



## NEWS BULLETIN

*Strong Smart Proud*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday 8 February**  
SRC nomination forms due  
Years 2 to 6

**Monday 13 February**

Swimming Carnival  
Years 3 - 6 & students  
in Year 2 turning 8 this year

**Thursday 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)

Welcome to the 2017 school year. This week promises to be a very warm start to the year. Because of this, we ask that children have their hats and bring along additional cool water to drink.

The staff and students have settled very quickly into their new classes, with our Kindergarten students starting 'big school' tomorrow.

We are fortunate to have the following team working with our students this year:

KO	Miss Owen
KS	Ms Seagrott
K6L	Mrs Lynch
1D	Miss Dobbie
1R	Mrs Rees
2B	Miss Buerckner
2P	Ms Porter
3F	Mrs Fyfe (Assistant Principal, Yrs 3-4)
3L	Mrs Leslie
4K	Mrs King
4R	Miss Richards
5P	Mrs Packham
5/6S	Mrs Small
6B	Mrs Bartlett

Library Mrs L'Estrange (Assistant Principal, Yrs 5-6 + Support Class)  
Computers Miss Wykes

Mrs Cavallaro and Ms Wright are our Support Teachers, while Mrs Thompson is working with the Reading Recovery program. Mrs Jones will be supporting the teaching of literacy and numeracy in Kindergarten, continuing to be Assistant Principal, K-2. Ms Horvat continues to support teachers with literacy and numeracy across K-2 as Instructional Leader. Miss Davis and Miss Janes will be working with a range of classes when teachers need to be released or are away.

Ms Marilyn Singh and Ms Dellis Richards are our permanent Aboriginal Education Officers.

We are fortunate to have a number of very capable support staff as well in 2017. They include Mrs Maria Bailey, Mrs Margaret Geeves, Mrs Kath Cowled, Mrs Eryn Carey. Mrs Janet Sloane, Mrs Wendy Dargan, Miss Dorothy Davis, Mrs Joanne Tomlinson, Mrs Joanne Field, Miss Stacey Ball, Ms Olivia Singh, Ms Carol Dunn, Ms Deborah Coe, Mr Timothy Weatherall, Miss Emma Wykes, Mrs Kerryn Anderson and Ms Sandra Pawsey provide support to students in the classrooms. Mr Mark Whitla will be maintaining our school as our General Assistant.

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## **Swimming Carnival Postponed until Monday**

Due to forecast of extremely hot weather, our annual swimming carnival has been postponed to **Monday 13 February**. **All students in Years 3 – 6 are expected to attend** the carnival as this is a school day and part of the school curriculum. We advise parents that students are not permitted to stay home on the day of the carnival.

Students in Year 2 who turn 8 years old by the end of this year **and can swim 25 metres** are also able to participate.

Notes have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible. We would appreciate any assistance that parents are able to give at the carnival.

Information about volunteer help and lunch ordering will be sent home with the newsletter.

## **Allergies and other health issues**

Any students who have been identified of a severe allergy and have been prescribed an adrenaline injector need to have an Action Plan completed by their treating doctor and provided to the school.

Students identified with asthma, diabetes or epilepsy are also being encouraged to provide Action Plans to the school to allow us to better manage your child's condition whilst at school.

We are a FRAGRANCE FREE school. It is important that students in the primary do not wear any scented deodorants. If students need to bring deodorants to school, these need to be of the roll-on variety, not aerosol.

## **Get ahead of 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, and ensuring that all eggs are removed from treated hair that head lice can be kept under control.

## **Healthy food**

Parents and carers are asked to provide a healthy lunch option in student lunch boxes. Chocolate, lollies and soft drinks are not to be brought to school, but best kept for after school.

Ours is a Crunch and Sip School. Fruit break occurs at approximately 10.00 am, with students asked to bring along a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. When selecting water bottles, please check that the lid does not leak when placed in school bags to prevent flooded bags.

Lunch is held at 11.10 am and recess is at 1.35 pm - Students should bring a sandwich, or healthy alternative for lunch. Due to the numbers of students with nut allergies, we ask that parents not send peanut butter or nutella on/in any food items.

Breakfast Club operates each morning from 8.40 am to 9.00 am. All students are welcome to attend. We are fortunate that this program is supported by Red Cross.

## **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.

## **Uniform**

All students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. If for any reason this is not possible, please send a note or contact the school. As we transition to a new uniform, children are able to wear the new uniform or the old. The new uniform consists of the embroidered navy shirt (one has been provided to each child), navy skorts, shorts or skirt, navy socks and black shoes. Alternatively, boys should be wearing grey shorts, grey shirt, grey socks and black shoes, and girls should be wearing a gold shirt, navy skorts or skirt, white socks and black shoes.

**Footwear** is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents such as slips, trips and falls from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from damage caused by accidents such as falling objects. Canvas slip-on shoes do not provide appropriate protection, and generally come off when students are playing games. As such, **we ask that parents provide appropriate school shoes or joggers** in line with our uniform policy.

Our school has a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy. Broad-brimmed hats need to be worn by students when playing in the sun, including for sporting activities. Students who wear a cap will be asked to play in the shade.

### **Spare hats**

Each class has a small number of school hats available where students may have forgotten to bring theirs. These are primarily for use for outdoors class activities.

Spare 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.

If you have come across one of our spare class hats, can you please return it to the school office so that it will be available for others to borrow. Each of the spare hats have been washed and relabelled for the new year and assigned to classes.

### **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.

### **Holidays not exempt**

The following information has been provided to schools:

*As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. **A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.***

*Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel during school term is necessary the following considerations apply:*

- *If the principal **accepts** the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as "L" (leave).*

- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as "A" (Unacceptable).
- If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education . . . For that period the student's enrolment transfers to the distance education school.

## Student Leaders

The election of captains and vice captains for our school and four sports houses took place at the end of 2016 with the following students announced on Presentation Day.

<b>School Leaders 2017</b>		
<b>School Captains</b>	<b>Captains</b>	<b>Vice-Captains</b>
	Corey Herbert Skye McDonald	Louis Todd Rylee Ogston
<b>Sports Captains</b>	<b>Captains</b>	<b>Vice-Captains</b>
Gilmore	Ryan Goodsell Emma Buckland	Damon Reardon Eliza Saunders
Kendall	Gregory Doyle Nadia Hopkins	Riley Keen
Lawson	Oscar Todd Kaitlyn Maloney	Jake Hines Bella Clemson
Paterson	Connor Thompson Catherine McDonald	Sam Cunningham Abilene Bennett

The Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives for Year 2 to Year 6 classes will be elected this Thursday, with nomination forms for this leadership role being sent home today. Please return these tomorrow.

## P&C AGM

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

## Road Safety

We all want the children of Condobolin to be safe on the way to and from school. Please ensure that you pay attention to the signage about where to park and times that bus zones are active to avoid any fines.

We ask that parents make use of the pedestrian crossing in Molong Street and not walk near buses when collecting students.

Deborah Nay  
Principal

## PBL NEWS

Focus this week:

**Classroom rules/routines**



**Strong**



**Smart**



**Proud**



## Get NDIS Ready!



**Find out what the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) means for you and the important people in your life.**

CareWest delivers a range of flexible support services which promote independence while assisting people with a disability to lead their best life possible and achieve their life goals.

Join us for a bite to eat, and to find out how we can help you reach your goals under the NDIS.

All Welcome! We look forward to meeting with you.



### **DATE**

Monday 13 February 2017

### **TIME**

10:45 for 11am start - 1pm  
(Lunch provided)

### **LOCATION**

Wiradjuri Study Centre  
Cnr Cunningham & McDonnell St  
Condobolin

### **RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES BY**

8 February 2017

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# CANTEEN MENU 2017

## DAILY SPECIALS

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Lasagne, Packet Chips & Poppa	\$6.00
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Sausage Roll, Packet Chips & Poppa	\$4.50
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Plain Pie, Packet Chips & Poppa	\$6.00
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Caesar Salad and bottle water	\$6.00

\*Chips can be replaced with a muffin \*Poppa can be replaced with water. Please specify flavours of chips and poppa.

## Salad Bar

### Sandwiches

Vegemite	\$2.00
W/Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.00
Salad	\$3.50
Ham	\$2.50
W/Cheese	\$3.00
W/Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
W/Salad	\$5.00
Chicken	\$2.50
W/Cheese	\$3.00
W/Lettuce	\$3.00
W/Salad	\$5.00
Hamburger	\$5.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$5.00
Toasted	\$0.50
Bread Roll	\$1.00

## Hot Food

Hot Mini Roll	\$1.50
Chilli Chicken Strip	\$1.50
Dino Nuggets	3 \$1.50
" "	6 \$3.00
Melt (Chicken/Ham)	\$2.00
Pizza (marg/pine)	\$3.00
Pizza Rounda	\$3.00
Lasagne (with spork)	\$4.50
Nachos (with fork)	\$5.00
Party Pie	\$1.50
Plain Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.80

### Extras

Tomato Sauce	\$0.40
BBQ Sauce	\$0.40
Spoon/Fork	\$0.10

## Lunch Bags \$0.10

## Snacks

Popcorn	\$0.60
Fruit (Whole)	\$1.00
Fruit (cut)	\$2.00
Muffin	\$1.50
Chips	\$1.50
*Sea Salt, Grainwaves, Honey Soy	

## Frozen

Fruity Pop	\$0.50
Bulla Cup	\$1.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00
*Strawberry or Raspberry	
Fandangle	\$2.00
*Fairy Floss or Choc Shmallow	

## Salad Tubs

Salad	\$4.00
Ham Salad	\$5.00
Chicken Salad	\$5.00
Chilli Strip Salad	\$6.00
*all salads come with dressing	

## Drinks

Poppa	\$1.00
Water	\$1.50
Milk	\$1.60

## Uniform

Jacket	\$40.00
Hat	\$16.00
Sunglasses	\$5.00
Library Bag	\$10.00
Hair Elastics	\$2.00

Please note there is **NO** reheating of home cooked meals or toasting of home brought sandwiches.



# 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](#).

**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/colleges/colleges/attendance.cfm>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/colleges/colleges/leaving.cfm>

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 131 636

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