The Pen / Tech free day last week was very successful. The students all enjoyed the variety of activities and learning experiences their teachers offered. We are compiling a hard cover book of the activities which were provided and a rundown of the events will be available on our website. As a result of such a successful day, we shall now hold a Pen / Tech free day once a term.

Congratulations goes to Jordan Smith and Matilda Freeman who were both awarded the Ray White Reading Award at Monday’s assembly for their excellent progress in reading.

Last week’s Music Camp was also highly successful; the students loved the opportunity of being able to devote two days to playing musical instruments and strengthening their musical abilities. Next week at assembly they will be performing for us, which we are all eagerly looking forward to.

Cowes Primary School will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week in Week 8 of this term. It will be from Monday, August 29th until Friday, September 2nd. National Literacy and Numeracy Week helps to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy in school and beyond. To help mark the week, classes will be participating in a variety of different activities. As part of the fun, we will be holding a whole school dress up day on Tuesday August 30th. Students will be asked to come as their favourite book character. A parade of characters will take place at 9.00am on this day. We hope to see you all there.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Cowes Primary School in the BER building (Grade 6 end) on Tuesday September 6th, Wednesday September 7th and Thursday September 8th. The fair will be open before school from 8.30am-9.00am and after school from 3.30pm-4.00pm. This has been a very popular event in recent years and with the school community’s support we have been able to raise much needed funds to support our Literacy and Library programs. More information about the book fair will come home with your children in the coming weeks.

We have been most fortunate that two of our local Churches have donated funds to assist us in supporting our welfare programs. The Minister from the Baptist Church, Craig Semple, provided us with $500 worth of food vouchers from the IGA. This will contribute greatly to our program, which will assist families in times of need. Mr Glen Davidson, a representative from the Uniting Church, presented a cheque for $500 to our school welfare program at assembly on Monday. Our Welfare Program, which is managed by Mr Kelsey, is a very successful program, with many of our children and families benefitting from all that our school has to offer. Mr Davidson spoke very highly of our Welfare Program hence the reason they wish to support our welfare initiatives. These kind donations to our program go a long way in providing much needed resources.

On Friday the 12th August, 38 female students attended an AFL super clinic held at Inverloch. Over 200 girls from the school district attended the clinic and they were treated to some fundamental football skills and drills from AFL Gippsland.

Today our girls and boys football teams are representing Gippsland in the State Football Championships in Melbourne. It is an amazing achievement to reach this level and we wish both teams all the best for the day. Tomorrow our girls and boys basketball teams are competing in the district basketball playoffs at Wonthaggi. We also wish both of those teams all the best for the day.

Four talented spellers from the Years 5 and 6 won the Cowes Primary School Spelling Bee held last week. Winning the year 5 competition was Trelise Smith of Room 20 and runners-up was Finn Cashman of Room 18. Dale Robinson of Room 21 won the Year 6 competition and was closely followed by Jeremy McIntosh of Room 19.

Today those four students attended the Vicspell - Bass Coast Zone Final, at Wonthaggi Primary School to compete against the district’s best spellers. The anxious drive over was spent conscientiously studying and testing each other on possible spelling words. All four students managed the pressure cooker conditions with maturity and courage. The spelling bee is held under formal conditions and is unforgiving if the slightest error is made. At the end of the day our students performed well. Jeremy McIntosh made it into the final round for the year sixes before he was stumped and his campaign came to an end. Congratulations to all four participants on their excellent efforts.

Sue Becker
Principal

| Mon  Aug 22 | Year 1/2 C.Y.C Camp |
| Tue  Aug 23 | Year 1/2 C.Y.C Camp |
| Wed Aug 24 | Yr 6 Urban Camp starts |
| Fri Aug 26 | Yr 6 Urban Camp returns |
Art Show
Cowes Primary School & Early Learning Centre
Tuesday, September 6th - Friday, September 9th 2016
Free entry during school hours in the School Gym

Art Auction
Friday, September 9th 2016
6.30pm - 9.30pm
Early Bird Tickets: $15.00 per person
Tickets on the Night: $20.00 per person
(includes 1 complimentary drink & canapés)
Tickets available from PIELC and School Office
Cowes Primary School Values
Suggesting, Persuading and Negotiating
Whether at school or at home, we all encounter times when we need to persuade or negotiate with someone for something. We could have suggested a game to play with our friends or a particular way to complete a task. Whenever we’re looking to persuade someone, the relationship we’ve already established with them can determine how easy or difficult it will be for us to convince them to agree. This doesn’t mean that if our relationship is good that we don’t have to prepare and do our homework in order to effectively persuade. It does mean, however, that if our relationship is solid we already have a good rapport and an established sense of trust. Once we have that, it’s more likely that the other person will hear us out and consider our request fairly. Making sure your relationships with others are strong and positive before you need their support can go a long way in the persuasion process.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open each Monday of the school term at 8.30 to 9am. Orders can also be left at the office.

Fleecy jumper Special
Uniform shop has fleecy jumpers half zip size 10 only for sale at $20.

Welcome to Camp Australia
After School Care
Our operation hours are 3.30pm-6.00pm
After school care contact number- 0424 483 477.

Vic Spell—Bass Coast Zone Final
Left to Right: Finn Cashman, Trelise Smith, Jeremy McIntosh, Dale Robinson.

Urban Camp
The Year 6 Urban Camp is on Wednesday August 24 to Friday August 26.
The final payment for Urban Camp was due Wednesday August 10.

Sovereign Hill Year 5 Camp
The Year 5 camp to Sovereign Hill will be held from Wednesday 31 August to Friday September 2.
The final payment of camp was due Thursday August 11.
The Annual Fathers’ Day Stall is on Thursday September 1.

If you would like to participate please send your child with $1 to $10 to purchase presents.

Each class will participate during their school day.

Adults helpers are always welcome. Please come along at 9am if you are able to help.

Your help is most appreciated.
Monday August 15

Room 6  Room 12  Room 13  Room 15  Room 22  Room 24
Lincoln Smith  Blayde Rogan  Bella McIntyre  Quinn Oxley  Dorsen Perez. Ty Amato  Georgia Niven
Eliza Slorach  Charlee Maxwell  Ryder Dixon  Jameson Ritchie  Felix Fothergill
Student of the week

Monday August 15

Room 1  Kai Spokes, Taylor Lucas
Room 2  Thomas Redmond Tao King
Room 3  Tye Schmidt
Room 4  Sam Bennett
Room 5  Ella O’Driscoll
Room 7  Alexis Maxworth, Hazel Burke
Room 18  Nate Waters, Finn Cashman
Room 19  Oscar Kenter
Ray White Reading Award

We are pleased to give this award to a student in Year Three. He has worked consistently to improve in all aspects of reading. He attempts to use the new phonemes he has learnt to work out unfamiliar words and has also increased the number of sight words he knows. He is beginning to read less predictable texts and practices at home on a regular basis. It is lovely to hear him read more fluently and with expression. This has resulted in an improvement in his comprehension skills. Congratulations Jordan Smith

The recipient of today’s Ray White Reading Award is a highly motivated reader who enjoys a broad range of fiction and non-fiction text types. She always reads for meaning and has demonstrated excellent inferring skills, by using the clues in the text and her own knowledge to gain a deeper understanding of characters, plot and the author’s message. She has enjoyed engaging with all of our reading comprehension strategies, including: self-monitoring; questioning; and summarising. She is a very fluent and expressive reader who observes punctuation accurately. Congratulations Matilda Feehan on your dedication to reading.

Pictured are Matilda Feehan, Leah Formosa from Ray White and Jordan Smith.
Our Veggie Garden

Charlotte Hadrian, Lewis McLaren, Archie Ross and Millie Bennett all agree that fresh is best. The students are reaping the benefits by harvesting the carrots that were planted from seed.

Xavier Godena, Bailey Leed, Oscar Carrol and Max Kelsey working on the tyre wall at the yesterday veggie garden last week
Our Veggie Garden

Students enjoying the sunny weather at the Veggie Garden today.

Front row Left to right: Fred Hunt and Haley Carbis
In back ground Jack Huther.
Cowes Primary School Senior Concert

We are very excited to let you know we will be conducting a Senior (Years 3-6) School Concert this year. The students have been excitedly rehearsing and preparing throughout the term, and they cannot wait to put on a great show for you all.

The theme of this year’s concert will be ‘Cowes Sings Rock v Pop’. It will be held at the amphitheater on the Cowes Foreshore on the night of Thursday 20th October. There will be an inclement weather backup date on the 27th October.

There will be no tickets to this show, just a gold coin donation on the night. We are hoping it will be a really fun night for the whole school community, to share and celebrate the hard work of the students. We are encouraging people to bring their picnic rugs to sit back and relax, whilst enjoying the entertainment.

I will be sending more information home regarding the event throughout the term.

Thank you,
Simon Nolan.

Senior Band Camp

Last week the Senior Band camp was held at the CYC Camp. The students had an excellent time learning new songs, improving their musicality, and fine-tuning their performance skills.

The band is very excited for the school community to be able to hear them play in the near future.

Thank you to Jo Savona for all her hard work whilst at camp.

Photo – Back row from left: Poppy Marshall, Isla Ormond, Laura Vivian, Leo Savona, Dylan Cleary.
Front Row from left: Kye Godena, Elijah Fokkens. Absent: Orland Kane-Gillard
AFL Super Clinic

On Friday August 12, 38 girls attended an AFL super clinic at Inverloch. Over 200 girls from the district attended the clinic, which was conducted by AFL Gippsland. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves getting into the spirit of the game with tackles and speckies. Skill stations were set up around the oval and when everyone had tried them all they participated in a series of five mini games of football. It was a fantastic day with all the girls improving their skills and learning about the game.


Right to left: Jade Anderson. Lilly Huther. Hannah Simmons.
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Inverloch & District ASD Support Group
Parents, family 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 Inverloch & District ASD Support Group
Our support group meets on the first Wednesday of the month during school term.
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm 7 September, 5 October, 2 November & 7 December
Where: Inverloch Hub – large meeting room that opens out to the playground. 16 A’Beckett Street Inverloch
Tea & Coffee provided at no cost
All welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat while the kids can play in the playground
We provide support, information sharing and social get-togethers. We also carry some information on services in the local area.
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Cheeky Goose
LICENSED FAMILY CAFE

Pulled Pork—Footlong $10.95 or Six Inch $7.90
Subway Cowes Shop 9, 119-135 Thompson Ave, Cowes

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TUESDAYS AT CHEEKY GOOSE

Pulled Pork with smoky BBQ sauce

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