



## NEWS BULLETIN

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thursday 12 March**  
P & C Meeting 7.00 pm  
Library

**Tuesday 17 March**  
PSSA Boys Cricket  
at Narromine

**Wednesday 18 March**  
AECG Meeting 11.00 am  
Public School

**Friday 20 March**  
Harmony Day

*3/4F Assembly*

**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

We have been fortunate to have visiting paediatrician, Dr Kerrigan, give his time to work with the staff of Condobolin Public School, Condobolin High School and St Joseph's Primary School this afternoon. Dr Kerrigan will be providing information and training for teachers and support staff around epilepsy and diabetes in children.

#### 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.

Our thanks go to the many parents and carers that returned their surveys. The organisers of the GOT IT! program were excited to have received seventy-five surveys from our K-2 parents and carers. If further information is required, parents or carers may be contacted by members of the GOT IT! team in the next week or two.

Last Friday, the winner of the iPod Shuffle was drawn at our assembly. Congratulations go to Ezekiel Sauerbier on his win, and our thanks go to the GOT IT! team for providing this prize.

#### Sports Update

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Western Area swimming trials last Friday. While students swam well, none were selected to progress to the State swimming trials.



The boys cricket team will be playing the students from Bourke Public School next Tuesday, 17 March at Narromine.

#### Year 6 to 7

Students in Year 6 have been provided with Expressions of Interest for High School this week. All students need to **return these forms to school by 20 March**. There is a section for students attending schools other than Condobolin High School.

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### It's Not Okay to Be Away Or Late!

If you are aware that your child is going to be away from school or there is a need to extend an absence, we ask that you contact the school on 6895 2134 to let us know. Teachers will make contact with families where children have been away from school for two days or more.

Where a student's absences amount to ten days or more unexplained or unjustified, a referral may be made to the Home School Liaison Program.

Justified reasons for absence 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 circumstances (eg attending a funeral)

It is important that sufficient information is provided in an explanation to allow the school to determine that the absence is justified.

### P&C AGM

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

### AECG Meeting

The next Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18 March at Condobolin Public School from 11.00 am. We would love to see any interested parents, carers and community come along to this meeting.

### Has Your Number Changed?

We have discovered that some phone numbers are not up to date when trying to contact parents and carers of sick children. Please ensure that you contact the school when you change your phone number, address or the name and details of emergency contacts.

### Voluntary Contributions

Invoices were sent home last Friday for the voluntary contributions towards annual school expenses. Please pay these contributions as soon as possible.

### Homework Help

The following information was provided by Michael Grose, of Parentingideas Club:

1. **Establish homework time and stick to it each day.** If children tell you that they don't have any formal homework then they can read, revise or organise their work. My feedback tells me that sticking to a routine despite the fact that no formal homework is set is extremely useful and helps avoid battles.
2. **Put the onus back on your children to take responsibility for their work.** Ask children at the start of a homework session to state how much homework they will do. At the end of the session check it to see if it matches with their intentions as well as yours. You need to make sure it is not you but your children who is responsible for homework!
3. **Homework is as much a time management issue as anything else.** Encourage students to work reasonably quickly and efficiently. Have a set time limit, which they should stick to. There is generally little point slogging away once they become frustrated or tired. A little work each night is more productive than packing it into one weekly session.

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.**



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## **PSSA BOY'S CRICKET TEAM**

Best of luck to our Boys PSSA Cricket team who will play Bourke Public School in Narromine on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



## **NAPLAN**

Testing 2015 Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - Year 3 and Year 5

Week 4, Term 2

\* Tuesday 12 May

Language Conventions and Writing Tests

\* Wednesday 13 May

Reading Test

\* Thursday 14 May

Numeracy Test



Bronze Certificates



Merit Certificates



Student of the Month  
Certificates

## 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge is on again.



This year all children are encouraged to 'take up' the challenge which aims to encourage students to develop their reading skills while enjoying a wide range of literature.

The Reading Challenge will run from now until 21 August (Term 3 Week 6) and is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Students have many months to read 30 picture books (Infants K - 2) or 20 novels and picture books (Primary). Students must have internet access - students submit reading books online as they read them. If you would like your child to compete in the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge, please complete the permission note below and return to Mrs L'Estrange, School Library.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

I give permission for my child ..... Class .....

To compete in the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge from Week 8, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Term 1 to Week 6, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, Term 3.

The reading challenge stops on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015 and reading records are submitted online.

Parent/Carer's Name: ..... Signature: .....





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**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 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 | \$8.00  |
| Science                          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 | \$8.00  |
| Writing                          | 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015    | \$17.00 |
| Spelling                         | 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015    | \$11.00 |
| English                          | 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015  | \$8.00  |
| Mathematics                      | 16 <sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_





Trade &  
Investment  
Resources & Energy



## 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight  
16 June 2015



2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM  
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>  
\* eligibility criteria apply

### WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to \$155 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

### HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – It takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where

**APPLY  
ONLINE  
NOW!**