Thank you to everybody who assisted their child’s class teachers at the stalls and or attended the fete, it was an outstanding success. We made approximately $20,000 profit, which is an all-time high; the previous best had been $14,000.

We were most fortunate with the weather it was very conducive to a successful fete.

Thank you to the fete organiser Mark Duyker and his assistant Phil Hollyoak for all of their many volunteer hours and leg work.

Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who organised and attended the stalls throughout the entire day. Thank you to the Parents’ Club for running the Devonshire Teas, which were once again very successful and for the School Council for running the BBQ.

Thank you to the office ladies who spent the day counting money and keeping track of the all the finances and for all of their pre fete organisational work.

Thank you to all the parents who bought in baskets, they looked terrific and made over $1,000 profit. The cakes also did extremely well. Thank you to all those who baked, these also made a profit of over $1000. Also to all of the families who bought in second hand goods, books, mystery bottles etc. The 5c a-thon does not conclude until this Friday, there mustn’t be many 5c pieces left on the Island, as this has also been very well supported.

As we now have the funds, we are all very keen to start designing an extension to the Junior School Playground and purchasing more playground equipment. If you are interested in being involved with this working party please attend a meeting on Monday 26 March at 5.00pm in the conference room, or forward any ideas to me prior to the meeting so I can share your thoughts with those who are able to attend. I shall keep you informed of the committee’s progress.

Congratulations to the following children, Cameron Boulton, Jude Grace, Toby Marshall, Jessica Pavert, Jessica Pluck, Lily Robinson, Keith Robinson, Dani Sprague, Amber Taylor, Liam Turner who competed at Sale yesterday in the swimming sports. All children represented the school in an excellent manner.

Congratulations to Lily Robinson who has now progressed to the State finals at Melbourne Sport Aquatic Centre at Albert Park.

The following is a list of businesses in the Community which assisted us by generously donating to the fete. It was fantastic community support.

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Fri Mar 16 Y1/2 Swimming Carnival
Mon Mar 19 Parents’ Club meeting 2.30pm
               School Council AGM 6pm
Tue Mar 20 Prep Letterland Day
             Change of date
Wed Mar 21 Ride To School Day
Help our school win $350-$1000 of sports gear!
The Premiers Active Families Challenge is on again, and our school has the chance to win up to $1000 of sports gear and sports clinics with high profile sporting personalities. All you have to do is get active and have fun with your family!
Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 19 March – 30 April. The more students who register from our school, the more chances we have to win.
Just by registering you and your family will receive special offers, including:
- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 20 free YMCA passes
- One free child pass to National Sport Museum
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium.
Plus go in the draw to win Rebel Sports Vouchers and iPads!
Anyone can register, so get your friends and family to take the Challenge too.
Get more active more often, spend quality time together and have fun. It’s free, it’s easy, and there are plenty of chances to win!
Register online at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school’s name when you register.

In 2012 our school has chosen to participate in Schools for the Kids as part of The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. It is an exciting opportunity for families and friends to donate towards Victoria's much loved Hospital in a new online setting that is simple to use.

Your donation will receive an instant receipt and the donation ‘meter’ will show our school’s overall progress.

To donate to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal please log onto to our Web Page at: http://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/cowes_primary_school

Parents' Club News
Hi Everyone,
Another year and another successful Cowes Primary School Fete. The weather was fabulous and the attendance was amazing. A very warm thank you to Carol, Andrea, Denise, Sue, Jodi, and Tracey for volunteering on the Devonshire Tea Stall.

Just a reminder to all that the next Parents Club Meeting is Monday 19th March at 2:30pm in the Parents Club portable (near room 15). Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you there!

Everyone is welcome!
The new Parents Club email address is: cowespspc@gmail.com

Community Coaches Needed
Active After School Care has been running at Cowes Primary School for a number of years. It is a great program that teaches our students skills and provides them with an opportunity to engage in physical activity which is extremely important for our health.
The AASC team is looking for people in the community who might like to join this great program and make some extra cash them please call Mark Lindsay on 0437 700 428.

S.C.O.F.F.
(Social Committee of Fun and Festivities.)
S.C.O.F.F. is off to a great start organising two talent quests, a Red Faces competition and three discos. There will be a singing show-down this Friday to decide our winners. S.C.O.F.F. members have done a wonderful job organising and running these events.

Wanted Volunteers
If you have some spare time and would like to help cover books, please see Mrs Petersen or Ms Callaghan.

Mobile Phone Muster
Please bring your old mobile phones to school. Each class room is collecting phones to see which room can collect the most. Mobile muster finishes at the end of this term.
Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. Cowes Primary School will acknowledge and learn about Harmony Day on Friday 23rd March. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2012 is that **Everyone Belongs**, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

In 2012, we will celebrate the important role that sport plays in bringing together Australians from all walks of life to share in a common passion with the message Sport — play, engage, inspire. The aim is to encourage everyone, regardless of background, to participate in a sporting activity, increase understanding and to be inspired or inspire others.

**Cowes Primary School will acknowledge and learn about Harmony Day on Friday 23rd March.**

The Children will participate in organised activities that promote the importance of sport bringing people together, working and playing cooperatively, recognising and accepting diversity and sharing the experience in a multiage format. Children are encouraged to dress up for the day. Suggested outfits might include; favourite sporting identities, traditional dress from another culture or dressing in colours that may be relevant to a country.

Thank you

Multicultural Team

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Cowes Primary School would like to thank the Phillip Island Football and Netball Club for the loan of Whitt’s Wheel at Sunday’s fete. Whitt’s Wheel was a huge success and raised a respectable amount of money. The success of Whitt’s Wheel would not have been possible if it weren’t for the fantastic prizes donated by local families and businesses. If you would like to be a part of Whitt’s Wheel between now and the 2013 fete then please head down to the Phillip Island Football and Netball Club where Peter Whittenbury himself will be spinning the wheel every Thursday night after the training.
**Runners Wanted**

South Coast Athletics is your South Gippsland athletics Club and we are seeking runners of all ages and abilities, Male and Female, to join us in our assault on the State XCR12 Series (Road and Cross Country Racing) for 2012. XCR is a 10 race series commencing in April and concluding in September comprising 4 Relays, 3 Road Races and 3 Cross Country races over distances ranging from 3KM up to 21 KM. Each event attracts over 1000 runners from across the State ranging from National representatives such as Steve Monaghetti, Craig Mottram, Jeff Risely, Kaila McKnight down to the recreational jogger. All abilities are catered for. The series comprises graded Individual and Team competition for both Male and female runners.

Individual Competition is for U14, U16, U18, U20, Open, 40–44, 45–49, 50–54, 55–59 & 60+.

Team Competition is graded with 7 divisions for Men, 4 Divisions for Women as well as Under age U14, U16, U18 & U20. Over the last 5 years South Coast has been very successful winning 3 State Pennants as well as producing 4 Individual Series winners. If you love fun runs and want to take the next step then this is it.

Whether you are interested or curious, come along to the registration and Information day at Kilcunda Community Centre on Sunday, 1st April any time between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Enquiries can be made to Steve on BH 56713706 or AH56724299 or by email to southcoastaths@gmail.com

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**Phillip Island Fun Shed**

Tuesday—Friday 10am to 2pm
Saturday/Sunday 10am to 4pm
Indoor Playground, jumping castle/Slides/Café.
A fairy or pirate room for birthdays.
Phone 5952 5152 , 91 Settlement Rd, Cowes.
funshed@waterfront.net.au

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**Phillip Island Golf Club**

The Phillip Island Golf Club Junior Development Program is to promote the game of golf within the local community. The aim of the JDP is to provide professional tuition for children to encourage the correct skills from the start. The clinics will teach children the basic fundamentals of the golf swing - which will last a lifetime. As well as developing their golfing skills, they will learn course etiquette, social skills and good sportsmanship. Classes will commenced on Wednesday 22nd February and will continue on a fortnightly basis.

Where: Phillip Island Golf Club - Settlement Road Cowes.
Time: 4.30pm sharp to 5pm. Cost: $5 per clinic.
Bookings Pro-Shop Ph (03) 59 52 1121

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**Lenard's Chicken**

If you were one of the many 100's of people who enjoyed the beef and chicken burgers at the school fete, did you know that they came from our very own Lenard's in Cowes situated in the Woolworths Complex. They also have many other great ideas for your lunch and dinner needs. Present this newsletter when you spend over $20 and get 10% discount. So why not go and see Isobel and Gary or one of there friendly staff members and get a great deal on your next meal.

Lenard's its the answer to what's for dinner?