



NEWS BULLETIN

Strong Smart Proud

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 17 February

Lachlan Swimming
Carnival

Friday 24 February

Assembly -
Swimming Presentations
SRC Badge Presentations

Friday 3 March

Western Swimming
3F Formal Assembly

Monday 6 March

P & C AGM - School
Library @ 7.00 pm

Allergy AAA School

this means that children,
parents, carers and visitors are
asked **NOT TO WEAR**

anything scented as we have
children with severe allergies
in our school.

Please: NO nuts
(including nutella)

The weather has taken us from one extreme to another in the last week, with a welcome cool change after some of the hottest days experienced in Condobolin. Our congratulations go to the staff and students for being positive and working through solutions to allow for a smooth start to the year.

Due to the heatwave conditions expected at the end of last week, we postponed our school swimming carnival until yesterday. This was a much cooler and more pleasant day.

Our thanks go to Mrs King for her organisation, the staff and volunteers for their help in ensuring a successful day and the students for their Strong Smart Proud behaviour.

Mrs King will be providing information shortly to students selected to represent our school at the Lachlan Zone Swimming Carnival to be held this Friday in Condobolin. Presentations will be made to the champions at an assembly on Friday, 24 February.

SRC election results

Students in Years 2 – 6 held Student Representative Council (SRC) elections last Thursday to elect two students from each class into this leadership position. We congratulate the following children who will be presented with their badges on Friday, 24 February.

2B	Molly Salter	Ryley Smith
2P	Ann Coe	Laughton Buckland
3F	Mikaela Harris	Levi Johnson
3L	Ahyriah Porter	Rex Shoemark
4K	Emma Patton	Nicholas Cooney
4R	Bonnie Leighton	William Cooney
5P	Charlotte Skinner	Joshua Saddler
5/6S	Amali Haworth	Latoya Goolagong
6B	Jessica Hutchings	Oska Haworth

Excursion information

Each year our students have the opportunity to participate in a range of excursions, from walking excursions to overnight excursions. It is important that children return their General Permission notes to be able to participate in walking excursions.

To gauge interest in overnight excursions, expressions of interest are sent out quite early with a non-refundable deposit required to hold a position. Most of these excursions are limited in numbers due to the amount of accommodation available. Where we know early enough, we are able to request an extension on numbers and a waiting list may be maintained.

In the next couple of weeks we expect expressions of interest to be sent home for both the Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions. To secure a place, we ask that you return notes and a deposit as soon as possible. Where insufficient students express an interest, and excursion may not go ahead due to costs.

Get ahead of head lice

To keep head lice under control, we ask that you continue to check for, and treat, any of these nasties as soon as possible. It is only through vigilance, and ensuring that all eggs are removed from treated hair that head lice can be minimised.

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.

Spare hats

We are still looking for any of our spare hats to be returned to school for the use of students. These hats are labelled with a white letter (A – N) and most have CPS written in white as well. From time to time, these accidentally make their way to home. At present we have about sixteen (16) hats that were not returned at the end of last year. Please return any spare hat that you may find as soon as possible. We will wash and relabel when received.

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 - "It's Not Okay to Be Away or Late"

Last year we managed to maintain an overall attendance rate of students of about 92%. It is important that students are at school every day unless too ill to attend. It is a legal requirement that an explanation is provided for all absences. To be considered for a banner award at the end of the year, students will need to have all absences explained and accepted (justified) within seven days of the first day of absence as well as receive all PBL certificates.

Mobile phones and electrical equipment

While we understand that children may need to have a mobile phone outside of school hours, we ask that students leave their mobile phones, iPods or any other communication or electronic devices at the front office for safe keeping through the day. This will ensure that students are not distracted in class and the device cannot be used in an inappropriate manner or lost.

If you have an urgent message for students, please contact the office on 6895 2134.

P & C AGM

All parents and carers are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C on Monday, 6 March in the school library. The meeting will be held from 7.00 pm.

Deborah Nay
Principal

PBL NEWS

Focus this week:

Strong Rules



Strong



Smart



Proud

Wednesday:	Chicken Fried Rice	\$5.00
Thursday:	Italian Meatball Subway	\$7.00

Please note: Dino nuggets are not available from the supplier at the moment.
Substitute: Tempura chicken nuggets until further notice.

Three Way Meetings Parents, Student and Teacher



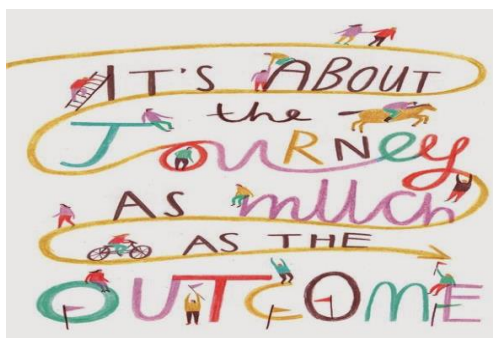
Effective communication is essential for building school-family partnerships

Coming up soon are our three way meetings for each class where you can come along to meet your child's teacher, visit their classroom and share information about your child to help teachers support their learning journey for 2017.

In this meeting you can ask about your child's academic and social development and discuss what you would like your child to improve in, and also share what motivates or upsets them. Does the teacher know about allergies or health concerns, your new address or phone number, going home arrangements, etc?

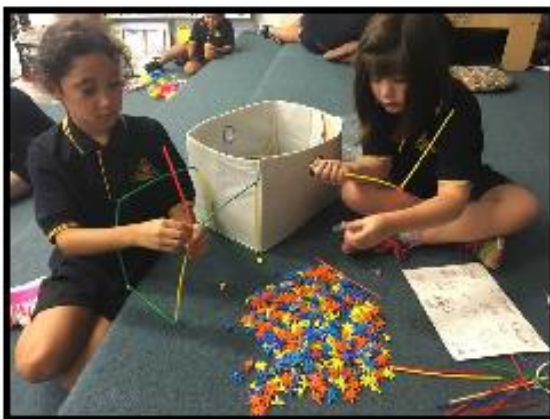
Parents can benefit from being involved in their children's education by getting ideas from school on how to help and support their child, and by learning more about specific programs within each classroom and how they work.

A note will be sent home soon regarding the three way meetings that will occur on Wednesday 1st March or Wednesday 8th March 2017. If you are unable to attend on this date please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to make an alternative meeting.



Beating the Heat!

The library is a wonderful place to spend recess and lunch breaks to avoid the heat of the sun. A wide variety of activities are available for all children to enjoy. The library is always popular, but was particularly enjoyed last week with averages of between 50 and 70 children visiting each break!



Our First Day of School 2017



Class 5P with Mrs Packham and Miss Wykes



Class 4K with Mrs King (right) and Miss Richards



Class 5/6S with Mrs Small(right) and Mrs Field



Class 6B with Mrs Bartlett(right) and Miss Singh



4R with Miss Richards and Mr Weatherall



Class 3L with Mrs Leslie



Class 3F with Mrs Fyfe and Ms Tomlinson



Class K&L with Mrs Lynch and Mrs Dargan



Class 1R with Mrs Rees and Mrs Anderson



Class 1D with Miss Dobbie



Miss Buerckner and Miss Singh



Class 2P with Ms Porter, Ms Dunn and Ms Pawsey



Kindergarten
Class KS with Miss Seagrott and Miss Davis and
Class KO with Miss Owen and Miss Coe