We congratulate Diddy Cuthbertson and Paul Wagner on the safe arrival of Ziggy born at Wonthaggi hospital last Thursday morning weighing 8lb 5oz. Both Mum and baby are doing very well.

We are not required to hold a School Council election as the number of people who nominated was the same number as the number of vacancies. We thank Terry Robinson and Tara McKenzie (who filled in as a short term vacancy in 2011) for nominating and are duly elected. Also elected are the following members who were standing for re-election and chose to nominate for another term in office. Thank you to Michael Coghlan, Mark Duyker and David Giles for their continuing support. School Council members who were not up for re-election but are continuing are Kristien Formosa, Peter Jewell, Brendan Cashman, Phil Hollyoak and Mark Szutta. DEECD representatives are Rod McKenzie, Chris Wickes, Karin van Dijk, Vicki Williamson and I as the Executive Officer.

Sharron Marshall is retiring from School Council. We sincerely thank Sharron for all her volunteer hours she devotes to our school and thank her for her input and feedback during her time on School Council, especially for her mammoth effort in organising and running the Sea World raffle last year.

Thank you to the many parents who assisted with the Y3-6 Swimming Sports last Friday and the Regional Sports on Tuesday. They were very successful days. The children were well behaved and competed in good spirit. Congratulations to Amber Taylor for winning Girls Fastest Medley at the District Swimming Sports. Caigan Meade and Liam Turner both drew for Fastest Boys Medley at the Y3-6 Swimming Carnival.

Thank you also to the teachers for their assistance. Congratulations to Sarah Tyrell for her excellent organisation of both events and to Anne Duyker for ably assisting Sarah.

Thank you also to the Parents’ Club for running the food stalls both on Friday and for the Regional Swimming Sports on Tuesday. It was greatly appreciated.

As you are aware the school fete is coming up. Thank you to those parents who have sent in books, mystery bottles, second hand goods and are supporting the 5c-a-thon.

Please complete the form attached if you are able to assist us on Sunday March 11th.

A reminder about the raffle. If you require more tickets they are available at the office. There are three terrific prizes on offer. First prize is the Samsung 51’ HD 3D T.V. 2nd prize a freestanding BBQ and 3rd prize a Micro Hi Fi.

Sue Becker
Principal
Prep Information
Every prep student received a school entrant health questionnaire form recently. These forms should have been returned by Tuesday 14th February. If you haven’t returned your form please return it this week. The forms will be collected by the School Nurse Sally Sanders.

Education Maintenance Allowance
Any parent who has a health care card needs to complete a new EMA form for 2012. Your health care card must be valid on the 1st February 2012 and the 16th July 2012 for the second installment.

The closing date for EMA applications is Wednesday 29th February, 2012.

Late claims cannot be accepted.

The EMA system does not roll over previous years EMA claims. Please call in to the office if you have any questions.

Parents’ Club Annual General Meeting
At the Annual General Meeting on Monday 20th February all positions were declared vacant. Congratulations to our new office bearers. The new joint Presidents are Tracey Morris and Jodi Fokkens. Mel Maskey was voted in as Secretary. Details of the next meeting will be in the newsletter next week.

Aims of Cowes Primary School Parents’ Club:
- to encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school
- to contribute to the wellbeing of the school community by fostering community spirit between school families
- to foster connections & support for families new to the area and the school
- to encourage a sense of pride through fundraising for projects to enhance the school environment

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.

Pauls collect a cap
Please keep collecting the Pauls collect a caps and donating them to our School.

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

- Friday meal deal has increased to $5.50
- Try our new Mrs Mac’s good eating spiced apple squares or apple custard squares $2.20

Aims of Cowes Primary School Parents’ Club:
Student of the week

Room 1  Emily Kelly
Room 2  Jemma Stimson
Room 3  Jessica McNamara
Room 4  Harriet Fallaw
Room 5  Oscar Marks
Room 6  Jacob Timmermans
Room 12  Jeremias Sprague
Room 13  Joel Thompson
Room 14  Beau McWaters
Room 15  Jayden Galea
Room 16  Oliver van Venrooy, Jayden Blood
Room 17  Jasmin Rooks
Room 18  Kalib Graham
Room 19  Connor Thompson, Jorge Gouraros
Room 20  Riley Wilson
Room 22  Tommy Nelson
COWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**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.

Hope to see you there! 159 Settlement Road Cowes
Cowes Primary School Fete Wristbands
This year we are again offering early purchase of all-day wristbands for the rides at the fete to Cowes Primary School students. The cost to purchase a wristband now is $15 per child. (On fete day the wristbands will be $25 each and single rides will be $5 each). This entitles each wristband wearer to unlimited rides If you would like to purchase wristbands please fill in form below and send to the office with money. The wristbands will be given to your child/ren.

SURNAME.................................................................
Amount enclosed ..................................................

1) Student............................................................... 2) Student............................................................

3) Student............................................................... 4) Student............................................................

Cowes Primary School Fete Helpers 2012
To offer your assistance, please fill in the form below and return to the school office.

Name................................................................. Phone..............................

Child................................................................. Room Number.....................
I would like to help at the fete : eg My child’s room fete activity etc

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Time..............................

Thank you for your assistance at this year’s Fete

Fete Raffle tickets
The eldest child in the school received a book of raffle tickets recently. Please call in at the office if you require another book or complete the form below and sent to the office.

Name................................................................. Phone..............................
Child................................................................. Room Number.................
Kilcunda–Wonthaggi Fun Run
Costs are:
3km walk/run, 5km walk/run and 10km run $25 (with T-shirt)
15km run and half marathon (21.1km) $35 (with T-shirt)
Under 16 $10 (entry only)
Under 8 entry by gold coin donation. T-shirt $20
For more details log onto www.basscoasttri.com

Annie’s coming to town
Starring Anthony Warlow & Nancye Hayes.
Tuesday 10 July & Tuesday 31 July
Show ticket & coach
$87.00 Concession & Child
Adult $112.00
Full payment on Booking
Phone 5952 1042

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

Zumba for kids is back in Cowes!
with Miss Jojo starting Thursday February 23rd
4:00 - 4:30pm - 4 to 6 year olds
4:30 - 5:15pm - 7 to 12 year olds
Cowes Cultural Centre (next to info centre)
$7 per class / $36 for 6 week term
Call Jojo on 0433 767 987 for more information.

Phillip Island Club Pack
Are you 8-10 years old? Interested in having fun, being adventurous and doing something out of the ordinary?
Then the Phillip Island Club Pack is for you.
Ring Wendy on 5956 8776 for more information.

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.

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 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
Carer Self Care and Support Group
Interchange Central Gippsland with the support of Uniting Care Gippsland is running a carer support group for carers of children with a disability. The group is a great opportunity to meet carers with similar experiences and aims to assist carers in looking after themselves. The group will learn about different disability and community supports and will hear from a range of guest speakers from different service providers. The group will also have the opportunity to continue meeting once the four sessions are completed.
Eligibility: Parents, Carers and Families of children with a disability, residing in South Gippsland and Bass Coast shires.
Dates: Wednesday 7 March, Wednesday 21 March, Wednesday 4 April and Wednesday 18 April, 2012
Time: 10am – 2pm.
Where: Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha.
RSVP: To Cathy Brooker by Wednesday 29 February, 2012. Ph: 5662 0925 or 5127 7979, or email cathy@icg.asn.au
Cost: NIL
Other: Bookings are essential as places are limited. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided at each session. This project is made possible through the support of Uniting Care Gippsland who is funded by the Australian Government under the Communities for Children Program.

Amber’s Mobile Hairdressing
Providing style and sophistication at affordable prices 0437 224 898.

Wonthaggi & District ASD Support Group
Supporting parents and carers of children who have autism Parents and carers of children who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (autism, aspergers syndrome, pdd-nos etc) are warmly invited to attend the following meeting of the Wonthaggi & District ASD Support Group. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month during school term.
Next meeting:
When: Wednesday 7th March 2012
Time: 10.30am til 12.30pm
Where: Inverloch Community Hub
Large meeting room that opens out to the playground
16 Abeckett Street, Inverloch. All welcome (including kids) to join us for a cuppa and a chat. We also carry information on services in the local area that are available to families. Any enquiries, please call Julie on 5657 4248. or Franki on 0410 645 613, email: franki@hopkinsdesign.com.au Yvonne Waite - Parent To Parent Gippsland. Supporting parents of children with disabilities through information, support, Self advocacy and linking with other parents Providing disability information to professionals
Work hours: 8:30am - 4pm Mon - Thurs
p: 03 51 353 131 // m: 0430 209 641 // freecall: 1800 010 453 // f: 03 51 356 140
PO Box 3032 Gippsland Mail Centre Vic 3841
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Ready To Make Changes?
Jason Crestani, Your local child & adolescent registered Psychologist & qualified teacher. Counselling. Parenting strategies. IQ tests. Yes, he does see adults too! Medicare rebates. Ph 5956 6071 BH

Housekeepers/Cleaners Wanted
Cowes Resort requires housekeepers for regular Friday work. Experienced required but training available on site. Working hours between school drop off and pick up.
Contact: Heidi or Stuart Hawking
Phone 59 52 2188 between 9am & 5pm

Market on Chapel
At the Uniting Church, Corner of Chapel St & Warley Ave, Cowes.
Date: Saturday 25th February 2012
Time: 9am until 1pm.
Great range of products and produce.
Enquires Faye 5952 5905 or 0407 815 087.

Tennis Lessons for Adults
Don’t let the children have all the fun!
Want to get fit? Want to meet people in a fun friendly environment? Want to learn the basics of tennis? Then this is for you!
Sessions are as follows:
Inverloch Monday 7.45 to 8.45pm
Leongatha Tuesdays 1.30 to 3.pm.
Korumburra Wednesdays 1.30 to 3.pm
Phillip Island Fridays 1.30 to 3.pm.
To book simply email Matthew Pocklington via email: info@southgippslandandtenniscoaching.com.au

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.

Phillip Island Soccer Club
Club Registration Day is : Thursday 23rd February 4pm to 6pm.
Training starts 1st March all at Newhaven Oval 4.30pm 7’s 9’s 11’s.
Enquires contact Daren 0412 349 893.