DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 12 May
NAPLAN

Wednesday 13 May
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Thursday 14 May
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Friday 15 May
PBL Assembly 1pm

Tuesday 19 May
ICAS Competition Digital Technologies

Thursday 21 May
Variety Bash

Friday 22 May
Lachlan Cross Country Forbes

Friday 22 May
Walk Safely To School Day

Wednesday 3 June
ICAS Competition Science

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

Principal's Report

We congratulate our Year 3 and Year 5 students for being Strong, Smart and Proud during the first of the NAPLAN assessments today. The students participated in the Language Conventions and Writing assessments. They will undertake the Reading assessment tomorrow and Numeracy on Thursday morning.

For students to do their best it is important that they are not anxious about involvement. The best thing that parents can do is to ensure that children get a good night sleep and a healthy diet. Too much questioning or reminding around what to do will increase anxiety. Having a go at the assessments will allow students to show growth from Year 3 to Year 5.

Student results from these NAPLAN assessments will not be available until September or October.

Public Speaking
Twenty-two Stage 2 and Stage 3 students participated in the school public speaking competition on Friday. Ms Sanderson was proud to have worked with these students in preparing them for the event.

While all of the entrants did a terrific job, the following students have been selected to represent our school at the CWA Public Speaking Competition in Parkes on 26 May:

Stage 2: Emma Buckland Catherine McDonald

Stage 3: Billie O'Bryan Arnja Hill

Attendance Letters
Notification of Attendance Letters are currently being sent home where a student has an attendance rate that falls below 85%, even if all absences have been appropriately explained. We are trying to keep parents and carers informed as the days can quickly add up.

It is important that all absences are adequately explained. Where insufficient information is provided on a note or the reason given does not fall under the justified list of reasons for absence, a separate letter is being sent home. Where parents provide more information, some of these absences can be justified.
The following information provided on notes does not allow the school to determine if an absence is justified:

- family reasons
- appointments

We can determine if an absence is justified where you explain that you have been away for a funeral or give more information if it is a family matter that has caused the student to be absent or arrive late to school. It is also important to let us know if an appointment is for the student or parent, and if it is for a doctor, dentist or optometrist

**Peachey Shield and Richardson Cup**

Last Thursday, 7 May, twenty-seven students from Years 3 to 6 represented Condobolin Public School in the Peachey Shield and Richardson Cup at the Condobolin SRA Ground. Our three courageous teams competed in a round robin competition against teams from St Laurence’s Catholic School (Dubbo), St Joseph’s Catholic School and Forbes Public School. We succeeded in getting our Stage 2 team into the Richardson Cup final, unfortunately we were defeated by St Laurence’s 5 – 3. One of our Stage 3 teams smashed their way through the semi-final and made it into the Peachey Shield final, also competing against St Laurence’s who ended their day as champions all round, also scoring 5 – 3. We congratulate them on their victories and wish them all the best in the next round.

All students from Condobolin Public School should be commended for their Strong, Smart and Proud behaviour throughout the entire day and perseverance against their strong competitors. Well done students.

We would like to mention some stars of the day that showed sportsmanship, resilience and determination.

**Stage 3**

Team 1: Michael Stanley
Team 2: Chyanne Goolagong

**Stage 2**

Sam Cunningham

We would like to thank Mr Whitla for his contribution in coaching the teams and assisting with the event on the day. Our thanks also go to the many parents who came along to support our students.

**P&C Meeting**

Our congratulations go to Mrs Deb Manwaring on her election as treasurer of the P&C for 2015. We now have all executive positions filled.
PSSA Western Soccer

Today, Wednesday 6 May I went to Dubbo for the PSSA Western Soccer tryouts. I played in the Lachlan team and we played games against Bathurst, Orange, Cowra and a combined small schools team. The players were all very good and I was lucky in making it into the possibles/probable. For this I had to play another game but was unsuccessful in making the Western team, but there’s always next year.

Riley Keen

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**PBL NEWS**  
Focus this week: Showing Respect and Tolerating Others.

**Strong**  
**Smart**  
**Proud**

**Got It! Program**

“To be in your children’s memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today”.  
– Barbara Johnson

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**FRAN DOBBIE WORKSHOP**

Monday 18th May 2015  9:30-3:00pm

Western Plains Regional Development

Put this date in your calendar. This important workshop is for PARENTS. It offers you the opportunity to develop your skills in coping with the pressure of raising children and everyday life.

This quality guest presenter seldom comes our way. Don’t miss out.

Contact Sue Henley (ph 68953301) for more information….Supported by the TAP Program
Physical Culture Club

Condobolin Physical Culture Club is holding a Barefoot Bowls afternoon starting at 2pm on Sunday 17th May. Teams of 4 Adults & or children. $10 per person. Fantastic prizes. Enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch. Lots of fun for all.
Following are the subjects, due dates for entries and fees and cost of entering the International Competitions for schools:

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If you would like your child (children) to sit for any, some or all of the above competition exams, please return the following form and entry fee by the due date. **Please return a separate entry form for each student with entry fees.**

Student’s Name: __________________________

Amount enclosed: $____________

Competition Exams Entered: __________________________

Signed: __________________________

Date: _____________

(Parent/Carer)

**Dates for sitting these subjects:**

**ICAS Competitions**

Digital Technologies (Computers) Tuesday 19 May 2015

Science Wednesday 3 June 2015  

Sitting dates for other competitions will be advised.