Dear Parents/Caregivers and Community Members,

SITE LEARNING PLANS
 Yesterday after school our staff met to formulate this year's Site Learning Plan. The Site Learning Plan (SLP) is the document which 'drives' our school for the next year. It is a working document which can be altered if seen necessary. We are accountable for the document, which is signed off by our District Director, Mr Bill Parker. Consultation for the document has been conducted with our staff, Governing Council and students. In that consultation, those involved were asked to comment on where they would like to see Cowell Area School in three years time. This was open ended and many good suggestions were received.

At the meeting yesterday, we worked on the suggestions and decided our possible priorities for 2005. From here we will formulate the plan on an agreed proforma. It is hoped to have the draft plan completed by the end of the term.

SPORTS DAY
Sports Day is coming up—Thursday, March 24th. To enable the day to run smoothly we will need many helpers. If you can help please contact Rachelle Frigo in the front office at your earliest convenience.

EIGHT LESSON DAYS
As of next Monday, until our school Sports Day, we will be running lesson days—as for Mondays. Lesson 3 (10.10am) on each day will be used for sports day preparation. This means that recess will be at 10.50am and lunch at 1.10pm.

EASTER
A reminder that Good Friday is March 25th. This is three weeks before the autumn vacation. Break up for the vacation is Friday, April 15th.

HOW IS YOUR CHILD PROGRESSING?
Have you spoken to your child/children about how school is going for them? Some valuable information may be forthcoming. If there are issues, please contact your child's teacher to discuss the issue. This protocol is that then a section leader or myself can be contacted to further discuss the matter. Section leaders are: Primary School—Robyn Kenny, Middle School—Colleen Peters and Senior School—Lorraine Walford.
We would love to hear positive comments too.

CHICKEN POX
I hear that chicken pox is descending on Cowell. The procedures for handling the issue are: Exclude patient until all lesions have crusted, there are no moist sores and the person feels well. Contacts are not excluded.

Regards
Graeme Stacey

PARENTS & FRIENDS
The next P&F meeting will be held tomorrow Thursday, March 10th at 1.30pm in the Library. All welcome.

If you ordered a hooded windcheater before February 9th, your order is now ready for collection.

2005 SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
The School Based Immunisation Programme continues to be a major Government strategy to improve access to immunisation service for South Australian students. The success of this programme is due to the collaborative efforts of representatives from the Department of Health, Government, Independent and Catholic Education sectors, Local Government and individual schools. Your support for this programme is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continued success in 2005.

In 2005, there will be some changes to the programme. Both hepatitis B and diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccines will be offered to year 8 students. During this transitional year, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccine will still need to be offered to year 9 students. This year will see the completion of the Meningococcal C Vaccination Programme. Primary school students in years 1—5 will be offered the vaccine unless they were previously offered it, in 2004.

In summary, the 2005 School Based Immunisation Programme will offer:

Year 8 students
• 2 doses of hepatitis B vaccine given at 2 separate visits with a minimal interval of 4 months between doses.
• 1 booster dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (dTpa) vaccine at the same visit as the 1st dose hepatitis B vaccine.

Year 9 students
• 1 booster dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (dTpa) vaccine.

Primary school students Years 1—5
• 1 dose of meningococcal C vaccine if it was not offered in 2004.

COWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARDING HOUSE
The Boarding House Committee is asking for people who may be interested in acting as Relief House Parent at the Boarding facility to submit a 1 page expression of interest. The relief parent will be required to have a current drivers licence, first aid certificate and will require a police check. The successful applicant will be required to work at least 1 weekend a term and be on call in case of emergency during term time. Award wages apply. All expressions of interest to be in writing to:
The Secretary
Boarding House Committee
C/- Cowell Area School
42 Story Road Cowell 5602

Expression of interest close 4pm on Wednesday, March 16th

Dates to remember.............

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Our vision is: “To be a leading provider in the education of young people, specialising in aquaculture and the environment”
BOARDING HOUSE CLEANER
The Boarding House Committee is calling for expressions of interest in the position of Boarding House Cleaner. The successful applicant will be required to work 2hrs/week and perform specified spring cleaning tasks during the school holidays. Any further inquiries to Joanne Franklin 8629 279.

Expressions of interest to be in writing to:

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BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE
For Tender
1 steel framed shed approx. 20 x 12 with a p.a. door. Already dismantled. Inspection can be organised at the Boarding House between 3.30pm and 7pm any weekend.

Tenders to be in writing by 4pm on Wednesday, March 16th to

The Secretary
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WANTED
Relief Cleaner
At the Cowell Area School
3.30pm—5.30pm
Please contact 8629 2376

Community News

YALLUNDA FLAT EASTER CRAFT FAIR
Sunday, March 27th
WANTED: art, craft and produce stalls. $15 u/cover site with table. $10 u/cover site with own table. $5 site with own table and shelter. Busking entertainers & musicians, Trash and Treasure, Car Boot Sale—$5 registration. Enquiries to Lee Cullen Ph/Fax 8684 4225.

COWELL MACHINE KNITTING CLUB
The Cowell Machine Knitting Club have commenced knitting. We meet at Jean Pepper’s home, 9 High Street (behind the Bakery Shop) on Tuesdays from 10am—3pm. Club machines available for new members to use at the club. All welcome.

TAFESA COURSES at Cleve Campus
One day workshop on Submission Writing: Monday, April 4th. Limited numbers. Please contact Cleve Campus on 8628 2456 to ensure your place. Lecturer: Cecilia Woolford.

FIREARMS SAFETY will run Sunday, April 3rd. Those intending to attend need to enrol.

FARM SECRETARY COURSE with Bruce Roeger, five workshop days over two months, beginning in March. Skills for keeping a farm cashbook, understanding the GST and doing a BAS. Excellent training value approximately $130.

Senior First Aid Monday, March 21st & Tuesday, March 22nd - $145 including manual. Please enrol now.

Horse Handling with the Coffin Bay ponies March 16th-18th at Cummins.

CHEMCERT - Lock March 1st & 2nd, Kimba March 30th & 31st.

COMPUTING
Short sessions available on setting up tables in Word documents, Letters and Posters, Using the Tool Bars. Tutorial groups for basic computing skills and also advanced students are planned.

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE and VIRUSES course is being waitlisted.

JUNIOR TENNIS
Preliminary Final— March 12th
Green vs Blue

COWELL TENNIS CLUB
Volley vs Slams Back handers vs Tiebreakers
Aces in Grand Final

Please make sure that the reserves are passed through a Committee member ie. Jason Curtis or Rebecca Wagner
BBQ to follow. Please supply a salad. Reserves must be financial members. Please be at the courts by 3.45pm sharp.

FRONT OFFICE HOURS
Please note—Front Office hours are as follows:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
8.30am—4pm
The Office closes on Tuesdays at 3.30pm

COWELL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Grand Final Match Date: 11/03/05

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS 2005

Entries for the Australasian Schools' English, Computer Skills, Primary Mathematics, Science and Spelling (Years 3 – 6) competitions are now being taken at the school. The competition dates are listed below. To alleviate any problems in missing out on competition entries we are asking that payment be made for single and multiple entries by the due date below. The entry fee is $3-60 per competition for each student and is payable to the school. Please note all competition entry fees be paid to Mrs R. Lum by Friday 24th March to ensure entry into competitions. **Note:** The extension of the Primary Schools Mathematics Competition, this is a result of many requests from schools seeking the same independent diagnostic and assessment information for secondary school mathematics as has been provided for primary schools. The extended mathematics competition is now called the Australasian Schools Mathematics Assessment.

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All of the Australian Schools Competitions provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. They can also be used to monitor individual progress in a range of subject-related skills and recognise and reward achievement at all levels. Each student will receive a Certificate and a detailed Results Letter indicating their achievement.

Bob Combes

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GOVERNING COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting
TONIGHT
Wednesday, March 9th at 7.30pm
in the School Library

Cowell Area School Governing Council invite all members of the community to attend.
- Election of new members
- Information on the rule of Governing School Council
- Guest Speaker
  Come along and enlighten yourselves

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS 2005

Please indicate ✔ which competitions your child would like to participate in.

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Cost per competition: $3.60

Payment enclosed: $ ________

Please return this registration slip, with payment, to Rhonda Lum by March 24th.