Dear Parents/Caregivers and Community Members,

WE NEED YOU

At the Annual General meeting of the Governing Council last week, we were unable to fill all of the vacant positions.

There are two schools of thought:
• the school is going well and I do not need to participate
• the school is not a valued part for me or for our community.

I understand that people are busy. We do however require a full council to support the running of our school.

Governing Council meets once per month. It has representatives on some school committees. I ask for your consideration and support. If you can make the time to spend two years on the Governing Council, please contact the front office or me directly. Thank you.

TYPIST

Thank you to Judy Wiseman who voluntarily typed much of our newsletter on Tuesday mornings. Judy has decided not to continue. I thank her for her great effort supporting our school.

We are now seeking a volunteer, who would like to develop their word processing skills, to support the production of our newsletter. If you can help, please contact Michelle Elson for further details.

GREAT NEWS

Last week as a part of Come Out, Mike Dumpleton visited our school and worked on aspects of literacy with our students. At a staff workshop after school, he praised our students for their attention and demeanour during the day. This is a most pleasing aspect of our school life.

WANTED

Can you support us on our Sports Days? Rachelle Frigo would really like to hear from parents or community members who can help on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jay Stening who was signed up today as our latest School Based Apprentice. Jay will be training with Wiseweld.

Regards

Graeme Stacey

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORTING

Parents/Caregivers of students in Years 10-12 will be invited to interviews about student progress with subject teachers in the last weeks of term. Please contact teachers with any concern so as soon as they arise. Thank you.

Lorraine Walford
Senior School Co-ordinator

The lost property basket in the Front Office is overflowing. We welcome you to come into the office and check it soon as all lost property will go to the Op Shop at the end of this term. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are currently selling tickets for our Easter raffle. The Easter basket is on display in Cowell IGA. Tickets can be purchased there or from any of the Year 9 students. The Easter basket (valued at over $50) will be drawn after the Sports Day on Thursday, March 24th. We would like to thank Cowell IGA for allowing us to display our raffle there.

Year 9 Students

EASTER PARTY

As part of the Year 11/12 Home Ec course we will be holding an Easter Party on March 22nd for Mrs Curtis/Mrs Beinke’s class and the Kindergarten children. Easter Bunny will be coming along and joining in the games and songs.

If any child of any age would like their photo taken with Easter Bunny at a cost of $2 please contact the school for a sitting time.

Rebecca, Carly & Chantelle

“GREENCARD GREENCARD” COURSE TRAINING AT CLEVE

Greencard Training is a nationally recognised OHSW training course. This course is able to be offered at Cowell (numbers permitting), and can be arranged in the very near future. The training course is to be run by Training Statewide a registered RTO from Pt. Lincoln. The cost can be subsidised by the Construction Industry Training Board, as it is to be run in conjunction with school students undertaking the Doorways to Construction courses at Cleve and Cowell Area Schools. This is a 4 hour course, providing an understanding of O H & S principles and practices on any type of construction site. Designed for employers, employees, and anyone working in construction, roadworks, landscaping, and involved in general building.

Topics include:
• Duty of Care – substance abuse, employers’ and employees’ duties, codes and standards.
• Protective clothing and equipment
• Hazard Management
• Safety signs
• Licences/Tickets
• Accident Reporting
• Site Emergency and Evacuation

Each participant completing the Course receives a GREENCARD, which is valid for 2 years. The GREENCARD is recognised by industry, and some companies may request this card to be able to work on or enter their worksites.

COST:
• Students are covered under the D2C (Doorways to Construction) Program.
• Other Participants (If included in the D2C Course) - $80 each
• Other Participants presenting a CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) No. before the Course - $50 each

The venue at Cowell for this training is yet to be finalised. To do this course normally, you would have to attend Pt. Lincoln (or other larger centre), and the cost would be considerably more than the subsidised cost offered. If interested, parties can contact Michael Edwards (before Wednesday 23rd March) at the school (86292 150), where you can register your interest and we can organise further details.

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

22/03/05 Parent Evening with Andrew Fuller—in Tumby Bay
24/03/05 Sports Day
25/03/05—28/03/05 Easter Break

01/04/05 Kids Club
06/04/05 SASSA Athletics
12/04/05 Interschool Sports Day at Cowell

Our vision is: “To be a leading provider in the education of young people, specialising in aquaculture and the environment”
BAG NEEDLES WANTED
Cowbell Seafood Producers has kindly donated netting to the school for the purpose of conducting an experiment on Mulloway fish pellets. We require some large bag needles to stitch the students’ cages together. If you have bag needles that you no longer require or know where we could obtain some could you please contact me at the school? Thank you.
Aarun Price
Aquaculture Teacher

PARENTS & FRIENDS
The next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31st at 1.30pm in the Library to organise catering for Interschool Sports Day. Parents & Friends are looking for helpers on April 12th for Interschool Sports Day catering. If available contact Joanne Klingberg or Donna Roberts.

Community News

CWCI DAY CONVENTION
The CWCI Day Convention will be held at Cleve on Tuesday, March 22nd at 9.45am. The afternoon session begins at 1.30pm. Guest Speaker: Jill Dyer. Theme: “The best is yet to come”. Jill and her husband spent 4 years in the Philippines and 3 in Romania involved in the education of missionary children. They have written several books and have a great understanding of youth and their needs. There will be a book stall and morning tea, coffee and tea provided. BYO lunch. Registration: $6. All welcome. Contact: J Tonkin 6269 2801.

ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWS
Palm Sunday—March 20th: combine with Lutheran Church at 7pm or Uniting Church at 10.30am.
Good Friday—March 25th: combine with Lutheran Church at 11am or Uniting Church at 9.30am.
Easter Sunday—March 27th: 10.30am at St Hugh’s, Cowell with Bishop Garry Wetherill.

YALLUNDA FLAT EASTER CRAFT FAIR
Sunday, March 27th
10am—4pm Yallunda Flat Showgrounds
Free entry—optional gold coin donation to the Eastern Eyre Rural Counselling Service for bushfire victims
Quilting Display
Car Boot Sale (Trash and Treasure)
Morning and Afternoon Tea and BBQ Lunch Available
Come out for a drive and visit the picturesque showgrounds
Browse the art, craft and produce. Enjoy a relaxing day.

PLAYGROUP @ THE KINDY
All kids aged 0 to 5 are welcome to join us at the new Kindy on Friday, March 18th from 10am until 12pm. Bring Mum and Dad out for the morning. Let them relax and have a coffee as you play and have fun with other kids. $1 per session—BYO kids drink and fruit. For further details contact Sandy 8629 2449.

RAINWATER TANK CLEANING
Cowbell Plumbing & Gas have organised EP Water Treatment to come to Cowbell later this month. If you would like to have your tanks de-sludged or completely cleaned please call 8683 0408.

LOST BICYCLES
A number of bicycles have been found and handed into the Police. If you have recently lost a bicycle contact Cowbell Police 8629 2029.

LIBRARY NEWS
New books are now available on the New Books Stand.
Non Fiction: “Mates—images and stories from the Kimberley Large Print:
“Butterfly Lady” - Beverley Winter
“The Perfect Solution” - Janet Cookson
“Honeysuckle House” - Christina Jones
Fiction:
“Demon Rumm” - Sandra Brown
“The Journey” - Josephine Cox
“Looking Back” - Josephine Cox
Adolescent Fiction:
“Specky Magee and the Boots of Glory” - Felice Arena & Garry Lyon
Do you have a surplus of plastic shopping bags and don’t know what to do with them? The Library would like to take them off your hands. You may drop off any surplus at the Library. Thank you.
The Library will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, including the weekend. During Library opening hours the Internet access is FREE to everyone. A charge of 10c/page applies for any printing. See you at the Library.

JUNIOR TENNIS
Grand Final—This Saturday, March 19th
Red vs Blue
Game starts at 9am. Presentations at approx. 10.30am
Come and support our tennis players of the future

COWELL TENNIS CLUB
Grand Final this Saturday, March 19th
Aces vs Slams
Consolation
Volleys vs Backhanders
Please note change of time—starts at 12noon. Please be there by 11.45am sharp. Dinner and Trophy Presentations at 6pm in the Franklin Harbour Hotel Beer Garden. $15/per head, children free

COWELL AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
End of season Windup & Presentation
ALL GRADES
Monday 21st March 4pm-5pm
Free swim time in pool

COWELL LADIES GOLF CLUB
A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd at 1.30pm at Angie Turner’s home—47 Lincoln Highway—to discuss the ladies programme.
Cowell Ladies Golf starts Tuesday, April 5th at 9.30am for a 9 Hole Ambrose. All new players and members are most welcome on the day.

Cowbell Area School Governing Council
Meat Tray Competition
Results from Saturday, March 12th:
1st draw—R Hoare
2nd draw—A Klitscher
3rd draw (donated by Commercial Hotel) – Joan Turner
Governing Council Meat Tray Roster:
Saturday, March 19th—Daven Wagner & Steve Edwards
Saturday, March 26th—Tom & Robyn Kenny
AUSTRALASIAN 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 Australasian 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

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

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.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS 2005

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

Students Name: ____________________________  Science – Years 3 –12  □  Computer Skills –Years 3 –12  □  Spelling - Years 3-6  □  Mathematics – Years 3-12  □  English – Years 3 -12  □

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Cost per competition

$3.60

Payment enclosed $ ____________