Welcome back to what we hope will be both an exciting and challenging year for both staff and students! We have had a great first few days and have been impressed with the behaviour and attitudes that students have returned to school with. There are quite a few new faces, some familiar ones returning to us and lots of staff taking on new roles within the school.

The new Leadership team consists of:
- Principal – Julie-Anne Byrnes
- Deputy Principal – Colleen Peters
- Secondary Coordinator – Bob Combes
- Primary Coordinator – Malcolm Rogers

I would like to acknowledge and thank Vicki Bourlioufas, Jan Burton and Bob Combes for the extremely valuable contributions that they made to leadership within the school over the last 12 months. Their dedication to ensuring that our students were receiving the best possible learning opportunities, and that the school continued to move forward, is indicative of the commitment of our staff.

Welcome to our new staff members – Sharyn Williams (Year 2/3), Hannah Wight (Visual and Creative Arts), Sarah Agnew (Year 6 – 1 day a week) and Lauren Hannemann (Year 4/5 and Primary NIT), who returns from leave. We know they will make a great addition to our teaching team.

Welcome also to our new students – Ky Ramsey (Reception), Mia Hodgins (Year 2), Jasmine McMahon and Addison Ramsey (Year 4), Caolle McMahon and Mercedes Ramsey (Year 5), Jesse Hodgins (Year 7) and Chelsea Barry (Year 10). We hope that everyone makes them feel a valued part of our school community and they enjoy their time here.

ATTENDANCE
Our community wants every young person to be able to access a high quality education. A good education benefits both our young people and society. Regular attendance is an important factor in educational and life success. The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to regular attendance and appropriate participation in educational programmes.

The DECD target for Attendance is 95% and the Cowell Attendance rate for 2015 was 92.1%, which is down from 2014. We have a significant number of students who are only attending school 85% – 90% of the time. This has real impact on the social, educational and psychological potential of our students.

Did You Know??
- Being absent 5 days a term from Reception to Year 10 equals missing one year and one and a half terms of schooling!
- Missing 1 day a week of school from Reception to Year 10 means missing 2 years and one term of school!!
- Girls are absent more often than boys!

Whilst we understand that some absences can’t be avoided, and, at times, family issues take priority, absences for things like shopping, birthday celebrations, haircuts, accompanying siblings to appointments, affect not only the students who are absent but also the teachers and students who remain at school and have their learning interrupted when students return.

We ask that parents support the school and their children’s learning by ensuring that students attend school regularly.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS
We would like to congratulate last years’ students on their persistence and finally making it through the year. We are pleased with our overall results and want to commend them on the effort they put into their learning. They are all currently pursuing a variety of pathways and we will keep you up to date in the coming newsletters about what they are up to.

We welcome this year’s group of Year 12 students – Brad Armstrong, Tristan Carmody, Ila Cotter, Angus Dewson, Ethan Grigg, Rebecca Inglis, Jayna Napper, Ebonii Osborne, Nathan Smith, Alison Turnbull, Daniel Waymouth and Dante Zanet. They have already had a positive start to the year and we are sure they will continue to strive for success throughout 2016.

We are excited that they have chosen to complete their education at Cowell Area School and look forward to the year ahead.

COMMUNICATION
Communication with parents is very important to us as a school community and we value any feedback that parents can provide to help us improve. If you have any issues, ideas or anything that you would like to discuss, please contact us through either, your child’s classroom / subject teacher, or one of the Leadership team. We are always happy to meet with you and discuss what’s on your mind.

By the beginning of next week you should have received a letter / newsletter from your child’s class teacher (primary) or subject teachers (secondary), to introduce themselves and fill you in on what is happening in their class for the start of the year. Please let us know if you don’t receive one of these.

We are planning a “Meet and Greet” evening for parents in the next few weeks, where we will be inviting you in after school to wander through your child’s classrooms, catch up with teachers, meet the new leadership team and join us for a BBQ – we hope you can join us! (more details next week)

Once again, thank you for being part of our school community this year – we’re sure it’s going to be a good one!
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I look forward to working with our school community this year, it is interesting to note how I view things from a different perspective in my new role. Please come and see us if you have any concerns/new ideas and if you would like to help in any way within the school.

Colleen Peters, Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

WEEK 2 10/2 - Middle School Bonding Day in Whyalla
WEEK 3 17/2 - Student Leaders Induction Ceremony
19/2 - R-12 Swimming Carnival
WEEK 7 14/3 - Public Holiday
18/3 - R-12 Sports Day
WEEK 8 22/3 - Student Free Day
25/3 - Public Holiday
WEEK 9 28/3 - Public Holiday
WEEK 10 4-8/4 - SAPSASA Softball
5/4 - Interschool Sports Day at Kimba
WEEK 11 15/4 - Last day of Term 1

FEBRUARY

3/2 — Joel Simms
3/2 — Gabby Simms
5/2 — Ethan Hanold
8/2 — Michael Birchall
9/2 — Lily Fiegert
10/2 — Matthew Oldfield

SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cowell Area School

STUDENT LEADERS

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Wednesday 17th February, 2016
At the Institute, commencing at 9am

All welcome to attend

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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

BUS TRAVEL

A friendly reminder to anyone who intends travelling on any school bus: Michelle Elson, in the Front Office, must be contacted before anyone extra is allowed to travel. We would not like to have to get to the point where your child is refused travel on the bus because this initial contact has not been made. Students can notify Mrs Elson but we encourage adults to notify the school before the intended travel is meant to occur.
NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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

EFTPOS / DIRECT DEBIT

EFTPOS facilities are now available for paying all school related accounts.

A direct debit by instalment facility is also available to parents who would like fees deducted directly from their bank, credit or debit card on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. For more details please see Jacqui Lewis-Couzner in the front office, or call the school on 86292150.

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SCHOOL NEWS

DCSI Screening Checks (Police Checks)

New Information

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school/preschool/service to support their child’s learning.

To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.

As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school/preschool/service. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

FAMILY COUNSELLOR

Gladys Fleming

Providing a FREE service here in Cowell every Thursday.
To book an appointment or general enquiries contact Gladys;
Ph: 0427 252 148 or
Email: gfleming@cnorthhealth.org.au

SCHOOL NEWS

Lunch Order Price List

Lunch Days:
Mondays & Fridays

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Drinks

- Big M Flavoured Milk—250ml $2.50
- Chocolate & Strawberry $3.20
- Mount Franklin Water—600ml $3.20
- LOL Sparkling Fruit Juice—250ml $2.70
- Current, Razzin, Tropic & Strazin $2.40
- Orange, Tropical, Apple & Apple Blackcurrent $2.40
- Juiced Up Pop Top 250ml $2.40

Lunch order bags are available from the school or the Bakery. Please only order food & drinks listed on this price list.

COWELL BAKERY
25 MAIN STREET
PH: 8629 2034

Parenting Ideas

For helpful parenting tips check out this website:

If you would like to have a copy of our weekly newsletter emailed to you, please email your request to Kylie McFarlane at:
Kylie.McFarlane536@schools.sa.edu.au

Keep up to date with the latest school news and upcoming events by liking us on Facebook.
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**New Library Hours**
Monday 8.30am - 4pm  
Tuesday 8.30am - 4pm  
Wednesday 8.30am - 4pm  
Thursday 8.30am - 4pm  
Friday Closed

**New Stock In the Library this Week**

**Children’s Non Fiction**
- Great Body Percussion Songs by Steve Grocott
- Maps Handbook for Minecraft by Blockboy

**Teen Fiction**
- A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin

**Adult Fiction**
- Kalinda by Evan Green
- A Time for Renewal by Anna Jacobs

**Adult Non-Fiction**
- Chicken Soup for the Soul: Mother & Daughter
- Kochie’s Best Jokes
- Marley & Me by John Grogan
- Great Australian Urban Legends by Eamon Evans
- My Life: It’s a Long Story by Willie Nelson

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**LOCAL HISTORY BOOK**
The history of W.J. Franklin (1886-1973) has been published. Copies of ‘MEMOIRS AND AU REVOIRS’ are on sale at the cottage museum, in the Main Street, at $40 per copy.

**COMMENTS WITH COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Did you know the Library is available between 8.30am and 4pm for community meetings.
Meetings should to be booked through the Library on 8629 2320.

This year we will be running a series of Community Events, so stay tuned to the newsletter or our Facebook page for updates.

On Wednesday March 16th we will be hosting an evening with author Amanda Ortlepp.

Amanda’s latest book, Running Against the Tide, is set in a small oyster farming town on Eyre Peninsula.

It’s sure to be a good night and we would love to see you there.

Erin Travers is running away from her life and taking her two sons with her to a small town on the ruggedly beautiful Eyre Peninsula. The close-knit township is full of happy childhood memories for Erin, but she is bringing a whole lot of baggage with her.

When the peaceful community is disrupted by theft and arson, everyone has different ideas about who is responsible. In a small town where lives are tangled too closely together, old grudges flare, fingers are pointed and secrets are unmasked.

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To apply, please download the application form from www.cowellelectric.com.au/vacancies or contact the Human Resources Department to obtain a copy. Resumes and references to be provided detailing all administrative functions performed in previous employment.

For more information please contact:  
Ann-Marie Wiseman  
Ph: 08 8620 2136  
Email: awisman@cowellelectric.com.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 12/02/2016
COMMUNITY NEWS

GULF & RANGES OPTOMETRISTS
Will be visiting COWELL on Wednesday 2nd March, 2016.
To make an appointment please phone our Port Augusta office on (08) 8642 2766.
Please note we do not have EFTPOS facilities on site, and unfortunately cannot process private health claims.
We do have online interactive claiming available for Medicare.
If you require glasses a 50% deposit is required before your order will be placed.

COWELL NETBALL CLUB
Sportscentre will be in Cowell on the 10th FEB to correctly measure everyone up for their new Netball uniform, we URGE all intending previous players and welcome all NEW players to come and get professionally fitted out for the 2016 season.
If you intend to hire a new uniform, we still strongly encourage you to get measured up to guarantee correct size will be available for you to hire.
Price & package information will be available on the day/night
*Payment will be on collection of uniforms (mid-March)
Can all JNR players / Parent come to the complex between 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Can all SNR players come to the complex between 6.00 – 7.30pm.
If anyone has any concerns or cannot make it to the scheduled time slot please contact Rachel Deer 0427 005 720, Tracy Mills 0439 280 099 or Kelli Turner 0448 907 389.
PRE SEASON fitness training will start MONDAY 8th February 6.15 pm at the Netball courts we encourage all intending players or anyone who would like to get fit to come over.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL TENNIS CLUB—JUNIOR
Junior tennis will resume this Friday at 3:30pm games will be as follows; The A Team v The Fed’s, Rising Stars v The Other Team, The Sassy’s v Tennis Lords. The Kitty Cats have the bye and The A Team 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.
Please note there have been some minor changes made to the teams, those affected have been contacted.
We will start from the bottom up this Friday, so please ensure that your children are at the courts on time. Team Captains need to also be there on time to write up their teams etc.

COWELL SWIMMING CLUB
Swim Club will resume as per normal this Wednesday, the roster is as per below. If you are unable to do your shift, please organize your own swap—no helper, no lesson.

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If you are driving to swim club, please enter via the Bowling Club and the Cottages on West Terrace and park your car in the area provided.
Please save Sunday 21st February to your calendar as this is our scheduled Carnival date and it will be the following Sunday should there be inclement weather.
During swim club we ask that all parents, guardians and minders of children be mindful that Swim Club requires the area around the pool not to be used as a play area and no running. Please encourage children to play on the grass area. Thank you.

COWELL CRICKET CLUB INC
Swine and Wine
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
Trophy presentation day
At the Commercial Hotel on Sunday March 20th, 2016
Life membership presentations to Craig and Joanne Klingberg
Everyone welcome.

"The Tumby Show Boat" will be holding auditions on the 3rd of April
for a performance for young people to the age of 18
who would like the opportunity to showcase their talents
on stage and before an audience.
Categories include: Song, Instrumental, Dance and Wild Card.
The Theme and name of the event is
The Tumby Show Boats "Stars of Tomorrow" Variety Concert.
For more information or to get an application to audition form.
Please contact
Bev Holder ph 0428 314 334, email: kirchb@iive.com.au or
Bev Ollivier ph 0428 550 194 email: bevollivier@bigpond.com or
Heide Roberts ph 86882820 email: ronroberts143@aapt.net.au
KAYLEEN TURNBULL, Dip. Nat.

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86459926 (other days)

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0429 054 969

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0488 292 567

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