Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a great holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

Staffing Changes
Mrs Karen Marchant has left us to take up a full time position at Joseph Banks Secondary College. Ms Jo Horvat has left Kindy and Mrs Rachel Clune is on extended leave. Ms Jemma Hartzer has been appointed as the Kindy teacher in Mrs Clune’s absence.
Ms Elise Pryce and Mrs Nicola Underwood have been appointed as the education assistants in Kindy. Mrs Bartley has moved to Marri 2.
Mr Phil Otley has left us and we welcome back Mrs Kerryn Hodgin to teach Phys. Ed.
Mrs Tracey Eynon is replacing Mrs Tracey Smith who remains on sick leave.

Class Structure 2019

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Parent Information Session
This will be held on Tuesday 19th February. A timetable will be sent out nearer the time.

New Parent Welcome Morning Tea
This will be held on Thursday 14th February. Invitations will be sent out this week.

School Assembly
Our first class assembly of the year will be held on Friday 22nd February and will be run by Mrs Loffelman’s Year 3 Class.

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 and World Book Online.

Students Arriving Early
Last year a significant number of students arrived before 8.00am. This is far too early. If students arrive at school before 08.25am, 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.

Allergy Awareness
Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow’s milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame and certain insect venom (particularly bee stings).

It is a school rule that students do not share food and our canteen operates within the WA Government’s Healthy Eating Policy.

In providing a safe and supportive environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of their schooling I would ask that parents emphasise with their children the ‘no sharing food’ rule. I would also like to request you try to avoid putting spreads such as peanut butter or Nutella into your child’s lunchbox.

If your child does have a food allergy, please ensure this is documented on our medical files and an appropriate medical action plan is in place.

David Womersley, Principal

### 2019 Term Dates and School Development Days

#### Term Dates 2019:
- **Term 1**: Monday 4th February – Friday 12th April 2019.
- **Term 2**: Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July 2019.
- **Term 3**: Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 27th September 2019.
- **Term 4**: Tuesday 15th October – Thursday 19th December 2019.

#### School Development Days: (Students do not attend)
- **Term 1**: Thursday 31st January, Friday 1st February 2019.
- **Term 2**: Friday 28th June 2019 (TBC).
- **Term 3**: Monday 22nd July 2019.
- **Term 4**: Monday 14th October and Friday 20th December 2019.
**From the Associates**

The beginning of the school year is a great time to create new goals, routines and sometimes a fresh start. Michael Grose is a family and parenting expert who shares 7 ways to make a sensational start to the school year. Definitely worth a read.


For some children the start of the school year is fraught with anxiety and overwhelm. This is a normal reaction to change, however if the anxiety, worry and overwhelm is having an impact on their daily life perhaps it is time to seek support via your GP. In the meantime here is an article with some great ways parents can assist their anxious, worried child.


**Hot Weather**

February and March typically bring extreme heat when students are at school. A reminder that all students require a hat and large drink bottle. Students are not allowed to play in the sun without a hat. We also suggest applying sunscreen at home prior to coming to school.

**Behaviour**

The start of a new year brings a reminder of high expectations for all students. Classroom teachers will be revisiting the school’s Levels of Behaviour. We encourage ‘green’ behaviours at Connolly Primary School and will be running an Admin incentive to ‘Stay in the Green for you Team.’ Children have been reminded the speak to their classroom teachers about any inappropriate behaviour, as soon as it occurs.

**Sustainability**

As a whole school initiative, we will encouraging ‘Packet Free Friday’ for students bringing their lunch to school. Classroom teachers will discuss with their students ways to reduce our waste as a school.

**BEST Emotional Resilience Tip**

Parent Self Care - a parent often puts a child’s needs ahead of their own. So, put aside for yourself. A pause by the ocean on the way home, a walk, time out by yourself, a quiet cuppa... Every day- take a moment. You deserve it!

Bestprograms4kids.com

Brooke Coyle & Chantelle Cochrane, Associate Principals

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**NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE LAB**

The Science Lab refurbishment is now complete and I am now in the process of buying new furniture and resources. We have ten new I Pads coming and I am investigating new technologies which could be incorporated into the classroom. A very exciting start to the year!

The whole school focus for Term 1 is Earth and Space Sciences

Pre-Primary: Weather, Year 1: Changes in the sky, Year 2: Water, Year 3 : Sun, Earth and Moon, Year 4 : Landscapes, Year 5 : Solar System, Year 6 : Earth and Disasters.

I am needing shoeboxes if you have any please send to the Science Lab.

Sara Munro, Science, Design & Technology Teacher
Confidential Declaration Forms

Confidential Declaration forms have been sent home today with the eldest child in the family. Parents wishing to volunteer in the school or on excursions with students must complete this form and return it to the school office. These forms must be completed on an annual basis. Parents attending school camps or overnight stays are required to have a Working with Children Check Card.

Connolly Primary School News

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Connolly Primary School uses a mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) to notify parents via a text message if a child is absent from the school without explanation.

Please add this number to your mobile phone contacts list: CPS SMS - 0408 915 178

At a specified time each day, if our attendance records indicate that your child is absent without an explanation, an SMS text message will automatically be sent to your nominated mobile phone.

Parents are asked to reply as soon as possible, using SMS, by simply pressing the reply option on your mobile phone, adding your child’s full name, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late for example:

John Smith sick 06/02/09
OR John Smith will be late dental appt 06/02/09
OR John Smith will be late car trouble 06/02/09

Qkr App

Qkr is available for our parents to use. We encourage you to download the app using the ‘How To Guide’ attached.

With Qkr, you can pay instantly for excursions, incursions, voluntary contributions etc. When notes are sent home, you will be advised that the activity has been uploaded to Qkr for you to pay for and digitally provide permission for your child to participate in an activity.

Please ensure that all incursion and excursions are paid by the deadline stated to allow your child to participate.

If you need any assistance or further information regarding the Qkr app, please visit the staff in the office.

Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons

Year 5/6 swimming lessons commence Monday 18th February 2019. Permission forms and payment must be received by Monday 11th February to allow your children to attend. Please ensure ALL permission forms are received.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Connolly OSH Club Room can be found at the front of the school in the Banksia Block. Our opening hours are 7:00am - 9:00am and 2:50pm - 6:00pm. We offer breakfast until 8:00am and we also provide an afternoon snack with fresh fruit for after school care. For Vacation care parent and guardians will need to provide a morning snack, lunch, and a afternoon snack. We provide a range of indoor and outdoor activities suitable for all the age groups.

Please ensure your child has a hat to be able to play outside, if children don’t bring a hat they wont 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 do supply the sunscreen, your also welcome to bring your own if you would prefer or have a medical reason for doing so. Hats and sunscreen are to be worn all year round.

Any questions you may have or if you would like any additional information please give us a call or pop in and see us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Laura – Coordinator & Olivia – Assistant

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