Dear All,

Well, it’s finally the last week of term—hasn’t it wizzed by? It’s a little bit quiet here at the moment, with our Year 8/9 students down at Coffin Bay on their Aquatics camp (great weather for it), but the rest of us are back at school enjoying end of year celebrations and putting the finishing touches on our learning for the year.

Staffing
We finally have more staffing news and are happy to welcome some new faces to our staff in 2016. Sharyn Williams will be teaching the Year 2/3 class and Hannah Wight (Adelaide) will be taking on our Art position. Lauren Hannemann will be returning to us from Maternity leave and will be taking Primary NIT and teaching one day in the Year 4/5 class. We have yet to hear who has won our Primary Coordinator position. We hope that everyone makes them feel welcome and they enjoy their time at Cowell.

All of the SSO’s who were working at Cowell in 2015, have received hours in 2016 and we look forward to working with them again.

I was also very excited to learn yesterday, that I will be returning to Cowell for 2016 in the Principal role. I have really enjoyed this last term - getting to know the staff, students and parents. I have received terrific support from everyone at the school and in the wider community and am looking forward to working with everyone again.

Classes 2015
Below are the primary classes and secondary home groups allocated for 2016.

Reception – Michelle Curtis / Michelle Ottens
Yr 1/2 – Sue Furst
Yr 2/3 – Sharyn Williams
Yr 4/5 – Shona Porteous / Lauren Hannemann
Yr 6 – Malcolm Rogers
Yr 7 – Sandy McFarlane / Hannah Wight
Yr 8/9 – Vicki Bourlioufas / Michael Barker
Yr 10 – Dylan Milton
Yr 11 – Brad Wallis
Yr 12 – Stacy Michael / Bob Combes

The Leadership team consists of:
Principal – Julie-Anne Byrnes
Deputy Principal – Colleen Peters
Senior School Coordinator – Bob Combes
Primary Coordinator – ‘yet to be finalised’

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you to the parents who participated in the Parent Opinion survey – we really value feedback from parents. There are always areas in which we can improve and it is essential that we are continually talking to parents, so that we can work together to ensure we are providing the best possible opportunities we can for our students.

Staff have begun to have a look at the results and will continue into next year. It was heartening to see that we achieved an 89% (agree/strongly agree) rating in “my child feels safe at school” and 82% in “I can talk to my child’s teacher about my concerns”. This is clearly a result of the great communication and positive relationships that have been developed here (something that I really noticed as a new person to the site), and both staff and parents should be congratulated for their efforts in this area.

Reports
As previously mentioned reports will be given out on Friday. If your child/children are not at school and you would like their reports to be posted, please send along a stamped self-addressed envelope and we will arrange it for you. Unfortunately, due to rising costs we are unable to wear the costs of stamps and stationery. They can also be collected from the front office throughout next week.

Final Assembly and Early Dismissal
Our final assembly for 2015 will be held on the school grounds, on the lawn adjacent to the Basketball Court from 2:00pm to dismissal at 2:20pm on Friday. All welcome to attend.

Outstanding Resources
Please check your children’s rooms, cupboards etc for books, calculators, laptops all things which need to be returned to the school by Friday.

Beginning 2016
Students return to school on Monday February 1st, 2016, whilst teaching staff will be back on duty on Thursday January 28th and Leadership on January 25th.

If you need to see us before then, the office will be open on the 25th and during that week you can pick up stationery, organise uniforms etc.

Book collection information can be found further on in this newsletter.

Safety in the Holidays
Please ask your children to stay off of the school grounds during the holidays. If you notice any strangers or anyone hanging about the school, please contact the police directly on 131414.

Farewell and Goodluck
Farewell to those students who are leaving us this year, especially to the Year 12 students, who are embarking on a brand new phase in their life. We wish all of you the very best for your futures – make sure you keep in touch!

A final farewell to Ben Christensen, Elise Graymore & Jacqui Finnis. Thank you for all that you have done in and around our school, best wishes for your new ventures.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful holiday break – stay safe and cherish the time spent with family and friends. See you in the New Year!

Kind regards,

Julie-Anne Byrnes
DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

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

TERM 1, 2016

WEEK 0
25/1 - Front office opens
- Book collections in Library
26/1 - Public Holiday
27/1 - Book collections in Library

WEEK 1
1/2 - School commences

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

SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER
11/12—Angus Dewson
11/12—Tara Posthumus
12/12—Tahlia Zanet
13/12—Benn Posthumus
15/12—Lily Gregory
17/12—Imogen Kuhn
18/12—Jett Jackson
18/12—Joel Jackson
19/12—Scott Hodshon
19/12—Grace Chopin
21/12—Luci McFarlane
24/12—Ruby Cook
30/12—Jamie Magnay

JANUARY
3/1—Hamish Russell
9/1—Emily Walker
13/1—Thomas White
14/1—Charli Barrett
14/1—Mac Cotter
14/1—Rhianne Carmody
17/1—Ruby Crettenden
24/1—Cameron Smith
27/1—Lilliana Crettenden
29/1—Dan Weymouth

FEBRUARY
2/2—Tilly McFarlane
3/2—Gabby Simms

SCHOOL NEWS

COWELL AREA SCHOOL
2016 BOOK COLLECTION

♦ Invoices will be forwarded to families early 2016 for the 2016 School Materials and Services Charge.

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

Monday, 25th & Wednesday, 27th January 2016
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 2016 commencement date for students is Monday, 1st February 2016.

Pastoral Care News

2 days left of school for 2015. Where has this year gone?! Congratulations to all the award winners at the Presentation night! It was fantastic to see so many winners. Well done to all of you. Continue to strive for high standards by doing your very best.

I’d just like to thank all the teachers, librarians, office staff and SSO’s for being so welcoming and supportive of me in the PCW role. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed being in the school and working with you all. Also thank you to the students for helping me feel comfortable in my role and to the parents for your ongoing support. If anyone in the school or community has any feedback for myself in this role, anything you’d like to see me do more of or differently, I value all feedback and welcome you to contact me at the school.

I’d like to wish all the students leaving us this year who are moving on to a different school or out into the work force, all the best for your future. I hope you can embrace all opportunities that come your way with a positive and open mind. Good luck!

Merry Christmas to everyone, wishing you a safe and blessed Christmas. If you’re heading off on a holiday, stay safe and enjoy!

I look forward to seeing you all in the 2016 school year.

Jess Jaeschke

SCHOOL NEWS

DONATIONS

The school is seeking donations of any old working laptops that people may have and no longer need.
We are also seeking any cupboards that may be suitable for storing breakfast & craft items at the school, as well as a second hand sack truck. If you have anything suitable that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful, please contact the school.
PRESENTATION EVENING 2015 - FEEDBACK

Could you please take a few minutes to fill out this feedback sheet and either email to the front office or drop in to the library, so that we can take on board your suggestions for next year.

Thankyou

What were your thoughts on Presentation Evening 2015? (eg. awards, items, behaviour, presenters, timing etc)

What worked well?

What could be improved? How?

Any other suggestions/comments
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**New in Stock**

**Children’s Picture Books**
- The Bear who went boo by David Walliams
- I need a hug by Aaron Blabey

**Adult Fiction**
- Defender by Chris Allen
- Between a Mother & her Child by Elizabeth Noble
- Lord of the Wings by Donna Andrews
- The Jewels of Tessa Kent by Judith Krantz
- Cross Justice by James Patterson
- Stolen by Lesley Pearse
- Zoe’s Muster by Barbara Hannay
- Tears of the Moon by Andy Weir

**Adult Non-Fiction**
- Australia’s Best Trips by Lonely Planet
- Great South Land by Rob Mundle

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**Library Holiday Times**

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

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**2015 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**

**Prizes Awarded**
- First - Private Display
- Runner Up – Private Display
- Best Commercial/Business Display
- Incentive awards

All you need to do is put up your Christmas Lights!

Judging on December 20th 2015

Winners will be announced at the Christmas Pageant December 24th 2015

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**ZOOcation Care**

A school holiday program for 5 to 12 year olds*

9am – 4pm

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$55 for Zoo members

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a26@zoossa.com.au

Book online @ http://www.zoossa.com.au/zoolearning/

*5 year olds must have spent 2015 at school

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**End of Term**

We still have a large number of student overdues. Please encourage your children to return any books they have finished reading.

Thank you in advance.

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We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and hope the New Year is filled with love, laughter and good health.

All the Best

Dawn, Sharyn & Nicole
COWELL TENNIS CLUB—JUNIOR
Junior tennis this Friday will start at 2:30pm due to school finishing early. Games will be as follows; Kitty Cats V Rising Stars, Tennis Lords V The ‘A’ Team, The Other Team V The Fed’s. The Sassy’s have the bye & The Fed’s are on roster.

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

Please return all raffle tickets this Friday as the hampers will be drawn Friday evening.

COWELL SWIMMING CLUB
The pool is ready for lessons on Wednesday & Thursday, please check your child’s time slot.
Swim club will be running in the first week and last week of the school holidays. Lessons will commence at 2pm. An out of the water parent helper roster will not be done for this time. Therfore if your child is attending please volunteer to help the coaches. No helper no lesson.

PARENT ROSTER

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COWELL CRICKET CLUB NOTICES

Night Cricket
December 12th 2015 and December 19th 2015
Seniors play in the afternoon and the colts play under lights at the town oval, fish and chips for teas and an alternative is BBQ, which will be served after the senior games. Everyone welcome

20/20 Association cricket
January 2nd 2016, Games on town and school oval during the day, finals at the town oval. Food and drinks available all day
Everyone welcome

Swine and Wine TICKETS SELLING FAST
Formal dinner, Saturday February 13th 2016 7pm at the Sporting Complex, $50 per head for a three course dinner. Entertainment by Gavin Chandler and tickets available from Home Hardware, Our Butcher and Jo Klingberg. Everyone welcome

Trophy Presentation Day
At the commercial Hotel on Sunday March 20th 2016, Life Membership presentations to Craig and Joanne Klingberg. Everyone welcome.

COWELL NETBALL CLUB
The Cowell Netball Club are excited to announce we will be starting the 2016 season with a brand new look !!!!
The Committee have decided to change from the existing bodysuits to the newer dress style.
The dresses will be available to be viewed and voted on at the COMPLEX on FRIDAY 11th December 4.30pm - 6.30pm, SATURDAY 12th December 2.00pm - throughout the night cricket game & MONDAY 14th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm.
NO VOTE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 14th DECEMBER
All players / Parents will receive a letter with more details if you have not received your letter by Friday 11th December please contact Tracy Mills on 0439 280 099 or Rachel Deer on 0427 005 720.

COWELL INTERCHURCH COUNCIL
We would like say a BIG THANK YOU all those who helped with Cowell Carols on the 6th December.
Meryl and Bob Shultz who prepared the hall, Michelle and the members of the choir, Michelle and Ben also helped the children to produce such a wonderful performance.
Whyalla Community Brass Band did a great job with the music.
The church members who did so well telling us about the origins of the carols.
Megan and Carl who explained the differences between Jesus and Santa ..You convinced me!!
Ruth Parker, the lay Pastor from the Uniting church who, with the help of children, told us about the Advent Wreath .. Well done.

Thank you must go to all those who attended and donated $370, which will be sent to the Christmas Bowl appeal
The Cowell School Interchurch Council wish everyone a joy filled & Blessed Christmas.

COWELL GOLF CLUB
AGM Thursday 10th December, 8pm at the Commercial Hotel old dining room. All old & new players very 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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**DOG AND CAT GROOMING**

**IN COWELL**

OPEN WEDNESDAYS

Consultation and surgery by appointment. Dog and Cat grooming available as well as rescued pets, see website www.whyallavet.com.au

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Health fund claimable, Gift vouchers available

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Trading Hours are as follows:

Monday—Saturday
8:30am to 5pm
CLOSED SUNDAY

Public Holidays: 10am to 3pm

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MONTHLY SPECIALS

AS OF 1st DECEMBER ALL BATTERIES WILL HAVE A PRICE INCREASE OF 8-10%.

GET IN EARLY FOR ANY OF YOUR BATTERY NEEDS.

**SKATE PARK FUNDRAISER**

Stay updated over the holidays on the Skatepark progress by checking out the “Cowell Skatepark info” Facebook page.

From the Skatepark girls have a safe and Merry Xmas and we all look forward to seeing a Skatepark in Cowell in the new year!

**Cowell Volunteer Marine Rescue**

Communications Centre
North Terrace COWELL
0457 957 221

Learn Boat Handling, Radio Procedure, Navigation Training—Monday—1700-1900hrs

For more information contact:

Training Officer: Dale Bailey
0429 054 969

Vice Commodore:
Malcolm Brine
0488 292 567

**RAY WHITE EASTERN EYRE PENINSULA**

would like to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year

Office will be closed
23rd December 2015 - 4th January 2016

Cowell Office 08 8629 2592

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$100 hire for 24hr period
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