Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week Three

The school year has started smoothly and I thank you all for ensuring your children arrive on time with all their stationery items. We have been extremely busy already with dancing, swimming, parent information sessions and a welcome morning tea for new families.

Staffing Change

Mrs Kathy Lester, Kindy Education Assistant has retired. Kathy has been a great asset to Connolly Primary School and will be missed. We will need to run a staffing process to replace Kathy and we have already started this process.

Parent Information Session

This was held on Tuesday 6th February. Thank you to all parents who managed to come along. If you couldn’t attend, or there was a clash of times resulting in you missing a session, you would have received an information letter from the teacher. If you haven’t received one please contact the teacher who will be happy to supply one.

Contributions and Charges

The voluntary contribution is capped at $60.00 and the expectation is that all 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, World Book Online and Skoolbo.

Students Arriving Early

I have noticed a significant number of students arriving before 8:00 am. This is far too early and I will contact parents regarding alternatives. If students arrive at school before 8:25am, 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.

P&C Meeting

There will be a P&C Meeting tomorrow night. This will be held in the staffroom at 7:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Assembly

The staff and students of Jarrah 3 will host the first School Assembly on Friday 16 February in the Undercovered area. We extend an invitation to all members of the school community to join us for this event.
School Board Meeting
The first School Board meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 21st February. The main item on the agenda is the new Business Plan. Parent representatives on the School board are: Mrs Terri Hinch, Mrs Laura Balling, Mr Gary Morris, Ms Louise Friend and Ms Tricia McKenzie. Any issues you would like raised should be directed to one of the parent representatives for inclusion at a future meeting.

Easter Tuesday
Easter Tuesday falls on Tuesday 3rd of April. Please note that this is not a public holiday, but schools will be closed on this day.

Edudance
The students in Pre-primary to Year 4 have begun their Edudance lessons every Thursday. The Edudance concert will be held on Thursday 5th April.

Winter Carnival
The winter carnival will be held next term and a parent has volunteered to coach the footy (AFL) team after school if there is enough interest. Any students in Years 5 and 6 should let their teacher know this week, if they are interested. If there are not enough students we will offer it to Year 4 students.

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).

The school will develop a new allergy awareness policy this term. 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

In Term 1 our Whole School Focus for STEM is: Physical Sciences.

Year level topics:
PP - Movement
Year 1 - Light and Sound
Year 2 - Forces of Push and Pull
Year 3 - Heat
Year 4 - Forces
Year 5 - Light
Year 6 - Electrical Circuits

Please continue to send in shoe boxes!

Sara Munro, STEM Teacher
From the Associates

Kiss and Drive
Kiss and Drive will continue to operate this year in the bays adjacent to the staff carpark. This is a NO PARKING area. If your child is not waiting for you at the Kiss and Drive, please continue to drive between the roundabouts to ensure traffic flow is not obstructed. The school, local council and the police received a number of complaints from local community members as a result of traffic being blocked.

The City of Joondalup has also requested that schools pass on the following to our parents:

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone City of Joondalup Officers will be conducting patrols of school parking in the mornings and afternoons throughout the school term...

As part of this initiative Officers will be using patrol vehicles, which have been fitted with Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras, to capture digital images of vehicles which are parked contrary to parking requirements near schools.

Staying Connected With Our School
Our school strives to keep our families well-informed through the use of a number of options.

Parents who have Facebook accounts are invited to like our Facebook page to get regular updates and more. Head to https://www.facebook.com/ConnollyPrimarySchool.

We also invite smart phones users to download the Connolly PS app. It is free to download by searching "The Smartlink" in the Apple Store or in the Google Play. Once downloaded, use the app to search Connolly PS. It is a great form of communication for keeping up to date with what’s happening in the school.

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the website at www.connollyps.wa.edu.au. The website will allow parents to keep up to date, and will include all of our current policies, procedures, and services.

The school newsletter is a fortnightly publication and will be emailed to all families as well as posted on our website. Hard copies of the newsletter are available from the front office. The newsletter is a key communication tool between the school and parent body and we urge parents to ensure they use the newsletter to keep abreast of school events and activities.

Communication with Teachers
If you need to discuss an issue or you have a problem, the first contact should always be with the class or specialist teacher. Quite often issues are referred straight to me and whilst I am always pleased to talk to parents it can be counterproductive as I don’t have all the facts. I can only listen, investigate and then set up another meeting which can take several days. On a number of occasions talking with the class teacher first would have cleared things up very quickly.

Student leaders
Congratulations to our first group of student leaders.
Harry (K4), Freya (K1), Tara (K1), Jake (K4), Cameron (K1), Claire (K4), Kym (K4) and Kieran (K4).

Trudy Jones & Brooke Coyle, Associate Principals
Nihongo News

Konnichiwa (Hello). 2018 is an exciting year for language learning with the introduction of languages from Year 3 at all WA schools. There are many benefits to learning a second language. As well as nurturing respect and cultural understanding, learning a language is great brain exercise enhancing our memory and speech. More importantly only through learning another language and culture can we discover more about our first language and our own culture.

Nihongo Club is back for 2018. It is an opportunity for students to take part in many hands on activities related to Japanese culture. In our first Nihongo Club students made origami arigatou (thank you) hearts (kokoro) and ninja turtle stress balls. Arigatou (Thank you) to parent helper Shimohara Sensei for her support during our first Nihongo Club of the year. See you in Nihongo Club every Tuesday lunch in Karri 3.

Last year, Connolly PS participated in the Japan Foundation’s national student art competition Arts Speaks Japanese Comes Alive. Sensei is proud to announce that we were awarded a Special Mention in the Primary Division Year 3-6 Classroom Display Category. Congratulations to the Year 5s from K1 last year for their creative art. Students in that class and in Nihongo club folded origami shirts and created a design based on a season. Please have a look at our art on the Japan Foundation website below.

Congratulations to Freya (K1), Jack (K1), Jasmine (K4), Jazmyn (K4), Joe (K1), Michael (K1), Steven (K4) and Tara (K1).

Don’t forget to be a Mini Sensei and teach someone or thing (pets can be included!) Nihongo Japanese we have studied in class. When we teach we learn and it’s great review. Sayounara.

Jorgensen Sensei, Japanese Teacher

Payments

To assist the school office, please ensure that all incursions / excursions are paid by the deadline stated on the event. This allows us to pay the providers and ensure students are able to attend.

There have been a lot of parents paying on the day of the incursion / excursion and this creates issues for office staff. Please ensure all payments are received by the deadline.

Parents are able to make a lump sum payment at the start of the year to use as a credit for excursions, incursions etc. When signing permission slips, please just simply tick the box that you wish to pay for the event using your credit. Any surplus money at the end of the year can be either refunded or rolled over into the next year. Payments can be made at the school office by cash or cheque, or by direct deposit to Connolly Primary School BSB: 066 040 Account: 19903645 Narration: "Student Surname "Student First Name "Credit". A suggested payment is $50.00 - $100.00.

Chris Hemsley, Manager of Corporate Services

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Learning · Respect · Inclusion · Relationships · Independence
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to term one 2018! We will be covering lots of different theme’s and activity’s throughout the term inside and outside based on the children’s suggestions, interests and being able to extend on their learning. We would greatly appreciate any suggestions from parents/guardians to be able to have your input for our programing and activity’s at OSH Club, as well as having the children’s and educators input.

Connolly OSH Club Room can be found at the front of the school in the Banksia Block. Our opening hours are 7:00am – 9am ad 2.50 – 6pm. We offer breakfast until 8am 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.

Most families are eligible for child care benefit (CCB) and the 50% child care rebate, if you would any ore information about fees or other account information please call the accounts team.

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!

Website: www.oshclub.com.au
Email: oshclub.connolly@gmail.com
Phone: Connolly OSHClub: 0478 079 375
Phone: Head Office Perth: 9261 3200

Ocean Ridge Junior Football Club will be hosting an after school clinic for primary school girls from years 3 to year 6 on Tuesday the 13th March on the Connolly school oval. The session will run from 3:15pm - 4:15pm and will involve a warm up, covering the four main skills and then some small grid games to put what they have learned into practice. At the end of the session the ORJFC will provide some information on pathways open to them and how they can be involved.

The sessions will be run by their modified year group coaches, female coaches and senior members of the department. If you would like you child to attend please ensure you provide them with a water bottle and a hat.

Drum Lessons at Connolly Primary School
Gordon Jansen

Drum set & hand drumming lessons
* All ages  * All styles  * Group / Individual  * Mobile lessons
0421 713 182

KEYBOARD LESSONS AT CPS

There are vacancies for students from Pre-Primary to Year Six for Term One. Please contact Margot on 0414 077 643 with any queries about the Keyboard Program.