



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4 Wednesday 27th February 2019

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DATES	Community Singing - All welcome Every Friday 2.30pm in Redgum	NOTES SENT HOME
Fri 1 Mar	Clean up Australia @ The Co-Op	
Fri 1 Mar	P&C AGM and General Meeting	
Mon 11 Mar	Canberra Day Public Holiday	
Tue 12 Mar	Year 1 & 2 Lanyon Homestead excursion	Lanyon Homestead note
Thur 14 Mar	School Board meeting 7:45 am	
Fri 15 Mar	Year 2 Swimming carnival @ Dickson Pool	Yr 2 Swimming information
Thur 21 Mar	Harmony Day	
Sat 6 April	School Fete	Things to Do to prepare

From Jenny

Congratulations

Year 2 hosted our first assembly for the year. It was delightful to see so many different styles of learning that has taken place already this year. Well done year 2.

Congratulations to the following students who have been demonstrating **responsibility** and were recognised at our assembly this week.

Preschool	Violet, Samuel	Year 1	Harry, Eva
Kinder	Barnaby, Oscar	Year 2	Brynn, Alexander

Clean Up Australia Day

This weekend 'Clean Up Australia' will take place across our land. During the day we will be sharing stories with the children about our environment and linking this to our acknowledgement of country and respect for our land. We will be looking around our school and hope to have NOTHING to collect as we are all responsible for our own rubbish everyday.

Families are encouraged to participate in *Clean up Australia* in our community

<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>

Evacuation Drill

On Monday this week we participated in a whole school evacuation drill. The students did a great job listening out for the alarm and walking sensibly with their class to our designated evacuation point. These drills are important to ensure the students and staff are familiar with procedures in the event of an actual emergency.

Returning information to school

Please return student checklists, kinder health checks and any general information throughout the year, to the front office.

P&C AGM Friday 1 March 3.15pm

I would like to remind everyone the P&C AGM is this Friday. Being a member of the school community means you are a member of the O'Connor Cooperative School P&C Association. Anyone can come along to the meeting and vote. **All positions will be declared vacant and are open for nomination.**

School Board

We have had two nominations for the parent position on the school board which requires the community to vote.

Voting slips and the ballot box are located in the front office. If you require a slip to be sent home with your child, please email info@coop.act.edu.au and the voting form will be placed in your child's bag.

Voting is open until Monday 4th March at 11am

Harmony Day - Everyone belongs Celebrating cultural diversity

On Thursday 21st March we will celebrate Harmony Day. The children and families are invited to wear clothing reflecting their family culture, or orange - the theme colour of Harmony Day celebrating cultural diversity. Families are invited to speak with class teachers about how they may like to interact with us to share your family culture, traditions or costumes. Could you come in and sing or play a song, teach us a dance, read a story in your language, host a simple cooking demonstration, teach us some simple words in your language, show us your flag or artefacts from your culture? The possibilities are open to you.

All students will participate in a range of multi age activities across the school during the morning session, sharing cultural diversities and a shared morning tea. On the day (Thurs 21st March) we ask families to send a SMALL plate of food to share with others (smorgasbord style - No nuts please). Please label the plate with the country of origin.

Regards *Jenny*

From the Classroom

Year 1

Thank you for making the time to attend our information session and getting to know you interviews. It has been lovely to meet you and I look forward to working with you this year.

We have had a smooth start to the year. Much of our time over the first few weeks of school has been spent settling into our new learning environment, building relationships and getting to know each other.

During our reading workshops we have started by establishing routines and reading behaviours and expectations. The children have been practising selecting 'good fit' books, reading to themselves and with others as well as listening to audiobooks on the iPads. We have been exploring different purposes for reading and ways to read books. I encourage you to talk with your child and practise the 'three ways to read a book' at home.

Three Ways to Read a Book:

1. Read the pictures
2. Read the words
3. Retell a story you know

Before reading unfamiliar picture books I invite the children to go on a 'picture walk' through the book. This provides opportunity (even for effective readers) for children to make predictions, connect to the story and gain clues about themes and possible vocabulary within the text.

During mathematics sessions we have been exploring the calendar, building knowledge about the days of the week (names of the days, order, school days/ weekend days, days before/ after) and months of the year. We have been adding our birthdays and other important dates to our classroom calendar and referring to it for authentic purposes. This work has inspired some children to create their own calendars and birthday charts during investigations.

During investigations the children have been busy building, painting, creating, solving, pulling apart, inquiring and recording. In this time children have many opportunities to explore their personal interests and lines of inquiry linked to learning areas. We have been focused on showing responsibility through our investigations by caring for our equipment, helping others, packing away and focussing on our learning.

We have really enjoyed the initial stages of our inquiry into toys over time. The children have shared their favourite toys and began exploring toys from the past. We are looking forward to taking the children on an excursion to Lanyon Homestead in week 6. A permission note for this experience will be sent home on Thursday 28/2.

Year 1 will host assembly in week 6 - Wednesday 13th March at 9am. We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you then.

Rose



P&C News

Fete News - A note has been sent home with each child with "Things to Do"

Please keep up to date with our fete through our school [Facebook Page](#)

Here are some of our latest posts

- Join us for a day of fun at the O'Connor Co-op School Fete on Saturday 6 April, 11am to 3pm.
- Shop 'til you drop at our great range of stalls! You'll find secondhand books, kids' and adults' clothing, good quality toys for younger children, plants, cakes and produce.
- Get your bike serviced or pick up a secondhand bike for yourself or the kids.
- Enjoy lunch from our legendary curry stall, BBQ or cake stall. Buy a Two Before Ten Coffee and a slice of cake, grab a seat under the trees and enjoy the live music.
- And there'll be plenty for the kids to enjoy too! They can bounce on the jumping castle, print a library bag, play the tombola and other games and sideshows, visit the face painting and crazy hair stall and much more!
- Do you have an old bike in the shed that needs a tune-up or a puncture fixed? Our Co-op School Fete bike mechanics can get you back on the road in no time.
- While your bike is being fixed, have a Two Before Ten coffee and a bacon and egg roll, browse our second hand books, clothes and toys, and enjoy the live music.

P&C AGM Friday 1 March 3.15pm Followed by our General P&C meeting

Our P&C are a very friendly dedicated group of parents and carers who make many decisions on your behalf. The P&C meet once a term (generally Friday afternoons of week 4 each term). Our fete is the big fundraiser for the year and for the remaining meetings you have a chance to suggest ways you think we should spend the money raised to enrich the learning experiences of our children.

Whilst we have a few willing parents to fill most of executive positions we would welcome YOU to the committee. The current executives have been in the positions for several years and would love to be general members if you are happy to take on a position.

Immediately following the AGM we will hold our first meeting of the year. We have many events planned again this year so it's a good time to look over the calendar, see who would like to take on organising roles, get to know each other better and start.

Members of the P&C who have been elected are referred to as the office bearers. Together they form the executive committee. The P&C executive is made up of the following positions and there is training and support offered for each of these roles. Don't worry, you don't have to be a star right out of the gate.

All positions will be declared vacant and open for nomination.

President

- chairs all general and executive committee meetings of the association
- provides leadership
- acts as a spokesperson for the association
- reports to P&C meetings about the activities of the P&C (the president's report)
- exercises some supervision over the functions of other office bearers
- ensures adequate and efficient communication exists between the members of the association, the members of the school board and the school/principal
- encourages parents to participate.

Vice-President

- presides as chair at meetings where the president is absent
- should be familiar with the operation of the P&C and the duties of president
- needs a working understanding of meeting rules and procedure
- undertakes tasks to reduce the burden of the president.

Secretary

- draws up, in consultation with president, the meeting agendas
- keeps full and correct minutes of P&C proceedings and meetings acts upon decisions as directed by the meeting; attends to the correspondence of the association, checking incoming mail regularly looks after the association's documents encourages parents to participate.

Assistant Secretary

Assists the secretary

Treasurer (we have a willing parent for this year)

- is responsible for all funds received and spent, including all subcommittee accounts
- prepares regular reports to P&C meetings
- prepares the association's account for an annual audit

Assistant Treasurer (Need someone to 'learn the ropes' for next year)

Assists the treasurer

Green Team Coordinator

Coordinates the group of parents and carers who assist our BSO in the maintenance of our gardens and shrubs, vegetable beds, chickens, composting and other sustainability initiatives.

Fundraising

Our school fete is the major fundraiser for the year. At other times we may, at committee discretion, conduct minor fundraising activities. In the past these have included tea towels, Picture plate products, Scholastic Book Fair

Public Officer

is the point of contact between the P&C and the Office of Regulatory Services (ORS)

- must be a resident of the ACT and over 18 years of age
- this position is a requirement of the Associations Act, but is a minor role in the running of the P&C and is often held by the secretary or another office bearer.

O'CONNOR COOPERATIVE SCHOOL
2019 SCHOOL FETE

Saturday 6th April, 11am - 3pm



White Elephant - Clothes - Toys - Books - BBQ
Curries - Cold Drinks - Coffee - Jumping Castle
Garden Produce - Cakes - Face Painting - Bike Repairs
Plants - Kids Activities - Cafe - Silent Auction - Lots of Shade!

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