Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week Five

School Assembly
Our first class assembly of the year was held on Friday 16th February and a huge thanks to Mrs Loffelman’s Year 3 Class. They entertained us with a superb drumming exhibition. I am amazed how well they did given the have had just two weeks to prepare. The children spoke beautifully and it was great to see so many parents there. Well done Mrs Loffelmann and Jarrah 3.

After assembly, I hold a coffee and chat session available to all parents at the assembly. I will be surveying parents on a number of issues in the next week or so and I would like to know if parents value this opportunity.

I would like to thank all our parents. It is a feature of our school how well you support your children, the staff and each other. We do have some families ‘doing it tough’ at the moment and it is in the true Connolly Spirit that everyone is being so compassionate and understanding to one another.

P&C Meeting
The P&C held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday 13th February. This was not well attended and no financial decisions could be made. The next meeting is on Wednesday 28th March at 2.00pm in the Art Room. I would encourage as many people as possible to attend.

School Board Meeting
The first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 28th February. This meeting has been rearranged due to a number of members being unable to attend. A reminder that the main items on the agenda are the new Business Plan and the 2017 Annual Report. 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.

Swimming
The Year 5 and 6 students have completed their swimming lessons on the beach. I would like to commend them for their outstanding behaviour and manners. I was truly impressed.

Year Six Camp
The Year Six students have just returned from an outstanding camp experience at Fairbridge Farm. Photographs of the wonderful activities are on our Facebook page. A huge thank you to Mrs Paskett, Ms Brennan, Mr Kaluzynski and Mrs Johnson for all their amazing efforts.
**Bike Riding on School Grounds**

A reminder that the riding of bicycles on school grounds is not permitted. Students and parents are asked to dismount and walk their bikes on and off the school grounds. We have several near misses already this year. A reminder that WA law requires all cyclists to wear a helmet.

**Social Media**

Across the country, children are using social media younger and younger. Most apps are 13+. However, if children are using apps younger than the recommended age, we need to make sure children are safe and well educated on risks that are easily avoidable.

YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat and Musical.ly are the most popular, with very young children. Do you know how to identify that they are following a real celebrity? It is rare that primary school age children can answer the question. The reason they need to know is there are multiple fake accounts trying to lure young people into following them. In extreme cases, young people have disclosed that during their talks that they have received private messages from celebrities. Conversations with these “celebrities” often involve asking for inappropriate photographs of the young child. Please make sure that your children know that a celebrity will not send them a private message. Ever.

Be aware that whenever someone who is hugely popular with young children is touring the country, fake accounts start to appear. For example, Ariana Grande is about to visit and we may see fake accounts being set up pretending to be her but there is someone who you do not want contacting your child hiding behind the fake profile.

Fake accounts will often have a slight typo in the name, usually so minor that a young child will not be able to notice. You cannot monitor 24/7 what your child sees on social media unless you are holding the device and hovering over their shoulder. Even with monitoring devices in place, some things slip through. They are never fool proof solutions.

Every parent and carer needs to know how to identify a real celebrity. Most major social media platforms have a verification process to prove that it is the real celebrity or organisation. Please check through with children each celebrity account they are following and unfollow the profiles that do not have the following verification symbols in place.

Facebook a tick in a circle next to the name of the page.

Instagram it is a blue circle, with a white tick in a circle next to the name of the page.

Snapchat calls its verified accounts “Official Stories”. When you follow a famous person on Snapchat, you’ll know they’re verified if they have an emoji to the right of their name. And yes, celebrities get to pick their emojis.

Twitter has a blue circle with a white tick in it beside the name.

Musical.ly has a crown emoji next to the profile picture of the celebrity.

YouTube has a red tick in a white box with a red border.

This information has been provided by 'Safe on Social Media" and for further information please log on to:

www.safeonsocial.com

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David Womersley, Principal
**From the Associates**

**Riding to school**
It is wonderful to see so many families and children riding, scooting and skating to school. Some important points to remember when riding to school are:
- Always wear a helmet that is properly fitted and done up;
- Park your bike, scooter, skateboard in the bike racks and don’t forget to lock them;
- Dismount your bike, scooter, skateboard as soon as you enter the school grounds;
- Give way to pedestrians;
- BE SAFE

**Nature Play**
Nature Play is a large part of the Connolly life and exploring through play especially in nature play spaces is an important part of a child’s development. It is wonderful to see the cubbies being built with the large sticks and cooperative play occurring, please reinforce to your children the importance of using the sticks for building and not as pretend fighting or the like.

**Tell a teacher**
It is very important for children to tell a teacher if they have a problem at school either in the playground or with their learning. Most problems can be solved during the course of the school day with the support of the teacher, support staff and administration. It is much better for children to come home with a problem solved (or at least working towards a solution) than with that problem still bothering them.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability**
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability every year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013, to provide information on a students' level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education. Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer and no student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Trudy Jones, Associate Principal on 9300 2199 or the Western Australian Department of Education NCCD Helpline on 0477 741 598

**Attendance – Make Every Day Count**
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 in getting your child to school or to school on time please contact Trudy and Brooke, we are here to help.

Trudy Jones & Brooke Coyle, Associate Principals
Have you paid your voluntary contributions yet??

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Please support our school by paying the 2018 Voluntary Contributions. These contributions help us maintain the programs we already run and support any new initiatives.

2018 Voluntary Contribution Payment Slip
If you have not yet paid the 2018 Voluntary Contribution, please attach this slip to an envelope with payment and complete the details below.

☐ Preferred payment at Connolly Primary School can be done through the Qkr app. Alternatively, please return the completed form below and provide payment by EFTPOS, online transfer to Connolly Primary School, BSB: 066-040, Account: 199 03645, Ref: child’s surname, first name and reason.

Name of eldest child: ............................................................................................................. Room: ........................................
Name of parent/guardian: ........................................................................................................ Date: ........................................

Voluntary Contributions 2018
Per child - $60
Contributions to Chaplaincy Fund (per child) - $5
Contributions to Library Fund (per child) - $10
P&C Contribution - $30

Virtues
Loyalty - Staying true to someone and standing up for what you believe in.

A fitbit has been found. If it belongs to your child, please contact Chris in the front office.

OCEAN REEF Senior High School
Opportunity Challenge Growth

Are you thinking about enrolling your child at Ocean Reef Senior High School?
Unsure how to secure a place or complete an enrolment application?
Wondering what Specialist and Elite Programs we have on offer?

We invite all parents/carers of Year 6 students to our INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 6.00pm – 7.45pm

This event is always oversubscribed and your prompt attendance will assist us with seating arrangements.

If you are unable to attend, please be aware Year 7 2019 applications for the Specialist and Elite Programs close on 13th April 2018. Application forms are available to download on our website www.oceanreef.wa.edu.au after 20th March 2018.

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

The children have been settling back into the routine of school and Oshclub and we have had a good start to the new year so far. It is essential for parents to be using the online booking system, try and book in ahead to secure your bookings. Due to numbers we cannot always guarantee on the day bookings. Remember to set up an online enrolment go to www.oshclub.com.au

Remember, if you have any special talents and you would like to share with our OSHClub children, please feel free to pop in to see us to discuss and arrange a suitable time to share your talent with us. Also, if your children attend any outside sports or clubs that you would like to share within the school community, please let us know and we can display this on our community board. Reminder to all our OSHClub parents, if your child is unwell or won’t be attending OSHClub for any reason and they have been booked in, please remember to call or text the OSHClub number to advise us of their non-attendance. This is very important so we are not looking for a child who is not attending for the session. Make sure your contacts are updated regularly and we are notified if someone else will be collecting your child. It is important for us to have the correct information to uphold our strict collections procedure and for the safety of your child.

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.

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!

Laura – Coordinator & Olivia – Assistant

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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.
The Ocean Ridge Junior Football Club will be hosting an AFLW clinic for girls from Year 3 to Year 6.
Where: Connolly Primary School
When: Tuesday, 13th of March 2018
From: 3.15pm to 4.15pm

If you currently play, would like to play or just want to give AFLW a go, then come along and join the fun!