Tuesday 10am - 4pm
Wednesday 10am - 4pm
Thursday 10am - 4pm
Friday 10am - 3pm

Closed from 23rd Dec - 4th Jan, public holidays and weekends.

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Tuesday 9am - 3.15pm
Wednesday 9am - 4pm
Thursday 10.30am - 4pm
Friday 9am - 4pm
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Course content
To achieve the qualification Certificate IV in Frontline Management, there are 13 units of competency which must be successfully completed. They comprise 4 core units and 9 elective units.

Delivery mode
This course will consist of nine single day workshops delivered during December 2015 and June 2016. Some independent learning activities may be required between the workshops.

Please note: practical skills delivery is conducted face to face to meet the requirements of relevant professional associations.

Course duration
This course will be delivered between December 2015 and June 2016.

Fees
Students may be available to stipend participants.

How to apply
To apply please complete the TAFE SA Application and Consent Form and forward to Richard Morgan.

Recognition of prior learning
If you have gained the skills and knowledge equivalent to a unit in this course through work experience, or other form of training you may apply for the recognition of these skills, once you have been accepted into the course. This may involve the length of time required for you to study to complete the course.

Credit transfer
If you have completed equivalent studies, you may apply for a credit transfer once you have been accepted into the TAFE SA course.

Contact Information
Richard Morgan
Wheels & Care Personnel
Phone: 134 998
E-mail: rick.morgan@tafesa.sa.edu.au

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Judging on December 20th 2015
Winners will be announced at the Christmas Pageant December 24th 2015
COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL TENNIS CLUB - JUNIOR
Junior tennis this Friday at 3.30pm games will be as follows; The Other Team V The A Team, The Sassy’s V Kitty Cats, Tennis Lords V Rising Stars. The Fed’s have the bye & Rising Stars are on roster.

Should your child need a reserve please find your own and notify Kylie McFarlane 0428311666.

Parents are required to help with getting their kids organised for their games & umpiring when needed.

COWELL SWIMMING CLUB
Unfortunately there have been further delays with the repair of the pool. Last week’s weather has put the work men further behind. Therefore it is with further regret that we inform you that the pool will not be ready until week 9. Please like our Facebook page as the committee is hoping to have a few fun random open days during the holidays.

COWELL BOOK CLUB
The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd December at 6.30pm in the Commercial Hotel to discuss the current book, Walking Free by Munjed Al Muderis. We will also discuss the Likeness by Tana French as some people hadn’t finished it at the last meeting. New members are always welcome to attend.

COWELL HAS TALENT
An evening of entertainment on Saturday 9th April, 2016 at the Cowell Institute. I am looking for adult entertainers, vocalists, musicians, dancers, fun items. If you would like to be part of this exciting evening, please contact Barb Shearer on 86 292 197. Mini auctions, raffles, voting for acts. All proceeds to Cowell District Hospital, RFDS & Angel Flight.

COWELL CHRISTMAS CAROLS
December 6th, 2pm in the Cowell Institute. Carol singing, music by Whyalla Community Brass, Cowell Choir. Bush dancing and more. All welcome.

WANTED
We are seeking any cupboards that may be suitable for storing breakfast & craft items at the school. If you have anything suitable that you would be willing to donate, please contact the school. We are also seeking a second hand sack truck.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Lachlan Turner & Kaden Magnay who were Runners up in the Greater Flinders tennis tournament in Cummins for the 12 & under boys doubles. Well done boys!

Parents & Friends
The Senior Citizens Luncheon was a success, lots of very happy diners.

We would like to thank you all for your help, food donations & money to go towards this event. Without the help of the school and wider community this event would not even get off the ground. Parents & Friends are very grateful for your help.

The high school students did a fantastic professional job waiting the tables, Parents & Friends thank them:- Kia McFarlane, Chloe Walker, Rhiianne Carmody, Shannon Jeffrey, Mami McFarlane, Caitlin Jeffrey, Luci McFarlane, Tyson Webb, Ned Linton & Declan Crabb.

We would like to Thank Our Major Sponsors: Juanita & George Crabb Franklin Harbour Button Club – Commercial Hotel Cowell IGA Franklin Harbour District Council Our Butcher@Cowell

We haven’t yet closed the books to calculate our donations for fundraising for a defibrillator at the school, please feel free to place a cash donation at the front office or EFT Cowell School Parents & Friends BSB 105-106 account number 390002740

We will keep you posted with further updates on the purchase of the defibrillator.

Thank you to All

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