Dear Parents and Community Members
Welcome to Week Nine

What a busy term so far with book week, dress up, open night, Science Week, NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test, faction carnival, regional soccer which we won, state soccer championship, state cross country and interschool faction carnivals as well as excursions, incursions, massed choir rehearsals and Father’s Day activities.

We still have the Massed Choir Festival, Y5 bike incursion, Banksia 1 Assembly and our Bali sister school fundraiser still to come. It is no wonder everyone is tired.

Staffing
Mrs Rachel Clune, Kindy, has taken up a position at Applecross Primary School for the rest of the year. We welcome Mrs Jo Horvath to the staff.

Professional Development Day
On Monday the staff left at 7.00 am and we headed to Treendale Primary School in Australind. Treendale is a new purpose built school doing innovative work in digital technologies. We were greeted by the Principal and given a brief overview of the school. We then were taken on a guided tour. After meeting with Treendale staff we then were free to visit classrooms and observe lessons and talk with children and staff. It was a rewarding experience and staff have taken away many ideas about how to develop our own digital technologies program. We saw creative use of classroom space including flexible learning areas.

We will be discussing our ideas in more detail and formulating our own way forward.

Parent Survey
A link to the National Opinion Survey has been forwarded to all parents. We send the survey out every two years. We truly value your opinion and use the results to plan and modify what we do. The survey is open from 12.00 pm today and closes at midnight on Friday 5th October. It should not take more than 5 minutes to complete.

You should all have received an email giving you the survey link but I have included it below. If anyone prefers to fill in a hard copy please let me know.

https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/k83YyWpT

Interschool Faction Carnival
What an exciting interschool event. We were up against much bigger schools and did well to finish fourth. I watched their star relays and our teams did a magnificent job with our Y3 girls and Y6 boys winning their races.

NAPLAN Online
We successfully completed our online readiness test. After a shaky start we got the hang of it and I am confident we are ready to trial it next year. I will run a parent workshop for parents of our NAPLAN student in Term 1 next year.

Bike Racks
The tree has now been removed and we are back to normal with students able to use the bike racks.

Dogs on School Grounds
A reminder that dogs should not be brought on to school grounds whilst the children are at school.

P&C Meeting
The P&C meeting scheduled for tomorrow night has been postponed until Tuesday 18th September at 7.00 pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend.

David Womersley, Principal
From the Associates

World Suicide Prevention Day / R U Ok Day
World Suicide Prevention Day is today and R U Ok Mental Health and Wellbeing is a priority for staff students and parents at Connolly Primary School. Parents please pass this valuable information onto your children.

Someone is always available to listen....

Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) 1300 555 788
Kids Help Line (any time any reason) 1088 55 1800
General Practitioner Services
General Practitioners (GPs) are the foundation of primary care. It is the first point of health care delivered to people outside of hospitals. GPs are medical experts, trained to deal with all types of problems including mental illness. A GP can also provide Medicare-covered (mental) health support such as psychologists via a Mental Health Care Plan especially around times of high distress.

Attendance
Remember every day counts, did you know....

- Missing one day a week of school from Year 1 to Year 11 is equal to missing two years and one term of school.
- Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is equal to more than one year and one term of missed school.
- Being absent five days a term from year 1 to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed school.
- There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. Attendance affects students’ achievements.
- Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers to ensure your child learns what they need to.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school please contact the school administration as we are here to help you.

Trudy Jones & Brooke Coyle, Associate Principals

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

Assembly
The staff and students of Banksia 1 will host the School Assembly on Friday 21st September in the Undercover area. We extend an invitation to all members of the school community to join us for this event.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 21st September ~ Last day of Term 3
Monday 8th October ~ School Development Day
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY
Tuesday 9th October ~ First day of Term 4
Wear Your Footy Colours Adopt-A-School Fundraiser 2018
On Friday 21st September, it is Wear Your Footy Colours Day! For a gold coin donation, children will be allowed to wear their favourite footy, soccer, rugby, netball, basketball or cricket jersey, scarf, hat or scarf to school (school uniform bottoms must be worn). The money raised will go towards providing art materials for the children in our sister school in SD5 Abiantuwung, Bali.

Connolly Primary School is a foundation member of Adopt-A-School. This was set up to foster friendship and a better understanding of cultural similarities between Bali and Australia.

Miss Fong, Connolly Adopt-A-School Co-ordinator

Library Buzz . . . . .

BOOK FAIR
Thank You to everyone who came along to our Book Fair. It was a great success and we now have some fantastic new books to add to the Library collection.

BOOK WEEK
Was also a lot of fun especially the Dress Parade. Congratulations to everyone – Parents and students for a great effort with costumes

We have a great selection of Non Fiction Books in our Library
The Cake Pops Cook Book is getting plenty of use!!

**A reminder that all students need a Library Bag to Borrow**
Connolly P.S Library Bags are available from the uniform shop

Jo Nelligan – Library Officer

CYBERSAFETY TIP
For our final cybersafety tip we would like to leave you with this:

The 'Golden Rule' of social media and internet use . . . treat others how you want to be treated!

Thank you to the school community for welcoming us during our placement. We will miss you all.

Myf and Shannon

To assist us with planning for 2019, if your child/ren will not be attending Connolly Primary School next year, please complete the slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Children NOT Attending Connolly Primary School in 2019

Name: ............................................................ Current Year: ......................

Name: ............................................................ Current Year: ......................

The school my child(ren) will be attending in 2019 is: ............................................................

Parent Signature: ............................................ Date: ......................................
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school holidays are fast approaching! Our holiday program is out now to view and you can book in online though the booking system. If you have any enquires about any of the days, please let us know. For excursions we are super excited to be going to Perth Zoo in the first week, and Latitude in Joondalup for the second week! For our incursions we have a silent disco in the first week and a sports incursion in the second week. Theme days include: Pyjama Party, Amazing Asia, Mini Inventors, Tropical Rainforest, Roaming Reptiles, Secret Garden, I’m a Survivor and a back to school party on Monday 8th October.

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 an 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 won’t 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, you’re 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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