Some children in each class will then progress to Round 2 where they will receive another 25 words to learn over the next two weeks. This will be to find our overall individual winner for each class.

We are down to the final couple of weeks for the Friday PSSA League Tag competition. Some great results have emerged from both teams over the past couple of weeks. The Junior team had their best game of the season last week when they beat Hornsby North 5–2. Today they played against the best team in the competition, Mt Colah, and played very well before eventually losing 10–5. Holly J and Grace were the Players of the Match. The Senior team continue to display excellent team work each week. Last week they won against Warrawee 7–6 with the match winning try being the best of the game. They played very well again today against Berowra winning a tight match 6–5. Natasha and Millie were the players of the match.

On Monday 24th November, the whole school will be attending their second excursion for the year to the city. All children in K–3 will be visiting the Australian Museum. Yrs4-6 will be visiting State Parliament House to continue their studies on Government. It should be an enjoyable day for all. Just a reminder that permission notes and money for the excursion need to be sent back to school by next Wednesday. It would also be very much appreciated if all Term 4 costs be paid by Wednesday so the school can have its finances sorted by the end of our Financial year, which is the 30th November.

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Year 6 will be holding their annual Mini Fete this year on Thursday 27th November. Years 5&6 have started their planning for the day and a note about the day will be going home early next week. A BBQ will again be running on the day so all students can purchase a sausage sandwich for their lunch. There is also a water fun afternoon being planned for after lunch. The Mini Fete is a fundraiser that Year 6 hold to help pay for the cost of the Year 6 Farewell and also a Year 6 gift to the school. Just a reminder that the Year 6 Farewell is being held on Thursday 4th December at Asquith Golf Club. All Year 5 and Year 6 students attend the evening. Family members are also welcome to attend the official part of the evening.

A reminder about our end of year events:
- Wednesday 10th December is the date of our end of year Presentation Night.
- The whole school will again be attending a fun day out at Dangar Island on Friday 12th December.
- School reports will be going home on Friday 12th December.
- Our Platinum award winners will be having their special day out, or trip, on Tuesday 16th December.
- The final day of the school year is Wednesday 17th December when a Talent Quest will be held.

As you can see, lots still happening at Cowan.

Until next time.
Paul McSweeney
Principal

Cowan’s Adventure Writing Day 2014…
Your children were immersed in a day of grammar, punctuation and exciting story ideas. Together with the talented Adventure Team including Armita, Jack, James, Gabby, Jacob, Maddie, Sam, Imogen, Miss Daly, Mrs Ruzek, Mrs Jansons and I, the children were guided and inspired in the art of Adventure Writing. This was Cowan’s first Adventure Writing Day and from the positive responses, it hopefully will continue next year.

Equipped with a Writing Buddy, a writing resource pack and their imaginations, the students visited many stimulating and interesting lands to learn more about what makes a fantastic adventure story. They toured in four groups throughout the day: The Commas, The Full Stops, The Question Marks and The Exclamation Marks.

The Land Of Story Beginnings welcomed everyone to experience the importance of a powerful beginning sentence. The children enjoyed watching a smorgasbord of short film clips from adventure movies to inspire their opening lines.

The Land Of Picture Words presented the author’s tools of similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification. The talented Mrs Ruzek demonstrated the amazing use of metaphors in a story.

The Land Of Senses, lead by the gifted Mrs Jansons, presented the author’s tools of using our sense of touch, hearing, sight, and smell to dress up our descriptions.

The Land Of Characters, lead by the skilled Miss Daly, explored the importance of developing characters in a story.

The Land Of Muscle Words demonstrated the power of synonyms. The children loved learning and punching out more descriptive words from the use of a Thesaurus.

The Land Of Story Endings welcomed everyone back to share some of their writing and learn about different story endings.

The day concluded with a fun game of Hero Matching Treasure Hunt around the COLA.

Many teams completed writing their stories throughout the day and these will be published. Many of these stories will be entries in the John Heffernan Writing Award for Excellence.

Thank you, Lynne Scanes

Book Fair Continues…
A reminder that books are still available for purchase for one more week. Please see Mrs Scanes, or Mrs Hope in the school office, if you are interested in viewing the book collection.

Scripture Christmas Service…
This is happening at school on Monday (17th). All students are welcome to attend the service. This will be the last scripture day for this school year.

75th Anniversary Books, T/Shirts & Pens… These are available, so if you haven’t yet bought a book, a T/Shirt or a pen, these can be purchased from our School office.
OOSH...
A reminder that OOSH is available Monday to Friday, before and after school. Please contact Meryl Sykes, or look on our website, for further information. http://www.cowan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/school-p-c/before-after-school-care.

Award Books…
Keep those award books coming in each week. A reminder that students are only presented with one award each week (from 5 mini merits). Please make sure that award books are handed in by 8.50am Thursdays for presentation at assembly on Fridays.

Whole School Excursion…
K-3—Australian Museum
Yrs4–6—State Parliament House
Notes have gone home regarding this, and should be completed and returned, along with payment.
• Monday 24th November
• By train—meet at Cowan Railway Station at 8.30am
• Wear full school uniform, including school hat
• Bring morning tea, lunch and water in an excursion bag
• $15 per K-3 students
• $10 per Yrs4–6 students

Year 6 Fete…
A note will go home early next week regarding this, but in the meantime:
• Thursday 27th November
• Sausage Sizzle $3.00 / sausage sandwich (pre-order)
• Day’s Activities $2.00 / student (pre-order)
• Mufti wear.

Yr6 Farewell…
Notes will go home soon with Yrs5&6 students regarding this. The evening will be held at the Asquith Golf Club on Thursday 4th December.

Term 4 Costings…
Invoices have gone home and these amounts should be paid as soon as possible at the school office:
K-2 $33  Yr3 $108
Yrs4&6 $23  Yr5 $58

Presentation Night…
Details at present:
• Wednesday 10th December
• Wideview PS

P&C SPOT
• Cowan Cuisine: The cookbook is here! Come and collect your copy, for just $20, at the school office.
• Bunnings BBQ: Saturday 13th December. Volunteers needed, so write the date in your diary now.
• Next Meeting: Thursday 20th November at 9am. All Welcome.
• Rehearsals—Wednesday 10th December. This will be by bus to and from Wideview PS with a consent note going home soon.

Cake Days...
Our next cake day is Wednesday 3rd December with the Shirley, Duncan and Adnum families providing. Thank you to these families in advance. If your child forgets their cake money on cake day, we do allow IOUs, however, we ask that these be paid by the following cake day.

Red Day Lunch Orders…
Our next Red Day Lunch Ordering from Cowan General Store is Friday 28th November.

...and information from our DEC Website…
Future Leaders Program
An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary/ for primary school programs and http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/ for secondary schools.

Understanding Climate Change
Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth’s climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

Little Aussie Songsters Competition
The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready For High School
Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php
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School Admin Officer: Mrs Carina McSweeney
Teacher’s Aide: Mr Tim Rowland
General Assistant: Mrs Lynette Hodder

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Positive Behaviour Focus...

Week 6: **RESPECT**
- ACCEPT others’ differences and be KIND to all

Week 7: **RESPONSIBILITY**
- Take OWNERSHIP of your actions
- Be TIDY and look after your belongings

**RESPECT**—ACCEPT / be KIND:
Some people look/are/behave/think/learn differently to us. Everyone needs to feel accepted at school and in life. Being kind and showing courtesy to all shows that we accept our own and other people’s differences and that we want to help others feel good about themselves, which can make us feel good too.

**RESPONSIBILITY**—Take Ownership:
Taking ownership of your actions means being taking pride in trying to do the right thing, but then being honest when you’ve done something wrong and learning from your mistakes. It is your own responsibility to look after your belongings, but you can also help everyone to keep the whole school tidy.

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