This last week has seen lots of activity around the school – the biggest being our Presentation Night on Tuesday. It was a fantastic evening, with the highlight being the whole school ‘flashmob’ dance routine (orchestrated by Michelle Curtis), which set a really positive tone for the whole night! It was a privilege to be able to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students over the year and each and every one of our students, whether they were prize winners or not, should be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves.

We would like to thank all of the parents, family and community members who came along to support the students, the invited guests and sponsors who presented awards and the Presentation night committee (led by Vicki B) for their coordination of the event.

It was a great night and we look forward to next years’ (I wonder how we can top that performance?)

Staffing
We have been able to add one more piece of information to our staffing for 2017! We are excited to be able to announce that Colleen Peters has won the Deputy Principal position for the next 3 years. Colleen has done a terrific job in her role this year and we look forward to working with her in 2017 and beyond.

Materials and Services Charges
Thank you to the parents who responded to the poll regarding the Materials and Service charges for 2017. The result of the poll was successful, which means that the increase in fees will be legally recoverable. Invoice and details for book collection will be sent early in the new year.

Magazine
Congratulations to Gabby Simms who was the winner of this years’ Magazine cover competition. Gabby impressed us with her initiative in going out and taking lots of photos of the school and surrounds for her cover and putting them together in a collage. Gabby has the privilege of having her design on the cover of this years’ magazine and received a $20 voucher to spend at the book fair. Thank you to all of the other people who entered the competition – we look forward to you having another go next year!

If you have ordered a copy of this years magazine, at this stage we hope to be able to distribute these on the last couple of days of school.

Principal for the Day
This Friday Mac Cotter and Lachlan Harding, who were the winners of the Principal for the Day raffle, will be taking on the role of Principal and Deputy Principal, and getting a bit of a taste of what a typical day is like. They will start the day with an assembly, visit the classes, talk with some students, do yard duty and take part in a staff vs student volleyball match at lunchtime. We hope they have a great day!

Parents and Friends
It is with a sense of disappointment and sadness that Parents and Friends have made the decision to go into recess in 2017 and reform in Term 4, so that they can continue their commitment to the Senior Citizen’s lunch. Unfortunately, they have been unable to consistently engage the support of parents at their meetings and in taking on roles within the committee. Parents and Friends is an important group within any school, who make valuable contributions to fundraising, the coordination of events and often fund vital workshops, equipment and facilities that add to the learning outcomes for our students. I would like to thank this year’s P&F for the hard work, time and effort they have put into supporting the school, staff and students and encourage other parents to consider taking a role in P&F in the future.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 4**

**WEEK 9**

12/12 - Yr 6—11 Transition Lessons
13/12 - Yr 7 Excursion & Sleepover
15/12 - Yr 2/3 Sleepover
16/12 - Last Day of Term 4

**TERM 1, 2017**

**WEEK 1**

30/1 - School Commences for 2017

**SUSAGE SIZZLE**

The SRC are hosting a Sausage Sizzle on Monday 12th of December at lunch time. Sausages and ice blocks are free to all students as an end of year celebration.

One sausage in bread and one ice block is available for each student. Please pack additional food for your child if they required more to eat.

Thank you in advance to our happy helpers.

SRC and helpers.
THANK YOU
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FOR SALE
Oyster Gift Bags $15.00 each
Including a Cowell Area School Oyster Recipe Book, Oyster Shucking Knife & Shucking board
Enquire at the Front Office 8629 2150

SCHOOL NEWS

Presentation Evening
This event was held last Tuesday evening and was well attended by students, parents, grandparents and the general public.
It was a fabulous celebration of many of our students fantastic efforts throughout the year and a chance to say a final farewell to our Year 12’s.
We acknowledged the many years of service that Mrs Pat Linton has provided to our school and wished her well in her retirement. As well as acknowledging Matthew Franklin and Geoff Peters who have volunteered many hours to our school community and students in the past and present.
Reports were received by the Principal, Julie-Anne Byrnes, Governing Council President, Dee Cook and SRC President, Ethan Grigg. With entertainment provided by a few of our talented students through dances, music and singing.
We sincerely thank the sponsors of our awards;
We hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did.
Congratulations to the following students who were acknowledged on the night for their outstanding efforts throughout the year;

Class Awards
Reception—Kalan Russell & Seth James
Year 1/2—Imogen Jaeschke & Lauren Beinke
Year 2/3—Murphy Starr & Haylee Magnay
Year 4/5—Sid McFarlane, Mercedes Ramsey & Sharni Flavel
Year 6—Lilliana Crettenden, Lainie McFarlane & Olivia Franklin
Year 7—Mackinley Cotter & Tyson Sherrin
Year 8—Jaxon Webb & Jamie Magnay
Year 9—Tahlia Zanet & Caitlin Jeffrey
Year 10—Alexis Williams & Mikaela Harding
Year 11—Laura Walker & Grace Chopin
Year 12—Ebonii Osborne

Specialist Awards
Maxine Thompson Academic Award—Ila Cotter
Cowell Electric All-rounder Award—Ethan Grigg
Long Tan Leadership Awards—Ethan Grigg & Alexis Williams
Parents & Friends Community Award—Laura Walker
Career Employment Group VET Award—Crystal Hatton
Peter Treloar Aquaculture Award—Alexis Williams
Caltex Middle School All-Rounder Award—Tahlia Zanet
RSL Understanding Of Conflict Award—Nash McFarlane
Cowell Lions Club Environmental Award—Year 6 Class
Rowan Ramsey Community Award—Mr Matthew Franklin
Minister of Education Volunteers Award—Mr Geoff Peters

Subject Area Awards

Literacy and maths tips to help your child
Working out difficult words
It is important to give your child time and strategies to read or write any long or unfamiliar words.

Before telling your child the word when he or she is reading, try these prompts;

- Look for clues for the word’s meaning in the sentence.
- Look at the word closely. Does it look like another word you know?
- Can you break the word down into smaller parts?
- Do the words before and after this word help?
- Before spelling a word for your child when he or she is writing, try asking: Does it look right, Does it sound right?

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DECEMBER
8/12—Sid McFarlane
11/12—Angus Dewson
12/12—Tahli Zanet
13/12—Benn Posthumus

SCHOOL NEWS

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The Year 6 class would like to thank Flinders Ports Travel Grants for the assistance given for the Year 6 camp.
The Year 12 Graduation was a spectacular evening. Students, staff and invited guests dressed up and attended the institute which was beautifully decorated. Attendees were served a three course meal prepared by Jo Klingberg and her many helpers and delivered by wonderful volunteers.

The students were announced formally and enjoyed speeches from Mrs Julie-Anne Byrnes, Mr Steven Magnay, Mr Brad Wallis, Mrs Roanna Frost and Mr Bob Combes (by proxy). During the evening the staff performed a rendition of ‘The Places You Will Go’ by Dr Seuss for everyone’s entertainment.

Shannon Napier of Ten Finger’s Photography took photos of the Year 12’s, their families and the evening, which will be made available to the students as a gift from the school. They also received gifts and mementos from the Cowell Area School Governing Council and Parents and Friends.

During the evening the students were set secret missions and baffled their family and friends with some bizarre requests and conversations. All was revealed after dinner where each student spoke to the audience and said their thank yous and goodbyes.

A big thank you to the following people; Brad Wallis (MC), Maria Papillo and Roanna Frost (Waiting on behalf of P & F), Steve Magnay (Governing Council Representative), Kylie Inglis and Danni Osborne (Organising Committee and decorators extraordinaire), Elisa and Corey Smith (Organising Committee and table removalist), Jo Klingberg (catering), Linda Turner and Jo Storey (bar attendants), Shannon Napier (photography), Stacy Michael (Formal Committee and chief organiser), Julie-Anne Byrnes (Formal Committee and organiser), the Year 12 students (organisers and well-dressed stars of the show), all staff, friends and families (attending and giving our Year 12’s a great send off).

It was a fantastic evening and a fitting tribute to the closure of the Year 12’s School careers.
Invoices will be forwarded to families early 2017 for the 2017 School Materials and Services Charge.

We ask that you present this invoice/s for payment on collection of your books on:

**Tuesday, 24th & Wednesday, 25th January 2017**
from 11.00am – 3.00pm

Books will be dispatched from the **Library** (next to the Front Office).

Payment can be made via:
**CASH / CHEQUE / CREDIT CARD/EFT**
(Please make cheques payable to *Cowell Area School*)

If you wish to discuss payment options, we ask that when you collect your child’s books you make an appointment to see our Finance Officer.

Term 1 2017 commencement date for students is Monday, 30th January 2017.
COWELL JUNIOR TENNIS
Junior tennis will be on this Friday, commencing 3:30pm sharp. Games will be as follows: Top Deck V Chicken Dinners, The Beasts V The Dominators, The Piglets V The Mint Mongrels. Tennis Kings have the bye & Top Deck are on roster.

RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT
If anyone is interested in renting an office or retail space 45c Main Street, Cowell is ready for rent. Rental terms can be anywhere from 1 day to 12 months, however, preference would be given to longer term rentals. If anyone is interested please contact Meagan Franklin on 0427 292 068.

RA'NA DANCE STUDIO
If you would like a DVD copy of the recent Ra'na Dance Studio End of Year Concert, please call the school & leave you name, phone number & number of copies required with Michelle Elson in the Front Office on 8629 2150. The DVD will cost $10 as a fundraiser for the Arts program in the school with payment being made at the time of pick up.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Sunday 11th December at the Cowell Institute, commencing at 2pm. Items from school children & Cowell Singers group. All welcome to join in the festive fun.

RSL WHEELBARROW RAFFLE
Won by Bill Berryman. We would like to thank the business houses and community for their kind donations. President, Robert McFarlane.

EYRE PENINSULA CREATIVE WRITERS GROUP
On behalf of Eyre Peninsula Creative Writers Group, I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Nicole Turner and the library staff for their efforts in accommodating our group in 2016. We are so grateful for the time Nicole gives up each month to facilitate our meetings and her efforts to promote the group. Nicole Zweck, EPCW President.

COMMUNITY NEWS

VACSWIM AT COWELL POOL
Vacswim will run at the Cowell pool from 9th to 13th January, with an onsite enrolment day on Friday 6th January from 10am to 1pm or you have the option to enrol your child/children online at: vacswimsa.com.au

COMMERCIAL HOTEL
FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER
9PM TILL LATE

WHYALLA DENTAL CARE
Dr Mark Paneras and Dr Nicholas Wood have extended Whyalla Dental Care to Cowell, located at Dr Ochry’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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL LIONS XMAS PAGEANT
FRIDAY 23RD, DECEMBER 2016
ASSEMBLE AT COWELL BOWLING CLUB FROM 6pm
PAGEANT COMMENCES 6.45pm
EXCELLENT PRIZES FOR BEST FLOATS, DECORATED BIKES & WALKING GROUPS
INCENTIVE PRIZES FOR ALL CHILDREN
FATHER XMAS WILL DISTRIBUTE SWEETS, STOCKINGS & DRINKS IN THE INSTITUTE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PAGEANT
RAFFLE TICKETS TO SUPPORT THE EVENT AVAILABLE IN FRONT OF IGA ON THURSDAY’S 1st, 8th, 15th & FRIDAY 23rd.

ONLY $1 A TICKET
COWELL LIONS THANKS ALL WHO HAVE MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF MONEY & GOODS

LIONS XMAS CAKES
COWELL LIONS ANNUAL XMAS CAKE RUN
10AM SUNDAY DEC 11th
SMALL CAKES 1kg & PUDDINGS 900gm $12.
LARGE CAKES 1.5kg $16
FATHER XMAS WILL BE TOURING COWELL ASSISTING THE LIONS
CONTACT BRUCE FRANCIS IF YOU WANT FATHER XMAS TO CALL AT YOUR PLACE
CAKES ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE LIONS XMAS RAFFLE TABLE IN FRONT OF IGA
For further info contact Daven Wagner 0428618175, Bruce Francis 0428894645, Allain Zerna 0427292088

LIBRARY NEWS

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

New this Week!

Adult Non-Fiction
Time Machine by Adam Spencer

Adult Fiction
The Christmas Train by David Baldacci
A Distant Journey by Di Morrissey
The Pharaoh’s Secret by Clive Cussler
Sleep No More by Greg Iles

Teen Fiction
Holding up the Universe by Jennifer Niven

Story Time
Thank you to all our Story Time families for attending this year. We have had a very successful year and look forward to seeing you all again next year!

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

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

School Holiday Program
Recycled craft, movie, origami, girls afternoon, minecraft session. Stay tuned for dates & times

School Holiday Library Times
Tuesday–Thursday 8.30am–4pm
Closed
30th Dec–9th January
& Public holidays

The Franklin Harbour Community Development Group
has created for you a
New Years Eve Event...
at the Cowell Foreshore on New Years Eve 2016 to enjoy an evening of food, fun and celebration!

4:00pm—7:00pm: The Lions Twilight Markets
Join packed with Grills, Fresh Food, Fresh Flowers and Collectables.

6:00pm-8:00pm: Kids Disco ($5 entry includes goodie bag)
7:00pm & 8:00pm: Free Kids Disco

9:00pm: The Famous Cowell Pyro Night
Presented by the award winning Forrest and Sons, this display is expected to be a major attraction for the community and is one of the best on the Eyre Peninsula. A great community effort on Pyro Night has seen the event grow from a small gathering of a few friends to over 20 years and is funded solely by community donations.

This family focused event will be a great day out for everyone...

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0488 292 567

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