



Coniston Connection

Newsletter Term 2 Week 7

Celebration time!

There has been a flurry of activity with the Wollongong Network of Schools' Public Speaking competition being held across the school. Students first presented their speeches in class with finalists selected to speak at the school final last Wednesday. Well done, everyone!!

Congratulations to Amelia (Kindergarten), Harrison (Stage 1), Sadie (Stage 2) and Esme (Stage 3) who will represent our school next week at the Network Final!

Thank you, Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Flynn for coordinating this year. Thank you also to Miss O'Brien and Mrs Morton who had the tough job of adjudicating.





Coming events

Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 16 June 2:15pm: Whole school assembly – Year 2 (Darwinia 2) class item Tuesday 17 June 9 – 11am: Playgroup Thursday 19 June: Wollongong Network Public Speaking Finals (representatives only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 23 June 9 – 10am: Spelling Bee Final (hall) Monday 23 June 7pm: P&C Meeting (Library) Tuesday 24 June 9 – 11am: Playgroup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 1 July: 9 – 11am: Playgroup Friday 4 July: P&C Meal Deal Day Friday 4 July: Student reports issued Friday 4 July: Last day of Term 2

For your diary

What is due?

What is overdue?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 21 July: Teacher only day (professional learning) Tuesday 22 July: Students first day of Term 3 Tuesday 30 July: District Athletics Carnival (competitors only) Monday 4 August 7pm: P&C Meeting (Library) Monday 11 August 2:15pm: Whole school assembly – Year 1 (Darwinia 1) class item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 Berry camp part payments can continue to be made. Full payment due 27 June. Camp to be held on Mon 4 – Wed 6 August. Stage 3 Berry Camp online registration for medical and consent forms to be completed by June 27. Please scan QR code.  4 July: Kindergarten 2026 enrolments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently no overdue items 
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Attendance – Every day counts!



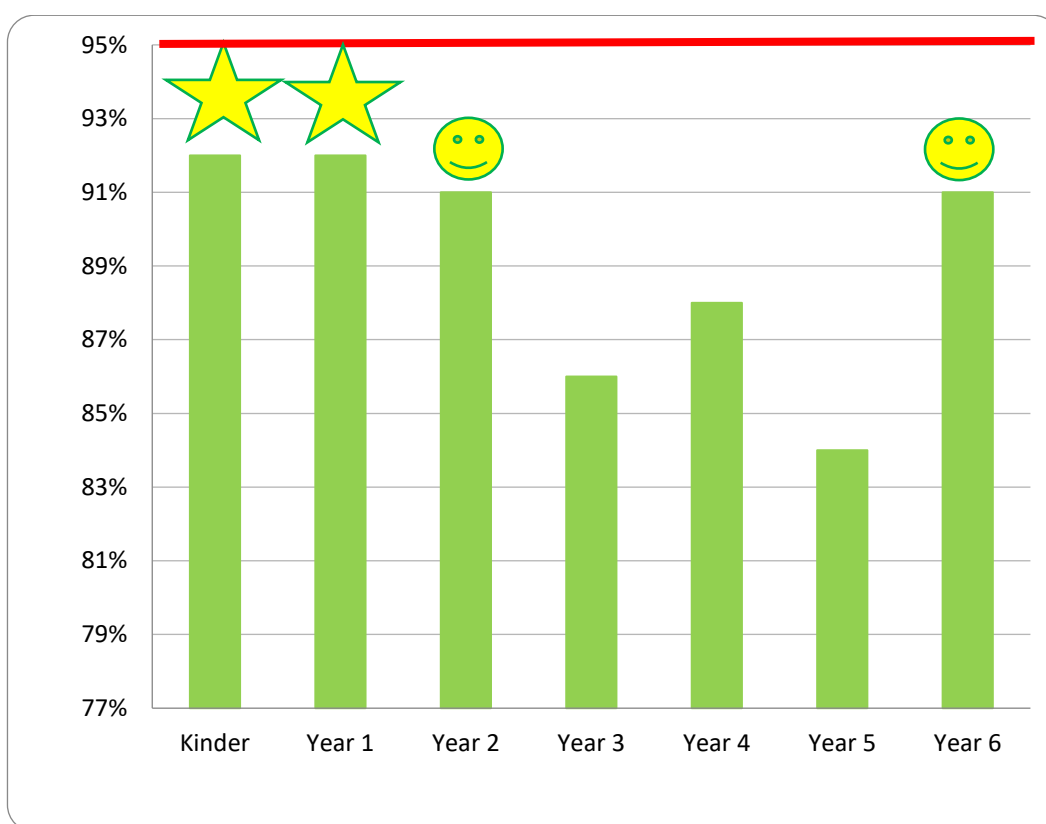
Did you know that if you are intending to take holidays during the school term, you must apply for leave. Please call into our office for the required paperwork well in advance of your holiday. You will need to supply us with an itinerary and, if applicable, confirmation of flights or cruise. Please also be aware that we are not required to supply your child with school work during this period.

The attendance graph below is for the period 29 May – 11 June 2025. The red line is the NSW Department of Education's expected 95% attendance marker.

Attendance this fortnight has been affected by Eid on 6 June 2025. Eid al-Adha is a cherished celebration in Islam, carrying deep significance and cultural heritage. It is a time of joy, worship and community gathering.



Congratulations, Kindergarten & Year 1 - 92% attendance!



Kindergarten 2026 - enrol before the end of Term 2

Is your child due to start school in 2026?

To assist us with planning and to ensure our school is allocated the correct staffing and funding, **please enrol your child before the end of Term 2**. Our numbers are due to the Department early in Term 3.

This year you can complete an online application located at [Online Enrolment Application](#).

You can collect an enrolment form from our office if you prefer.

For more information on enrolling your child at Coniston Public School, please visit

[Coniston PS Enrolment 2025 update.pdf](#) and [Online enrolment for parents](#).

If you know of someone who is due to start school and is not a member of our school community, please pass on this information.



Gala Day for Years 3 - 6

In Week 5, some students in Stage 2 and 3 went to Thomas Dalton Park to participate in the CWPSSA Gala Day. We had four girl teams playing soccer and three boy teams playing dragon tag. It was a lot of fun playing against six other schools in our area. We worked on our teamwork skills and made new friends. Congratulations to all the students for playing fairly and representing our school well. Well done to the students below for being highlighted as being positive team members on the day:

Tony - For demonstrating skill and outstanding team spirit.

Taj - For demonstrating skill and outstanding team spirit.

James - For commitment to fair play and excellent teamwork.

Oliver - For commitment to fair play and demonstrating exceptional leadership skills.

Sadie - For being a supportive and dedicated team member.

Alana - For outstanding teamwork and effort.

April - For exceptional organisational and leadership skills.

Emma - For being a supportive and dedicated team member.

Lavanya - For dedication and unwavering support of players across multiple teams.

Bo - For demonstrating skill and outstanding team spirit.

From your Magpie Captains, Siena and Lilo.



Wollongong Network of Schools SRC Meeting

During Week 7, members of Coniston Public School's Student Representative Council attended a network meeting with surrounding schools. Bo and Felix represented our school, embodying the qualities of effective leadership. The meetings help build leadership skills and empower representatives to set goals to enhance student voice and activism.

Throughout the session, Bo and Felix engaged with students from both primary and high schools, collaboratively contributing to a goal 'mandala'. The meetings are formal, with strict meeting protocols in place, and provide a valuable learning experience for all participants. Next term, our Year 5 SRC representatives will have the chance to attend.



Cooking in the Ganugan Garden

Mrs Hargreaves, Miki, Nikolas, Abdurrahman and I went outside and made some delicious food, fresh from the garden. We took a kale plant from our garden bed, rubbed it in olive oil, pepper and salt and popped it in the oven, to make delicious kale chips. We also took a large beetroot and peeled it. Then we chopped it up into pieces, mixed some olive oil, salt, and pepper, and popped them in the oven. We waited about 10 minutes for them to cook and then we had delicious kale chips with a nice crunch, and roasted beetroot. They tasted so good and they are way healthier than a packet of chips. We also are very grateful for Mrs Hargreaves and Mrs Piljevic for letting us have fun and do this in our learning time.

by Siena in 5/6P



Wollongong Running Festival

On Sunday, 1 June, our school community participated in the exciting Wollongong Running Festival, with 40 students and staff from Kindergarten to Year 6 joining in on the excitement of the 2km fun run. The event encourages kids to get active and celebrate the joy of movement with friends and families.

We are thrilled to highlight our fastest runners of the day! Bo from Year 6 crossed the finish line with an impressive time of 10 minutes and 55 seconds, making her our top performer. Not far behind was Ethan from Year 1, who finished strong in 11 minutes and 16 seconds, securing the second-fastest spot from our Coniston team. All students demonstrated incredible effort and sportsmanship.

It was wonderful to see so many students running alongside their parents, fostering a sense of community and promoting healthy living.

Several of our staff also participated in longer runs.

Congratulations to Mr Whittaker (10km), Miss Fist (5km), Miss Aroney (5km), Mrs Flynn (5km) and Mrs Rodgers (2km).

Mrs Morton volunteered at the event and was thrilled to see many smiling Coniston children as they collected their bibs.

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who participated and supported our runners. We look forward to more events like this in the future, encouraging our students to stay active and engaged in their health and well-being!



P&C News

Bunnings Kembla Grange

Please come and support our P&C BBQ and cake stall tomorrow 14 June at Bunnings Kembla Grange from 9am to 4pm. Our volunteers will be working hard to provide the best tasting sausage sizzles in town.

Future events

Term 3:

- **Second hand children's book fair** – start collecting your good quality pre-loved children's books ready to donate to the P&C's book sale. The book sale will be held on 21 – 22 August to coincide with the school's Book Week parade (Thursday 21 August 10.15am). Books will be for sale on Thursday 21/8 from 10:55 - 11:45am (BYO Picnic Lunch time) and 2:30 – 3:30pm. Books will again be for sale on Friday 22/8 from 8:30 – 9:30am. We will need volunteers to set up on Wednesday 20/8 and to sell books at the indicated times. We hope you can assist by donating and/or working at the book sale. (Please note: this is an alternate to the school's book fair that will be held in even years.)
- **Father's Day Stall** Thursday 4 September. Volunteers will be needed to sell up and sell.
- **Pie Drive** – orders will be sent home next term for delivery on Thursday 4 September. Volunteers will be needed to process the orders and distribute the pies.
- **Disco** Wednesday 17 September – times to come. The school staff run the disco, but the P&C will be involved in other ways – more information to come.
- **Meal Deal Day** Friday 16 September – more information to come.

Term 4:

- **Fun Run** Friday 7 November - more information to come
- **Celebration Day** Wednesday 17 December – volunteers needed to distribute the ice creams – more information to come

Next P&C Meeting: Monday 16 June 2025 7pm in the school library. (This meeting will be held in Week 8 due to the Monday public holiday in Week 7)

Coniston Public School P&C Winter Raffle

Coniston Public School P&C are back with another raffle thanks to our amazing local businesses. All ticket sales bring us closer to our goal of purchasing new play equipment for the school. **Thank you for your support!** Don't forget to share the link with family and friends. To learn more, or purchase tickets securely and easily online scan the QR code:



Or visit the URL:

<https://rafflelink.com.au/coniston>

Prizes

- 2 hours of indoor golf for 4-6 players valued at \$140 thanks to Smash Factor Indoor Golf & Bar (**2 available**)
- A 6-wine tasting session with complimentary cheese platter for up to 4 people valued at \$120 thanks to the Wine Hub North Wollongong (**2 available**)
- A family pass to **Holiday Island** valued at \$116 thanks to Merrigong Theatre Company
- A carton of craft beers from our wonderful neighbours First Light Brewing Company
- A 2-year membership to the BIG4 Holiday Parks Perks+ program, valued at \$50
- A \$50 gift voucher thanks to Bright Star Kids, offering the best personalised school supplies and name labels in the Illawarra! (**3 available**)
- 2 x general admission passes to the Illawarra Inflatable Play Centre valued at \$40

To purchase tickets with cash, please return this completed form to the office **before Wednesday June 18th. Entries close June 18th for paper and cash orders or at midday June 19th for online orders. Winners will be notified on June 19th.**

Bundle Price	Number of Tickets Included	Unit Price Per Ticket
\$2.00	1	\$2.00
\$10.00	5	\$2.00
\$15.00	8	\$1.88
\$20.00	11	\$1.82
\$30.00	17	\$1.76
\$50.00	30	\$1.67
\$100.00	70	\$1.42

I would like to purchase \$_____ worth of tickets. Enclosed is \$_____ in cash.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Phone Number (Required): _____ Child Name: _____

Email Address: _____



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Tuesdays
9:00 AM-11:00 AM

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Community News

Government Funded FREE Swimming Lessons



We are excited to share a new, fully funded initiative at **Northern Stars Swim Schools – Dapto and Russell Vale**, made possible by the support of the **NSW Government**. This program is targeting school aged children (K-Year12) through to adults and is available to all families not currently accessing swimming lessons. Participants in this program will receive:

- ✓ **10 free swimming lessons** with experienced instructors
- ✓ **A swimming cap and goggles** to support their learning
- ✓ The opportunity to gain vital water safety skills and confidence in the water

Places are limited. If you would like a nomination form you can either print from here [enrolment form - Northern Stars Swim](#) or contact the school office for a copy.

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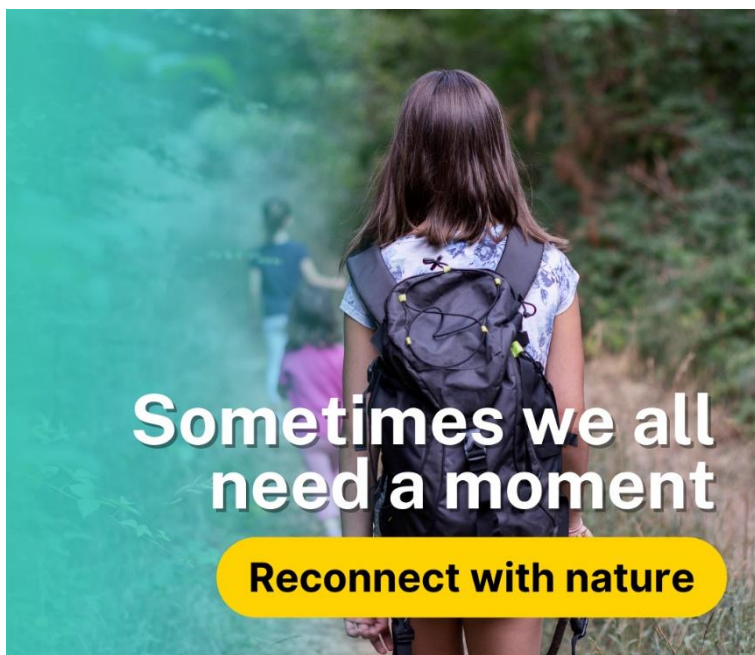
UOW Pulse is a not-for-profit organisation at the University of Wollongong (UOW), dedicated to providing services and operations that complement academic activities for the campus community.

Internship opportunities include roles in:

- Kids Uni - Educator
- Aspire - Hospitality
- UniActive - General
- UniBar - Bar Attendant
- UniShop - Shop Assistant
- Facilities & Cleaning - Cleaner
- Village Grocer - Shop Assistant



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