DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 26 November
P & C Meeting at 7.00 pm

Friday 27 November
PBL Assembly and Captain’s Speeches

Friday 4 December
K-2 Christmas Concert
12.45 - 1.30 pm
K-2 Disco 2.00 -300 pm

School Banking
MONDAYS

At Condobolin Public School we are STRONG, SMART & PROUD

Principal's Report

Last Friday, our 2016 Kindergarten students came to big school as part of Kinder Orientation. Previous transition lessons allowed the children to be confident learners for the day. We look forward to our newest students starting school with us on Monday, 8 February 2016.

Prepare for Heat

The heat of recent days has reminded us that summer is upon us. It is important that students wear their hats outside and stay hydrated. As part of our Crunch & Sip policy, students are encouraged to have water bottles readily accessible in classrooms. We have plenty of bubblers for those who have not brought their water bottles or when in the playground, and cold water is available for purchase at the canteen.

School Satisfaction and Homework Survey

Each year, we ask parents to complete a survey to learn more about the areas in which we are doing well and those that need to improve. Last term, parents were asked to complete an online survey, however only three families participated in the survey and we were not able to access any of the information due to there being so few respondents.

Attached to this newsletter is a quick survey that we would like parents to complete and return to school by Friday, 4 December. This is your chance to have input into the school Homework Policy and provide feedback on how satisfied you are with a range of aspects at our school in 2015.

Aboriginal Dance

Over fifty students from Years 2 to 6 participated in dance workshops with Jo Clancy last Thursday. The students learnt three dances within a short time, with some students learning how to develop their own dances.

Children interested in joining the Dindima dance group can do so by contacting the Youthie. We will be running extra dance sessions at school for interested students, though details of these are yet to be finalised.
Swim School

The annual swimming school is organised across New South Wales for all students in Year 2 and those in primary grades who cannot confidently swim 25m. This is aimed at students learning to swim. All of our instructors are Austswim qualified.

Swim school begins this Wednesday, 25 November for those students that have returned their notes. We are still waiting for some students to return the cost of pool entry or provide their season ticket. The children will need to bring their swimmers and towel each day.

Year 7 Orientation

The final stage of the transition program 'Primary into High School' is presented this Thursday 26th November at the High School premises. All Year 6 students are to be present by 8.50 am for roll call and then dismissed at 3.15 pm to either walk home or catch a bus. Miss Richards will accompany students but they will be supervised by Mrs Mansur, Yr 7 Advisor for 2016. All students must be attired in Yr 6 transition shirt, suitable footwear and hat. Students have access to High School canteen facilities.

Any Year 6 student not attending the local high school next year will be working with Mrs Packham on Thursday.

Captain Speeches and Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to join us in the hall at 12.30 pm on Friday to listen to speeches given by Year 5 students nominated for election as a School Captain or Vice Captain. The PBL assembly will be held prior to the elections.

House Captain elections were held today. Students from Years 3 - 6 elected boy and girl captains for 2016 to lead our houses of Gilmore, Kendall, Lawson and Paterson.

School captains and sports captains will be announced at Presentation Day on Tuesday, 15 December.

Whooping Cough Still About

To help prevent this infection spreading, children who have been diagnosed with Pertussis should not attend school until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics.

We advise parents not to bring young babies, particularly those that have not been immunised, to the school to reduce the chance of them contracting Pertussis.

P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting will be held this Thursday, 26 November at 7.00 pm in the library. All are welcome to attend.
Focus this week: Think before you act/Ignore poor behaviour.

Strong

Smart

Proud

Canteen News

Thursday & Friday Special
Caesar Salad Tub - $4.00
Caesar Salad Wrap - $5.00

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If unable to help please contact canteen - 68952703

5/6P Assembly
SRC Fundraising Disco K - 2

Friday 4 December

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm - Games, Dancing, Laughter

A gold coin donation is appreciated.

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SRC Fundraising Disco Yr 3 - Yr 6

Tuesday 8 December

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm - Dancing, Dancing, Dancing

A gold coin donation is appreciated.

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**Fit Kids CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

At the Willow Bend Sports Centre Friday 27th November.

**Years K to 6:** 3.30 - 4.30 pm

**Cost:** $9, or free for members

This will be the last week of Fit Kids for 2015, so come & have a great time celebrating another great year of Fit Kids.

All sessions are supervised & parents are not required to stay while the class is on - so it’s a chance to do a bit of Christmas shopping, have a cuppa, or visit friends in PEACE!
Year 6 Graduation
2015
Friday, 11th December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner: 5.30 pm-6.30 pm
(Year 6 students / official guests / teachers only)
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony: 6.30 pm-7.00 pm
(Parents/Carers Invited to attend Ceremony)
Year 5/6 Social Dance: 7.00 pm–8.30 pm
(Year 5 & 6 Students Only)
WHAT: YEAR 5 & 6 SOCIAL DANCE

WHEN: FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2015
7.00PM - 8.30PM

WHERE: CONDOBOLIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
HALL

DRESS: SEMI-FORMAL

YEAR 5 & 6 SOCIAL DANCE invitations will be sent out to students very soon.

Year 5 students will need to supply a supper for the Social Dance. More information soon.
Year 5 students attending the Years 5/6 Social Dance will need to supply a light supper.

Date: Friday 11th December, 2015  
Time: 7.00pm—8.30pm

Bring a plate of nibbles. All food to be nut free.

Food to be covered with glad wrap. All trays to be labelled with names and collected at the end of the social dance.
Men's Health Check Day 2015

Come along and have a Yarn about Men's Business

Where: Men's Shed
William Street Condobolin 2877

When: 26th November 2015

Time: Starts at 8am

Including: BBQ Provided,

For further information please contact Shirley Ann Merritt or Amanda Coe on 02 68901 500.

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Paul Escreet, Kevin Griffith, Willy Gilbert, Kevin Reid and Otis Williams.
Parents, Carers, Family and Friends are invited to Attend
Condobolin Public School
K-2 Christmas Concert
Friday 4th December 2015
Time 12.45 – 1.30pm
In our school hall

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two Classes will entertain visitors to our Christmas Concert with a performance, followed by a parade of Christmas costumes.

Students can wear Christmas or party clothes to school on this day, with sensible shoes and a broad brimmed hat. If students have a costume they would like to parade in during the Concert, students can pack their clothes in a bag and bring to school on the day.

Following the concert parents, carers, family and friends are invited to join K-2 students during the recess break 1.35 – 2.00pm.

After recess students will have the opportunity to attend a disco for K-2 students. If you do not wish for your child to attend the disco please let your child’s class teacher know as soon as possible.

The disco will take place in the last session of the day in the school hall from 2.10 – 3.00pm. Miss Richards and Year 6 will be hosting the disco as a fundraising event. There will be lots of games, fun and of course dancing. The cost to attend the disco will be $1.00.

Mrs R Jones                         Ms Deborah Nay
K-2 Supervisor                      Principal
Kinder 2016 Orientation Day

Last Friday morning, children starting school in 2016 were invited to spend an orientation morning at school as part of the Kindergarten Transition to School program.

The children enjoyed a wonderful morning becoming familiar with the school routine and getting to know each other.

The transition to school program continues this week. Children intending to start school in 2016, are invited to come along on Wednesday (tomorrow) and Thursday between 1:00 and 2:00pm.
Last Friday morning, children in Kindergarten had the opportunity to “buddy up” with the Stage 3 students in 5S.

Students in 5S had worked in pairs to write, illustrate and publish their stories during Term 3. Last week they were able to become the story tellers of their own books with their Kindergarten buddies as the captivated audience.

5S students continued their buddy skills, supporting the Kindergarten students with computer lessons as well.

Due to the very hot weather, children remained inside for sport. The Class 5S buddies organised a rotation of activities which included Just Dance and “What’s The Time, Mr Wolf?”

Thank you to Miss Shipway, Miss Dorman, Mrs L’Estrange and Class 5S students for providing a wonderful morning of learning and fun for the Kindergarten students.
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Parent Survey - Learning, Satisfaction and Homework 2015

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. The results will guide our school in making improvements. Your views are valued.

Thank you for your assistance in completing this survey. We would appreciate any comments, so that we may be able to understand what areas need to be addressed in future.

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Homework

12 I expect that my child's teacher will provide homework each week.
13 My child completes homework each week.
14 Homework is marked and returned to my child each week.
15 Relevant to my child's age and ability
16 Relevant to my child's needs
17 Varied, challenging, but achievable
18 Clearly communicated to students
19 Revising skills, knowledge and understanding developed in class
20 Time each day/week considering other commitments
21 I understand how to help my child with homework.

Thank you for your time. Please return the survey to school by 4 December,
Condobolin Lions Sports Awards

Christmas Bingo

When: Tuesday 8th December
Where: Condobolin Sports Club
Time: 6.30 for 7pm start!