



NEWS BULLETIN

Strong Smart Proud

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 13 February
Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 17 February
PSSA Boys Cricket at Forbes.

Wednesday 18 February
AECG meeting 11.00 am
High School

Friday 20 February
LPSSA Swimming
Carnival

1J Formal Assembly

Friday 6 March
2S Formal Assembly

Western Swimming

Thursday 12 March
P & C Meeting 7.00 pm
Library

Friday 20 March
Harmony Day

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

Welcome to the 2015 school year. We are off to a busy start with our School Leader Assembly held this morning to induct our student leaders.

We welcome Ms Michelle Horvat to our school as Instructional Leader. Ms Horvat is filling the vacancy left by Mrs Goodfellow. She will be working mostly with the K-2 staff and students.

The staff and students have settled very quickly into their new classes. The regular visits from preschool and Head Start has seen our Kindergarten student's transition successfully to 'big school'.



There have been a few changes of role, with some teachers moving to full time work, and others sharing their skills across the school. We are fortunate to have the following team working with our students this year:

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KB Miss Buerckner
KR Mrs Rees
K6L Mrs Lynch
1J Mrs Jones (Assistant Principal – K-2)
1P Ms Porter
2S Ms Seagrott
2T Mrs Thompson
3B Mrs Bartlett (previously known as Miss Matthews)
3/4F Miss Rutherford (Assistant Principal – Yrs 3-4 + K6L)
4W Miss Willoughby
5S Miss Shipway
5/6P Mrs Packham
6R Miss Richards

Library Mrs L'Estrange (Assistant Principal Yrs 5-6)
Computers Mrs Helyar

Mrs Cavallaro and Ms Wright are our Support Teachers, while Mrs King is working with the Reading Recovery program. Mr O'Leary and Ms Sanderson will be working with a range of classes when teachers need to be released or are away.

Ms Marilyn Singh and Ms Dellis Richards are our permanent Aboriginal Education Officers.

We are fortunate to have a number of very capable support staff as well in 2015. They include Mrs Maria Bailey, Mrs Margaret Geeves, Mrs Kath Cowled and Ms Dorothy Davis in the office. Mrs Janet Sloane, Mrs Wendy Dargan, Mrs Joanne Tomlinson, Mrs Joanne Field, Ms Olivia Singh, Ms Stacey Ball, Ms Deborah Coe, Mr Timothy Weatherall and Miss Emma Wykes provide support to students in the classrooms. Mr Mark Whitla will be maintaining our school as our General Assistant.

Allergies and other health issues

Any students who have been identified of a severe allergy and have been prescribed an adrenaline injector needs to have an Action Plan completed by their treating doctor and provided to the school.

Students identified with asthma, diabetes or epilepsy are also being encouraged to provide Action Plans to the school to allow us to better manage your child's condition whilst at school.

We are a FRAGRANCE FREE school. It is important that students in the primary do not wear any scented deodorants. If students need to bring deodorants to school, these need to be of the roll-on variety, not aerosol.

Emergency Contacts

Each year we find that throughout the year, parents may change their contact details. Sometimes the emergency contact (the person we contact when the parent is not contactable) has changed.

To ensure that we are able to contact you in an emergency, please provide updated phone numbers, addresses and emergency contact details.

Uniform

All students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. If for any reason this is not possible, please send a note or contact the school. Boys should be wearing grey shorts, grey shirt, grey socks and black shoes. Girls should be wearing a gold shirt, navy skorts or skirt, white socks and black shoes.

Footwear is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents such as slips, trips and falls from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from damage caused by accidents such as falling objects. Canvas slip-on shoes do not provide appropriate protection, and generally come off when students are playing games. As such, **we ask that parents provide appropriate school shoes or joggers** in line with our uniform policy.

Our school has a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy. Broad-brimmed hats need to be worn by students when playing in the sun, including for sporting activities. Students who wear a cap will be asked to play in the shade.

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Lunches

We are fortunate to have a canteen that offers reasonably priced, healthy foods for students. We remind parents and caregivers that lunches need to be ordered by 9.30 am. The range of food offered is reduced after this time.

Please ensure that any lunches that need to be delivered to school are **dropped to the front office before 11.00 am**. Students become upset and miss out on play if they have to wait for lunches to be dropped at school. We remind parents that students are not permitted to leave the school grounds to collect lunches.

Helmets required

Students need to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle to and from school. This is a legal requirement. Anyone not wearing a helmet will not be permitted to ride to school and bicycles may be locked away until they have their helmet or an adult collects the bicycle.

Attendance

Last year we managed to improve the overall attendance rate of students from 91.4% in 2013 to 93.3% in 2014. This is a pleasing improvement, however students need to be at school every day unless too ill to attend. It is a legal requirement that an explanation is provided for all absences.

We will continue to implement the "It's Not Okay to Be Away or Late" program to recognize those students who have terrific attendance.

Holidays not exempt

The following information has been provided to schools:

*As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. **A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.***

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel during school term is necessary the following considerations apply:

- *If the principal **accepts** the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as "L" (leave).*
- *If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as "A" (Unacceptable).*
- *If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education . . . For that period the student's enrolment transfers to the distance education school.*

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is planned for this Friday, 13th February. **All students in Years 3 – 6 are expected to attend** the carnival as this is a school day and part of the school curriculum. We advise parents that students are not permitted to stay home on the day of the carnival.

Students in Year 2 who turn 8 years old by the end of this year **and can swim 25 metres** are also able to participate.

Notes have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible. We would appreciate any assistance that parents are able to give at the carnival.

Sports Captain Elections

The election of captains and vice captains for our four sports houses took place at the end of 2014, with these students being inducted as school leaders this morning. Our congratulations go to the following students.

House	Captains	Vice Captains
GILMORE	Michael Stanley Hayley-Grace Whiley	Christopher Harris Denisha Smith
KENDALL	Nic Manwaring Peyton Bevil	Mark Whitla Caitlin Keen
LAWSON	Toby Harding Brooklyn Maloney	Dominic Woods Tyrah Charles
PATERSON	Clarrie Harris Sophie Jones	Ian Nash Mackenzie Harland

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Sport Day

School sport days have been changed for this year. K-2 will have their sport on Thursday. Years 3-6 will be on Friday.

SRC Class Representatives

Within the first few days of the new school year, students in each of the Year 2 – 6 classes elected two representatives for the Student Representative Council (SRC). The following students were presented with badges and made their pledges this morning at our special school leaders assembly:

2S	Gemma O'Bryan	Zane Saunders
2T	Nell Owen	Tyler Bell
3B	Annika Sutton	Oscar Todd
3/4F	Nadia Hopkins	Ryan Goodsell
4W	Keiriana Dargin-Clark	Louis Todd
5S	Billie O'Bryan	Walter Smith
5/6P	Chloe Richards	Darcy Hope
6R	Hannah McDonald	Amelia Dowling

AECG Meeting

The first Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting for 2015 will be held next Wednesday, 18 February at the High School AEO Room from 11.00 am. We would love to see any interested parents, carers and community come along to this meeting.

P&C AGM

All parents and carers are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C on Thursday, 12th March in the school library. The meeting will be held from 7.00 pm.

Road Safety

We all want the children of Condobolin to be safe on the way to and from school. Please find following some information in relation to fines and demerits in relation to drivers who do not follow road rules in school zones:

Deborah Nay
Principal

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

School Days
8am – 9:30am
2:30pm – 4pm

Offence	Penalty	Points
SEATBELTS		
Driver not wear seatbelt securely fastened & fitted	\$311	3
Drive with passenger 6mnths or older but less than 4yrs not restrained	\$311	3
Drive with passenger 4yrs or older but less than 7yrs not restrained	\$311	3
DRIVING ON PATHS,STRIPS OR ISLANDS		
Drive on path	\$415	4
Driver not give way to user on path	\$415	4
Drive on nature strip	\$415	4
MOBILE PHONES,TV &VDU		
Drive vehicle with TV/VDU image visible to driver	\$415	4
Drive using hand-held mobile phone	\$415	4
VIEW & CONTROL		
Drive motor vehicle with person or animal in lap	\$519	4
Drive without proper control of vehicle	\$519	4

Risk a child's safety & you could lose your licence. It's that simple.

School zones are patrolled by marked & unmarked police vehicles

NB – This is to be used as a guide only as penalty amounts & demerit points may change without notice. Not all offences are listed in this document.



Canteen News



Please note that there is a new menu and price list for this year.

PBL NEWS

Focus this week: Classroom Rules



Strong



Smart



Proud



School Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival is being held at the Condobolin pool on Friday 13th February.

Attendance at the carnival is compulsory for ALL children in Years 3 – 6 while children in Year 2 can only attend if they are turning 8 this year AND are swimming in an event on the day.

Children attending the carnival MUST go to the pool on Friday morning, DO NOT come to school. A teacher will meet bus children at the high school and take them across to the pool.

Lunch can be ordered at the pool on the day. Orders must be written on a bag and have child's name and sport house (not class name). Correct money should be in the bag PLEASE and handed in at pool canteen ON FRIDAY.

Lunch and recess breaks will be at the usual times.

All children need to take swimmers, a towel, sunscreen, hat, plenty of water and food for the day. Sports uniform should be worn.

We would like to have as many parents as possible come along and support their children on Friday, so why not bring a picnic lunch and a chair and head down to the pool on Friday.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH TIMEKEEPING, MARSHALLING, JUDGING OR STARTING PLEASE RETURN THE 'PARENT HELPERS NOTE' OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE TO RUN OUR CARNIVAL SUCCESSFULLY.

Kim King

Condobolin RSL Physie:

Physical Culture is a range of fitness and dancing at Condobolin RSL Club. Classes start this Wednesday 11 February.

Timetable: 3.30 pm - Pre-schoolers
6.00 - 7.00 pm - 13/1st/Seniors

4.00 - 5.00 pm - 5/6/7/8 years
7.00 - 8.00 pm - Ladies.

5.00 - 6.00 pm - 9/10/11/12 years



PSSA Boys Cricket

Our boys cricket team will be travelling to Forbes to play Forbes Public School on Tuesday 17th February.

All boys will need to return all permission notes to Miss Richards as soon as possible.

Miss Richards.

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Following are the subjects, due dates for entries and fees and cost of entering the International Competitions for schools:

SUBJECT	DUE DATE	COST
Digital Technologies (Computers)	23 rd March, 2015	\$8.00
Science	23 rd March, 2015	\$8.00
Writing	4 th May, 2015	\$17.00
Spelling	4 th May, 2015	\$11.00
English	16 th June, 2015	\$8.00
Mathematics	16 th June, 2015	\$8.00

If you would like your child (children) to sit for any, some or all of the above competition exams, please return the following form and entry fee by the due date. **Please return a separate entry form for each student with entry fees.**

Student's Name: _____	
Amount enclosed: \$_____	
Competition Exams Entered:_____	

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)	Date: _____



Got MONEY, HOUSING or CENTRELINK worries?



Thursday 12th February

9:00am – 3pm

Family Support Office

Cnr of Lachlan & William St
Condobolin

We can help you with:

- ✓ Unpaid fines
- ✓ Problems with your landlord
- ✓ Energy and phone bills
- ✓ Renting or buying furniture and appliances
- ✓ Centrelink debts
- ✓ Making sure you are getting the right
Centrelink payment
- ✓ Paying for funerals
- ✓ Superannuation and insurance

Free Lunch



For more info call *Jemima*: (02) 9219 5057



