Wow! Term 1 has just about ended and I think everyone is ready for some relaxation and recharging of batteries over the coming holidays.

There has been a lot of staff and students in and out of school over the last week, with excursions to Whyalla to see Grug, a Flinders University representative visiting to speak to our Year 11/12 students about future tertiary pathways and to our Year 9 students about e-mentoring, our senior Art students off to Adelaide for a visit to the SACE Art show and other exciting exhibitions / galleries and some of our Year 7 students representing our area at the SAPSASA Softball competition in Adelaide.

This week I attended the DECD Leaders Day in Adelaide, to which all Principals in the state were invited. We listened to addresses from Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon Susan Close MP, Chief Executive Tony Harrison, Professor John Hattie, Professor Martin Westwell and Chief Education Officer Jayne Johnston. It was an informative and enlightening day, and I learnt a great deal, particularly from John Hattie, who spoke to us about “The Nature of Leadership in our Current World” and the things that really do matter in our schools. Professor Hattie has spent many years studying the effect size of everything from school finances, class sizes, teacher knowledge and the school structure to technology and mentoring. He says that while nearly all of these things make a difference, they don’t all have an effect that gains the required improvement and that we should “focus on the things that have the greatest impact”.

He also spoke about the NAPLAN tests and the danger of league tables as presented in the paper last week. This data forces us to look at achievement, when, in fact, we should be looking at improvement. That is why, despite our Year 9 students being named in the top 100 schools, which is great, as a school we should feel a greater sense of achievement in being named one of the top 29 schools for improvement for our Year 3-5 students in Reading. This tells us that we are doing something right to have a significant ‘impact’ on our students’ learning. Next term, staff will be looking at the work of Professor Hattie in more detail and I will include more information for parents in our newsletter.

Interviews
Thank you to the parents who have made appointments to come in and speak with their child’s teachers. We have had a very good response and positive feedback about the process. This is a very important way to find out about the progress your child is making and how we can work together to help them improve.

If you have not yet had a chance to book interviews, but wish to do so, please contact the front office and we can arrange a suitable time for early next term.

NAPLAN
Letters were posted home last week to all families affected by NAPLAN please let us know before Friday this week if you have any questions or concerns, so that we can ensure all the paperwork is in place.

Assembly
We will be holding an assembly at 2:00pm on the lawns this Friday, prior to students being dismissed. As part of the learning we have been doing around Growth Mindsets, we will be acknowledging some students who have shown motivation and persistence towards improvement this semester. We have asked teachers to nominate students who have shown a growth mindset by doing things like trying new strategies, seeking feedback for improvement, setting themselves challenging goals and striving to achieve them.

Please come along and join us.

Last Day of Term
A reminder that students will be dismissed at 2:20pm this week.

End of Term and Holiday Security
Please ask your children not to play in the school during the holidays. The pool will be closed for winter and is not able to be accessed.

If you see anyone or anything out of the ordinary happening in the school please contact the police on 131444.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**APRIL/MAY**

- 15/4 — Tanner Goodyear
- 18/4 — Ila Cotter
- 21/4 — Lachlan Harding
- 25/4 — Kori Webb
- 26/4 — Ethan Grigg
- 28/4 — Adam Jackson
- 28/4 — Thomas Inglis
- 28/4 — Sharni Flavel
- 28/4 — Madison Lewis-Couzner
- 3/5 — Jan Posthumus

**PYJAMA DAY**

**Thursday 14th April**

No gold coin donation required

Appropriate clothing and closed in shoes must be worn, no singlets or ugg boots.

**SENIOR JUMPERS**

If your child has indicated that they would like to order a Commemorative Senior Jumper, you should have received an order form home.

Please return all order forms along with payment of deposit to the front office by **Friday 15th April**.

**SENIOR POLO SHIRTS**

Students who have ordered Senior Shirts, these will be ready for payment and collection in Week 1 of Term 2.

**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.

**ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE**

Thursday lunchtimes $1.00 each

outside the Yr 6 room

proceeds to class fundraising

**Pastoral Care News**

Wow what a long and busy term it has been, and hasn’t it flown! I hope Term 2 is a little slower so we can have some time to reflect on all the great things that are happening in the school.

Well done to all the students who took part at Inter-school Sports Day. I’ve heard some great feedback about the sportsmanship and positive attitudes you all showed. Congratulations!

Next term I will have the Multi-purpose room open a little more often to students at lunch times because of the cooler weather. In here some like board games and cards, others like to get their shoes off and practice some gymnastics. All good fun!

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff that have been supporting the Breakfast Club program, it has been well attended each week.

I had the pleasure of attending the R-3 excursion on Monday to Whyalla. It was a very exciting day, we learnt a lot about ‘the olden days’ at the Laura Homestead and going to see ‘Grug’ on stage was a highlight. Very entertaining. Well done to all staff and students, it was a great day out.

Please remember that I’m available at the school to support and care for all students, parents and staff. I’m at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-3 if you would like to contact me.

Enjoy your holidays and stay safe if you’re travelling. I look forward to seeing you next term.

Jess

**PARENTING SA ONLINE SEMINARS**

Parenting SA online seminars are now **available to view on-demand until Tuesday April 26th** via the link:


Please circulate the link to friends and colleagues.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB NOTICES

TRAINING:
Please note that Senior Colts now have a new training time of 4:30 at the Complex Oval. Training times for A & B Grade will now be Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5:45 at the Cowell Sporting Complex Oval. The Junior Colts will continue to train at the Cowell School Oval at 4pm.

CLUB MERCHANDISE:
This year Jo Schumann will be selling club merchandise and uniforms through Stitch n Bits. Prices are: Jackets $95, T-Shirts $50, Shorts $35, Socks $25, Hats & Beanies $15

FIRST TEAS:
Thursday Night teas will resume on Thursday 14th April and then continue throughout the season. We will have a member’s jackpot draw, which is always a crowd favourite and we also have a chocolate wheel, which goes off a few times during the night. Everyone is welcome!

FOOTY TIPPING FOR 2016:
Footy tipping will commence Thursday 14/04/16, Emma Carmody will be running the tipping this season and you can submit your tips at the clubrooms, ringing the Club on Thursday night 86292019, texting Emma on 0434 703 044 or by email emmacarmody@me.com

FACEBOOK PAGE:
The Cowell Football Club has a Facebook Page – Please like and follow us as we will share upcoming events and important club information throughout the season!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
The Football/Netball Social Committee are calling for expressions of interest in catering our end of year senior windup to be held on Saturday 10th September. If you are interested please pass onto Emma Carmody by the 11th May. For further information please contact Emma on 0434 703 044.

COWELL NETBALL CLUB

NET SET GO 2016
Have you registered your child/children? Are you interested in your child/children participating in this program? This will commence next term on Wednesday afternoons. For more information please contact: Lexi Williams 0438 307 993

POOL KEYS
The pool is now closed. Key holders are hereby advised that keys need to be returned to the school by FRIDAY 20TH MAY in order to be eligible for a $50 refund. Key holders who do NOT return keys by this date forfeit their refund.

Thank you Storytimers!
It’s been a great Term 1. Look forward to seeing you at the Library, first Wednesday after the School holidays.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIBRARY HOURS
18th - 29th April
Monday & Friday—Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday—8.30am - 4pm

New this Week

Children’s Fiction
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Children’s Non Fiction
Coding Unlocked—Scratch & Python: the basics

Teen Fiction
Flawed by Cecelia Ahern

Children’s DVDs
Lego Star Wars - The Yoda Chronicles (PG)

Adult Fiction
The Shifting Fog by Kate Morton
This is Where the World Ends by Amy Zhang
Fox by Bill Robinson
Constable on Trial by Nicholas Rhea

Adult Non Fiction
A Sunburnt Childhood by Toni Tapp Coutts

Community Events

Adult Book Club
Next catch up— Thurs 12th May @ 11am in the Library (new members welcome). Our April picks are:

Kids Book Club
Next term we are starting a Kids Bookclub.
There will be two groups running to cater for different ages and meetings will be at lunchtime every 2-3 weeks during the school term. If your children are interested please let Library staff know. The more the merrier!

Looking for a cleaner?
I am offering house cleaning services in Cowell.
If you need your floors, kitchen or bathroom cleaned on a weekly basis, or need a complete vacate clean...
Call Stacey Stening 0429 292 944
More details on enquiry.
INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
In week 1 of Term 2, on Wednesday the 4th of May, Inter-church Council will be having a meeting in the library at 4pm. We would love to see some new faces and would like 2 representatives from each church to attend our meetings regularly.

The Inter-Church council is a group of local people from all the churches in our community who support our Pastoral Care Worker, Jess Jaeschke at the school. We offer support in a variety ways, and always look for new ideas and different ways to do this and help Jess and the school community.

If you would like to be apart of the group, please come along to our next meeting at the Community Library.

All welcome.

COWELL FOOTBALL NETBALL CATERING
The Football/Netball canteen is a major source of income for both the Football and Netball Clubs. We have tried to take into consideration everyone’s preferences and work commitments so please support our clubs by working your shift or by finding a replacement.

THURSDAY 14TH APRIL
Kitchen Roster
6-8pm
Shaun Gregory, Jacqui Webb, Emma Carmody, Tyler Gregory & Ruby Cook
8pm-Clean up
Buzz Fiegert, Jack Haniford, Elle Wykamp & Alexis Williams
Bar Roster
6:30pm
P. Webb
7:30pm
A. Klingberg
8pm
D. Franklin
T. Schumann

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL
Kitchen Roster
6-8pm
Billy McFarlane, Karen Grigg, Elisa Smith, Courtney Grigg & Nash McFarlane
8pm-Clean up
Steve Magnay, Dale Franklin, Megan Hornhardt & Grace Chopin
Bar Roster
6:30pm
C. Ramsey
7:30pm
L. Crabb
8pm
P. Cook
P. Mills

THURSDAY 28TH APRIL
Kitchen Roster
6-8pm
Corey Smith, Jo Klingberg, Michelle Beinke, Thomas Beinke & Ebonii Turner
8pm-Clean up
Dale Chopin, Nathan Smith, Laura Walker & Sharyn Williams
Bar Roster
6:30pm
M. Grigg
7:30pm
Z. Crabb
8pm
E. Carmody
C. Harding

COWELL GOLF CLUB NEWS
The golf season has begun for 2016!!  All new and old members welcome on Sundays.  Ladies Hit Off at 11.45am, Men Hit Off at 12.15pm.  Lunch and snacks available.
DOG AND CAT GROOMING

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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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86459926 (other days)

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CLOSED SUNDAY
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