CONDOBOLIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 5
3 November 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6 November
3B Formal Assembly.

Wednesday 11 November
AECG Meeting 11.00 am
Public School

Thursday 12 November
P & C Meeting 7.00 pm

Friday 20 November
Kinder Orientation Day
5/6P Assembly

Friday 4 December
K-2 Christmas Concert
12.45 - 1.30 pm

Friday 11 December
Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 15 December
Presentation Day
12.30 pm in Hall

Wednesday 16 December
Last Day Term for
Students

Principal's Report

Congratulations go to the Condobolin High School students and staff who performed in the musical, *Grease*, last Friday and Saturday evenings. I was proud to see our past students show confidence and skill when performing, whether as one of the main characters or as a member of the chorus. We have some talented young people in our community.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Outbreak

After an outbreak of whooping cough in our community last term, it has been confirmed in a small number of students at our school. It is important that if your child displays any symptoms of Pertussis (whooping cough) that you take them to the doctors with a copy of an attached letter for a simple swab. Your doctor can advise whether Pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have Pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

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.

Western NSW Public Health Unit has provided additional information about whooping cough in this newsletter. The fact sheet and letter are attached.

Allergy AAA
School
this means that children,
parents, carers and visitors
are asked TO NOT WEAR
anything scented as we have
children with severe allergies
in our school.
Please: NO nuts
(including nutella)

SCHOOL BANKING

MONDAYS

KB performing for the grandparents day.

Book Fair

Our thanks go to the students and parents that supported the Book Fair last Friday. With over $4,000 worth of books being sold, our school received $1,000 commission in the form of books for the school library.
Information Sessions

Last Tuesday afternoon, some of our Year 2 students and their parents participated in an information session about transition into Year 3. Mrs Fyfe provided information around some of the differences and similarities between Year 3 and Year 2, including those identified by our current Year 3 students. A range of questions were asked and answered, as well as a visit held to the current Year 3 classrooms.

A number of parents and grandparents visited students in the K-2 classrooms on Friday as part of our second L3 Open Day. Our visitors were provided with an overview of the Language, Learning, Literacy (L3) program and some of the activities that were to be seen in classrooms before moving into classrooms to watch L3 in action. Children in Kindergarten were involved in guided reading lessons and independent activities, Year 1 students displayed their skills with writing about axolotls, and Year 2 classes were involved in reciprocal reading lessons.

Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to attend the formal assembly this Friday in the hall starting at 1pm. The students in 3B will be performing.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting is at Condobolin Public School next Wednesday, 11 November at 11am. All interested Aboriginal parents and carers are invited to attend.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 November at 7pm in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Deborah Nay
Principal

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Focus this week: Following Instructions

Strong

Smart

Proud

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Canteen News

Now available at the Canteen:
Lunch Wallets - reusable lunch order bags - $12.00
Insulated Lunch Wallet - $14.00

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
Grandparents Day Assembly

Physical Culture - lessons this week (4/11/15) will be in the Public School hall.

Our Annual Book Fair ‘Under the Sea’ was a huge success. Thank you students, parents and teachers. We raised a total of $4,275 in book sales. Our commission of $1,710 was allocated to new book purchases in the library.

Remember - explore an Ocean of Books and a trove of narrative treasures.
Awards to be handed out at this week’s 3B assembly at 1.00 pm

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

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**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

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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
(Years 5 & 6 Students Only)
Raising Mighty Boys

Understanding what makes boys tick is the key to teaching and raising them. Here are twelve essentials in order to connect with our sons and help raise well-adjusted boys.

1. Boys like to blend in
   Boys are group-oriented by nature. They want to fit in. They tend to play group games and form themselves into structured groups. Boys don't want to stand out from the crowd. Don't put them down in front of their friends and understand that they make poor friendship choices rather than being in a group of one. They'll generally prefer the wrong friends rather than no friends at all.

2. Boys are just as sensitive as girls
   Despite the fact that research shows that boys are more easily stressed and more fragile than girls parents will ask daughters how they feel more often than they ask sons. Also when daughters get hurt, parents tend to comfort them more than they comfort sons. Boys are sensitive you just need to use different language to get them to open up than you do with girls. For instance, a boy will more likely tell you how he feels if you ask him how he thinks about something. And, he generally needs more time to process his feelings so bedrooms can become the places that they retreat to which they need the space to work out what's going on in their hearts.

3. They are hierarchical by nature
   Boys need limits and boundaries as they make them feel safe and secure. They like to know someone is going to enforce those rules, so don't be afraid to take the lead with them.

4. Many boys hide behind a mask
   Some boys wear a mask to protect them from being hurt. The mask can take many guises including: tough nut, cool dude and 'glass down.' Refuse to communicate with the mask. Make them feel comfortable, joke with them, even tickle them. Do whatever you can to get behind the mask.

5. You must like them
   Approval is at the heart of raising boys. Most will walk over hot coals for you if they know you like them. In a sense, this need for approval holds many boys back in school, as they can shut down for a teacher who doesn't like them. If you can feel comfortable with their boisterousness, live with their lack of organizational skills, and not be confronted by their in-your-face ways then the chances are that they'll respond to you.

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... Raising Mighty Boys ...

1. Boys are tactile by nature
   Ever noticed how little boys are more likely than little girls to pop new objects in their mouths. That’s because boys and girls are two important ways that they take in the world. That tactile nature of boys needs to be nurtured, not ignored. One way is to hug them; boys need to be touched two or three times as much as girls, to release the same amount of oxytocin (a feel-good chemical in the brain) that is released during a hug.

2. Boys learn from experience
   Many parents know, the extreme frustration that comes from imparting their wisdom on to their sons, only to see it completely ignored. If you have boys in your life then you need to get used to the fact that boys like to learn many of the life lessons for themselves. Experience, for better or worse, is a teacher that many boys can relate to.

3. Loyalty is a high driver
   Understand that a boy’s loyalty to his friends and family is a key driver and you’ll unlock the key to the male psyche. They are incredibly influenced by their peers, which can lead them back, stopping many from getting too far ahead of the pack. Loyalty also gets many boys into strife with authority.

4. Many boys’ mouths don’t work unless they are moving
   If you want to have a serious or personal conversation with a boy then you are better off joining him on a walk. Face-to-face conversations can make them feel awkward, whereas shoulder-to-shoulder chats or conversations that happen during a game or activity seem to flow more naturally.

5. Boys need social scripts
   Most boys need some didactic teaching about how to act and what to say to others at some stage in their life. Don’t be afraid to tell boys of any age exactly what to say in new social situations as they can often struggle to find the words and the way to get their messages across.

6. A boy’s brain mature differently than a girl’s brain
   The maturation rate and sequence is different for boys than girls. For instance, the brain developments in the first five years of life prepare girls for the rigours of school better than it does for boys. A girl’s brain, in that period, is busy developing fine motor skills, verbal acuity and social skills, which are highly valued by parents and teachers. A boy’s brain, on the other hand, is busy developing gross motor, spatial and visual skills, which are essential hunting skills. Unfortunately, there isn’t a great need for these traits in primary schools nowadays.

There’s no doubt that raising boys tends to be more of a challenge for parents then raising girls. Understanding and appreciating the differences is a great start. However, I think parents who really connect well with their sons somehow develop the wisdom to step as well as speak up at the right time, and the smarts to know when to stand back and allow their sons to work things out for themselves.

Michael Grose

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

A child that attends Condobolin Public School has been diagnosed with Pertussis (whooping cough). I am writing to provide advice and to ask that you watch out for the symptoms of Pertussis in your child, especially over the next 3 weeks.

What is Pertussis?
Pertussis is an infection of the respiratory tract that can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people sick with Pertussis do?
If your child develops symptoms, please take your child and this letter to your local doctor as soon as possible. Your doctor can advise whether Pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have Pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

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. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

How is it prevented?
Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not provide lifelong protection, and re-infection can occur. Pertussis immunity wanes over time, therefore many older children and adults are susceptible to infection and can be the source of new infections in infants. Free vaccine is recommended for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months although the first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age. A booster dose is recommended at 4 years but this can be given as early as three years and six months of age. A second free vaccine booster is also provided to students in either Year 7 or Year 10 as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program.

Vaccination during pregnancy (preferably at 28 weeks) is now recommended and pregnant women in NSW are eligible for free whooping cough vaccine. Talk to your doctor today about vaccinations.

Need more information?
For more information, please see the attached Pertussis Fact sheet, or call the Public Health Unit on (02) 6330 5880.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Connolly
Surveillance & Public Health Nurse
per
Dr Thérèse Jones
Director Population Health

Enclosed – Pertussis Fact sheet
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Condobolin Public School

Kindergarten Orientation Day

Friday 20th November 2015

Held in the Kindergarten Classroom
9.30am – 12pm

We invite children starting school at Condobolin Public School in 2016 to attend

For Further Information please contact our school office 68952 134

Mrs Raylene Jones  Ms Deborah Nay
K-2 Assistant Principal  Principal

At Condobolin Public School we are Strong, Smart and Proud