Term two Lunches of Excellence were held this week. Once again these were of a very high standard. The work the children presented was quite remarkable for their age. The awards were well supported and very much appreciated by the families of the recipients.

Tomorrow is ‘Walk to School Day’. We are encouraging as many children and staff as possible to walk to school. I hope the weather will be kind to us. Fruit will be available at the canteen on arrival for those children who have walked to school.

A reminder that, the 2016 Premiers Reading Challenge is on again. Many children have begun the challenge and are reading copious amounts of books. If you would like your name published in The Age newspaper as participating in the challenge, please sign the permission form that has been sent home with your child. If you have not received a permission slip, please contact your child’s teacher or the office.

Every year, particularly over the colder months, we offer the children a variety of lunch time clubs. These clubs are organised by the teachers and they offer indoor activities such as Lego Club, drawing, singing, music and many more.

This year, Christian Religious Education is not offered during class time, however if you would like your child to attend a lunch time CRE lesson please contact Julie Holloway in Room 3 for more information.

The 2016 Interschool Football, Netball competition is being held tomorrow at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. We wish all of our netball and football teams all the best for the day.

Last Thursday, the Hub held a parent information night on ‘How to Support your Children in Literacy’. This was a very successful evening, with over 45 parents attending. The Director of the centre, Karen Treppo along with Kindergarten teacher, Lyn Hadley and Prep Co-ordinator Kylie Carlson, all presented the latest research on assisting young children with their oracy and literacy skills. The Kinder and Prep teams have put together some outstanding take home Literacy bags which are available on loan to families at the Hub. These bags are full of activities for the children to use which will assist in fostering numeracy and Literacy skills, preparing them for the school years ahead. These bags proved to be very popular and many were borrowed on the night.

Sue Becker
Principal
Cowes Primary School Values
This fortnights social skill focuses on ‘being positive’. A positive attitude will boost your motivation and you will start to achieve your goals quicker and easier. Buddha once said: “We are what we think.” This is why, it’s very important to think positive thoughts and believe that you can succeed in everything you do.

Prep Health Questionnaires
Each Prep student received a Prep Health Questionnaire today Thursday May 19.

Prep questionnaire please return by Friday May 27

Year 6 Urban Camp
The Year 6 Urban Camp is on Wednesday August 24 until Friday August 26.
The bus will depart school at 8am and return by Friday at approximately 5pm.
The cost of this fantastic camp is $300.00
A non-refundable deposit of $100.00 is required by Wednesday June 1.
Parents and Guardians have the option of paying the camp fees in a lump sum or 3 separate payments.
It is recommended that children bring up to $50 for spending money at the Victoria, Market. If they wish to participate in “The Edge” experience at Eureka Tower, they should budget a further $10.
Please return the medical form, permission slip and first payment which is non refundable by Wednesday June 1.

School Dates
Monday June 13 is the Queens Birthday public holiday.
Term 2 finishes on Friday June 24 at 2.30pm.
Term 3 commences on Monday July 11.

Camps sports & excursions
Applications will not be processed unless a copy of your health care card is presented with your application. If you have already sent your application form to the office, please call into the school office between 8.30 to 4pm with your concession card.
The closing date for applications is Friday June 3.

Sovereign Hill Year 5 Camp
The year 5 camp to Sovereign Hill will be held from Wednesday 31 August to Friday September 2. The bus will depart school at 8:00am Wednesday and return at approximately 2:00pm on Friday.
We will be staying at the Sovereign Hill Lodge. The cost of the camp is $250.00
A non-refundable deposit of $100.00 is required by Friday June 17.
Second payment of $80.00 is required by Thursday July 21 and the balance of $70.00 is due no later than Thursday August 11.
The permission form and medical form must be completed and returned WITH the deposit by Friday June 17.
Every Year 5 Student has received a notice about Camp today.

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

We're taking it in our stride tomorrow Friday May 20 2016

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day ask that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School day journey for tomorrow Friday May 20, 2016

A fruit breakfast will be available for all students who walk to school.
Walking School Bus for Friday May 20

Bus 1 – Shearwater leaving at 8:15 from the junction of Settlement and Coghlan Rd

Bus 2 – Seagrove leaving at 8:15 from the junction of Settlement Rd and McKenzie Rd.

Bus 3 – Katherine Cct leaving at 8:10 from the junction of Katherine Cct and Chloe Close.
# Student of the Week

**Monday May 9**

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Pumpkin scones for sale

For sale at the vegie garden on Monday May 23.

$1.00 each
'Hip Hop' with Karleeanne

Karleeanne Chau inspires 5/6 students during her Hip Hop session during Friday sport time. Her skilled presentation, challenging routines and groovy beats attract large followings in this regular activity. Fun, rhythm, coordination and team building are valuable skills that imparted during this session. Thank you Karleeanne for your energy and enthusiasm.
Phillip Island Junior Landcare
Family Day

When?
Saturday 21st May
10.00 - 2.00

Where?
Scenic Estate
Phillip Island Rd opposite Forrest Caves

We invite kids and Mums and Dads to join us for a day of fun and learning at this unique remnant of Phillip Island’s original vegetation. You’ll find out something of its colourful history and help us with the removal of weeds and the monitoring of birds in its vegetation and mini-beasts in its wetlands. Look for the landcare sign on the road and meet us in the carpark at 10 am. Be sure to wear suitable clothing.

Lunch Provided
For bookings and further information please contact Peter Baird on 0413 445963, peter.baird@basscoastlandcare.org.au by Thursday May 17.

*This project is supported by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme.*
Australian Government
Mobile Service Centre

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:
Cowes Anglican Church car park, Thompson Ave
COWES
Friday, 20 May 2016 9 am to 3.30 pm

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation. If the assistance you’re after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
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  **Wednesday June 1**
3 August, 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.

For more information, please Google the Autism Gippsland website. Any enquiries, please contact Julie on 5657 4248 or Tona 0407 622 949 tonaleo@me.com
Need help spelling, reading and writing?
English and Maths Tutoring
Primary and Secondary
Corina Suidgeest
B.A. Vis Arts, Grad Dip Ed
0435 502 693
corina.suidgeest@gmail.com
Teaching literacy using the Spalding method.
We can de-code the English language by learning phonograms
(letters and groups of letters) and the sounds they can make.
Learn spelling and the rules of English systematically.

Phillip Island Tennis Club
Wednesday Junior Tennis
We are most fortunate to have obtained the services of MICHAEL RAPSON to conduct these sessions this term.
Michael is one of only fourteen people in Australia to have obtained an INTERNATIONAL COACHES PROGRAM CERTIFICATE from the BOLLETTIERI TENNIS ACADEMY in the USA.
He was mentored by the person who coached Andre Agassi and Maria Sharapova, so has learnt from the best!
Michael coached his son who now runs a successful Tennis Academy in Germany (Base Tennis).
Michael intends to make the sessions FUN for the children, no matter what their skill level.
He will be working on the MENTAL, PHYSICAL, TECHNICAL, TACTICAL, STRATEGICAL and ENVIRONMENTAL aspects of EACH child.
Michaels background as a LIFE COACH & TENNIS COACH will have a positive impact on your child. This is a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of Michaels' expertise. WEDNESDAY SESSIONS COMMENCE at 4pm and finishes at 5pm at the Chapel Street, Cowes Courts. Cost: $30 per child for non members and free for members per term. For more details contact Michael on 59566920 or 0411 205 087.

Tutoring
Erica Coleman Bachelor of Education Degree (Primary)

Develop skills and strategies for Primary School Students in areas such as:
• Mathematics
• Reading
• Writing or
• Spelling.

**Working with Parents, Students & Teachers to build confidence or improve areas of weakness highlighted in mid or end of year school reports.

Erica Coleman: 0400 599780 (mobile)