



NEWS BULLETIN

Strong Smart Proud

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 18 February
AECG meeting 11.00 am
High School

Friday 20 February
LPSSA Swimming
Carnival

1J Formal Assembly

Friday 27 February
K-6 Disco
5.00 - 6.30 pm

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

Congratulations to Mrs King on a well-organised, positive swimming carnival. We would like to thank the parents, carers and high school students who assisted our staff with events or supported students in their house areas on the day. We would also like to acknowledge our students for their terrific sportsmanship at the carnival last Friday, being Strong, Smart and Proud. We had a larger number of students participating in the 25m events, with some students then gaining the courage to tackle a 50m event or even a 200m event.

Mrs King will be sending home notes today for students selected to swim at the Lachlan Zone Swimming Carnival this Friday, 20 February at the Condobolin pool. It is important that notes be returned by Wednesday, as any positions not filled may be offered to other students.

Thank you to parents who ensured that students attended the carnival. Your children have received a Green Award in recognition of their attendance and wonderful behaviour. Children in Years 3-6 who did not attend the swimming carnival or go to school on Friday will need to provide an appropriate explanation or medical certificate. Without either of these the student will be marked as having an unjustified absence.



Harry May (VC)
Molly Stubberfield (C)
Zac Manwaring (C)
Shaylee Saunders (VC)
cutting the cake after their
induction last week.



Our boy's cricket team
have defeated Forbes

Getting On Track In Time Parent Briefing

Getting On Track In Time (GOT IT!) is an early intervention program that will be implemented within our K-2 group of students this year.

A parent information session will be held this Thursday at 12 noon in the school hall. All parents and carers are invited to come along and learn more about this valuable program and meet with some members of the Health team supporting GOT IT! at Condobolin Public School.

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Safe Travel on Buses

In the past week, we have reminded students about the need to follow rules on the buses to remain safe. Where students are consistently following the rules and being Strong, Smart and Proud on the town buses, we have given students a Green Award. The students consistently displaying the appropriate behaviour on the country buses will also be recognised.

Please consider if there is a need for a responsible adult to supervise young children waiting to catch a bus before school to ensure that they are kept safe and happy.

Sports Update

Primary students have been involved in a number of sporting opportunities in the past week.

- Four students attended the tennis trials in Parkes yesterday.
- Miss Richards has travelled to Forbes with our boy's cricket team today for the first round of the Cricket Knockout.
- Lachlan Zone Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday. Only those students with qualifying times will be provided with a permission note. Receiving a ribbon in a race does not qualify a student for the Zone Carnival.

Attendance Policy Changes

This year, there have been a number of changes to the Attendance and Exemption from Attendance policies. Parents are reminded that family holidays should be arranged during school holidays. Where a family needs to travel during term, parents can make an application for extended leave. The following advice has been provided to schools:

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under [the Exemption from School - Procedures](#). Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes. . .

A principal should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons, should be specified on the application. . .

Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application. . .

Principals should request travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, and ensure this is attached to the application.

The most recent information about Compulsory School Attendance for parents is attached to this newsletter.

Uniform - socks

It has been noted this week that some students are not wearing the correct socks or footwear. Girls are to wear white socks. Boys are to wear grey socks, except on sports days when they can wear white. Coloured and patterned socks are not a part of our school uniform.

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.

AECG Meeting

The first Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting for 2015 will be held this Wednesday, 18 February at the High School AEO Room from 11am. We would love to see any interested parents, carers and community come along to this meeting.

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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.

Deborah Nay
Principal



Canteen News



**Please note that there is a new menu and price list for this year.
PIES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS are only available Wednesday to Friday.**

Congratulations to our canteen on gaining a 5 Star Accreditation rating.



PBL NEWS

Focus this week: Strong



Strong



Smart



Proud

At Condobolin Public School we want to reward students who are being STRONG, SMART AND PROUD.

Every day, teachers give students who make great choices 'good ones' that they can trade up for Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

Every fortnight we have a 'focus rule' for the whole school. At the end of each fortnight, teachers will be issuing STRONG, SMART, PROUD certificates for students who have been following that rule. There are up to five certificates that students can earn each term. This year, if a student has been STRONG, SMART and PROUD consistently, has good attendance and has not been on a level all term, they will earn the reward of a wristband (pink for Term 1). There are 4 to collect in the year. Students who collect all 4 wristbands will receive the banner award at the end of the year.

More information will be going home in the next few days about changes to our rewards and certificates but please encourage your child to be consistently STRONG, SMART and PROUD and to be attending school every day so that they can be a part of what we are doing at Condobolin.

Awards to be handed out at this Friday's assembly at 1.00 pm

KB	Ann Coe	KR	Indianna Saddler	1J	Silas Gallagher
1P	Keeley Sallows	2S	Arabella Blewitt	2T	Denver McCulloch
3B	Sharlette McDonald	3/4F	Catherine McDonald	4W	Angel Wheatley
5S	Vincent Gallagher	5/6P	Sophie Jones	6R	Hayley-Grace Whiley
K6L	Noah Wighton				

Personalised Learning Plans



Dear Parents / Carers

Class teachers will be sending home a letter during the week to invite you, along with your child, to attend an interview to discuss your child's learning and personal goals which they may wish to set and attain for themselves this year.

This opportunity will allow you to speak personally with your child's class teacher about the areas in which you want your child to improve and for you to learn more about the curriculum activities that your child will participate in throughout the year.

Please consider suitable times that may cater to you and your child, particularly if you have children in other classes. The Personalised Learning Plan meetings will be held on Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 4th March for K - 4 classes. Years Five and Six classes will have alternative dates. Further information will be sent home with students.

We look forward to building stronger links with families and getting to know you and your child better in order to support every child's learning ability and social development.

Ms Deborah Nay
Principal

WILLOW BEND SPORTS CENTRE'S



Class time: **Kinder - Year 6** Friday 3:30 - 4:30pm.

Classes may include games, sports, and fitness activities and a healthy afternoon tea snack and refreshments are provided at the end of each session. It's a great way for your child/children to be more active, learn new skills, and make new friends.

All sessions are supervised and parents are not required to stay while the class is on. We do ask however that children are picked up on time, as supervision is not provided outside class times.

Who: All children of primary school age.

Cost: \$9 or free for members.

Call 68954477 for more information



School Swimming Carnival 2015

Last Friday we held a very successful swimming carnival. Attendance at the carnival was very pleasing and it was fantastic to see so many children in the pool having a go at various events. Teachers were extremely happy with the Strong, Smart and Proud behaviour displayed by our children.

Many children who swam in the 50m championship events recorded excellent times and some children competed in all 6 events they were eligible for. This is a massive achievement for them. The 25m events were very popular with those children who weren't quite confident enough to attempt the 50m events. I'm sure next year many of those children will be swimming in 50m races. There was much cheering and sportsmanship displayed throughout the day and many children would have gone home feeling very tired and with very little voice left.

Congratulations to all children who competed on the day

Age champions were as follows:

<i>Junior Girl:</i>	Skye McDonald	<i>Runner Up:</i>	Mackenzie Harland
<i>Junior Boy:</i>	Ryan Goodsell	<i>Runner Up:</i>	Riley Keen
<i>11yrs Girl:</i>	Sophie Jones	<i>Runner Up:</i>	Arnja Hill, Hayley-Grace Whiley
<i>11yrs Boy:</i>	Toby Harding	<i>Runner Up:</i>	Malakai Keed, Jamall Dargin
<i>Senior Girl:</i>	Caitlin Keen	<i>Runner Up:</i>	Molly Stubberfield
<i>Senior Boy:</i>	Zac Manwaring	<i>Runner Up:</i>	Christopher Harris

The winning house this year was **KENDALL**. It's been several years since Kendall has won a swimming carnival so this was great to see.

These children will be presented with their trophies at an assembly. Parents will be advised of the date and time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and community members who volunteered to assist with timekeeping and handing out of ribbons last Friday. Without your support our carnival would not happen. We also had a group of year 11 high school students assist with timekeeping and lifesaving throughout the day. These boys did a fantastic job and we received many positive comments about their conduct, their positive attitude and the way they did their job. I will publish the names of all our volunteer helpers next week.

As a result of last week's carnival we have a squad of 23 swimmers attending the Lachlan Zone carnival this Friday here in Condobolin. These children will compete against children from Parkes, Forbes, Bedgerabong, Bogan Gate, Eugowra and Quandialla. These children will receive information and permission notes today. These need to be returned to class teachers TOMORROW please.

Kim King

Condo-Milby Football & Netball Club

Expressions of Interest are inviting interested persons for the following positions:

- * Senior Football Players
- * A, B & C Netball Players
- * Netball Coaches and Co-ordinator
- * Auskick Players and Helpers

All enquiries to Selwyn Brown: 6895 3737

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: _____

K-2 SPORT DAY

K-2 sport day is on THURSDAY. Please make sure your child is dressed in sports uniform each Thursday.

K - 6 'Summertime Disco'



When: Friday 27th February
Time: 5.00 - 6.30 pm
Cost: \$2.00 entry at the door
Theme: Summer time

Year 6 will be organising games, music and dancing.
SRC will be selling: Packets chips, hot food, popcorn, water and poppas.

Money raised will be to charity: *Stewart House*



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





**My child won't go to school.
What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/teach/school_leaving_options.php).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/teach/school_leaving_options.php

The school leaving age:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/teach/school_leaving.php

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement:

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

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