Dear Parents and Community Members
Welcome to Week Seven

Last week was an incredibly busy week.

Book Week
We had our Book Week dress up parade on Wednesday and it was fantastic. Almost all the students and all the staff dressed up and it was a fun experience for everyone. Thank you to all parents and students for your creative costumes. You all looked wonderful.

Faction Carnival
The weather was absolutely fantastic, students were beautifully behaved and families and friends turned out in force. The sportsmanship and participation of the children was excellent. What a great carnival! Thank you to the P&C, canteen staff and volunteers for providing wonderful food throughout the day. A huge thank you to all Connolly PS staff who were amazing. It was a real team effort and it exemplified the Connolly Spirit. Well done to everyone.

NAPLAN Online
We will be trialling our school readiness on Tuesday and Wednesday this week with our Year 5 students. There won’t be any results as it is a test of our infrastructure not the students knowledge.

Staff Development Day
Monday 3rd September is a pupil free day. Students do not attend on this day. There won’t be any staff on site as we are all visiting Treendale Primary School in Australind. Staff will be leaving at 7.00 am.

Bike Racks
The tree was supposed to have been removed this weekend and I expect it will be cut down in the near future. The bike racks are being concreted. In the short term students will still use the area outside my office.

Attendance
It is a requirement that parents inform the school if their child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you the absence is recorded as unexplained and the school will follow up. If your child is absent, through illness, for an extended period please provide a doctor’s certificate.

If you are going on a family holiday during term time permission is needed from the school.

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

David Womersley, Principal
From the Associates

Parent Workshop - Cyber Safety
Thank you to Myf and Shannon who conducted an engaging and hands-on parent workshop this morning on Cyber Safety.

Chaplaincy Service
At Connolly we are fortunate to have the Chaplaincy Service operating 5 days a fortnight with Luzanne working alternate Mondays and every Thursday as well as Jodi working every Tuesday. Our chaplains work with whole classes, small groups and individual students on a variety of topics including, friendships, conflict resolution, resilience, values and grief. They are an integral part of our student services team, if you feel your child would benefit from working with the chaplains please contact the Associate Principals through the office.

Tell a Teacher
Most problems, conflicts or issues that arise in a school day can be solved with the help of our teachers, education assistants, administration staff and or chaplains. Parents please encourage your child/ren to seek the help of a staff member when problems arise. Little worries become big worries when they are not addressed. We are here to help.

Treasure Hunt
As we get closer to the end of term it is important to remind student to “Stay in the Green” in order to participate in the end of term treasure hunt. This term is sure to be a good one with Flynn (Karri 1) one of our senior students helping Mrs Jones and Mrs Coyle with some new features. Students who have been “in the red” for behaviours this term will not be invited to attend.

Trudy Jones & Brooke Coyle, Associate Principals

2018 Faction Carnival Results

Final results were:

1st - Emus (679)
2nd - Kangaroos (635)
3rd - Goannas (454)
4th - Dingoes (444)

Age Champions:
Year 1 - Claire, Billy
Year 2 - Hallie, Max, Freddie
Year 3 - Savannah, Alex
Year 4 - Capri, Andy
Year 5 - Tona, James
Year 6 - Grace, Reece

Runner-Up Champions:
Year 1 - Hana, Liam
Year 2 - Meagan, Brody
Year 3 - Isla, Lachlan
Year 4 - Tillie, Jake
Year 5 - Luna, Josie, Hayden
Year 6 - Trinity, Joe

Assembly
The staff and students of Wattle 3 will host the School Assembly on Friday 31 August in the Undercover area.
We extend an invitation to all members of the school community to join us for this event.

Monday 3 September is a School Development Day and students do not attend school on this day.