Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week One

Welcome

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that all students and families had an enjoyable break and everyone is ready for another busy and productive term. I extend a warm welcome to all our new families and students. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you over the next few weeks.

ANZAC Day

We held our ANZAC Day Service at the end of last term. Special guests included Councillor Tom McLean, School Board Chair and Mrs Jenny Susac, President P&C. The choir were outstanding and our student leaders did an amazing job. A big thank you to Mrs Fabri and Mrs Carville for their organisation. My thanks go to Mrs Joy Loffelmann for her musical contribution. The service was conducted very respectfully and I was proud of all the students.

Class Letters

Class teachers will shortly be sending home Term 2 update letters to inform you of any updated class policies / practices and to share this term’s themes and goals. Any queries should be directed to the classroom teacher.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Brooke Coyle on her appointment as Associate Principal at our school.

Congratulations also to Mrs Nicky Underwood and Mrs Emma Mitchell on their appointments as Education Assistants for the rest of the year.

Mrs Tracey Smith continues to recover from injury and we hope she will be back sometime next month. Ms Nicole Simpkin will continue to do a fantastic job as her replacement.

Mrs Tracey Hughes will be taking maternity leave at the end of Week 4. I am currently looking for her replacement.

Professional Development Day

Yesterday, we held a successful professional development day. Ashdale Teacher Development School presented a professional learning event on Digital Technologies. This was followed by a follow-up session run by Mrs Cochrane. Staff then held team meetings to discuss the new Connolly PS Digital Technologies document and senior staff who attended the Melbourne conference met with Mrs Cochrane and myself to discuss the Innovation and Participation project that we are involved in.

Grant

Last year, I submitted an application to the Playground Equipment and Shade Sail program. I received notification that we had been awarded a grant of $25,000.

David Womersley, Principal
From the Associates

Treasure Hunt
On the last day of Term 1, students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 participated in our first treasure hunt. This was a reward for students who remained out of the ‘red’ level of behaviour all term. Students can remain in the ‘green’ by displaying positive behaviours, including following classroom expectations and teacher instructions, interacting with their peers in a positive way, playing fairly, being an upstander and including others. The treasure hunt was a huge success and the children’s laughter and excitement could be heard throughout the school as they searched for the ‘treasure.’ We look forward to holding this great event again this term as a reward for positive student behaviour.

NAPLAN
Students in Year 3 and 5 will be completing NAPLAN assessments during week 3 from Tuesday 15th through to Thursday 17th of May. The testing time is scheduled for the mornings. The Language Conventions and Writing test are scheduled for Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. Friday will be available for any catch up testing. During this time, students in Year 2, 4 and 6 will complete past NAPLAN tests to collect whole school data. Should parents require any additional information, please contact classroom teachers or Mrs Coyle.

BEST Classroom Resilience Tip
Setting goals - it’s one of the seven habits of highly effective people. Goals help to direct effort and identify the resources to get there. Why not set a social, emotional and learning goal with your child each term? - (estprograms4kids)

Walk to School Day
With 60% of our students living out of our school boundary, walking to school can be challenging. On Friday 18th May it is Walk Safely to School Day, we are encouraging families to walk all or part of the way to school. Families may wish to park at the following locations and walk the remainder of the way to school: Connolly Shopping Centre, St Michaels Park, Huntingdale Park or Fairway Park. Students will get stickers for walking all or part of the way to school and the class with the highest percentage of walkers will have extra play on the day.

Trudy Jones & Brooke Coyle, Associate Principals

News from the Science Lab
Many thanks for all the recyclable boxes and containers people sent in last term, I now have enough for our Design and Technology projects.

In Term 2 all classes will be completing one Design and Technology project:
Pre Primary Puppets / Year 1 Farm Models / Year 2 Boats / Year 3 Bridges / Year 4 Water Wheels / Year 5 Food Packaging / Year 6 Solar Ovens

Sara Munro, STEM Teacher

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th May at 7:00pm in the staffroom. New members welcome.
Sports News

Runners Club
Runners Club commenced this morning at 8:00am. Meet the sports shed every Tuesday morning and anyone is welcome to attend.

Girls Soccer
The girls soccer state championship will be held on Friday 11th May. Please ensure permissions slips are returned to allow your child to attend.

Colour Fun Run
We’re holding the School Colour Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! This will replace the annual Lapathon. The event will be held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser.
Sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child. Once you have the form, jump online at schoolfundraising.com.au and create a student profile page.

Students who raise $10.00 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

Cross Country
The school cross country will be the 18th of May. This is a whole school event and all students will participate.

Inter School Sport
Selected students will participate on the interschool cross country to be held at Gumblossom Park on Friday 25th May.

Tracy Hughes, Sports Specialist

Kindy Enrolments 2019
If your child was born between 1st July 2014 - 30th June 2015, we are now taking enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2019.
Please contact the school office for more information.

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

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,

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!

Laura – Coordinator & Olivia – Assistant

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**Drum Lessons at Connolly Primary School**

**Gordon Jansen**

There are currently vacancies for drumming lessons for students.

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* All ages   * All styles   * Group / Individual   * Mobile lessons

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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.