Dear Parents/Caregivers and Community Members,

PLEASE COME ALONG
Sports Day is tomorrow. Come along and support your children. We will certainly appreciate your attendance. If you are unable to attend, I am sure that your children would appreciate a relative or friend coming along to watch them participate. Why not let others know that Sports Day is on?

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
Tomorrow is the day that we have to have the paperwork completed for the leadership positions that have to be filled this year by panel selection for the next few years. In our school the positions that will be advertised are Deputy Principal and Coordinator 3, which is the current Middle School Coordinator position. Later this year our school, to fill these two positions, will form panels.

SRC
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the Student Representative Council. Arrangements are currently being made for the induction of our SRC. President: Ben Franklin, Vice President: Ashton Pepper, Secretary: Vanessa Jones, Treasurer: Rebecca Edwards, Rec/1: Crystal Hatton & Michael Dewson, Year 1/2: Caitlin Todd, Lachlan Crabb, Year 3/4: Joel Jarvis & Laura Ingles, Year 5/6: Stacey Stening & Hayden Pope, Year 7: Emily Frigo & Nathan Crettenden, Year 8: Chelsea Thompson & Byron Hornhardt, Year 9: Sarah Weymouth, Tim Rehn & Nick Gale, Year 10: Codie Pope & Annie Kaden, Year 11: Kyla Hornhardt & Jay Stening, Year 12: Rebecca Edwards & Bethany Story.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS
We are still looking for people to fill vacant positions on our Governing Council. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact the front office or myself to register your interest.

SITE LEARNING PLAN
We have come a step closer to formulating our plan. As mentioned previously this plan is the basis for our development over the next year. A fortnight ago we formed three sections for our plan. They are Curriculum, Wellbeing and Facilities. Yesterday we worked on establishing priorities to place under these headings. From these priorities we will formulate the plan.

WELCOME
Welcome to Nathanael Murphy who has recently commenced lessons at our school. Nathanael is in Year 9.

BEST WISHES
Best wishes to:
• our students who have recently been selected in SAPSASA teams – Jake Klingberg (cricket), Kirralee Wagner and C-Jay Wiseman (tennis).
• all students who are participating in Sports Day tomorrow. May you achieve your personal best, experience fair competition and enjoy your sports day.
• all who have contact with our school for a happy and safe Easter.

Regards
Graeme Stacey

COWELL AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
March 23rd, 2005 Number 08
Website: www.cowellas.sa.edu.au

AQUACULTURE COMMITTEE AGM
Cowell Area School offers a vibrant range of courses in the Seafood Industry and relies extensively on the support of the community in the Cowell area. We face exciting prospects, expansion and many challenges in the year ahead and request that you consider being part of this committee. All welcome. Community Library, April 4th at 7.30pm.

REPORTING TO PARENTS IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL
As primary students do not receive a written report this term, all teachers R-6 will be organising parent/teacher/student interviews over the next 3 weeks. Each teacher is responsible for organising the interviews and all have sent out notices requesting you to allocate a convenient time. We encourage all parents and students to attend these meetings.

If you can not make an appointment within the next three weeks I will be following up with a phone call early in term 2 to ensure that all families have had the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher. This is the ideal opportunity for parents to get a first hand account of how their child is progressing and we encourage you all to make the most of this opportunity.

SENIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS
Interviews will be held between 3.30pm and 5.30pm on Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th April. All will take place in the Home Economics Room and Room 23. Fifteen minutes have been allowed for each interview. Please contact the Front Office to make an appointment with all teachers. If you cannot attend during these times please make alternative arrangements.
Mr Combes, Ms Glasper, Mr Rogers—Room 23
Mrs Walford, Mrs Brine, Mr Dul vestsen, Mr Price—Home Ec Rm
Lorraine Walford
Senior School Co-ordinator

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION CENTRE
An information session for senior secondary students is to be held in Cleve on May 10th. Students interested in undertaking university degree courses, or diploma and higher certificates at TAFE will benefit from attending. Content includes applying for courses, support during tertiary study, HECS and accommodation. More details will be sent with interested students.
Lorraine Walford
Senior School Co-ordinator

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.

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

24/03/05 Sports Day
25/03/05—28/03/05 Easter Break
01/04/05 Kids Club
06/04/05 SASSSA 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”
R-12 SPORTS DAY
Yes it’s on again, tomorrow in fact! MARCH 31st. It begins at 9:10am on the school oval. The first events are the R-4 running races followed by sub junior and junior sprints. Tabloid events will follow these events until lunchtime which will be at 12:10pm. Students can still order their lunches from the bakery as usual and they will be delivered to the oval. **Please ensure your child comes to sports day dressed in appropriate clothing enabling them to participate to their potential. Sand shoes are essential! Broad brimmed hats, sunscreen and their own drink bottle are a must.** Please ensure your children have these with them when they leave in the morning. There will be food and drink stalls operating. We look forward to your attendance and participation. Helpers for events are always needed.

**IT NEWS**

Free Office Suite
Microsoft Office is currently the de facto standard in office software. Standards are often good things, making communication of information less painful. For standards to be beneficial to the community, they must be “open”, meaning that the details of their internal workings can be obtained by anyone. Microsoft products, of course, use closed standards. Only Microsoft products can use the files created by Microsoft products. So to maintain the easy communication of information, we have to buy Microsoft products, and upgrade when new versions are released. The problem is made worse by the fact that Microsoft products are often of relatively poor quality and subject to security problems. Microsoft Office costs several hundred dollars. If you’re not paying for it, it’s illegal. It seems like an endless cycle of handing money over to Microsoft every few years. Help is at hand to break the dependency. There are Free, high quality alternatives to Microsoft Office. In particular, the OpenOffice.org project is just about to release version 2 of its office suite. OpenOffice contains virtually all of the functionality of Microsoft Office, and can do many things that Microsoft can’t. OpenOffice is Free software, developed using an Open Source methodology. People and companies volunteer time to produce software for use by everyone, and that costs the user nothing. OpenOffice.org 2 will be available from the Library when it is released. A preview release can be downloaded from their website at http://openoffice.org.

**Community News**

**COWELL PROBUS CLUB**
Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 1st at 10am. Speaker: Kyla Hornhardt.

**TEA POTS .......... TEA POTS ............**
Don’t forget our Teapot Exhibition. We need your teapots. Contact one of the following people: Merle Hutton 8629 2262, Betty Franklin 8629 6005, June Franklin 8629 2275 or Jo Sampson 8629 2686. Friday, April 1st is our collection date—after 2pm at the Museum.

**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 showground Browse the art, craft and produce. Enjoy a relaxing day.

**FIRST AID CPR REFRESHER COURSE**
Recertification of Senior First Aid
April 26th in Cowell
Instructor: Lorraine Walford
Please contact Sue Rose,
St John Training 8645 2911 for bookings

**KIDS CLUB**
(For Years 3—7)
Friday April 1st from 7—9pm
In the Uniting Church Hall
Parents—please collect your children from the Hall. Thank you.

**AUCTION—INSTITUTE & R.S.L.**
Saturday, April 2nd—commencing at the Institute Supper room at 9.30am. Stoves, fridge, microwave, pie warmer, chest freezer, assortment of kitchen cupboards, broom cupboards, fold-up trestles, bridge tables, extra long strong wooden table, vinyl covered sets of 2 & 3 chairs, approximately 360 bricks—15 1/2 inches x 3 1/2 inches (imperial). For prior inspection contact Helen Barlow 8629 2267.

**R.S.L.—**well seasoned flooring timber—jarrah joists solid Oregon beams, approximately 100 years old, approximately 5 metres x 30cm x 6cm. All timber has been de-nailed. Oodments of carpet. For prior inspection contact Robert McFarlane 8629 2254.

**TAFE COURSES**
SUBMISSION WRITING - Monday April 4th 9:30 am – 4:30 pm $60 or concession $37. Enrol immediately if you need these skills. Phone 8628 2456.

**SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROJECT** FREE modules are being offered during April.

**LEGAL IMPlications for Small Business eg work cover, OHSW etc 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Thursday April 14th with Whyalla Lecturer Con Theologou**
**Using Excel for business records, Mondays April 4, 11, 18, plus an extra night.**
**Word Processing for small business, possibly Thursday evenings, but still to be announced. Other topics may run if there is community interest. Students must be owner/managers of their own small business, employing less than 20 staff, to qualify for this free training. Call Cleve Campus immediately if you are interested in this offer. ph 8628 2456.

**LIBRARY NEWS**
New books are now available on the New Books Stand.
Large Print: Romance:
"There But for Fortune" - Alex Stuart
"The Baby Caper" - Emma Goldrick
"Prescription—One Husband" - Marion Lennox
Mystery:
"The Traveller Returns" - Patricia Wentworth
Children's Easy Fiction:
"Bumpus Jumpsus Dinosaurpumpus" - book and tape
Children's Fiction:
"The One Eyed Giant" - Mary Pope Osborne
Non-Fiction:
"Fraud Busters" - personal stories of fighting fraud from Australian Experts
"Brushing the Tip of Fame" - Nicholas Hope
"Adviser "Big Book Club" book

**Cowell Area School Governing Council**
**Meat Tray Competition**
**Governing Council Meat Tray Roster:**
Saturday, March 26th—Tom & Robyn Kenny
Saturday, April 2nd—Di Woods & Rhonda Lum
COWELL LADIES GOLF CLUB
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.

COWELL FOOTBALL CLUB
Football season is here again! The clubrooms will be open this Thursday night from 5pm. Come along and put in your first round of footy tips (don’t be behind the eight ball—start tipping Thursday night). This year there will be prizes throughout the footy tipping season for all types of different things so be a part of the fun and prizes. Subs and sponsorship can begin to be paid on Thursday night.

Other news:
- **Trial Game**: vs Tumby Bay Friday, April 1st at Cowell starting at 7.30pm. Bar facilities and barbecue available.
- **Netball Trials** will also be held on Friday, April 1st from 6.30pm—7.30pm.
- **Jumper Presentation** for all grades—Thursday, April 14th.
- **SportsScene** (Port Lincoln) will have a display of football and netball equipment in the clubrooms on Thursday, March 31st from 5.30pm onwards.

The year 10 class would like to invite you to a

**PRIMARY SOCIAL**

**Date:** Friday 8th April  
**Time:** Kindy – Year 3  4:00pm - 5:30pm  
Year 3 - 7  5:45pm – 7:15pm  
**Cost:** K – 2 $3.00 includes a Fruit-box  
3 – 7 $5.00 includes sausage sizzle  
**Where:** Multipurpose Room Cowell Area School  
**Theme:** Cartoon characters

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