In the last few days there has been a change in temperature with mornings being much cooler. We ask that students have a labelled school jumper or jacket with them at all times as we have a very limited supply at school. Students may wear a plain blue jumper or hoodie, if they do not have a school jumper. They may not wear coloured jumpers or ones that have designs or logos that are not school related.

**Head Lice Out and About**

Please check your child’s head for signs of eggs or lice. If found, treat as soon as possible to limit the spread of these critters. There are a number of chemical treatments that can be used, or the mechanical method using conditioner. Whichever method you use, the important thing is to remove all eggs from the hair shafts. Until this happens, re-infestation will reoccur.

If everyone does a check and treatment now, we may manage to beat these ‘beasties’.

**Sick Students**

At the moment there appears to be a vomiting and diarrhoea bug affecting some of our students. To reduce the spread of the virus, please keep students at home for 24 hours if affected by either affliction. Children can dehydrate easily, showing signs of dry lips or mouth, sunken eyes and rapid breathing or pulse. If dehydrated, please consult a doctor. Please ensure that a note or medical certificate is provided upon the child’s return to school.

**Did your child miss having their hearing screened?**

Less than twenty students have missed having their hearing screened last week. Anyone that missed the screening or needs to have a follow-up assessment can have this done at the Aboriginal Health Service. Please ask to speak with Sophie to arrange an appointment.

**Lunches**

Please ensure that any lunches that need to be delivered to school are dropped to the front office before 11am. 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.

**Life Education Van**

Healthy Harold will be visiting the school next week. All students will be able to participate in lessons. The cost has been reduced due to sponsorship of Barrick Gold. A permission note will be sent home with more details.

**School Fees**

The voluntary school contributions at Condobolin Public School are very reasonable. Invoices will be sent home this week to all families outlining the amount of fees due.
P&C Meeting – Change of Dates

The decision was made at the last P&C meeting to change the meeting dates to the second Thursday of each month to allow for the reconciliation of banking prior to each meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10 April.

Working Bee for Anzac Day

Parents are invited to join in a working bee on Saturday, 5 April at 9.00 am to clean up the gardens near the Memorial Gates at the Orange Street entrance to our school. Helpers are asked to bring their own gloves and tools.

Lorin Nicholson Performance

Next Tuesday our students will be attending a Lorin Nicholson performance - ‘See Sharp’. This is a free performance thanks to Condobolin RSL Club.

Happy Kids Parenting Ideas:

Michael Grose, an expert in the provision of parenting ideas has written the following:

_Recently, I heard master speaker and thought leader Australia’s Matt Church give a fabulous account of leadership._

_According to Matt:_

**Great leaders:**

1. Turn fear into confidence
2. Turn confusion into certainty
3. Mobilise in pursuit a better future.

This resonated deeply because this is the essence of what parents who are great family leaders do.

**Parents who are great family leaders:**

1. **Absorb** children’s fears, insecurities and anxieties, and instil a sense of confidence that these can be overcome. Using a mixture of coaxing, coaching and cajoling they somehow find a way to instil in their children a sense of courage to put themselves in new or potentially awkward social situations; to have a go at activities where failure is a real option; and to contribute to the well-being of others which reduces anxiousness and fear.

2. **Accept** that life is sometimes confusing for children and teenagers but they manage to convince their kids they can cope and life will get better. This certainty provides hope, the antidote to confusion.

3. **Mobilise** their family to support each other; persuading often self-centred individuals to act for the common good. They inspire generosity not selfishness; giving rather than taking; and action (such as volunteering) that creates better futures.

Parenting, as an industry, has changed. It used to focus on child management. That is still the focus for many ‘experts’ and newbies to the scene, who don’t see the bigger picture.

But great parenting is more about family leadership than merely focusing on child management. As Matt points out, great leaders offer confidence, certainty and direction.

That’s exactly what parents who are leaders offer their children too!

If you are able to help in the canteen please contact Jasmine at the canteen on 6895 2703 - 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.

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Friday Special: Curry Chicken & Rice $5.50  Recess: Ice cream & Jelly $1.00

PBL NEWS

The focus in week 5 is: FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

Strong  Smart  Proud

P & C EASTER RAFFLE

The P & C are conducting an Easter Raffle and are calling for donations towards this. Any items relating to Easter (chocolates, easter eggs, stuffed toys) would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the school canteen by Monday 7 April. The raffle will be drawn 11 April at assembly.

C O U L D  Y O U

* Be a friend to someone who has no-one
* Spare an hour once a fortnight.
* Give back to your local community.
* Be a volunteer who would visit and befriend a resident in one of our Nursing Homes?

Community Visitors Scheme requires volunteers male and female. If you could help please contact Parkes Neighbourhood Centre 6862 3757, for further information.
Awards

The following awards will be handed out at 5/6R’s assembly this week:

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MERIT CERTIFICATE

Our winning cricket team who have defeated Dubbo and Parkes.