



Connolly Primary School News

Newsletter 2

13 February 2017

Important Dates

Wednesday 15 February

Welcome Night

Friday 17 February

Yr 5/6 Swimming Ends

Wednesday 22 February

School Board Meeting

Friday 24 February

Assembly hosted by Jarrah 3

Monday 6 March

Public Holiday

Tuesday 7 March

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 Three*

Parent Information Evening

This will be held on *Wednesday 15th February*. Notes have been sent home.



School Assembly

Our first class assembly of the year will be held on *Friday 24th February* and will be run by *Mrs Loffelman's Year 3 Class*. Parents of *Jarrah 3* are invited to join me afterwards, in the staffroom, for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Golden Broom

A reminder that in an attempt to minimise the rubbish around the school we have '*The Golden Broom Award*'. The student leaders will, each fortnight, be noting how clean the area is outside each classroom. The class with the cleanest area will be awarded 'The Golden Broom Award' to keep until the next class assembly.

Contributions and Charges

The voluntary contribution is capped at \$60.00 and the expectation is that parents will pay the contributions to help us maintain the programs we already run and support any new initiatives. We are already running IMaths Online, Reading Eggs, Maths Today Series Online, World Book Online and Skoolbo.

Students Arriving Early

If students arrive at school before 8.25 am, even if accompanied by a parent, they must gather outside my office. They will be supervised from 8.15 am. This is a duty of care issue as directed by the Department of Education.

P&C Meeting

There was a P&C Meeting held in the staffroom last week. It was great to see so many new families attending the meeting. The P&C have donated money to complete the first stage of the Nature Play area behind Tuart Block, buy science equipment for our new lab, purchase ukuleles for music and they have paid for the installation of a concrete path from Tuart to Karri Block. They have done an exceptional job and I would like to thank the P&C on behalf of all the staff.

School Board Meeting

The first meeting of the year will be held on *Wednesday 22nd February*. The main item on the agenda is school review. Parent representatives on the School board are: *Mrs Nicola Patel, Mrs Terri Hinch, Mrs Laura Balling, Mr Gary Morris and Mr Michael Castlehow*. Any issues you would like raised should be directed to one of the parent representatives for inclusion at a future meeting.

School Oval

If you walk your dog on the oval could you please make sure you clean up after it! Unfortunately there's quite a lot of mess on the oval. I will also be contacting the Connolly Resident's Association to put a similar request in their newsletter.



Attendance

Overall, attendance at our school is good but we have a significant number of families who go on extended family leave. Often parents choose to go during term time to coincide with good weather, cheaper airfares or when jobs allow. I fully understand that in some circumstances this is unavoidable but the School Education Act Section 23 requires a student to attend school on the days on which the school is open for instruction. If a student is going to be absent due to a family holiday permission must be sought, in writing, from the Principal.

Absence due to extended family holidays is having a significant effect on student education. Last year 164 students had 1006 days absence due to holidays. The absences were spread across all year levels P-6 with the majority occurring in Y2-4. The breakdown is as follows:

Year Level	Number of full days absent
PP	104
Y1	116
Y2	222
Y3	198
Y4	145
Y5	122
Y6	99
Total	1006



It is expected that students keep a diary and photographic record of the holiday to then share with the class on their return.

David Womersley, Principal

Assembly

The staff and students of
Jarrah 3
 will host the School Assembly on
Friday 24 February
 in the Undercovered area.

We extend an invitation to all members of the school community to join us for this event.

From the Associates

Parking

Kiss and Drive will continue to operate this year in the bays adjacent to the staff carpark. This is a **NO PARKING** area. If your child is not waiting for you at the Kiss and Drive, please continue to drive between the roundabouts to ensure traffic flow is not obstructed. The school, local council and the police received a number of complaints from local community members as a result of traffic being blocked.

The City of Joondalup has also requested that schools pass on the following to our parents:

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone City of Joondalup Officers will be conducting patrols of school parking in the mornings and afternoons throughout the school term...

As part of this initiative Officers will be using patrol vehicles, which have been fitted with Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras, to capture digital images of vehicles which are parked contrary to parking requirements near schools.

Collection of Students

It has come to the attention of the school that some students have been left to hang around the school as late as 4.30pm, awaiting collection by their parents.

Parents are reminded that the school is not able to provide supervision for students after 3.15pm. If you are not able to collect your child/ren before this time, please ensure that after-school care arrangements are made. This is for the safety of the children.

Bike Safety

Last week, the school was notified that a Pre-Primary student was knocked over by an older student on a bike. This child then missed the next day of school as a result of this incident. We were not able to follow this up directly, as the older child simply rode away.

If your child rides their bike to and from school, please ensure that you have spoken with them about bike safety, and the need to be mindful of others while they are riding.

Staying Connected With Our School

Our school strives to keep our families well-informed through the use of a number of options.

Parents who have Facebook accounts are invited to like our Facebook page to get regular updates and more. Head to <https://www.facebook.com/ConnollyPrimarySchool>.

We also invite smart phones users to download the Connolly PS app. It is free to download by searching "The Smartlink" in the Apple Store or in the Google Play. Once downloaded, use the app to search Connolly PS. It is a great form of communication for keeping up to date with what's happening in the school.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the website at www.connollyps.wa.edu.au. The website will allow parents to keep up to date, and will include all of our current policies, procedures, and services.

The school newsletter is a fortnightly publication and will be emailed to all families as well as posted on our website. Hard copies of the newsletter are available from the front office. The newsletter is a key communication tool between the school and parent body and we urge parents to ensure they use the newsletter to keep abreast of school events and activities.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following Term 1 student leaders.

Declan (Tuart 1), Elise (Tuart 3), Aila (Tuart 3), Mitchell (Tuart 3), Coco (Tuart 1), Jayda (Tuart 3), Arwen (Tuart 3) and Freya (Tuart 3)

Robert Marshall & Trudy Jones, Associate Principals

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

2017 Voluntary Contribution Payment Slip

If you have not yet paid the 2017 Voluntary Contribution, please attach this slip to an envelope with payment and complete the details below.

Voluntary Contributions 2017

Per child - \$60
 Contributions to Chaplaincy Fund
 (per child) - \$5
 Contributions to Library Fund (per child)
 - \$10
 P&C Contribution - \$30

- Please find enclosed cash payment for the 2017 Voluntary Contributions.
- I have made an online payment to Connolly Primary School BSB 016-338 Account 340956519 using my child's full name and 'VC' as a reference and confirming payment by email to christine.hemsley@education.wa.edu.au

Name of eldest child:

Room :

Name of parent/guardian:

Date:



Virtues

UNDERSTANDING

Understanding is using your mind to think clearly, paying careful attention to see the meaning of things. An understanding mind gives you insights and wonderful ideas. An understanding heart gives you empathy and compassion for others. Understanding is the power to think and learn and also to care.

You are practising **understanding** when you:

- * Concentrate and pay close attention to others
- * See the whole picture
- * Forgive others and yourself when you make mistakes
- * Reflect on the meaning of things
- * Put yourself in other people's shoes

Jodi Ingham, School Chaplain

Confidential Declaration Forms

Confidential Declaration forms were recently sent home with the eldest child in the family. **These forms must be completed on an annual basis.** If you have not returned them to the school office, could you please do so at your earliest convenience. Additional forms are available in the office.

Important Information Regarding Payments to the School

Connolly Primary School is moving bank accounts from ANZ to the Commonwealth Bank from 1st of March. If you currently use online bank transfer to pay for school activities you will need to change our bank details.

The new bank details are:

Name: Connolly Primary School
BSB: 066 040
Account: 19 903 645

We are excited to let you know that we will also be introducing the Qkr app at our school shortly. This will be the preferred payment option for all school activities, as we transition to a paperless and cashless process.

Chris Hemsley, Manager of Corporate Services

OSH Club News



OSHClub provides high quality Before School Care, After School Care, Pupil Free days and Vacation Care for K - 6 students.

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the school holidays and had lots of fun! We had a very busy holidays with lots of incursions and some excursions with exciting themes and activities through-out the days.....A fantastic time was had by all!

If you would like to enrol your child at OSH Club it is all done online from our website www.oshclub.com.au by clicking on the 'New to OSH Club/Join us' and following the easy steps to create an account. If you need help with an enrolment or general account questions then please contact our account manager Niki Ververis on 9261 3200 and she will be able to assist you. We do casual bookings which means you don't have to sign up for set days, you can book in up to 9.00pm the night before the day you need before or after school care. Or you can book up for the term, that's up to you. We also offer 24hrs cancellation of a booking if for any reason you don't require the care on the day you originally booked for, and we accept medical certificates in case of illness to avoid being charged the full fee.

Connolly OSH Club room can be found at the front of the school in the Banksia Block. Our opening hours are 7.00-9.00am and 2.50-6.00pm. We offer breakfast until 8.00am and we also provide an afternoon snack with fresh fruit for after school care. We provide a range of indoor and outdoor planned activities suitable for a variety of age groups.

Please ensure your child has a hat to be able to play outside, if children don't bring a hat they won't be able to play outside due to our sun smart policy. Children will also have to apply sunscreen (we can help the younger ones) we supply the sunscreen, you're also welcome to bring your own if you would prefer or have a medical reason.

Hats and sunscreen are to be worn all year round.

Any questions you may have or if you want additional information please give us a call or pop in and see us.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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