Welcome back to the start of the 2012 school year. I hope you all had a lovely break. We had an excellent start to the school year, with the children settling into their new classes very well.

Thank you very much to the Parents’ Club for organising the Cheers N’ Tears for our new Prep Parents. Thanks to Andrea Taylor, Kathy Gysberts, Jodi Fokkens and Carol Ratcliff.

Information regarding School Council elections was distributed on Monday. If you would like more information regarding School Council, please come and have a chat with me or pick up a nomination form from the office.

If your child has any medical conditions which we need to be aware of please inform the office as soon as possible.

All Principals have been advised to inform parents that the Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident policies are available from commercial insurers.

On special occasions children will share celebratory cakes in their classrooms, if your child has a low tolerance for certain food or any allergies please inform your child’s class teacher so they can make alternate arrangements for your child. We have children in the school who have severe allergies to peanuts, therefore we ask all parents to refrain from sending peanut butter, Nutella or any peanut products to school please.

If you wish to assist the class teachers in the classroom and on camps and excursions it has now become mandatory for all volunteers to have a Working With Children Check. Forms can be collected at the post office, you are then required to make an appointment at the post office to show your 100 points of identification and have your photo taken.

This year’s Fete will be held on Sunday March 11. The proceeds of the fete will be directed towards extending the playground areas. We have added some new exciting rides to the program with a 30 M slide and a bungy trail. We also have a new raffle:

1st Prize - A Samsung 51” Full High Definition 3D T.V. recommended retail price $1199
2nd Prize - A freestanding BBQ, valued at $399
3rd prize - A Panasonic Micro HiFi valued at $299

Pre-purchased wrist bands for rides will be available at a special price of $15. (On the day bands will $25) or $5.00 per ride.

Good Luck to all the Parents participating in the Channel Challenge on the weekend.

Sue Becker
Principal
After School Program
The families who use ASHP are required to complete an Enrolment form for 2012 and pay the yearly enrolment fee of $5 per family.

Prep Information Session
The Prep Teachers are holding an Information session next Friday 17th February. The session is in Room 11 and will begin at 2.45pm.

Year 3/4 Information Session
The Year 3/4 Teachers are holding an Information Session next Monday 13th February. The session is in Room 2 and will begin at 3:45pm.

Year 5/6 Information Session
The Year 5/6 Teachers are holding an Information session on Monday 20th February in the Senior Building. The session is in the Senior Building and will begin at 4pm.

Book club
Book club brochures were given to the students this week. Book club closes on Tuesday 21st February, 2012. Late orders will not be accepted. Please make any cheques payable to Scholastic.

Education Maintenance Allowance
If you have a healthcare pension card that is valid on the 1st day of Term 2012, please call into the office and complete an application form and present your card for photocopying.

Canteen News
The new canteen menu for 2012 was given to students this week. Please disregard previous menus. Please take time to read the new menu as the prices and selections have changed.

Pauls collect a cap
Please keep collecting the Pauls collect a caps and donating them to our School. A special thank you to the Adventure Resort & Rhyll Store for collecting Pauls caps for our school. Our latest bag of caps raised $271.48 for the school.

AFL Player Super Clinic
Melbourne Football Club is at Cowes Football Oval on Tuesday 14th February. The Year 3 & 4 students will be walking to the oval. The session starts at 10am to 11.30am. The Year 3 & 4 students can wear their footy colours on this day.

Prep Information
Every prep student received a school entrant health questionnaire form today. Please return these forms by Tuesday 14th February. These forms will be collected by the School Nurse Sally Sanders.
COWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fete

SUNDAY 11 MARCH  10 am – 2 pm
A fun day for all the family with all our old favourites:

Devonshire Teas
BBQ Hot Food
Pancakes
Fairy Floss
Homemade Cake Stall
Mystery Bottles
Show bags – Lucky Dips
Craft Stall
Pre-loved Books, Clothes & Toys
Plants & Produce

AND for the first time
An exciting new  30M Giant Slide & Bungy Run

Raffle –  1st Prize a Samsung 51’ Full High Definition 3D T.V. recommended retail price $1199. 2nd Prize a freestanding BBQ, valued at $399, 3rd prize a Panasonic Micro HiFi valued at $299

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Hope to see you there! 159 Settlement Road Cowes
Cowes Primary School

Swimming Carnival
Years (3-6)

10:00 AM Start (Medley, Butterfly and Breaststroke)
11:30 AM (Backstroke, Freestyle and Relays)

Friday 17th February 2012

Any parents who can help out on the day please see Miss Tyrrell

All Welcome
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 the 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 commence 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

### Zumba is back for 2012

- **Monday** 6pm Newhaven Hall
- **Tuesday** 6pm Senior Citizens Hall
- **Wednesday** 9.30am Newhaven Hall
- **Friday** 6pm Island Healing

$5 first class, $10 casual rate

Come join the party! Contact Lisa 0423 520 149

### Tuesday Junior Tennis

- **Term 1** 7th Feb 7 weeks
- **Term 2** 24th April 8 weeks
- **Term 4** 16th October 8 weeks

4pm—4.45 7—12 years
5pm—6pm 12+ years

Please call Bill 5952 5626. Free to Junior Club members or join 50% discount available now. All welcome.

Phillip Island Tennis Club, Chapel St, Cowes.

### Bellalilyanne Presents Kindermusik

The #1 music and movement class for children. Bond with your child as you play, sing (no talent required!), dance and giggle together. Your child will learn and grow through activities that stimulate brain growth, build motor skills, enhance social-emotional development and much more. Kindermusik is weekly, expert-led, group learning using musical play that develops confident, well-rounded, happy children and makes great parenting even easier in their daily routines.

The best part is—its so much fun, they don’t realise their learning! Contact Lisa-Anne today to book in for your free trial class! Phone 0417 298 394 or email bellalilyanne@hotmail.com.au for more information.

### House to Rent

House to rent in Darryl Court for 7-8 months.

Please phone Bhavani Rooks on ph 5952 3331 or 0457 148 921 for more information.

### House Cleaning

Tired, haven’t got time to clean the house?

Call Sue on 0488 651 462.

### 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

### For Sale

Freedom Bunk Beds absolute perfect condition—sturdy pine $400. 2 Bunk mattresses – excellent condition $300.

Doona covers for bunks $50 for set of two.

Phone Helen 5952 6445.

### Dance classes will be resuming again in 2012!

Classes commence on Monday 6th February

Coronet Bay- Monday evenings. Newhaven- Tuesday evenings. Corinella - Thursday evenings

Dance styles available: Jazz, Modern Expressive, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre & Adults Fun & Fitness

New students are entitled to one free trial class!

For more information please contact Jo Hackett on 0409 786 270 or visit our website: www.stepitupdancstudio.com.au

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### Jazz Reaction Dance School

Classes starting Thursday 9th Feb. Come along and have some fun, only $9 per class.

Junior 3.45 till 4.45 4-7y/o
Sub Inters 4.45 till 5.45 8-10y/o
Inters 5.45 till 6.45 11 and over

Venue -Cowes Primary School Gym. Phone Lisa on 59521393 for more information or just come along.

### Come and meet Melbourne Football Players

Date: Monday 13th February. Location: Cowes Post Shop
Make sure you come along and get a photo and an autograph. Australia Post.

### Just waxing

Diana Sutherland specializing in woman's waxing & eyelash tinting. 15 First Ave Cape Woolamai. 5956 6463 or 0428 566 463.