



NEWS BULLETIN

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 23 March
PSSA Cricket against
Parkes PS at Condobolin

Thursday 24 March
Easter Hat Parade K - 2
12.45 pm - Hall

Wednesday 30 March
Netball knockout

Friday 1 April
Cross Country

Thursday 7 April
P & C Meeting

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

Students in K-2 will be parading their wonderful millinery creations in the annual Easter Hat Parade this Thursday, 24 March ahead of the Easter long weekend. Family and community are invited to join us in the hall for a 12.45 pm start.

On behalf of the students and staff of Condobolin Public School, I would like to wish all a very safe long weekend with family and friends. Students and staff will return to school on Tuesday, 29 March for the last two weeks of the term.

Bus Travel

Recently, information was provided to families of students that regularly catch a bus to school.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are eligible for free bus travel, regardless of the distance to school. Primary and high school students living within the town limits of Condobolin need to pay to travel by bus to and from school. Students that hold a bus pass can travel only on their own bus without further cost, however must pay to catch another bus.



Ryan Goodsell received the Lion's Sports Encouragement Award and Riley Keen received the Lion's Sportsperson of the Year Award. Pictured with Anthony Minichiello.

Cricket Game – Change of Date

Our boys cricket team will be playing the Parkes Public School cricket team at the Condobolin SRA Grounds this Wednesday, 23 March. We wish the boys all the best in this second round game of the Cricket Knockout competition.

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Hearing Tests

We are fortunate again this year to have the opportunity for some students to have their hearing tested at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 29 - 31 March. All students in Kindergarten to Year 2, and some students in Years 3 to 6 that have been identified as possibly having concerns with hearing, will receive notes that need to be returned as soon as possible.

Netball Knockout

Our girls' netball team will play in the first round of the knockout against the students of Lake Cargelligo team on Wednesday, 30 March, at the Condobolin SRA Grounds.

Tummy Bugs

There continue to be cases of diarrhoea or vomiting in our community. Please seek medical assistance if your child develops a rash, shows signs of dehydration or the symptoms continue beyond a couple of days.

Hand washing before eating and after using the toilet is the best method of reducing the spread of diarrhoea and vomiting. Children should not be attending school if they have diarrhoea or vomiting. Please send a note to explain the reason for absences or ask for a medical certificate if you take your child to see a doctor.

Cross Country

All students will participate in the annual Cross Country event to be held on the school grounds on 1 April. Students have been training for the past few weeks.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school library on Thursday, 7 April. All parents are welcome to attend.

Deborah Nay
Principal

PBL NEWS

Focus this week: **Actively Participating**



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CANTEEN NEWS

Wednesday Special

Curry Chicken & Rice - \$5.00

Thursday Special

Fish Cocktail & Wedges - \$4.50

Gravy - \$1.00

FIT KIDS

Every Friday during school term:

Time: 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Location: Explosive Fitness (Willow Bend Sports Centre)

Cost: \$9.00 or FREE for family member holders. A healthy afternoon tea is provided.

Netball Registration 2016

There are dual methods of registration once you validate an email address you will have access to online rego (see Facebook for details) however, as a transition we will still be taking registration in person.

Final day to pay registration will be 2nd April (First playing day)

D Grade players are able to register as individuals this year and CAN will also be accepting individual nominations for other grades.

Costs: Net Set Go (Funnet) - \$50
D Grade - \$65
A, B & C Grade - \$75
Open - \$100
Secondary membership (Dual rego) - \$40
Non Playing Officials - \$40



There are some new faces on the committee and we are looking forward to a fun 2016 season.

Condobolin Garden Festival invites children, parents and carers to take part in creating and entering a scarecrow to be displayed in one of the open gardens on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April.

There are three Categories:

1. Comical
2. Traditional
3. Depicting a character.



There is also a Photography competition depicting "In and around the Garden"

Sections: Open; Primary School; Senior School. Entry is Free

Further information:
Pat Hurley 6896 2219

School Holiday Tennis Camp

14th & 15th April 2016

Coach: Ken Wray of Ballina

Cost: \$50/child for 2 days

Younger children in the mornings
and older children in the afternoons

Contact: Carolyn Girle 6896 5351
0427 965 305

places are limited.

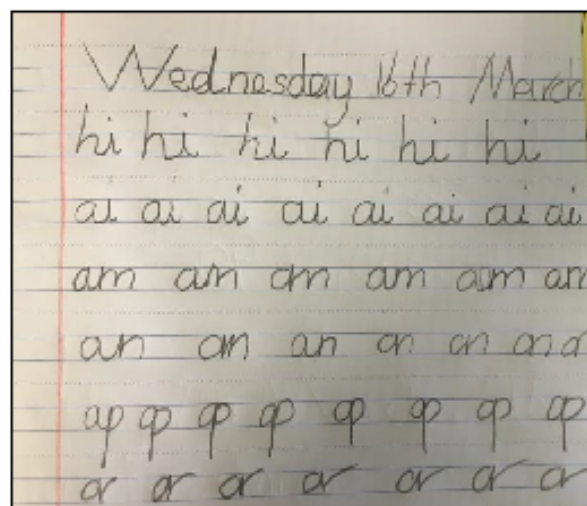
Matthew Brasnett participated in the World's Greatest Shave to raise money for Leukaemia. Matthew raised over \$1300.



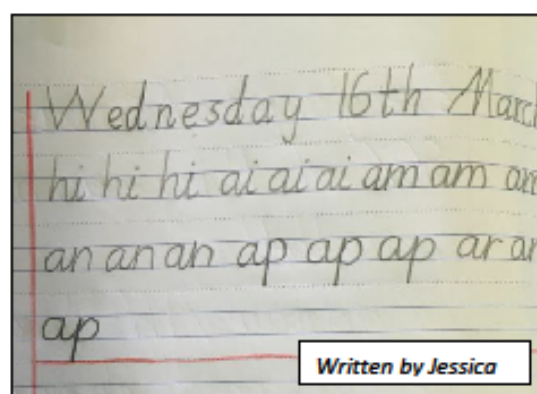
Photos courtesy of Condobolin Argus.

Snapshots from Year 3 – Class 3F

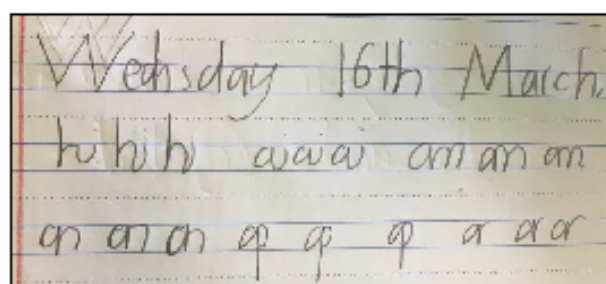
Students in Year 3F are very excited about learning how to write in cursive style, more commonly known as running writing. This means they need to learn how to join letters together. Cursive lessons begin with diagonal joins. Mrs Fyfe has been very impressed with the **STRONG**, **SMART** and **PROUD** efforts her students have been making with letter formation, joining techniques and neat presentation of handwritten work. Check out these great handwriting samples of first attempts at cursive writing from 3F!



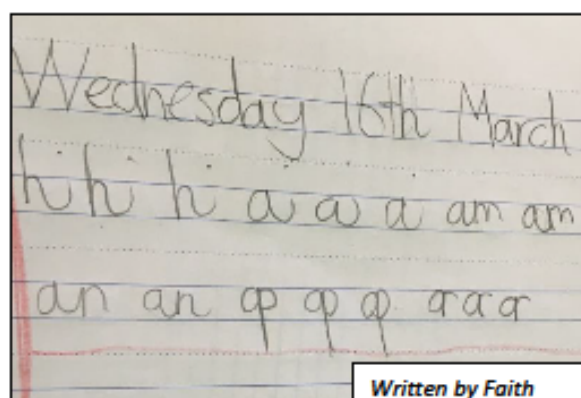
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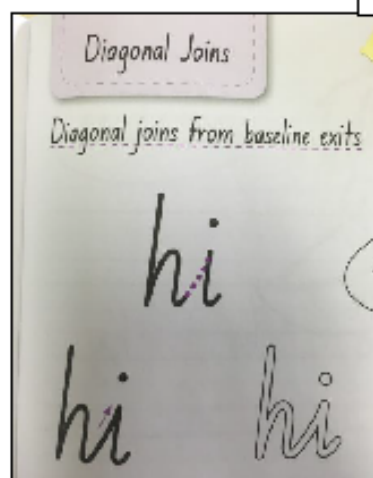
Written by Jessica



Written by Lilly



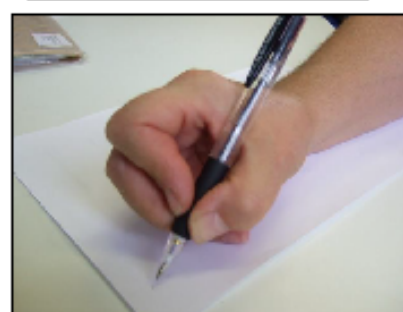
Written by Faith



Good left hand pencil grip



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Harmony Day Assembly - Class 3F

Last Friday, students in 3F presented the class item at our school assembly, celebrating Harmony Day. Children were dressed in colourful costumes to represent children from around the world and danced a well-choreographed item to the song “We Are All In This Together”. A wonderful attendance of peers, parents and community members ensured the children had an appreciative audience to dance for. Thank you to those who were able to come along to support our assembly.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It is about including others, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Thank you to class teachers who organised their students to decorate Harmony Day dolls for the hall.



Last days for **SRC EASTER RAFFLE** (Stewart House Fundraiser)

50c per ticket OR 3 tickets for \$1.00



Meet the SRC students at the Canteen each lunchtime and recess to purchase your winning ticket.

Draw is this Thursday

STEWART HOUSE DAY Donation Drive

Families are asked to donate \$2.00 for a chance to win a \$4,000 Family Holiday.

Return all envelopes to the front office by the end of term.

Stewart House has provided care for NSW Public School children for 85 years.
This makes Stewart House one of the oldest and respected charities in Australia.

Condobolin Public School “Speak Up” Public Speaking Competition

Stage 2 and 3 students have been invited to participate in the Oxley Group CWA Public Speaking Contest to be held in Condobolin on Tuesday 31st May.

We will be holding a “Speak Up” public speaking event in order to select the four speakers who will represent Condobolin Public School at this event.

This event will be held early in Term 2. Children who would like to participate in this event are asked to prepare a **2 minute speech**. Students will need to choose one of the following topics –

Years 3/4 I Just Don’t Understand
 I Can’t Wait
 ‘Whatever Happened To My Kitchen?’ Said Mum

Years 5/6 If I Could Be Someone Else
 Family Matters
 Sport Is A Health Hazard



Students are asked to work on their speeches in their own time, however Ms Horvat will be available on **Fridays during recess** to assist children who would like some support.

Easter Hat Parade Thursday 24th March 2016



You are invited to attend our K-2 Infants Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March 2016.

This event will be held in the school hall commencing 12.45pm. Students will perform an item and then take part in an Easter Parade showing off their magnificent hats which students will create during class. Alternatively your child can make a hat at home and bring in to wear on the day. Judges will award students for their creative efforts.

We are looking forward to sharing this occasion with the student’s families and friends.

K – 2 Teachers

Miss Owen, Miss Seagrott, Ms Porter, Miss Buerckner, Miss Dobbie and Mrs Jones

BEDGERABONG MARKETS

**Poultry Auction
Horse Sports Day
SUNDAY 10TH APRIL
BEDGERABONG SHOWGROUNDS**

MARKETS

11AM TILL 3PM

CONTACT ANNE 0427808158

TO BOOK YOUR STALL



POULTRY AUCTION

STARTS AT 2PM

CONTACT REIKA 0439332139

TO BOOK IN YOUR POULTRY



HORSE SPORTS & DOG JUMP

ENTRIES OPEN 8.00AM

CONTACT ANNE 0427808158

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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EMAIL: BEDGERABONGSHOW@HOTMAIL.COM

FUNDRAISER FOR BEDGERABONG SHOW

Bedgerabong Poultry Auction & Market Day
Sunday April 10th 2016
Bedgerabong Showgrounds

Come along to the third annual Bedgerabong poultry auction for a day out and a chance to buy or sell, or both, on the day. The Bedgerabong markets will also be taking place at the Showground on the day so you will be able to buy food and drinks on site. This is a fundraising event for the Bedgerabong P.A.&H Association.

Program:

All poultry to be penned before 1:00pm, gates open early

1:00pm viewing of poultry

2:00pm Auction commences

Maximum three birds per pen, \$2 per pen

For more information contact:

Reika Hoswell 6857 2139 mobile 0439 332 139, or

Maureen Smart 6857 2152

Find us on Facebook - Bedgerabong Show



LOVE LIFE

Seniors Week 2016

April 4th – 8th

Events

Tuesday 5/4/16

RSL- **11am** start

Performance by Barry Bishop **11:30**

Roast Lunch **12pm**

Lunch for **\$5** tickets at RSL

Please Book your spot at the Condobolin RSL by 29th March 2016

Wednesday 6/4/16

1.30-3.30pm Bingo at Senior Citizen Centre

Thursday 7/4/16

9:30am Mass at St Joseph's and Morning Tea
followed by Book Fair at St Joseph's Parish
School

Friday 8/4/16

2-3pm Condo Library 6895 2253

"Fun with computers" and **FREE** afternoon tea

Limited numbers please ring to book

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2016 Parkes Boars JRUFC. Walla Competition Registration

Walla Rugby Competition Registration Evenings

When: Friday 1/4/16 & 8/4/16

Time: 5:30-6.30pm

Where: Spicer Oval.

Cost: \$65 Under 7's

\$75 Under 9's and Under 11's

Fee reduction of \$10 per extra sibling and \$10 if you participated in the TRY RUGBY program.

Games: Sundays, commencing 1st May through to 14th August 2016. Participating clubs throughout the Central West each host a Gala day where players take part in 3 games each week. Game format is as follows: Under 7's-onfield coach, no contact, two handed touch only. Under 9's supported full contact (coach on field) and Under 11's modified full contact. Both boys and girls are welcome to play. It is not compulsory to enter all gala days so parents and coaches can decide week to week which gala days to attend. It is a great day of fun where players get a good amount of game time, practise learned skills, make friends and gain self-confidence.

Training: Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm at Spicer Park beginning late April (exact date TBA).

For further details please contact:

Michelle MacGregor 0439 498 033 (co-ordinator), Brendan Guy (U7's) 0405 160 140, Richard Rice (U9's) 0428 623 210 or Wayne Osbourne (U11's) 0429 621 800

"Come join one of the fastest growing junior rugby clubs in country NSW "

2016 UNSW ICAS International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

All Condobolin Public School students who enter the NSW ICAS competitions will receive a certificate and an individual student report that is suitable for your child to include in a portfolio. ICAS competition provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievements in an external testing situation.

All entries and money collection is due by Friday 1st April 2016. See Miss R Richards if you have any questions.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

SUBJECT	SITTING DATE	COST \$
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES	TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2016	\$8.00
SCIENCE	TUESDAY 31 MAY 2016	\$8.00
WRITING	MONDAY, 13 TH JUNE-FRIDAY, 17 TH JUNE 2016	\$17.00
SPELLING	WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2016	\$11.00
ENGLISH	TUESDAY, 2 ND AUGUST 2016	\$8.00
MATHEMATICS	TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2016	\$8.00

Please return permission slip, entry form & entry fee.

I give permission for my child

class to participate in the 2016 ICAS in the following subjects:



SUBJECT:	COST \$	SUBJECT:	COST \$
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Amount enclosed: \$

Parent/ Carer Signature:

Date:.....



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Jenny Brockis



Creating creative kids

Dr Jenny Brockis explains the 4 main ingredients for creativity and why it is so important for whole brain development in kids.

"If you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original." Sir Ken Robinson - author and advisor on education in the arts.

Creativity and imagination help us to better understand our world. A creative mind looks for ways to do things differently; we see things with a fresh pair of eyes.

Creativity adds value to and enriches lives and our kids have wonderful fertile minds just brimming with ideas. The problem is we can stifle that creativity, particularly during those upper school years when sticking to the demands of a busy curriculum takes increasing priority.

Research tells us that those kids who continually access creative outlets are the more successful students, because creativity is linked to whole brain development. Brain wise, creativity is important for the development of language, problem solving, reasoning skills, understanding and learning.

Being able to think "outside the box" is what makes for a better brain. Rather than pushing your child to spend hours doing their piano practice, spending some time in unstructured creative play may pay far

greater dividends in the form of them being better at problem solving and finding alternative ways of doing things.

Encouraging curiosity matters, and we as parents and educators can do much to promote the engagement, fun, focus and perseverance required to provide an innovative environment.

There are four main ingredients required for creativity:

- Mess
- Mistakes
- Make-believe
- Mucking in together

Creativity is messy

So the kitchen looks like a bomb has gone off, the lounge suite has been completely disassembled and the dog is wearing an outfit that looks mysteriously like your best jacket! But, all that activity has resulted in that first cake being made, the princess's castle being refurbished and the dog being an active participant in a rehearsal for that very important play.

Creativity is full of mistakes

If we don't get things wrong, how can we tell when they are right?

There is no room for perfectionism in creativity. Allowing our kids to get things wrong and discover what doesn't work is just as important as discovering what does. It teaches them to deal with failure and to realise that finding out the wrong answer matters far more than never starting to look in the first place.

It was Thomas Edison the inventor of the light bulb that said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10 000 ways that won't work."

Creativity is make-believe

Stories are a great way to transport our children's minds to far off and magnificent places. It allows them to create their own visual images of the people, characters and places. Manufacturing creative artistry allows saucepan lids to become cymbals, modelling clay to become teacups and saucers, boxes and tin foil to become knights on horseback, and colourful artworks the latest masterpiece destined for the fridge door.

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Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

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It's not about a pretend reality, kids know the difference. Their make-believe world allows them to explore possibilities and options.

Creativity is mucking in

Creativity can be a solo performance but is often a collaborative piece. Joining young minds together amplifies the creative process.

Mucking in is about using an array of different (and sometimes unusual) materials that can be repurposed or used to create new objects.

Whether your child is six or sixteen, managing their creativity starts with sharing the value we hold for the arts and new ideas. It's about taking trips to an art gallery, a science show or museum. It's about travelling to different places, trying different foods and learning about different cultures. It's about reading and sharing books and talking to our kids to encourage an ongoing sense of wonder and curiosity about their world.

Top tips for fostering creativity:

- 1 **Give permission for freedom of expression** It's not about you or what you think is the right way to create something. Encourage your child to explore, and create on their own terms while having fun.
- 2 **Encourage play** encourage active unstructured play that takes them away from the TV, tablet or computer for a while.
- 3 **Celebrate your child's creative expression** That's what fridge doors, corkboards, and mantelpieces are for! It's not to reward the masterpiece itself (that's a quick way to stymie any future creative activity!), but to celebrate the process of exploration and discovery.
- 4 **Foster originality by being accepting of difference** While some rules are important to keep our children safe, being allowed to do things their way when developing ideas, is what helps shape their individuality.

Jenny Brockis

Dr Jenny Brockis is a Medical Practitioner, speaker and author. She specialises in brain health and the science of high performance thinking. Her new book *Future Brain* (Wiley) is available in all good book stores and online. www.drjennybrockis.com



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