

Condong Public School

Newsletter

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11 September 2019

Term 3 ~ Week 8



Public Speaking

What an exciting morning we had last Thursday at our public speaking finals. Thank you to everyone who came along to show their support and congratulations to all of our fabulous finalists who wowed the audience with their incredible speeches. Each speech was beautifully delivered and the audience was intrigued, informed, mesmerised at personal experiences and in fits of laughter. The level of the speeches was top quality!

Our judges, Mrs Judy Parker and Mrs Helen Hunt had an extremely difficult task and they were suitably impressed with the outstanding quality of all speeches. They also commented on the confidence of our students, as well as the varied levels of intonation and expression in which the speeches were delivered.

Congratulations to our stage winners, **Jayla (Early Stage 1 / Stage 1)**, **Marleyah (Stage 2)** and **Ashton (Stage 3)** who will now represent Condong Public School at the Far North Coast Public Speaking Finals at Tweed Heads South Public School next Thursday.

We wish them all the very best!

Book Week

What a fabulous action-packed Book Week day we had last Wednesday where the theme for this year was 'Reading is my Secret Power'. There were so many amazing costumes including Wonder Woman, Superman, Princesses, Scientists, Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Garfield, Peppa Pig, Snow White, Robin Hood, rock stars, witches, ballerinas, Harlequin and an Australian Ninja Warrior to name a few! It was fantastic to see so much excitement and engagement from all students during our 'Booknic' under the trees, the whole school presentation and workshop by author, Tristan Bancks and our parade. We were also joined by the students and staff from Possums Preschool, along with some families.

SASS Appreciation Week

This week we celebrate SASS Appreciation Week. School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) are the non-teaching staff who make Condong Public School what it is. We are truly blessed to have such professional, thoughtful, dedicated and generous support staff who consistently go above and beyond their roles to support our children on a daily basis. Thank you to Mrs Cantwell, Jo, Lynnne, Alex, Sharnah, Belinda, Michelle, Leanne and Mr Cantwell. We'd be lost without you, so thank you for everything that you do!

Small Schools' Ball Games

The annual Small Schools' Ball Games will be held on **Friday, 20 September** at Tumbulgum Public School between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Travel to and from the carnival will be by bus leaving school at 9.00am. The students have been practising their ball games skills during fitness and sport. This is always an enjoyable day for the whole school but **please let us know if your child will not be attending**. Family and friends are welcome to join us, the bigger the cheer squad the better. The cost of participation will be **\$5.00 per child**. Please **return attached permission note with money** at your earliest convenience.

Important Dates!

Thu 19/9	FNC Public Speaking Competition
Thu 19/9	School Swimming Scheme ends
Fri 20/9	Small Schools' Ball Games
Fri 20/9	Possums' Preschool Lamington Drive Orders Delivered
Wed 25/9	NAIDOC @ Fingal Head
Fri 27/9	Award Winners Morning Tea
Fri 27/9	End of Term 3
Mon 14/10	First Day of Term 4
Mon 14/10	Senior Camp to Lake Ainsworth
Tue 15/10	Senior Camp to Lake Ainsworth
Wed 16/10	Senior Camp to Lake Ainsworth
Fri 25/10	'Cinderella' at Murwillumbah Civic Centre 10am

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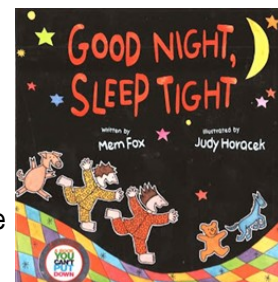
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Why Reading Really is Magic—Mem Fox

Reading is magical because it brings parents and children together for fun, bonding and giggles. It also helps promote a children's brain, social and language development. Reading aloud to young children, before they reach school age, is especially important to foster a love of books and reading. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read. Children learn language from books and reading aloud, more so than learning the alphabet or letter/sound relationships.

It is my firm belief that, if kids know six nursery rhymes by the time they are four, they are more likely to be in the top reading group at school by age eight. It is also part of the reason I decided to write my latest children's book, *Good Night, Sleep Tight*. The book revives seven classic nursery rhymes for new generations. Nursery rhymes and books with a lot of rhyme, rhythm and repetition, help children remember and learn language patterns quicker and more easily. Use the same lively 'tune' every time you read to your child. Children become familiar with books and will better remember the story through this practice.



To make reading 'magical', choose short books that can be read three times in ten minutes. These books should have lots of colour and pictures to stimulate your child's imagination. Playing games with the book, such as letting children finish the rhymes and finding the letters that start with your child's name and yours helps them focus on the things on the page.

Always make reading books to your children the last thing you do before their bedtime to help them relax at the end of the day. Having said that, reading can happen nicely at any time of the day, particularly when children are tired or fractious: it's a calming thing to do, and very loving. But it's not just about your reading; your presence is what's most important to a child.

Parking around the School

Just a friendly reminder to all families who drop off and collect their children each day as the parking rangers have apparently been sighted patrolling the school area of late. Although these patrols are random and irregular, the rangers do drive by and patrol school areas within the Tweed Shire to ensure the safety of all students. The parking zones directly in front of the school are classified as 'No Stopping' Zones between 8.00 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 4.00pm. This also includes 15 metres either side of the school pedestrian / flag crossing area. The school has no control over these areas and parking there is at your own risk. The best way to avoid receiving a fine is to ensure that you park in the correct sign posted area or to promptly collect your child/ren and ensure that you have departed that area by 2.30pm.

Kindergarten 2020

We are currently taking enrolment applications for students wishing to start Kindergarten in 2020. Do you know of a family member or friend that has a child ready for school next year? If so, please ask them to contact Mrs Cantwell to arrange for an enrolment form.

Voluntary School Contributions 2019

Voluntary school contributions allow the school to provide an enhanced level of resourcing for all students at Condong Public School. These key resources are highly important to the daily work of each student.

The level of school contributions set by the Condong Public School P & C Association for 2019 is as follows: **1st child \$49, 2nd child \$34, 3rd child \$26, 4th and subsequent children are free.**

It would be appreciated if contributions could be finalised by the end of this term. You can use the **Parent Online Payment (POP)** option

Canteen News

When ordering please ensure that lunch orders/recess orders are written on separate paper bags with child's name/class clearly marked and money placed inside bags. It would be appreciated if orders are sent to school each Thursday.

MORE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO ENSURE THE WEEKLY RUNNING OF THE CANTEEN.

The **Canteen Roster** for Week 8 & 9 of Term 3 is as follows:

Friday, 13 September	FULL AM/PM	L. Marston or C. Upton Volunteer Needed
Friday, 20 September		NO CANTEEN (SMALL SCHOOLS' BALL GAMES @ TUMBULGUM PS)



"Training Tomorrow's Lifesavers Today"

Nippers Sign On Days for 2019/20 Season

Sunday 8th September 9am-11am

Friday 13th September 4pm-6pm followed by BBQ & Movie Night – The Greatest Showman

Please bring Birth Certificate for all new nippers. Nippers runs from U6 to U14. Nipper must have turned 5 in order to join.

Compulsory Pool & Beach Proficiency is Sunday 13th October - Kingscliff TRAC Pool & Cabarita Beach commencing 9am. All Age Groups are required to attend at their designated time slot (TBA)

Nippers runs every Sunday morning from 8.45am commencing Sunday 13th Oct to 15th Dec 2019 recommencing 19th Jan to 15th Mar 2020

Nipper registrations fees 2019/20 Season:
Under 6 to Under 7: \$65.00
Under 8 to Under 14: \$130.00
Parents/Guardians* (Associate Membership): \$40.00
Age Managers & Committee Position* (General Membership): \$30.00
Board Hire (Board Hire Agreement must be signed): \$100.00

*Please note, at least one parent must also be a club Member (General, Active or Associate) for their child to participate. General memberships are defined as Age Managers or Committee Position Holders. Family memberships are capped – please contact registrar@cabaslc.org.au for further information.

Active Kids vouchers accepted – please bring along to sign on. You can apply for yours at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Please contact registrar@cabaslc.org.au or Tieniell Jocusmen on 0409 720 776 for any further information

School HOLIDAY Activities Sept/Oct

Country Style Craft Workshops

Country Style Craft offer Creative, Fun & Exciting Workshops these School Holidays.

WORKSHOP DETAILS
Time: 10.00am-12.00noon
Cost: \$40.00 per workshop or 3 for \$100.00
Location: Stokers Siding (7 min from M'bah)

Workshops include everything you need.

We accept the NSW **Creative Kids Voucher** Log on, claim your **VOUCHER** & choose the Workshops.

LIMITED SPOTS

BLACKBOARD CLOCK

DATE: WED 2ND OCT.
BUILD, PAINT, DECORATE & LEARN HOW TO INSTALL YOUR OWN CLOCK MECHANISMS.

NOW YOU CAN WRITE YOURSELF A NOTE & TELL THE TIME AT THE SAME TIME.

SHRINKY DINK MANIA

DATE: MON. 7TH OCT.
DESIGN, COLOUR & CREATE BADGES & KEYRINGS. THERE'LL BE POPULAR EMOJI DESIGNS AVAILABLE TOO.

PIZZA PARTY

DATE: WED 9TH OCT.
MAKE YOUR OWN APRON BEFORE LEARNING HOW TO MAKE PIZZA DOUGH & PIZZA

DENIM ON DENIM

DATE: MON 30TH SEPT.

DE-CONSTRUCT & UP-CYCLE JEANS INTO A GORGEOUS WALL ORGANIZER PLUS A MAKE A CUTE PHONE CHARGING HOLDER

MARBLE DAY

DATE: FRI. 4TH OCT.

TODAY WE'LL LEARN THE ART OF MARBLING. YOU'LL MAKE A SET OF PENCILS A BRACELET & KEYCHAIN. WE'LL ALSO LEARN HOW TO STAIN GLASS FOR A CONTAINER TO PUT ON YOUR DESK.

PERSONALIZE DRINK BOTTLE & NOTEBOOK.

DATE: FRI. 11TH OCT

PICK BETWEEN YOUR NAME OR SAYING THEN LEARN TO USE A VINYL CUTTING MACHINE.

Fully accredited & compliant with all NSW Gov. WWC legislation & Insurances

Create something great
Claim your \$100 Creative Kids voucher today

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Free Student Sports & Creative Vouchers

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids and Creative Kids program. The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. These are not means tested so anyone can apply.

From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for the second \$100 Active Kids voucher which equates to \$200 per child per year. Each year you can also apply for one \$100 Creative Kids voucher for art, music, theatre, circus etc. Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December and this one is out now. The vouchers may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

To use a voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up. The Active Kids program is one of more than 70 NSW Government rebates and savings that help with your cost of living. For more information and to apply for vouchers go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>



SMALL SCHOOLS' BALL GAMES – Permission Note

I give permission for my child/children
to participate in the Small Schools' Ball Games to be held at Tumbulgum Public School on Friday, 20 September from 9.30am to 1.30pm. I understand that travel is by bus departing at 9.00am and returning by 2.00pm.
The cost is \$5.00 per student.

I am enclosing \$ _____

Signed Date