Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week sees the change of semester with some slight changes in subject and teacher combinations. It is important that students are at school every day in the last two weeks of term so that they gain a sound understanding of introductions to new courses. End of semester reports will be sent home at the end of the term. This report will include an A-E achievement grade (Yrs 1-10) and shaded effort column in every subject area, as well as a teacher comment. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s learning, please contact the classroom teacher and make a time to meet.

Teacher Excellence Awards
Congratulations to Mrs Michelle Ottens and Ms Sue Furst who have been nominated by people in the school community for Excellence in their teaching. We are very privileged to have such committed and excellent teachers contributing to our school.

Pre Service teachers
We will be hosting three Student teachers in the first half of next term. These will be in the areas of Junior Primary and Secondary History and Social Sciences and Secondary Science.

Thank You
On behalf of the students and staff of Cowell Area School I would like to thank the Uniting Church Op Shop Committee for their most generous donation of $1000. This money has been put towards new microphones for 2 sound field systems in classrooms that assist with clarity of sound around the classroom and also protect the health of the teacher voice.

I would also like to thank the Cowell Button Club for their donation of $300 each for three students to purchase work wear for their school based traineeship work.

This community support is amazing and greatly appreciated by all.

Student Free Day
The next student free day will be on Monday 3rd August (Wk 3) next term. This professional learning day for staff has been set by the Education Director for the whole Central Eyre Partnership.

Assembly/Last day of Term
The end of term assembly will be held on the school lawn on the last day of term from 1:45pm – 2:15pm. Students will be dismissed from the assembly and buses will depart at 2:20pm.

Term 3 commences on Monday 20th July.

Kind regards,
Jan Burton

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

| WEEK 9 | 22/6 | - Start of Semester 2 |
| WEEK 10 | 1/7 | - Disco Run by Year 7 Class |
| | | 3/7 - Last Day of Term 2 |
| | | School finishes at 2:20pm |

TERM 3

| WEEK 1 | 20/7 | - First day of Term 3 |
| | 24/7 | - Barb’s Community Benefit Concert |
| WEEK 2 | 29/7 | - Swim Club AGM at 7.30pm in Library |
| | 30/7 | - Maths Competition |
| WEEK 3 | 3/8 | - Student Free Day |
| | 3-6/8 | - Year 6 Camp to Adelaide |
| WEEK 4 | 10-14/8 | - Year 10 Career Camp to Adelaide |

LOST PROPERTY BOX
IS OVERFLOWING

Please come into the front office & see if any of the items in this box belong to you or your child/children.
Child protection

Keeping children safe from abuse and reporting suspected child abuse is the responsibility of everyone in the community. Child abuse occurs when someone hurts, neglects or fails to protect a child. Child abuse is an offence.

Reporting child abuse and neglect

Child Abuse Report Line
Call the Child Abuse Report Line if you suspect that a child or young person is being abused or neglected:
Phone 131 478

Kids Helpline
Call the Kids Helpline if you are aged between five and 18 and someone is:
- hurting you
- making you feel bad
- not looking after you properly
- making you feel unsafe.
Phone 1800 551 800, 24 hours a day or visit www.kidshelp.com.au
Calls to the Kids Helpline are free from home and public phones.
You won't have to tell anyone your name or where you live if you don't want to.

Crime Stoppers
Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make a report online if you have information about:
- child sexual exploitation
- online paedophile activities
- child pornography.
Y ou can remain anonymous.
Or contact your local police station on 8629 2029

Police assistance
Call 000 if it is an emergency.
Call 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance
Diary of a Vietnamese Refugee

11th of August 1975.

It was 1975 when we left. Mum came home from work one day and before we even had time to say hello, she grabbed me and my five brothers and two sisters, one at a time and threw us into the car. We flew off from our house in Can Tho.

None of us had any idea what in the world was going on and we had no idea where Mum was taking us. Mum explained on the way.

“South Vietnam lost the war and the Communist Government has taken control of Vietnam. They are making some bad decisions and I think that it’s no longer safe to stay here,” she said.

“So where are we going?” my brother asked.

“I don’t know,” replied Mum. “Away.”

It was an hour and a half to two hours in the car of complete silence, when suddenly the car came to a halt. We were alongside a boat ramp in the Mekong Delta, where a small, rickety old boat lay awaiting with thirteen other people aboard waiting for us.

Mum told us to get out of the car and climb aboard.

My brothers and I were keen. We had always loved going out fishing for the day with Dad and eating whatever we caught for dinner that night. Speaking of which, where was Dad? Before I climbed aboard I asked Mum where Dad was.

“Mum, where’s Dad?” I said.

“Staying behind in Can Tho,” she said.

“But why?” I asked.

“SINH!” She snapped.

“ENOUGH!”

“Get on the boat before we’re seen!”

As I climbed aboard, I felt a sudden stabbing pain in my gut. It didn’t feel right. It didn’t feel like it was going to be a good day fishing, with thirteen strangers and my family. It didn’t feel the same. Suddenly the boat started to move and we headed down the delta and out to the sea. I asked Mum once again where Dad was.

“He couldn’t afford to come with us,” she said.

“He’s going to stay behind for a month or two and hopefully catch a ride with his cousins,” she said.

“So where are we going?” I asked.

“We hope that we can make bay at Darwin, Australia.” That was a lot to take in for an eight-year-old.

Two hours later it was dark. I could hardly see a thing and I had no idea where my brothers and sisters were. All I could hear was the sound of waves crashing on the side of the boat, the humming of people on the front and back of the skiff and of course the constant chuff, chuff, chuff of the small worn out motor.

14th of August 1975,

Three days later we were starting to get hungry. All we had eaten was uncooked rice, the occasional small piece of fish and distilled water, which still had a slight taste of salt in it. We were taking shifts to stand up and have a stretch and I hadn’t stood up for 8 hours. The sun was scorching. Most of us were sunburnt and two people had died from dehydration and had been thrown overboard.

20th of August 1975,

Six days later, some people were seeing signs of Barcoo rot. A couple of people were starting to lose some limbs. Scurvy was getting common too. Three people had died from it and two were suffering, which left sixteen people left crammed onto this small boat. My third brother (Bai) was covered in ringworms that he had caught from the person huddled next to him. This meant our crew of refugees had been cut down to nearly a quarter of what we had when we left.

25th of August 1975,

Five days later... “Pirates!” the captain screeched. There were three boats heading straight towards us, with one at the front and two a little bit behind, either side, in sync. They pulled up alongside of us and jumped on. There were nine of them. Three on each boat, with golden necklaces and diamond rings. They were all armed with heavy calibre rifles and they were ready to take anything we had. And so they did. We were already halfway through our journey and it had been a fortnight after we left (about time for pirates to attack). Anyone who had anything shiny, golden or what looked the slightest bit expensive, they took. One girl was covered in jewellery and instead of wasting their time removing it all, one pirate pulled out his revolver, and shot her. Once they left there was unsettlement throughout the boat for days.

1st of September 1975,

Seven days later... One person who was sitting beside the poor girl was shivering with cold hard fear and hadn’t slept for days. We were starting to see birds. We must be close. The captain said there were roughly 8-9 days left. Our crew was down to fifteen and most of us were nearly dead. It was my turn to stand up and have a stretch. I weaved my way through the poor, starving people on the boat and headed to the back. As I was standing up I noticed something in the distance. “A BOAT!” I yelled. I was pointing at a big grey ship in the distance. Everyone turned their heads and looked where my finger was indicating.

“The boy’s right!” said the captain “WE’RE SAVED!!!” he yelled. He shot up a flare and the great huge boat headed towards us. We were all yelling and screaming in cheer. As it came closer the captain read out aloud what it said on the side “Royal Australian Navy HMAS Darwin (FFG 04)”. Three people yelled out to us and threw us a rope with a boy on the end. They pulled us up one at a time. My mother and I were still huddled up she whispered in my ear calmly “It’s all going to be alright.”

Written by Matthew Oldfield, Yr 7
COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE
Barb’s Community Benefit Concert
Friday 24th July, 7pm at the Cowell Institute.
Proceeds to Cowell Area School ‘Digital Technologies’.
Performances will include; Reception to Year 2 Junior Primary Jive, Senior School Singers ‘Reflection’, Mystery Staff performance, Mr Christensen’s music students, Ra’na Dance, Cowell Sing Australia, community items & much more!

Cowell SMW CLUB
The pool will be up and running for fourth term. It is only 7 weeks away until our AGM on Wednesday 29th of July at 7.30pm in the library, week 2 third term. Please come and join The Cowell Swim Club Committee. We are seeking coaches or anyone interested in helpers in the pool. Any enquires please contact Sandy McFarlane 0417 817 072 or Maria Papillo 0408 396 110

DISAPPEARING NINE PATCH QUILT
New quilting class at Stitch’n’Bits, beginning on Monday 22nd June. Call into the shop or phone 0457 638 165 for details. Suitable for beginners and advanced quilters. Quilt on display in store.

ATTENTION: An amount of money was found on school grounds last week & handed in to the front office. If you lost some money & believe this may be yours, please contact the school on 86 292 150.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL
BUS DRIVERS REQUIRED
Mine Bus Services is currently seeking qualified bus drivers to fulfill daily driving duties. Applicants must have a minimum of a MR licence and LP Accreditation. Enquiries & applications should be sent to david.morton@minebuservices.com.au

Cowell Home Timber and Hardware
19 Main Street, Cowell
Ph: 08 8629 2073
Fax: 08 8629 2481
Email: buzz@chth.com.au

Water use on Farms Workshop
Hear about new technologies, products and start a water plan for your property
Cummins – Wednesday 29 July 2015, Cummins Bowling Clubrooms

Cleve – Thursday 30 July 2015, Cleve Golf Club

TOPICS & SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
- Water Security & Planning - Warren Dickie
- Moving Water – Robin Dixon Thompson
- Desalination – Brian Schulz
- Water Quality & Livestock – Brian Ashton
- Leak Detection Unit – Shane Oster
- Farmers Stories, YouTube videos
- Water infrastructure planning session

REGISTER NOW
Call Corey 8628 2077 (Cleve workshop) & Geraldine 8688 2610 (Cummins workshop) or online naturalresources.sa.gov.au/eyrepeninsula/get-involved/events

Registrations close Friday July 10th – late registrations do not get an aerial map on the day

Cost $40 per business which includes:
- Aerial map of your farm (colour photography and laminated)
- Morning Tea and Lunch

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OPEN 7 DAYS
Mon-Fri 8am-5:30
Sat 8:30-11:30
Sun 9:30-12

TAKE ACTION & TRANSFORM YOUR HEALTH....

R-5 Disco
Wednesday 1st July (Week 10)
Multipurpose Room
4.00 - 5.30pm disco
Theme: Hippies
Run by the Year 7 class.
$5 entry (includes fruit box, a packet of chips and a chocolate bar).
*Kindy children are welcome under parent supervision.
COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL FOOTBALL/ NETBALL CATERING

The Football/Netball Canteen is a major source on income for both the football and netball clubs, please support the canteen and bar by working your shift or by finding a replacement if you are unable to do it.

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE

Kitchen Roster
6-8pm
Brenton Smith, Jane Smith, Leonie Story, Jamie Smith & Dylan Story.

8pm-Clean Up
Chris Harding, Nick Keen, Shelley Staines & Jazzy Stening.

Bar Roster
6-7:30pm
Richard Stening
7:30pm—9pm
Marty Franklin
9pm—Close
Buzz
Mark Grigg

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

Gate Roster
9-10am
T. Mills
E. Smith
10-11am
D. Franklin
A. Schumann
11-12:30
B. Earle
K. McFarlane

Canteen Cooks
10-11:30
Z. Wykamp
K. Smith
P. Frost
W. Schultz
N. Mills
T. Wiseman
N. Keen
G. Klingberg

Canteen
8:30-11:30
S. Franklin
E. Carmody
J. Gregory
Till
S. Carmody
J. Webb
N. Tonkin
J. Kuhn
G. Norsworthy
M. Klingberg
J. Jaeschke
A. Francis
M. McFarlane
R. Wagner
S. Magray
K. Sherrin
S. Turner
L. McFarlane

Till
8:30-11:30
11:30—2:30
2:30-5:30
S. Franklin
E. Carmody
J. Gregory
S. Carmody
J. Webb
N. Tonkin
J. Kuhn
G. Norsworthy
M. Klingberg
J. Jaeschke
A. Francis
M. McFarlane
R. Wagner
S. Magray
K. Sherrin
S. Turner
L. McFarlane

Clean & Salads
3:30-5:30
Holley Smith
Aimee Jones
T. Stening
M. McFarlane

Bar Roster
3-5pm
B. Smith
C. Smith
R. Stening
B. Hams

COWELL NETBALL CLUB

U13 NETBALL CARNIVAL ROSTERS

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

This is a major source of income for the Netball Club, so please make every effort to do your rostered shift. If unable to do so please arrange someone from the reserves list to do it for you.

Caravan:
Jasmin Piggott, Ashton Bates, Kyla Franklin & Emma Carmody.

Umpires:

Set Up:
Netball Committee

Pack Up:
Steven Carmody, Phil Cook & Kaine Turner

Bacon & Egg Muffins:
8.30—9.30am
Gavin Schumann & Michelle Whibley
9.30—11.00am
Richard Linton & Cathy Cornelius
11.00—12.00noon
Kat or Nick Kirby & Rebecca Flavel
12.00—1.00pm
Shelley Barrett & Sandy McFarlane

Canteen:
8.30am—10.30am
Bri Morrow
Allison Turnbull
Nikki Hackshaw & Kerri-Anne Inglis

10.30am—12.30pm
Holley Smith
Emma Chopin & Stacey Franklin

12.30pm—2.30pm
Aimee Jones
Fiona Norris
Grace Chopin & Megan Homhardt

2.30pm—4.30pm
Bree Muir
Sam Carmody
Claire Norsworthy & Hayley Fiegert

Lollies & Soft Drink Stall:
8.30—10.30am
Marni McFarlane & Luci McFarlane

10.30am—12.30pm
Mikaela Harding & Amy Oldfield

12.30—2.30pm
Chloe Walker & Lila Tonkin

2.30—4.30pm
Tayla Bastiaens & Lexi Williams

Reserves:
Sam Darling
Sarah Walker
Shykiira Harris
Monique Linton
Jade Kuhn
Shelley Staines
Courtney Norrish & Monique Resmini.

Soup Kitchen Open

Please join Cowell Area School Parents & Friends for a bowl of homemade hot soup with a bread roll and a cuppa and a piece of cake to finish off. There will be 3 types of soup to choose from and a glorious selection of cakes.

Venue: Institute Super Room
Date: Thursday 18th June
Thursday 2nd July

Time: 11.30 to 1.30pm
Cost: $6.50 per person

Tickets are available at The Cowell Library,
Our Butcher@Cowell or via Roanne Frost 0429 133 301
or Maria Papilo 0408 396 110
Pre ticket sales are encouraged for catering purposes.
Thank you 😊

COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL NETBALL CLUB
KAYLEEN TURNBULL, Dip. Nat.

Naturopath/Masseuse

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