Thank you to the following people who have nominated to be on School Council. We do not have to hold an election as the number of people who nominated matched the number of vacancies we had.

Our new Parent Members are; Stephen Murphy, Damian Prendergast, Nicholas Peck, Dugald Cameron and Brad Evans. Our returning Parent Representatives are, Amy Luke, Brendan Cashman, Brendan Hickman, Terry Robinson & Natasha Crestani. Our new DET employee representative is Jo Savona. Our returning DET employee representatives are Kevin Love, Rod McKenzie and Chris Wickes. As Principal I am the Executive Officer of School Council.

Our Community representative will be Karen Treppo who is the director of our Early Years Centre.

Our first meeting will be held next Monday 23 March at 6pm in the conference room. We shall begin with the election of the office bearers.

Our fete is fast approaching. All grades will be responsible for a stall. The class teachers will be distributing a notice asking for assistance. If you have anytime on this day, March 8 (Sunday of the long weekend) please complete the form and return it to your child’s teacher. Previous fetes in the last couple of years have paid for interactive whiteboards in every classroom, the new junior school playground and the shade sail.

This year we have the added attraction of Laser Tag. Pre purchased unlimited ride tickets including the Laser Tag are being offered at the reduced price of $15.00. On the day of the fete the ride tickets for a day pass will be priced at $20.00.

We are seeking donations of new good quality items for our silent auction, clothes and second hand items for our second hand goods stall and second hand books.

We would also like to borrow a number of marquees if any families have one that we could borrow for the day would be greatly appreciated.

On Monday March 16 we have a school closure day when all the teachers will be attending a workshop on Words Their Way. This is a new spelling program which will be introduced into the school in the coming months.

Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who assisted with both our school swimming sports and the district swimming sports. Congratulations to all of the children who competed so strongly and achieved their PB’s and those that competed and had lots of fun doing so.

Today we are had the World’s best riders from the Super Bikes visit us before lunch. The children were able to ask them questions and hear their discussions about being on World Super Bike teams and traveling the world.

Sue Becker
Principal
Setting Goals:
As we have now settled back into a new school year, each class has been discussing the importance of setting learning goals. When setting goals it is important to ensure they are ‘smart’:
- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Realistic
- Timely
“It’s a dream until you write it down and then it’s a goal”

Cowes Primary School Values
One of the most important skills any person can develop is the skill of listening. Listening involves a lot more than hearing. Listening means concentrating on what the other person is saying and giving them your full attention. To show someone you are listening, look at the speaker and respond in some way. This could be by nodding your head or responding with a question or statement.

You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time.
M. Scott Peck

We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.
Epictetus

National Ride 2 School Day
Cowes Primary School will be participating in National Ride 2 School Day on Friday March 13. Together with the Phillip Island BUG group, we are encouraging students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing an active way to travel to school.
If you are interesting in helping out on the day please see Todd Cleeland (Room 12).

Book Club
Please remember that orders are not being taken at school. All orders for books must be done through the Scholastic Book Club Website as explained in the letter sent home with each catalogue. If you have any questions you can leave your details with the office and I will give you a call.
Thanks Kevin Love.

Important Dates for 2015
- Monday 16 March - Pupil Free Day
- Monday 23 March School Council meeting 6pm
- Term 1 finishes on Friday 27 March at 2.30pm.
- Buses will operate as normal but depart the school at approx. 2.40pm.
- Term 2 begins on Monday 13 April.
- Friday 21 August - Pupil Free Day.
- Monday 2 November - Report Writing Day

Active After School
The Federal Government funding has ceased for Active After School Program. The Federal Government is working on a new initiative which may start mid year.

Announcements and Messages
A reminder to parents that we no longer make afternoon announcements. Please ensure your child/ren know what to do at the end of the day. If you feel a reminder is needed please write it in your children diary.

Term Planner & Canteen menu
The Term planner & Canteen menu were sent out with the eldest student last week. If you haven’t received one please call into the office.

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

Room 1  | Jorja Lomagno, Jack Cavanagh
Room 2  | Kira Mascaros
Room 3  | Xavier Le Serve
Room 4  | Stephanie Liberman
Room 5  | Shanikah Austin
Room 6  | Taylor Lucas
Room 7  | Joey Thompson
Room 8  | Ethan Tilley
Room 9  | Mia Caile
Room 10 | James Cameron
Room 11 | Jack Mascaros
Room 13 | Ava Marshall
Room 14 | Annabelle Mercer
Room 15 | Charlotte Hadrian
Room 16 | Khiah Egan-Lee
Room 19 | Amber Inglis
Room 20 | Tom Zorzut
Room 21 | Max Brown
Room 22 | George McCausland
Room 24 | Maddie Hosking
Cowes PS Swimming Carnival Cheer
On Wednesday 11 February Cowes Primary School held their annual Senior School Swimming Carnival at the school pool. The swimming sports provide a great opportunity for all students to swim in a variety of races, showcasing the skills they have learnt over the years through the swimming program at the school. The students are able to participate in 50m, 25m and 12m races, allowing every student from Grade 3 – 6 to be able to participate on the day. The students sit with other members from their house and are proficiently led by their enthusiastic and helpful house captains. Each time the students swim they earn points for their house.

The results on the day saw Anderson in 5th place, McHaffie in 4th, Phillip in 3rd place, Bass in 2nd and Churchill taking out the swimming title for the year. On the day an Individual Medley was also swam with times compared across all age groups. This year’s winners were Jude Grace and Maddison Stone, who received their medallions at the carnival. Congratulations must also be made to CPS teachers, who won back-to-back teachers verse parents verse Grade 6 students!

Thirty-one students qualified to represent the school at the District Swimming Sports, competing against other school in the Bass Coast area. Well done to all students on their outstanding efforts.

Maddison Stone and Jude Grace are the Cowes Primary School Individual Medley Champions and are pictured with Diddy Cuthbertson. (Representing Cowes Primary School)

Bella Ross, Harriet Fallaw and Stevie Hower are all thrilled with their results at Cowes Primary School Swim Carnival last week.
We need your unwanted records and old compact discs

Rm 19 will be running a record store at the fete and turning your old unwanted 33’s and 45’s into new and creative products. Please send your unwanted records and album covers to room 19. Any albums regardless of the artist will be fantastic for the pieces of art that they will become.
Thanks in advance Will Morgan and Grade 6 students of Room 19.

Mystery Bottle Stall
We are looking for donations for our fete stall. Please bring a wrapped bottle to Rm 4. Ideas could be shampoo, soft drink or a delicious sauce for example (no alcohol please). Wrap the bottle, to try a disguise its contents and let someone pick up a surprise on the 8th of March.
Thanks in advance for all your kind donations.
Emma Moore and the students in Rm 4.

Chocolate Toss Stall
Room 10 is holding the Chocolate toss stall at the fete this year. If any one would like to donate block of chocolates, packets of fun size chocolates or freddo frogs for the stall, it would be very much appreciated.
The donations can be given to Room 10 or drop into the school office.

Recycled Books, Games & Puzzles
If you have any unwanted books, games & puzzles at home and would like to donate them to the fete, please bring them to the school office.

Recycle 2nd Hand Goods & Clothes
If you have any recycle 2nd hand goods (not electrical items) or clean unwanted clothes and would like to donate them to our School fete, Please call the office to arrange where they can be left prior to the fete.
Cowes Primary School Fete

Buy a plot in the Cowes Primary School Fete

COW PAT LOTTO!

$10.00 per plot

At the upcoming fete, Room 1 is coordinating the Cow Pat Lotto. We have secured the services of a cow and the owner of the plot number in which the cow makes a deposit will win $200. If the deposit covers more than one plot, the plot with the majority wins. If the deposit is split evenly, the money will be divided evenly. Get in early for your chance to choose a number and be in the running for the prize money. Plots are now for sale in Room 1.
Be part of the official GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

‘LARGEST GATHERING OF PEOPLE DRESSED AS PENGUINS!’

Saturday 7th March 2015
9am - 11am (official count at 11am)
Penguin Parade car park, Phillip Island, Australia

Get your entry form at www.goodfridayappeal.com.au

Entry: Adults $25, Children (under 12) $20, Family of 4 $80
Your entry includes a penguin costume that is yours to keep after the official counting!

Pick up your costume from 9am on the day or at the Lions Depot, Dunsmore Rd, Cowes, Saturday and Sunday, 10am - 1pm
Proceeds from the day will be donated to the Good Friday Appeal.

For more information, contact Phillip Island Lions Club Inc - tlhughes@iprimus.com.au
PHILLIP ISLAND LIONS CLUB INC.

OFFICIAL FORM for
Largest gathering of people dressed as Penguins
SATURDAY MARCH 7th 2015

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Direct Debits to Phillip Island Lions Club Inc. BSB 083-593 ACCOUNT 515753327

*must quote your Surname as a reference with all debits

Cheques made payable to: Phillip Island Lions Club Inc.

COMPLETED FORMS POSTED TO:
Phillip Island Lions Club Inc.
P.O. Box 118
Cowes, VIC 3922

CLOSING DATE
FEBRUARY 28TH 2015

ALL ENQUIRIES
Trevor Hughes Ph 5952 5194
tlhughes@iprimus.com.au

Help raise proceeds for Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal 2015
Bass Coast Youth Assist Clinic

**Bass Coast Youth Assist Clinic**

**OPENS** February 24, 2015
**Tuesdays 1pm to 5pm**
**For 12-25 year olds**
Wonthaggi Medical Group
(Biggs Drive entry, first door opposite the bus stop)

SAFE & CONFIDENTIAL!
For all health concerns including:
- Coughs and colds
- Aches & pains
- Sexual health
- Alcohol & drug issues
- Mental & emotional wellbeing

No appointment needed
JUST DROP IN!

Phone 03) 5672 1333

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There is more than one way to keep your loved ones safe

Phillip Island Fire Brigade

Volunteers working together to protect our community

Interested?

email: pifire.vol@gmail.com
Need help spelling, reading and writing?
English and Maths Tutoring
Primary and Secondary
Corina Suidgeest 0435 502 693
B.A. Vis Arts, Grad Dip Ed
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.
Help with essay writing and text analysis for Secondary students.

Wonthaggi & District Netball Association 2015
Free Skills Training
Net-Set-Go & Registrations
For the month of March our association will be holding a fun-filled skills hour from:
4pm – 5.30pm All age groups & new players welcome.
To be held every Thursday commencing
March 5th – March 26th 2015
Above enquiries – Vicky Donohue – 0430 150 551
Registration Feb 26th & March 5th at courts 4-5.30pm
Registration Enquiries - Fiona Wilson - 0434 612 492
Net-Set-Go - Enquiries - Kylie Strickland - 0407 482 958
Website: www.wonthaggidna.vic.netball.com.au
Facebook : Wonthaggi & District Netball Association Inc

Health & Fitness
Time to do something for yourself & take control of your health & fitness?
Currently places available to join my Yummy Mummy Group PT class on a Monday morning and/or THUMP Boxing class on a Wednesday morning! These classes are ideal for parents of young children wanting to return to exercise, you can bring bubs and pre-school age kids along, so not having a sitter need not be an excuse, equally you don’t have to bring kids to join, if exercising during school hours suits, then it’s perfect for you too! Give me a call to secure your place or to find out more information. Nat Kohler, Registered Personal Trainer, Hot & Healthy PT. Ph: 0418 332 372.

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 on 59 52 2188 between 9am & 5pm.

Junior Football Training Times
Under 13’s (born in 2002 & 2003)
Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:45pm and Thursdays 4:30 – 5:45pm
Commencing Thursday 26th February 2015 4:30pm
Under 11’s (born in 2004 and 2005)
Tuesdays 4:15 – 5:30pm and Thursdays 4:15 – 5:30pm
Commencing Thursday 26th February 2015 4:15pm

Fundraiser for the Stillbirth Foundation
✦ High Tea & Silent Auction & Raffle
✦ 1pm to 4pm $75.00 each.
✦ Performance by Bass Coast Ballet School &
✦ The Harmonizers
✦ To be held at The Nobbies Centre Phillip Island
✦ To purchase tickets contact: Christine 0413 837 597
Presented by Indie’s Voice for Angel Babies in honour of Indie Sienna Ticehurst.