Dear Parents and Community Members
Welcome to Week Nine

P&C Meeting
The P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28th March at 2:00pm in the Art room. It will be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Joondalup Festival
On Saturday evening, Connolly PS Year 4 students participated in the City of Joondalup Festival Twilight Lantern Parade. The 2018 Joondalup Festival celebrated the City's 20th birthday, encouraging patrons to reflect on the journey since becoming a city. The Twilight Lantern Parade is one of the highlights of the Festival and is the biggest community arts project in the northern corridor.

The theme of the parade, 'The Water Story', is a story inspired by water, a vital environmental resource and feature. Each school told an important part of the story through art created during workshops with local community artists. Our Connolly PS student work represented urbanisation and the changes to the natural environment. The Year 4 students participated in two workshops with community artist Calvin Chee and created amazing rice paper lantern structures that represented buildings and cranes.

The Twilight Parade was a huge success and a fantastic opportunity to showcase Connolly Primary in the local community. The students had a great evening displaying their artwork. A special thank you must go to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Rosher for their hard work in coordinating the event and also to Mrs Coyle in supporting the students on Saturday evening.

Term Dates
Term 1
31 January - 13 April

Term 2
1 May - 29 June

Term 3
16 July - 21 September

Term 4
9 October - 13 December

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**School Board**

In my last newsletter I indicated that a vacancy had arisen for a parent representative on the School Board. If any parent wishes to nominate for this position please contact Christine.richards@education.wa.edu.au for a nomination form. As yet we have not had any nominations and I would urge you to consider nominating for this important position.

**National Future Schools Conference**

Last week staff from Connolly PS, as part of a delegation from the Ocean Reef Education Network, took part in the National Future Schools Conference in Melbourne. There were over 3400 delegates from all across Australia taking part.

This was a major initiative of our network intended to drive the new Digital Technologies Curriculum in our schools over the coming years. Over the next few months the staff who attended will begin planning the way forward to maximise the benefit for our students.

I would like to thank **Mrs Coyle** and **Mrs Cochrane** for the wonderful job they did during my absence.

David Womersley, Principal

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**From the Associates**

**Edudance**

The Edudance concert in nearly upon us, so make sure the **5th April** at **2:00pm** is on your calendar. Below is a description of the costumes required for each year level, your child’s teacher will inform you as to which parts will be made at school and which parts need to be brought in from home.

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<th>COSTUME</th>
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<td><strong>You’re Welcome</strong></td>
<td>Pre primary</td>
<td>White T-shirt&lt;br&gt;School Shorts&lt;br&gt;Crepe paper Skirts over school shorts (pink for girls, Green or blue for boys)&lt;br&gt;No skirts and kids must wear sneakers</td>
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<td><strong>Ice Age &amp; the Chipmunk Families</strong></td>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>School shorts/skorts&lt;br&gt;Coloured button T-shirt&lt;br&gt;Letter of the children’s name on the front with cloth tape (From Bannings)</td>
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<td><strong>Puzzled Roboto</strong></td>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>School shorts/skorts&lt;br&gt;Plain white T-shirt&lt;br&gt;Cut out puzzle piece (All different colors) stick onto shirt&lt;br&gt;Or a question mark (Can do question mark with cloth tape from Bannings or whatever you have laying around the classroom )</td>
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<td><strong>Shout</strong></td>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>School shorts/skorts&lt;br&gt;Plain white T-shirt&lt;br&gt;Coloured hat (Mrs Brown will supply)</td>
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<td><strong>Rock This Party</strong></td>
<td>Year 4</td>
<td>All black clothing or dark colours&lt;br&gt;Coloured bandana (own choice) to wear around neck.</td>
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**World Autism Awareness Week is this Week 26th March – 2nd April**

Each year the Autism Association of Western Australia, together with other organisations nationally and internationally, hold an Autism Awareness Week to raise community recognition of the needs and accomplishments of children and adults with Autism. Did you know that we have 8 students at Connolly who have a diagnosis of Autism, and we work closely with the Autism Association and other service providers to ensure our education programs meet the needs of these students? If you would like more information regarding Autism and the events which are being held this week have a look at this link: https://www.autism.org.au/whats-on/world-autism-awareness-week/
From the Associates (Cont’d)

Levels of Behaviour
At Connolly PS we embrace the Levels of Behaviour system for in class and playground behaviour management. This system is highly effective in supporting children choose positive (Green) behaviours. The Levels are Green positive behaviours that support learning, fun, friendships, collaboration and respect, Yellow minor negative behaviours which children need to be redirected, or reminded of the Green behaviour choice they should be making. Orange is more serious negative behaviours which require a consequence, please note that repeated yellow behaviours become orange. The final level is red which is the most serious of negative behaviour which results in automatic administration referral, consequences are put in place, discussions with the student and parents occur to ensure the child is supported to make green choices in the future. Each teacher has their own class levels of behaviour and relevant consequences and rewards associated with each level. The playground levels are displayed in the wet area windows of each block. On the last day of this term the staff will be hosting a treasure hunt for all the students from PP - Year 6 who have stayed out of the red this term. It will be a fantastic end to the term and a great way to reward the majority of our students who have exemplary behaviour. More information will follow.

Harmony Week
Harmony Week was from 15th – 21st March. Harmony week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The year 6 students hosted an interactive assembly which explored just how diverse the Connolly culture is. They led the school in singing two Aboriginal Songs and the children were encouraged to wear orange, the colour of Harmony Week. Growing in Harmony is our school motto and in keeping with this, each class awarded one Harmony Award per class. Congratulations to the award recipients and thank you to Mrs Fiona Stott for providing the teachers with resources and information to support the learning outcomes for the week.

Trudy Jones & Brooke Coyle, Associate Principals

Kindy Applications for 2019
If your child was born between 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, you may apply for enrolment at the School Office. Birth Certificate, Immunisation Records, and where applicable, passport and visa details need to be sighted.

Application forms can also be found at: http://www.connollyps.wa.edu.au/assets/Parent-Information/General-Enrol-2016.pdf
**Sports News**

**Girls Champion Cup Soccer**

A massive congratulations to all of the girls who participated in last Friday’s Regional Champion Cup. All of the girls gave it their very best and their sportsmanship and overall enthusiasm needs to be commended. They looked very professional in their new uniforms.

The B Team finished in 3rd place and the A team had a huge success by being undefeated in all 6 matches and winning the competition. They have now secured themselves a place in the State Championships representing the Northern region. Mr K and myself were very proud of all of the girls on the day and for being so dedicated to their training sessions at school.

Well done to *Iona* (Tuart 3) for receiving the highest scorer award, scoring a massive ten goals and to *Josie* (Tuart 1) for being awarded the Most Valuable Player!

The girls will compete on Friday night the 11th May 2018 at Beale Park, Spearwood under the big lights. Good luck girls!! We can’t wait to cheer you on!

The boys will get their turn next term at the winter carnival, and also in Term 3.

**Ocean Ridge Junior Football Clinic - Girls**

Well done to the girls from Years 3-6 who attended the girls footy clinic after school. It was a steamy 38 degrees, so the icy poles after the session were well deserved!

If any girls are interested to give AFLW a go please contact the Ocean Ridge Junior Football Club. [www.orjfc.com.au](http://www.orjfc.com.au)

**Tiny Tots Tennis**

Our energetic tennis sessions have now come to an end. Students enjoyed the sessions and it was a huge success.

If any students are interested in any further tennis coaching please contact Sam Goodhill on 0429 956 809 as he provides exciting lessons for children aged 3-12 years old. tinytots.sam@gmail.com

**Runners Club**

Runners Club efforts have been outstanding!!!! It is fantastic to see so many students, parents and teachers getting involved. This week, the students recorded a massive 229kms. In three sessions the students have now run over 454kms. Wow!!

The students will be running towards receiving their Runners Club badges. Our running sessions are fantastic training for our Cross-Country events early next term and for those students participating in the HBF Run For a Reason. Keep up the huge efforts!

*Tracy Hughes, Sports Specialist*

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is located behind the canteen and is open on **Wednesdays** from 2:30pm - 3:15pm and **Fridays** from 8:30am - 9:00am or by appointment on 0427 801 586.
Japanese News

Konnichiwa (Hello). On Tuesday March 20th we celebrated Harmony Week in Nihongo Club. The message for Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. In Australia and at Connolly PS we respect others and appreciate the diverse cultures that make our country and school a great place to be.

We did many fun activities including Japanese games, jigsaw puzzles, Harmony Day balloons, origami and Harmony Day stress balls. Arigatou thank you to Shimohara Sensei and all the Mini Senseis who helped with the activities. Arigatou to the Year 6 Mini Senseis (Brock K1, Caitlyn K1, Jade K1, Jai K1, Shyla K1, Zak K1, Grace K4, Jake K4, Kieran K4 and Matilda K4) for their fantastic effort running the activities. See you in Nihongo Club every Tuesday lunch in K3.

Jorgensen Sensei, Japanese Teacher

Adopt-A-School News

Connolly Primary School is a foundation member of the Adopt-A-School Program. Adopt-A-School actively promotes partnerships between sister schools and their communities in Bali and Western Australia, to enrich and support the educational environment for students and educators. Our sister school is SD 5, Abiantuwung, in Tabanan, Bali. Last year, our school raised $391.00 through “Dress in Footy Colours Day”, which our sister school used to purchase 2 whiteboards and long jump pits for the children. The Adopt-A-School website is adoptaschool.org.au for those wishing to learn more about this program.

Pat Fong, A-A-S Coordinator for Connolly PS

Have you paid your voluntary contributions yet??

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.

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

By paying the Voluntary Contribution you will be in the running to win some great prizes including an overnight stay at Sorrento Beach Resort and a High Tea at the Joondalup Resort.
OSH Club News

OSHClub provides high quality Before School Care, After School Care, Pupil Free days and Vacation Care for Kindy - Year 6 students.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The April school holidays are fast approaching. We have a fantastic holiday program planned! Themes include: Wonderful Wizard of OZ, Treasure Island, Lets visit Mexico, Hawaiian Luau, Survival of the Fittest, Secret Spy’s & Back to School Party. For Excursions we will be having a "Carnival Fun Day" at another OSH center on the 19th April and we will be going to "The Aquarium" on the 24th April. For our incursions we will have a Scitech show with a workshop on the 17th April, and an incursion called "Going for Gold!" - which will be challenges in the pursuit of the ultimate prize on the 26th April. Any questions or need any more information then please get in touch or pop in and see us.

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, 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.

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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KEYBOARD LESSONS AT CPS

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