As you would all hopefully be well aware our fete is on this Sunday. Thank you to everyone who has returned their boxes with attractive goods. They were a lot bigger than the baskets, we will reduce the size next year from the feedback we have been given.

Don’t forget to return your raffle tickets please, even if you don’t sell them so we can sell them on the day.

We are still after second hand goods, books, 5 cents, and more helpers for the grade stalls. If you have an hour to spare I know the teachers would appreciate assistance at their stalls.

You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents.

In response to the report's findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy.

As a result of any changes to the Department's policy, we will work with our school council to update our own policy.

We don’t expect any changes until later in 2015 and we will let you know well in advance.

The Department's parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year.

We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, on a yearly basis and notify you of any changes through our newsletter and on our web site.

Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents’ expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer.

Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child's learning, such as books and stationery, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities.

Our policy also sets out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed (for example, to assist with new building and grounds works, or purchasing library and sports equipment.)

As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please call me. Hopefully I will see you all on Sunday.

Sue Becker
Principal
COWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fete

SUNDAY 8th MARCH  10 am – 2 pm

Come and enjoy a fun day with the family. There is something for everyone which includes:

• Laser Tag
• Rides
• Animal Farm
• Devonshire Teas
• BBQ, Hot Food
• Pancakes
• Fairy Floss
• Homemade Cake Stall
• Showbags – Lucky Dips
• Craft Stall
• Raffle
• Pre-loved Books, Clothes & Toys
• Plants & Produce

Raffle
1st Prize – helicopter flight, plus 1 night of accommodation at Silver Water Resort;
2nd Prize – crayfish and a bottle of champagne
3rd Prize – meat tray donated by Bunyip River Meats

Hope to see you there! 177 Settlement Road, Cowes
**Chocolate Toss Stall**
Room 10 is holding the Chocolate toss stall at the fete this year. If any one would like to donate blocks 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 left at the school office. Thank you for your help with our stall.

**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. Your help is appreciated from Room 22.

**Recycled 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 into the office to arrange where they can be left prior to the fete. A big thank you for your help from Room 24.
Dunk Machine Is Back!

Come along to the C.P.S Fete and dunk your favourite school celebrity!

Prices: $2 per throw or $5 for three throws.

Happy Dunking!
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.
Cowes Primary School Values
The school social skill for this fortnight has been ‘Having a go’. Every day at school students are faced with new challenges in their learning and are expected to ‘have a go’ at new things. It is important to always ‘have a go’. ‘Nothing is impossible. The word itself says “I’m Possible”’. – Audrey Hepburn
‘Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new’. – Albert Einstein

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 interested in helping out on the day please see Todd Cleeland (Room 12).

Good Friday Appeal 2015
If you wish to donate to the Good Friday appeal 2015. Donation envelopes will be sent out shortly.

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 ends on Friday 27 March at 2.30pm.
♦ Buses will operate as normal and will 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.

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**

Monday 2 March

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**Cowes PS South Gippsland Division Swimming Finals**

On Friday 27 February, 19 Cowes Primary School students represented their school at the South Gippsland Division Swimming Finals held at the Korumburra 50m outdoor pool. The swimming sports provide a great opportunity for all students to swim in a variety of races, showcasing the skills they have mastered over the years through the swimming program at the school and extracurricular swimming club and training. The student’s behaviour and results on the day were extremely pleasing. This year CPS walked away with 3 new records. The 9-10 Girls 50m Freestyle relay, made up of Matilda Grace, Hannah Simmons, Jorja Newman and Lexi Walton, set a new record of 2:56mins, 9 seconds faster than the former record. Other individual records recorded for the day were Ky Kleevan in his 11 Boys 50m Backstroke, finishing in 42 seconds. Jude Grace broke not one but two new records, finishing his 12/13 Boys Breaststroke in 43 seconds, and his 50m Butterfly in 39.2 seconds. Congratulations to all competitors on your brilliant efforts, and to the parents for their support on the day.

Twelve students have qualified to represent the school at the Region Swimming Sports. They will compete against other schools in the Gippsland area on Thursday 12 March at Sale. Well done to all students on their outstanding efforts.

Dale Robinson, Tom Niven, Josh Cichowski, Ky Kleevan

Below Hannah Simmons, Maddison Stone enjoying the Swimming Carnival

Sunny Lumsden, Jude Grace, Ky Kleeven & Max Walton
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 - tihughes@iprimus.com.au
PHILLIP ISLAND LIONS CLUB INC.

OFFICIAL FORM for

Largest gathering of people dressed as Penguins

SATURDAY MARCH 7th 2015

ENTRY NUMBER

Name

Address

State Postcode

Contact Details
Phone

Email

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Payment Method please ☑

Credit Card □ Visa □ Cheque □ Direct Debit □ *

Name on card

Card Number

Card expiry date

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

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

Help raise proceeds for Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal 2015

CLOSING DATE
FEBRUARY 28TH 2015
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

SAT 21 MAR 2015
1-4PM @ NOBBIES

FUNDRAISER FOR
THE STILLBIRTH
FOUNDATION AUS

High Tea & Silent Auction

Presented by Phillip Island Fire Brigade in honor of Jules Sienna Tielman born sleeping on the 2nd of December 2013

Sat 21/3/15 1-4pm
Nobbies Centre
Phillip Island
Tickets $75

High Tea, Silent Auction & Raffle!

Performances by Bass Coast Ballet School & The Harmonizers

6 Babies a day are stillborn in Australia

Help raise money for stillbirth research

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:
Christina
0419 837 597
stillbirthfoundation@hotmail.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.

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. Phone: 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.

Free 2 trampolines  
All springs working, no fence.  
Call Bhavani. Phone 0457 148 921.

Garage Sale at Rhyll  
Date: Saturday 7 March. 8am to 1pm  
Where: 3 Rhyll/Newhaven Rd, Rhyll.  
NO EARLY BIRDS. Desk, Queen Size Bed, tiles,  
Dressing table, Motor bike gear. bull bar, children chairs, books, games, hiking backpack, ceramic water filter, coffee machine, bric a brac.

Dean Luke Guitar School  
Phillip Island guitar lessons designed to achieve musical goals, cater to musical preferences and help each student become the guitar players they want to be.  
Call to book a FREE, no-obligation guitar lesson.  
Dean 0490 137 621 phillipislandguitarlessons.com

Lost Bomber Jacket  
Evie Ward Room 16 has lost brand new named bomber jacket at Regional Swimming Sports, if any one has picked it up by mistake please take it to Room 16 or bring it to the office.