



Connolly Primary School News

Newsletter 1

1 February 2017

Important Dates

Wednesday 1 February

Term 1 commences

Thursday 2 February

Education Commences

Monday 6 February

Yr 5/6 Swimming Lessons commence

Tuesday 7 February

P&C Meeting

Term Dates

Term 1

1 February - 7 April

Term 2

26 April - 30 June

Term 3

18 July - 22 September

Term 4

10 October - 14 December

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*Dear Parents and Community Members
Welcome to Week One*

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holidays and that you are raring to go.



A special welcome to all the families who are new to our school. We are proud to have you join us. I look forward to meeting many new parents at our meetings and assemblies throughout the year.

Staff Changes

There have been a small number of staff changes this year. We welcome back *Mrs Cathy Brennan*, Karri 1 and *Mrs Claire Rigoll*, Kindergarten. We offer our congratulations to Mr Christopher Walker who has gained a substantive Associate Principal position at Embleton Primary School.

Contributions and Charges

The voluntary contribution is capped at \$60 and it is really important that as many parents as possible pay the contributions to help us maintain the programs we already run and support any new initiatives.

Last year, staff paid approximately \$40 000 out of their own pocket to purchase resources for the students. Less than 70% of families paid their \$60 contribution in 2016.

The school has invested in two programs to help us improve student outcomes in reading and mathematics. The programs have a significant online component that is vital to their successful implementation.

Reading Eggs, one of the programs, will allow you to access the materials and help your children at home. Likewise IMaths will provide extra resources that staff can use. Reading eggs is \$8 per child and IMaths is \$2 per child for the online portion. The Department of Education policy on contributions and charges does not allow us to ask for this money directly.

Class Parent Meeting and Welcome To The New School Year

Last year we had a very successful welcome back to the new school year event combined with class meetings. It was really important not only for parents to attend class meetings but also reconnect after the holidays. We are holding a welcome back event and class meetings on **Wednesday 15 February from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm**. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



Assemblies

I would like to invite all parents whose children are participating in the class assembly to meet with me in the library for a cup of tea and a biscuit immediately after the assembly.

The first one will be for parents of students in *Jarrah 3* on **Friday February 24**.

Staff List 2017

Principal	David Womersley
Associate Principals	Trudy Jones Robert Marshall

Classroom Teachers	Year	Room
Claire Wigley (Tue, Fri every 2nd odd Wed)	K	M3
Claire Rigoll (Mon, Thu every 2nd even Wed)	K	M3
Justine Fitzgerald	P	M1
Ann Newton (Mon - Thu)	K/PP	M2
Rachel Clune (Fri)	K/PP	M2
Fiona Stott (Mon, Tue, Wed)	1	B1
Kirsty Hutton (Thu & Fri)	1	B1
Cheryl Hill	1/2	B4
Chantelle Cochrane (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)	2	W1
Trudy Jones (Wed)	2	W1
Pat Fong	2	W3
Wendy Taylor	3/4	J2
Joy Loffelmann	3	J3
Helen Fabri	3	J4
Terrel Rosher	4	K4
Cathy Brennan	4/5	K1
Andrew Kaluzynski	5	K3
Cathie Cole	5/6	T1
Tricia Paskett (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)	6	T4
Sara Munro (Wed)	6	T4

Other Teaching Staff	
Jnr Physical Education	Tracy Hughes
Physical Education (Yr 3-6)	Robert Marshall (Thu, Fri)
LOTE	Georgia Jorgensen (Tue, Wed, Fri am)
STEM	Sara Munro (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)
ICT Support	Chantelle Cochrane (Wed)

Non-Teaching Staff	
Registrar	Chris Hemsley
School Officer	Chris Richards
Library Officer	Jo Nelligan
Gardeners	Jeff Szczesny, Manny Lima
Cleaners	Karen Sloan, Natalie Needham, Ana Cabrera
School Nurse	Stacey Kelly
School Chaplain	Jodi Ingham
School Psychologist	Neil Sinclair
Canteen	Kylie Buttery, Jenny Stevenson

Education Assistants	
Terri Davies, Tina Bartley, Audrey Tasker, Kathy Lester, Sandy Detez, Chris Rigby, Jody Grimshaw, Danny Johnson, Tracey Smith, Karen Marchant, Vanessa Purser	

PD Days

This week staff participated in two days of professional development.

On Monday 30 January our day started early with Tai Chi. We then reviewed the School Business Plan, discussed the Department of Education Focus 2017, talked about Students at Educational Risk and continued working towards our Independent Public School Review.

On Tuesday 31 January we began an hour early with a Yoga session. We continued planning for our review. After morning tea staff had PL on Mathematics and Performance Management. The day concluded with collaborative team meetings.

PD Day Dates 2016

I sent home these dates last year but they are as follows:

Term 2 - Friday 2 June (WA Day long weekend)

Term 3 - Monday 17 July

Term 4 - Monday 9 October



Students do not attend school on School Development Days

Kindergarten/ Pre-Primary Area

OSH Club is located in Banksia 3 and provides the school with a substantial amount of rent to use our facilities. These facilities include all the play area in K/PP. To enable them to make full use of the facilities I would ask that all K/PP parents vacate the area once they have collected their children. Usually this should be no later than 3.00pm. If you have older children please arrange to meet them outside the K/PP area. Last year we had a number of older children who played, unsupervised, on the K/PP equipment after school. This caused problems for the K/PP staff and the OSH Club who could not use the outside area until it was clear. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Before school the K/PP gates will be locked until 8.25 am. If you arrive earlier than this time please wait in the area outside the Principal's Office. A member of administration will be on duty from 08.15 am.

Communication with Teachers

If you need to discuss an issue or you have a problem the first contact should always be with the class or specialist teacher. Quite often issues are referred straight to me and whilst I am always pleased to talk to parents it can be counterproductive as I don't have all the facts. I can only listen, investigate and then set up another meeting which can take several days. On a number of occasions talking with the class teacher first would have cleared things up very quickly.



David Womersley, Principal

KEYBOARD LESSONS AT CPS

There are still some vacancies for students from Pre-Primary to Year Six for Term One. Please contact **Margot on 0414 077 643** with any queries about the Keyboard Program.



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P & C Meeting

Please attend the first P & C Meeting for the year!

Connolly Primary School Staffroom @ 7:00pm
Tuesday 7 February 2017.

