



NEWS BULLETIN

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6 November
3B Formal Assembly.

Wednesday 11 November
AECG Meeting 11.00 am
Public School

Thursday 12 November
P & C Meeting 7.00 pm

Friday 20 November
Kinder Orientation Day
5/6P Assembly

Friday 4 December
K-2 Christmas Concert
12.45 - 1.30 pm

Friday 11 December
Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 15 December
Presentation Day
12.30 pm in Hall

Wednesday 16 December
Last Day Term for
Students

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

Congratulations go to the Condobolin High School students and staff who performed in the musical, *Grease*, last Friday and Saturday evenings. I was proud to see our past students show confidence and skill when performing, whether as one of the main characters or as a member of the chorus. We have some talented young people in our community

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Outbreak

After an outbreak of whooping cough in our community last term, it has been confirmed in a small number of students at our school. It is important that if your child displays any symptoms of Pertussis (whooping cough) that you take them to the doctors with a copy of an attached letter for a simple swab. Your doctor can advise whether Pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have Pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

To help prevent this infection spreading, children who have been diagnosed with Pertussis **should not attend school until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics.**

We advise parents not to bring young babies, particularly those that have not been immunised, to the school to reduce the chance of them contracting Pertussis.

Western NSW Public Health Unit has provided additional information about whooping cough in this newsletter. The fact sheet and letter are attached.



KB performing for the grandparents day.

Book Fair

Our thanks go to the students and parents that supported the Book Fair last Friday. With over \$4,000 worth of books being sold, our school received \$1,000 commission in the form of books for the school library.

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Information Sessions

Last Tuesday afternoon, some of our Year 2 students and their parents participated in an information session about transition into Year 3. Mrs Fyfe provided information around some of the differences and similarities between Year 3 and Year 2, including those identified by our current Year 3 students. A range of questions were asked and answered, as well as a visit held to the current Year 3 classrooms.

A number of parents and grandparents visited students in the K-2 classrooms on Friday as part of our second L3 Open Day. Our visitors were provided with an overview of the Language, Learning, Literacy (L3) program and some of the activities that were to be seen in classrooms before moving into classrooms to watch L3 in action. Children in Kindergarten were involved in guided reading lessons and independent activities, Year 1 students displayed their skills with writing about axolotls, and Year 2 classes were involved in reciprocal reading lessons.

Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to attend the formal assembly this Friday in the hall starting at 1pm. The students in 3B will be performing.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting is at Condobolin Public School next Wednesday, 11 November at 11am. All interested Aboriginal parents and carers are invited to attend.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 November at 7pm in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Deborah Nay
Principal

PBL NEWS

Focus this week: **Following Instructions**



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Canteen News



Now available at the Canteen:

Lunch Wallets - reusable lunch order bags - \$12.00

Insulated Lunch Wallet - \$14.00

Thursday & Friday Special

Caesar Salad Tub - \$4.00

Caesar Salad Wrap - \$5.00



VOLUNTEERS

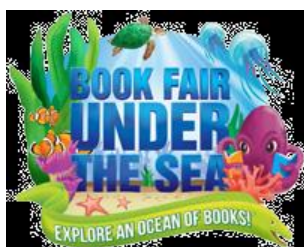
Wednesday	4 Nov	Tanya M		Wednesday	11 Nov	Stacey
Thursday	5 Nov	Need Help		Thursday	12 Nov	Cee
Friday	6 Nov	Nat McD		Friday	13 Nov	Cee, Trynie
Monday	9 Nov	Janine		Monday	16 Nov	Jenny
Tuesday	10 Nov	Helena		Tuesday	17 Nov	Abby

[If unable to help please contact canteen - 68952703](tel:68952703)



Physical Culture - lessons this week (4/11/15)
will be in the Public School hall.

Grandparents Day Assembly



Our Annual Book Fair 'Under the Sea' was a huge success. Thank you students, parents and teachers. We raised a total of \$4,275 in book sales. Our commission of \$1,710 was allocated to new book purchases in the library.

Remember - explore an Ocean of Books and a trove of narrative treasures.



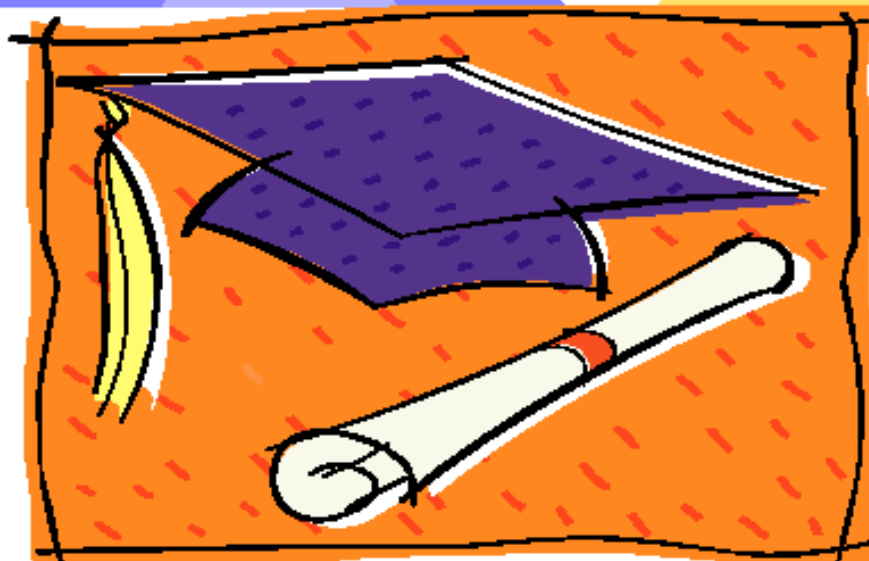
Awards to be handed out at this week's 3B assembly at 1.00 pm

MERIT CERTIFICATES

KB	Ahokovi Moli-Burns	KR	Kade Haworth	1J	Ahriyah Porter	1P	Olivia Rennie
2S	Emma Patton	2T	David White	3B	Julious Coe	3/4F	Ryan Goodsell
4W	Jayln O'Hara	5S	Walter Smith	5/6P	Mark Whitla	6R	Harrison May
K6L	Taren Brown						

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

KB	Anique Hill	KR	Shanise Smith	1J	Mikaela Harris	1P	Angus Chamen
2S	Nicholas Cooney	2T	Nell Owen	3B	Allana Wighton	3/4F	Cooper Miles
4W	Joel Nagle	5S	Mackenzie Harland	5/6P	Molly Stubberfield	6R	Zac Manwaring
K6L	Lorraina O'Dell						



Year 6 Graduation 2015

Friday, 11th December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner : 5.30 pm-6.30 pm

(Year 6 students / official guests/ teachers only)

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony : 6.30 pm-7.00 pm

(Parents/Carers Invited to attend Ceremony)

Year 5/6 Social Dance : 7.00 pm—8.30 pm

(Year 5 & 6 Students Only)

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grusec

Raising Mighty Boys

Understanding what makes boys tick is the key to teaching and raising them. Here are twelve essentials in order to connect with our sons and help raise well-adjusted boys.

Raising and educating boys is a hot topic in Australia and other parts of the world. From my experience those adults who do best teaching and raising boys have a significant understanding of what makes boys tick.

Here are twelve key understandings that will help you regardless of your gender or family situation raise well-adjusted boys:

1 You must like them

Approval is at the heart of raising boys. Most will walk over hot coals for you if they know you like them. In a sense, this need for approval holds many boys back in school, as they can shut down for a teacher who doesn't like them. If you can feel comfortable with their boisterousness, live with their lack of organisational skills, and not be confronted by their in-your-face ways then the chances are that they'll respond to you.

2 Boys like to blend in

Boys are group oriented by nature. They want to fit in. They tend to play group games and form themselves into structured groups. Boys don't want to stand out from the crowd. Don't put them down in front of their friends and understand that they make poor friendship choices rather than be in a group of one. They'll generally prefer the wrong friends rather than no friends at all.

3 They are hierarchical by nature

Boys need limits and boundaries as they make them feel safe and secure. They like to know someone is going to enforce those rules, so don't be afraid to take the lead with them.

4 Many boys hide behind a mask

Some boys wear a mask to protect them from being hurt. The mask can take many guises including: 'tough nut', 'cool dude' and 'class clown'. Refuse to communicate with the mask. Make them feel comfortable, joke with them,

even tickle them. Do whatever you can to get behind the mask.

5 Boys are just as sensitive as girls

Despite the fact that research shows that boys are more easily stressed and more fragile than girls parents will ask daughters how they feel more often than they ask sons. Also when daughters get hurt, parents tend to comfort them more than they comfort sons. Boys are sensitive you just need to use different language to get them to open up than you do with girls. For instance, a boy will more than likely tell you how he feels if you ask him how he thinks about something. Also, he generally needs more time to process his feelings so bedrooms can become their caves that they'll retreat to when they need the space to work out what's going on in their hearts.

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6 Boys are tactile by nature

Ever noticed how little boys are more likely than little girls to pop new objects in their mouths? That's because taste and touch are two important ways that they take in the world. That tactile nature of boys needs to be nurtured, not ignored. One way is to hug them - lots! Boys need to be touched two to three times as much as girls to release the same amount of oxytocin (a feel-good chemical in the brain) that is released during a hug.

7 Boys learn from experience

Many parents know the extreme frustration that comes from imparting their wisdom on to their sons, only to see it completely ignored. If you have boys in your life then you need to get used to the fact that boys like to learn many of their life lessons for themselves. Experience, for better or worse, is a teacher that many boys can relate to.

8 Loyalty is a high driver

Understand that a boy's loyalty to his friends and family is a key driver and you'll unlock the key to the male psyche. They are incredibly influenced by their peers, which can hold them back, stopping many from getting too far ahead of the pack. Loyalty also gets many boys into strife with authority.

Call a boy's sister or friend an insulting name and you're asking for trouble!

9 Many boys' mouths don't work unless they are moving

If you want to have a serious or personal conversation with a boy then you are better off joining him on a walk. Face-to-face conversation can make them feel awkward, whereas shoulder-to-shoulder chats or conversations that happen during a game or activity seem to flow more naturally.

10 Boys need social scripts

Most boys need some didactic teaching about how to act and what to say to others at some stage in their life. Don't be afraid to tell boys of any age exactly what to say in new social situations as they can often struggle to find the words and the way to get their messages across.

11 Boys need a purpose to learn

If you want to motivate a boy to learn then you need to offer him tangible, short-term goals. He'll learn to play a musical instrument if he wants to be in a band; but get him to practise a musical instrument without a purpose and you'll probably be locked in a continuous struggle.

12 A boy's brain matures differently than a girl's brain

The maturation rate and sequence is different for boys than girls. For instance, the brain development in the first five years of life prepares girls for the rigours of school better than it does for boys. A girl's brain in that period is busy developing fine motor skills, verbal acuity and social skills, which are highly valued by parents and teachers. A boy's brain, on the other hand, is busy developing gross motor, spatial and visual skills, which are essential hunting skills. Unfortunately, there isn't a great need for these traits in primary schools these days!!

There's no doubt that raising boys tends to be more of a challenge for parents than raising girls. Understanding and appreciating the differences is a great start. However, I think parents who really connect well with boys somehow develop the wisdom to step as well as speak up at the right time, and the smarts to know when to stand back and allow their sons to work things out for themselves.

Michael Grose



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Health
Western NSW
Local Health District

Dear Parent or Guardian,

A child that attends Condobolin Public School has been diagnosed with Pertussis (whooping cough). I am writing to provide advice and to ask that you watch out for the symptoms of Pertussis in your child, especially over the next 3 weeks.

What is Pertussis?

Pertussis is an infection of the respiratory tract that can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people sick with Pertussis do?

If your child develops symptoms, please take your child and this letter to your local doctor as soon as possible. Your doctor can advise whether Pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have Pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

To help prevent this infection spreading, children who have been diagnosed with Pertussis should not attend school until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

How is it prevented?

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not provide lifelong protection, and re-infection can occur. Pertussis immunity wanes over time, therefore many older children and adults are susceptible to infection and can be the source of new infections in infants. Free vaccine is recommended for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months although the first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age. A booster dose is recommended at 4 years but this can be given as early as three years and six months of age. A second free vaccine booster is also provided to students in either Year 7 or Year 10 as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program.

Vaccination during pregnancy (preferably at 28 weeks) is now recommended and pregnant women in NSW are eligible for free whooping cough vaccine. Talk to your doctor today about vaccinations.

Need more information?

For more information, please see the attached Pertussis Fact sheet, or call the Public Health Unit on

(02) 6330 5880.

Yours sincerely

Jane Connolly
Surveillance & Public Health Nurse
per
Dr Thérèse Jones
Director Population Health

Enclosed – Pertussis Fact sheet

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Condobolin Public School
CPS Kindergarten Transition Program 2015
Term 4 Weeks 1 - 9

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4		27th October 1.00 – 1.30pm		29th October 1.00 – 1.30pm	
5	2nd November 1.00 – 1.30pm Stay and have recess and play till 2pm				6th December 1.00 – 1.30pm 3B ASSEMBLY Stay and have recess and play till 2pm
6		10th November 1.00 – 1.30pm Stay and have recess till 2pm		12th November 1.00-1.30pm Stay and have recess until 2pm	
7	16th November 1.00-1.30pm Stay and have recess and play till 2pm				20th November Orientation Morning 9.30 – 12.00
8			25th November 1.00-1.30pm Stay and have recess and play till 2pm	26th November 1.00-1.30pm Stay and have recess Until 2pm	
9					4th December K-2 Christmas Concert 12.45 – 1.30pm



Condobolin Public School Kindergarten Orientation Day

Friday 20th November 2015

**Held in the Kindergarten Classroom
9.30am – 12pm**

**We invite children starting school at
Condobolin Public School in 2016 to attend**

**For Further Information please contact our school office
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K-2 Assistant Principal**

**Ms Deborah Nay
Principal**

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