



NEWS BULLETIN

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday 24 March to
Friday 28 March**
Life Education Van

Friday 28 March
Harmony Day 1.00 pm

Friday 4 April
1J Formal Assembly
1.00 pm

Saturday 5 April
P & C Working Bee
9.00 am Infants Memorial
Gates

Thursday 10 April
Easter Hat Parade K-2
P & C Meeting 7.00 pm

Friday 11 April
ANZAC Service
LAST DAY OF TERM

Allergy AAA School
this means that children,
parents, carers and visitors
are asked TO NOT WEAR
anything scented as we
have children with severe
allergies in our school.

**Please: NO nuts
(including nutella)**

SCHOOL BANKING

MONDAYS



Principal's Report

Our students have attended a wonderful, free performance by Lorin Nicholson this morning. This has been made possible by the generosity of the Condobolin RSL.

Lorin is a motivational speaker and guitarist who has shared personal stories about overcoming the enormous challenges of living with blindness to become a successful musician, sportsman, student, businessman, father and all round achiever. His stories have assisted students to learn more about overcoming negativity and peer pressure, teasing or bullying, respect and inclusion, and about striving for excellence.

Life Education Van

Healthy Harold is visiting the school this week. All students will be able to participate in lessons, however the work booklets will only be available to students that have paid. The cost has been reduced from \$11.00 to \$5.50 due to the sponsorship of Barrick Gold. Money will need to be sent in by Thursday morning.

Year 6 Shirts

Miss Rutherford will be sending the order for the Year 6 shirts at the end of this week. We ask that parents provide the size and arrange payment of \$33.00 by this Friday so that your child does not miss out.

The Year 6 shirts will be able to be worn on Fridays and Transition to High School days only.

Head Lice Out and About

Please re-check your child's head for signs of eggs or lice. If found, treat as soon as possible to limit the spread of these critters. There are a number of chemical treatments that can be used, or the mechanical method using conditioner. Whichever method you use, the important thing is to remove all eggs from the hair shafts. Until this happens, re-infestation will occur.

If everyone does a re-check and treatment now, we may manage to beat these 'beasties'.

School Fees

The voluntary school contributions at Condobolin Public School are very reasonable. Invoices were sent home last week to all families outlining the amount of fees due.

P&C Meeting

The decision was made at the last P&C meeting to change the meeting dates to the second Thursday of each month to allow for the reconciliation of banking prior to each meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10 April.

AECG Meeting

The next meeting of the AECG will be held at St Joseph's primary school on Tuesday, 8 April from 11am. All interested parents, carers and community are welcome to attend.

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Working Bee for Anzac Day

Parents are invited to join in a working bee on Saturday, 5 April at 9.00 am to clean up the gardens near the Memorial Gates at the Orange Street entrance to our school. Helpers are asked to bring their own gloves and tools.

Deb Nay
Principal



Canteen News



If you are able to help in the canteen please contact
Jasmine at the canteen on 6895 2703 - 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Week 9			Week 10			Week 11		
Mon	24/3	Jenny Kiss	Mon	31/3	Need Help	Mon	7/4	Jenny Kiss
Tues	25/3	Need Help	Tues	1/4	Abby Grimshaw	Tues	8/4	Vacant
Wed	26/3	Need Help	Wed	2/4	Need Help	Wed	9/4	Karen Farr
Thur	27/3	Ce Whippy	Thur	3/4	Amanda Coe. Ce	Thur	10/4	Ce Whippy
Fri	28/3	Ce Whippy; R Ries	Fri	4/4	Ce Whippy, R Ries	Fri	11/4	Ce Whippy

Friday Special: Sausages, Mash, Peas & Carrot \$5.50

Recess: Ice cream & Jelly \$1.00

ALL lunch orders need to be in brown or white paper bags, as this is what the lunch order goes in to the classroom. Lunch and recess orders need to be separate.

PBL NEWS

The focus in week 5 is: **FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS**



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P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE



The P & C are conducting an Easter Raffle and are calling for donations towards this. Any items relating to Easter (chocolates, easter eggs, stuffed toys) would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the school canteen by Monday 7 April. The raffle will be drawn 10 April at the Easter Hat Parade.

WORKING BEE

Parents, Grandparents and community members are invited to join in a working bee on Saturday 5 April at 9.00 am to help clean up the gardens near the Memorial Gates at the Orange Street entrance to our School.



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LACHLAN CHILDREN SERVICES

Vacation Care

14– 24 April

Book now to ensure your child's place.

Ph: 6895 2280



FIRST CHILD TAX OFFSET

In 2001 the government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset'. If you have any child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement, so please check this entitlement out.

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Serving The Heart of New South Wales

Dear Parents & Students,

Condobolin Youth Services is holding a Skate park workshop as part of our Youth Week Celebrations.

We have Totem Skate School coming on Saturday 12th April at the Condobolin High School (Cola area) from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

We are looking for portable ramps that we can borrow for the day and hoping some students will lend them to us.

We will be providing a BBQ lunch with fruit and drinks so please come along and enjoy the skating workshop.

If you have some jumps we can collect them and return them to you that afternoon.

Please ring Heather Blackley on 0268 953301 for more information.

Below is a link for further information

<http://totemskateschool.com/event-calender/2014/4/12/condobolin-skate-park-opening>

Questions & Answers

What is the Peer Support Program?

The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to develop a range of skills and promote positive relationships. Modules are designed to equip young people with skills to deal proactively with life experiences, develop a sense of self, worth and belonging, and to encourage taking responsibility for decisions and actions.

How does the Peer Support Program work?

Trained Peer leaders facilitate structured activities with small groups of younger students for 30 minutes each week for 8 sessions. A teacher supervises several groups which include two Peer leaders and multi age groups of 8-10 younger students.

How can I support the Peer Support Program in my child's school?

Discuss with your child the activities, concepts and understandings they are developing each week. This helps to foster a positive connection between school and home.

The Peer Support Program develops the key concepts of:

- ❖ sense of Self
- ❖ resilience
- ❖ connectedness
- ❖ sense of possibility.

For more information about your school's Peer Support Program contact the Peer Support Coordinator at your school.



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The mission of Peer Support Australia is to provide dynamic peer led programs which foster the physical, mental and social wellbeing of young people and their community

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Getting Started

supports students to develop
the skills to
become an effective and
positive participant in a
peer led group.



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About Getting Started

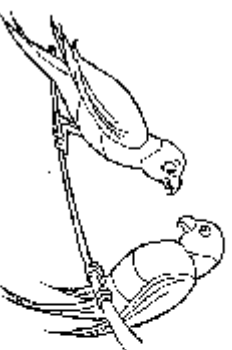
Getting Started is a 2 session module designed as an introduction for schools who have not previously implemented the Peer Support Program. This module will support students to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to become an effective contributor to a peer led group. The focus is on working together and establishing a peer led approach to learning in groups. Interpersonal and communication skills are developed within a safe, supportive learning environment.

Getting Started develops the following skills:

- ✦ interpersonal
- ✦ communication.

These sessions provide Peer leaders with the experience of explaining activities to students and managing a group, thus smoothing their transition to a leadership role.

Getting Started is not designed as a stand alone module. When combined with another module focusing on relationships, optimism, resilience, values or anti-bullying, Getting Started will assist Peer leaders to build their confidence to lead the group, strengthen the bonds of mutual empathy and respect and maximise the outcomes for all students.



Why Peer Support?

Peer Support Australia recognises a student's mental health is an essential component of their wellbeing. Students who feel safe and connected to their school are more likely to experience academic and social success. They are also better equipped with coping strategies should they encounter challenges in their lives.

The Peer Support Program aims to provide a positive and safe learning environment for students and staff and can be a powerful tool for bringing about positive cultural change in your school community.

The Peer Support Program is a valuable learning experience for students in conjunction with other strategies to develop skills so that young people can

- ✦ take responsibility for their own wellbeing
- ✦ deal positively, proactively and resiliently with their life experiences
- ✦ be actively involved in, and supported by, their community.

A 3 year longitudinal study by the University of Western Sydney in 2003 confirmed the Peer Support Program has a positive effect on young people and their school communities.

"The Peer Support Program ...provides an excellent mechanism for facilitating social interchange across year groups and hence, creating a positive school climate." Dr Ellis, 2004

Benefits for my child

All participating students benefit from the Peer Support Program by

- ✦ building confidence to actively participate
- ✦ learning life skills through fun and safe activities
- ✦ forming positive relationships
- ✦ practising cooperation and collaboration

Benefits for my school

The school community benefits from the Peer Support Program by

- ✦ building positive relationships across the school
- ✦ building a safer and cohesive community
- ✦ providing a core of trained and skilled leaders
- ✦ enhancing mutual empathy and respect
- ✦ promoting responsible citizenship
- ✦ enhancing the school profile



PEER SUPPORT

Peer Support will be commencing in Term 2. Year 6 students will be trained as leaders on Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April. The aim of the program is to develop skills and strategies to build better friendships. The program will run for Term 2 on Tuesday afternoons for 8 weeks. At this time Kindergarten will not be involved in the program. (Further information attached to this newsletter)

Linda Porter
Peer Support Leader.



Harmony Day Celebratory Assembly
Friday 28th March - 1.00 pm - School Hall

A warm invitation to the Community to partake of our classes celebrating the 2014 theme of Harmony Day *'Everyone Belongs'*. Children are presenting class displays about community, social and environment involvement in today's world through literature, drama, visual arts and music.

Come along and join our festivities - perhaps have recess with your child as well.

The Harmony Day Committee.



Library News

A gentle reminder - Book borrowing for children: 'take home story books'

Tuesday Classes: 5C 3S 1J 1P K6L

Wednesday Classes: KR KS 2O 1/2T

Thursday Classes: 6R 5/6R 4S 3/4M

Enjoy the read - as reading gives you SUPER POWERS.....

Mary L'Estrange
Librarian.



Attendance Trophies last week

were awarded to Classes

6R (accepted by Allira Brandy and
Luke Hodgess)

KS (accepted by Emma Barnes
and Levi Johnson)



Condobolin Garden Festival

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April

DESIGN A GARDEN IN A POT

Suggestions

- Dinosaur Garden
- Succulent Garden
- Gnomes Garden
- Dump Truck Garden
- Fairy Garden

Sections

Preschool - 3-5yrs

Infants - Kinder to Year 2

Primary - Year 3 – Year 6

Drop off Friday 4th April to the SRA Hall between 3.30pm – 5pm to Jodie Chamen

Pick Up Sunday 6th April at 1pm – 2pm



PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH SECTION