



NEWS BULLETIN

Strong Smart Proud

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 27 February
Assembly - Attendance
and CPS Swimming
Carnival Trophy
Presentation

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

Friday 27 March
Cross Country

Thursday 2 April
Easter Hat Parade K-2
Year 6 Cake Stall

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 congratulations go to the students who participated in the Zone swimming carnival last Friday. Fourteen students placed first, second or third in events and have the option of attending the Western Swimming Trials in individual events or as members of the Junior Boys, Senior Girls or Senior Boys relay teams.

Any student that is not available for representation at the State Swimming Carnival in Sydney on 25 – 26 March should not attend the Western Swimming Trials. It is important that the school be notified as soon as possible of any student not attending so that other students can be offered the opportunity to represent the Lachlan Zone.

Special mention was made by the President of the Lachlan Primary School Sports Association in regards to the tremendous support provided last Friday by the Condobolin High School students assisting at the carnival. It makes us proud when our ex-students are recognised for being Smarter, Stronger and Prouder.

Presentation of trophies from our swimming carnival will take place this Friday at the 1.00 pm assembly.



Getting On Track In Time Parent Surveys

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.

Surveys were sent home to parents last Thursday. We need a survey completed and returned for each K-2 student by Friday, 6 March. These surveys are passed onto the organisers of the GOT IT! program to help identify students that may benefit from more individualised support. Students will receive a ticket in the draw for an iPod Shuffle when they return their survey.

Ms Shirley-Ann Merritt (Condobolin Community Health) and Ms Sue Henley (TAP) are available to assist any parents who would like assistance in completing the survey. Please contact the school if you would like help.

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Parent Teacher Meetings

Teachers will be meeting with parents and carers of students for the next two Wednesdays. This brief meeting will allow teachers to learn more about their students and what parents and carers would like for their children in 2015. Students are encouraged to participate in this meeting.

If you have not made an appointment as yet, please contact your child's teacher to organise a time.

Explanation of Absences

An explanation is required for every student absence. This can be in the form of a note to the class teacher or a phone call to the office on 6895 2134. It is important that enough information is given so that we can determine if leave can be granted or if the reason is unacceptable – we cannot accept “family reasons” for an absence as it does not give enough information. Taking the day off school for non-medical appointments, birthdays, shopping or because a student cannot swim in the swimming carnival or doesn't want to participate in cross country or the athletics carnival are all unacceptable reasons for students to be away from school.

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.

Attendance Does Matter for Banner

In order for a student to be considered for a Strong, Smart, Proud wristband each term or a Banner award at the end of the year, all absences need to be appropriately explained. Please support your child in ensuring that they are only absent for valid reasons and all absences are explained within seven days. It is important that reasons are provided for being late to school.

School Disco

Students are invited to participate in the first disco for 2015 this Friday, 27 February at 5 – 6.30pm. The theme is “Summer Time” and the cost of entry is \$2.

Parents or responsible adults will need to collect students from the school hall at the end of the disco. No students will be permitted to walk or ride home unaccompanied.

Lunches

We are fortunate to have a canteen that offers reasonably priced, healthy foods for students. *The current canteen menu is attached.*

Head Lice

During the holidays, your children have spent time with other young friends and relatives from other locations. Sometimes this allows for head lice to be spread to a clean scalp. Could you please check for, and treat, any of these nasties as soon as possible. It is only through vigilance that head lice can be kept under control.

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.



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.

PBL NEWS

Focus this week: Smart



Strong



Smart



Proud



ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015

Last Friday, 25 children attended the Lachlan Zone Swimming Carnival here in Condobolin to compete against children from schools in Parkes, Forbes, Bedgerabong, Quandialla, Eugowra and Bogan Gate.

Our swimmers had a very successful day with many recording times faster than they swam at the school carnival.

A special mention must go to Ryan Goodsell who competed in 6 individual events and gained 1st place in 5 of them along with a 2nd place in the Junior Boys Relay. This is an outstanding achievement, especially for a year 3 child. Several other swimmers have been successful in earning a spot in the Lachlan Zone team to compete at the Western Area Carnival in Dubbo on 6th March, by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their individual events or relays. These children are: Riley Keen, Toby Harding, Caitlin Keen, Mackenzie Harland, Zac Manwaring, Sophie Jones, Chloe Richards, Tyrah Charles, Nic Manwaring, Harry May, Jeremiah Hudson, Christopher Harris and Clarry Harris.

Congratulations to ALL students who competed last Friday. We are very proud of your achievements and your Strong, Smart and Proud behaviour on the day. We wish those children travelling to Dubbo next week the best of luck in their various events.

I would like to thank the following people who helped to make our carnival a huge success last Friday: Mark Thorpe for refereeing the carnival, Kathy Thorpe and her team in the canteen for ensuring we were fed during the day, Mark Goodsell, Deb Manwaring, Sandi Berry, Zena Jones, Nat McDonald, Lucy Leighton and Elizabeth Keen for judging and timekeeping. We also had some year 11 High School students come over for the day timekeeping as part of their curriculum: Jarrett Kirby, Jesse Broad, Brodie King, Brenton Gray, Stuart Coe, Jacob Sutton, Andrew Towney, Jake White and Damien Hocking did a fantastic job and represented their school in a Stronger, Smarter, Prouder manner.

Kim King
Organiser



PSSA BOYS CRICKET

Our PSSA Boys cricket team travelled to Forbes to play Forbes Public School on Tuesday 17th February. The parents and teachers have complimented our boys on displaying quality sportsmanship throughout the game.

Condobolin Public School had an opportunity to field first on such a hot and humid day. We got 3 wickets and Forbes Public School scored a total of 76 runs.

Condobolin went in to bat. Forbes took out 3 wickets.

We finally chased their total of 76 runs and won the game.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our parents and carers who supported us by providing transport and encouragement. We would also like to thank Mr Russell Keen for scoring, Mr Phil Harding and Mr Greg Doyle for kindly umpiring the cricket game for both schools.

We will now play the winners out of Lake Cargelligo Central School and Bourke Public School in late March.

Miss Richards.

Stage 2 Camp

This year, Stage 2 will be going to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre located 1 hour from Orange and Dubbo. The camp will be held for 3 days (2 nights) in Term 4, Week 2, Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th October.

More information and details will be sent out next term.

Mrs Bartlett and Miss Rutherford

Western PSSA AFL Trials

Any students interested in trying out for the 2015 Western PSSA Primary Australian Football team, please see Miss Rutherford for more information.

Date: Wednesday 11th March 2015

Time: 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Venue: Park Street Recreation Ground, West Wyalong.

Matches will be 12 a side with modified rules. Students are to make their own way to and from the trials.

Individual students will be placed in a combined 'Giants' team to compete on the day.

2015 UNIVERSITY OF NSW 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 - 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*