



### Student Leadership

Student leadership is a very important aspect of our school with a range of roles for our students.

On Monday, our Captains, Vice-captains, Student Representative Council (SRC) members, Library Monitors and Ganugan (garden) Ambassadors were inducted into their roles. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers at this special assembly. Congratulations to all our student leaders!

On Tuesday, Brody, Hannah, Felix and Bo, represented our school at the Keira Community of Schools Leadership Ceremony. Each of our leaders spoke about the impact they hope to have on the people and places within our school. This included celebrating our school and its multi-cultural community whilst continuing to nurture our positive school culture. Our leaders understand that they have taken on a great responsibility and that their maturity and confidence will grow throughout the year. Well done!

On Wednesday, Hannah and Brody accompanied Ms Daly to the Wollongong Network of Schools Student Representative Council. At this event, they learnt more about the traits of a leader and commenced brainstorming ideas for something they might like to lead at our school. We look forward to hearing more about these ideas as they work with our SRC.



To cap off a busy week, our school leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference yesterday. Engaging with students from other schools in a range of activities, the leaders learnt about the traits of a great leader and how they might use these in their role at school.

Being a leader at Coniston is not just about fundraising or being a good role model, it is also about school planning and representing the school at many events. We are well-placed to excel in this vital area that provides our students with a genuine voice in the running of our school.

*Have a wonderful fortnight!*

### Coming Events

#### Week 7

- Monday 10 March 7pm: P&C Meeting (including the Annual General Meeting)
- Wednesday 12 March: NAPLAN Writing
- Thursday 13 March: NAPLAN Reading
- Friday 14 March: NAPLAN Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar)

#### Week 8

- All week: NAPLAN catch-up tests for absent students
- Monday 17 March: NAPLAN Numeracy
- Monday 17 March 2:15pm: Whole school assembly – Yr 3 (Acacia 1) class item
- Tuesday 18 March: Eye testing for Kindergarten (opted in students only)

#### Week 9

- Tuesday 25 March: Stage 3 'Art of Place' excursion
- Thursday 27 March: Cross Country Carnival

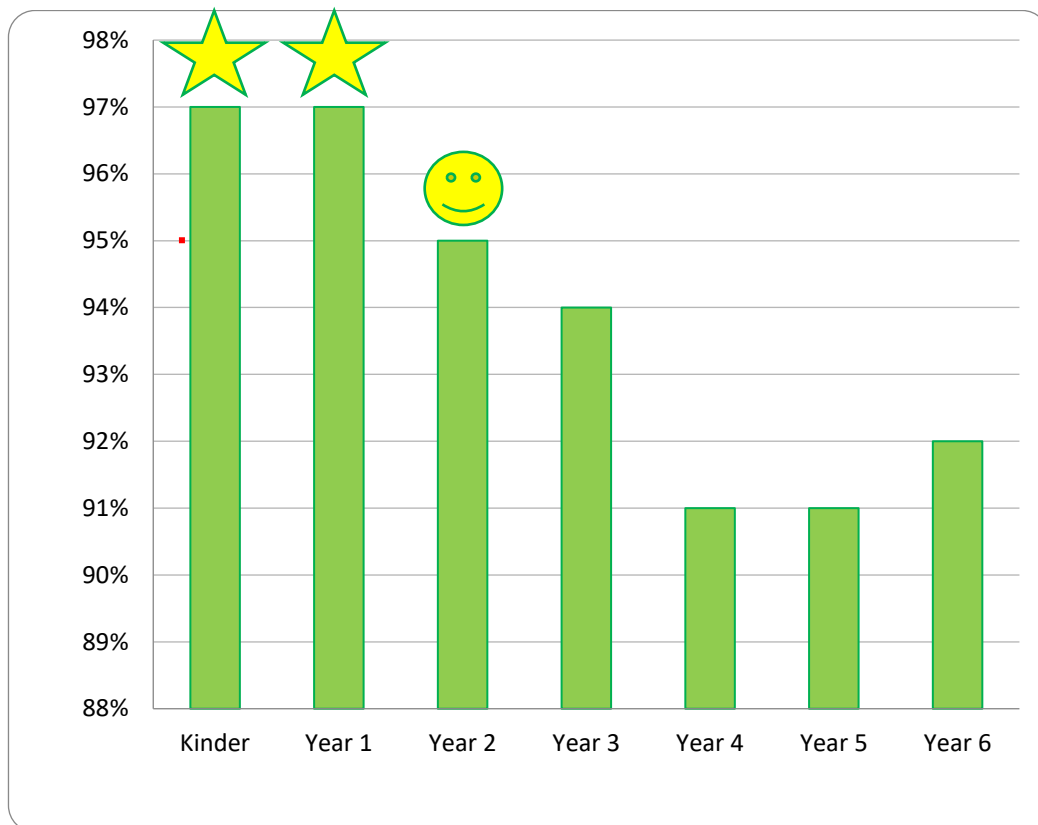
### Dates for your diary

- Thursday 10 April: Athletics Carnival
- Friday 11 April 9:15am: Easter Hat Parade
- Friday 11 April: Last day of Term 1
- Friday 2 May: **Photo Day – green shirt**
- Wednesday 7 May – Stage 3 Science Space Excursion
- Monday 19 May 2:15pm: Whole school assembly – 5/6A (Banksia 3) class item

## Attendance – Every day counts!

The attendance graph below is for the period 20 February – 5 March 2025. The red line is the NSW Department of Education's expected 95% attendance marker.

# Congratulations, Kindergarten & Year 1 – 97% attendance!



## Meet the Teacher Parent information session and P&C Welcome BBQ

Last Tuesday, we hosted our Meet the Teacher Parent Information Session, which saw a fantastic turnout with over 40 families in attendance. Each teacher shared details about their classrooms and daily routines. If you were unable to attend or would like to review the information presented, the PowerPoints will be distributed through Enews. A special mention to Miss Fist who gave her parents a phonics lesson during this time.

Additionally, our amazing P&C and helpers organised a Welcome BBQ, where families enjoyed delicious sausage sandwiches and had the chance to connect with one another. Thank you for a great afternoon!



## School leaders 2025

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2025! We can't wait to see where you take us this year.

Captains: Hannah and Brody

Vice-captains: Bo and Felix

House leaders:

- Magpies (blue): Siena and Lilo
- Emus (red): Oliver and Lyla
- Kookaburras (yellow): Archie and Esme



Student representative Council (SRC): Patron – Ms Daly

- Year 1: Kenai and Emmie
- Year 2: Maria and Shawn
- Year 3: Winpler and Muhammad
- Year 4: Molly and Hazel
- Year 5: Lola and Emma
- Year 6: Hannah, Brody, Bo and Felix



Library Monitors: Lyla, Saja, Lily, Emma, Siena, Winshar, Lizzy, Makenzie, Felicity, Ethan, Isaac, Addison, Xavier and Abdulrahman

Ganugan (garden) Ambassadors (Patron – Mrs Hargreaves): Molly, Tabby, Winpler, Evelyn, Edward, Putra, Pele and Thomas

## NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

Best wishes to our students in Years 3 and 5 as they participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) over the next two weeks. Please ensure your child has plenty of sleep and is on time to school as the assessments are completed in the morning. (Dates in Coming Events)

Parents/Carers are requested to read the information later in this newsletter.

## Curriculum update and ChiME

For many years, our Kindergarten to Year 2 students have participated in the ChiME (Childhood Music Education) program conducted by the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music. This initiative has been funded by the school, allowing students to explore music through singing, playing, moving, listening, and creating.

This year, however, we will not be continuing with this program as we are now working with a new Creative Arts syllabus. Our teachers are developing their own creative arts program based on this syllabus. Miss Fist will be leading music classes, Mrs Jacobs will focus on dance and Mrs Rodgers will teach drama to each of the K-2 classes over the next three terms, with each class spending a term with each teacher. Visual arts will be taught within each class.

In addition to the new Creative Arts syllabus, teachers are also working with the new syllabuses for Human Society and its Environment (History and Geography), Science and Technology, and Personal Development, Health and PE. With four new syllabuses, it's going to be a very busy year.



## Uniform reminder and clothing pool request

A reminder that the Coniston Public School green polo as the gold/yellow polo shirt will be completely phased out by the end of 2025. If you are replacing your child's gold/yellow polo, please do so with the Coniston Public School green polo shirt. You can purchase our school uniform from Lowes Figtree. This week, they had 20% off everything. This sale ends today (7 March 2025).

**Photo day is Friday 2 May. Please ensure your child wears their green polo on this day.** We don't have many spares in the clothing pool if your child wears the old gold/yellow polo on this day.

Our school hat is approved by the Cancer Council and meets the Department of Education's sun safe guidelines. Please ensure your child has their school hat everyday so they can play with their friends and participate fully in outdoor learning. Children without hats play in the shade and this doesn't always suit your child. Hats are available for purchase Lowes Figtree for \$25. We have limited stock in the office.

Please remember to label all your child's clothing.

If you have any good quality uniforms that your child has grown out of, we would love them for our clothing pool. You can drop them off at the office. Good quality means something that you would be proud for your child to wear (no stains, tears or buttons missing please).

## Swap It



**Add a splash of rainbow**

Wow your kids by making everyday lunchboxes fun, colourful and appealing. Lots of colour means lots of different vitamins and minerals.

Swap out cupcakes or lollies and swap in:

- Grapes or berries – sweet, shiny and juicy!
- Rainbow vegetable sticks – try carrot, green beans and capsicum
- Our rainbow recipes - Lunchbox rainbow noodles, rainbow vegetable kebabs or fried rice salad for a colourful vegetable hit!



## Stewart House

### STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

**Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!**

**Draw:** Friday, 23 May 2025

#### Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



## NAPLAN 2025 parent and carer information

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from **Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March**.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the [NESA website](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan) (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>) and the [NAP website](https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

## P & C News

It was wonderful to see all your friendly faces at the Meet the Teacher & Welcome BBQ event, and we would love to see you again at our first meeting to be held **next Monday 10 March at 7pm** in the school library (access through Auburn Street gate). We have ambitious goals for the coming year so if you are looking for a way to get involved, there has never been a better time.

The P&C is a friendly, inclusive group advocating for the interests of all students at the school. We are 100% volunteer powered, so your involvement in any capacity is much appreciated.

Over the Summer holidays Grill'd Burgers Wollongong generously hosted a fundraising jar for our P&C. Unfortunately, we placed second to the much deserving Imagination Library initiative, but Grill'd nonetheless donated \$100 towards our new play equipment. Thanks so much, Grill'd Wollongong!



### **Reminder: Volunteers Required – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle June 14**

After a huge organisational effort from our President Melissa, Bunnings Kembla Grange will host Coniston P&C on **Saturday, June 14** for a fundraising sausage sizzle. Volunteers will be required for the entire day, so if you have an hour or two to spare, please reach out to [Conistonps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:Conistonps.pandc@gmail.com) or leave a message with the office staff.

## Reminder: Coniston Public School P&C – Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It's almost time for our first P&C meeting for 2025, including the Annual General Meeting. All are welcome to attend!

**When:** Monday 10 March, 7 pm in the Library. Please enter via the Auburn St main gate and make your way directly forward to the Library entrance. Gate will open at 6:50pm.

At the AGM, all positions are vacated and new elections held for the positions of President, two Vice-presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

To be elected or to vote as a general member, you must become a financial member. Please bring along your \$1 on the night. We will have the membership form ready for you to complete.


If you have an agenda item for the next meeting, please email it to the school at [coniston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:coniston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by Friday 7 March 2025.

We look forward to meeting many of our new families at our first P&C meeting.


*Kind regards,*

*Coniston Public School P&C*

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Paper notes will usually only be sent home if they have a permission slip that needs to be returned to the school. We acknowledge that some families may not always be able to access our communications electronically or would prefer a paper note. Please let our school office know if you would prefer paper communication.



# What's on in Term 1



at Before and After School Care!

Your OSHC.

by Camp Australia

Every Friday

## Big Art Fridays

On Fridays, we **paRTy**

February 17-21

## Kindness Week

Be the "I" in **kind**

February 21

## Kindness Week disco

February 28 - March 28

## Big Art Comp

Show the world your true colours!

Free webinar for families

March 4

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with Maggie Dent

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# NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



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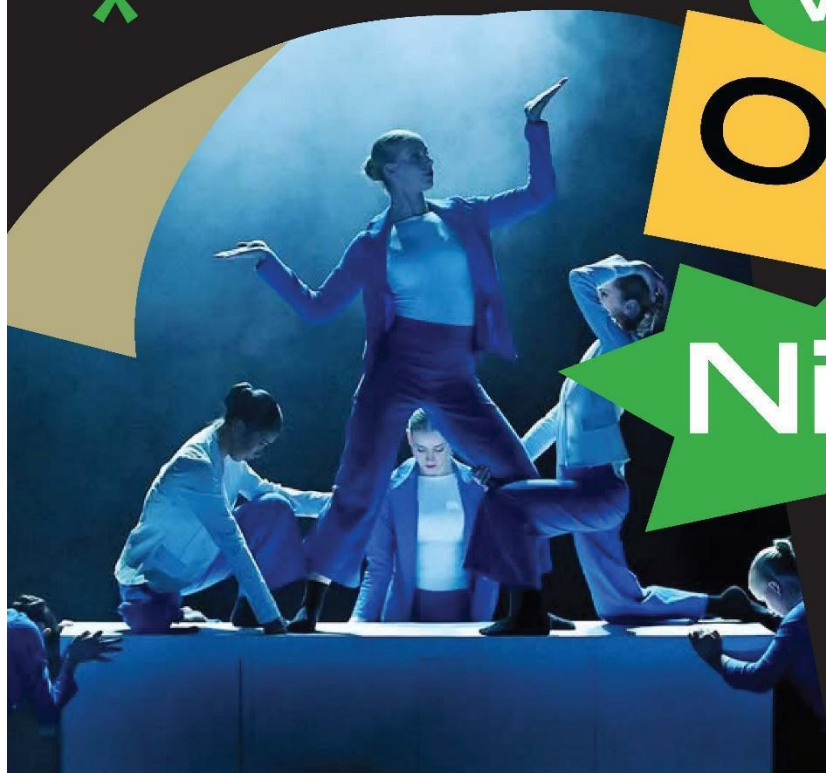
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of the Performing Arts



WHSPA

Open

Night



**IMAGINE  
WHSPA**

Year 6 Parents &  
Students are invited  
to attend WHSPA's  
Open Night.

**BOOK YOUR TOUR**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH**

**Auditioned Students**  
Book through Trybooking  
5.30pm | 6.30pm

**In Area Students**  
Book through Trybooking  
5.00pm | 6.00pm



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