



Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Wednesday 15 th February	Curriculum Day	Pupil free day
Tuesday 21 st February	Grade 3 Ceres Excursion	TBA
Wednesday 22 nd February	Meet the Teacher from 2pm to 7pm	Students dismissed at 1:30pm
Wednesday 1 st – Friday 3 rd March	Grade 6 Camp	Portsea Camp
Wednesday 8 th March	World of Maths	Grades 3 & 4
Tuesday 25 th April	Anzac Day	Public Holiday
Monday 8 th – Wednesday 10 th May	Grade 5 Camp	TBA
Wednesday 31 st May	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Monday 21 st – Wednesday 23 rd August	Grade 4 Camp	TBA
Monday 6 th November	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day

VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2023

	STARTS	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Monday 30 th January	Thursday 6 th April	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Monday 24 th April	Friday 23 rd June	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 10 th July	Friday 15 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 2 nd October	Wednesday 20 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

Welcome to the 2023 school year. Whether you are a returning family or a new family joining our school community, we are so glad to see your children settling into what we hope will be an even better year for all.

Start Up / Bell Times

I remind everyone that we begin each school day with "Get ready for learning time". This is the time between our first bell at 8:50am and the second bell at 9am, when students should enter their classrooms, unpack their bags, and prepare themselves for the day of learning ahead. By the 9am bell all students should be settled in their classrooms ready for learning instructions which commence at 9am sharp.

Please ensure that your child is in their classroom within this 10-minute window, so that they do not miss crucial learning time. Every child that enters a classroom after 9am is not only missing important instructional time but they are potentially also causing disruption to the rest of their class.

Drop Off / Pick Up

It has been wonderful to see more students (and parents) riding to school. However, please be reminded of the following school rules:

- Anyone riding a bike or scooter to school MUST wear a well fitted helmet and be road safe.
- Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school grounds, instead they should be walked from gates to bike cages and vice versa.

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- While we do provide secure and sheltered bike cages, the school does not accept responsibility for damages or losses of bikes or scooters bought onsite by students or parents.

I also remind everyone that reduced speed limits are in place in all school zones. Please ensure we all obey the speed limits, parking restrictions and traffic signals, so we may ensure everyone's safety during drop off and pick up times.

As reported on COMPASS, Yvonne our long-time crossing supervisor decided over the summer holidays to stop working. The Merri-Bek Council are in the process of trying to recruit new crossing supervisors to fulfill the many vacancies across our network, however until then we are not guaranteed a supervisor each day. We encourage everyone to proceed with caution when utilising the crossing on Reynard Street in particular.

Dogs On Grounds

I know that so many families across our school have that additional four-legged family member that often makes the journey to our school for drop off and pick up. Families are welcome to bring their dogs onto school grounds, provided they are kept on a lead, are friendly and are cleaned up after by their owners if needed. I also remind you that not all children (and adults for that matter) are comfortable around dogs, so please be mindful of those around you while on school grounds with your dog.

Communicating With Staff

If for any reason you need to contact your child's teacher or any other staff member, you can:

- Call 9386 1286 and leave a message
- Email coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au with attention to the relevant staff member

While families with children in grades Prep to 2 have the benefit of also utilising the SeeSaw App to communicate with their class teachers, we are currently looking into the viability of expanding the use of this App across the whole school. Regardless of how you make contact, please be reminded that any communications from staff will only be made within working hours.

Important Policy Reminders

Each year at this time, we like to remind everyone of some important policies which assist in ensuring we maintain a safe and inclusive space for everyone to learn and work at CWPS.

Please click on the following policies to access the full document, which can also be found on our school website, along with many other policies:

- [Privacy Policy](#)
- [Mobile Phone and Communication Device Policy](#)
- [Respect for School Staff Policy](#)

COVID-19 Updates

As we move into this school year, we are following directives and recommendations from the Department of Education (DET) and Department of Health (DH), to ensure we do what we can to keep everyone safe and healthy. As such please note the following:

- Air purifiers are being used in classrooms throughout Term 1, to ensure good ventilation.
- Rapid Antigen Test Kits are available for collection from the front office if your family require them.
- Face masks are also available at the front office and can be worn by staff, students and visitors. The DH recommends wearing a face mask if you or your child is a close contact.
- Staff and students who are symptomatic should be tested for COVID-19. As such, if your child presents with symptoms, you will be called to collect them early from school.
- If your child should test positive to COVID-19, they should isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until symptoms have resolved.
- Parents whose child tests positive, should also complete the [Student COVID-19 Test Portal](#) online.

Upcoming Dates to Note

- Curriculum Day, **Wednesday 15th February** – Pupil Free Day / OSHC full day care program on offer for those that register.

- Meet the Teacher **Wednesday 22nd February** - Dismissal at 1:30pm – Meetings held between 2pm and 6:50pm in the Gym. Bookings opening soon.

Ms Blatti Visits State Government

This past Wednesday afternoon, Ms Blatti had the honour of being invited to attend a sitting of State Government. She was invited by newly elected Member for Pascoe Vale, Anthony Cianflone MP who as a past student of CWPS, has always valued the education he received here, in particular his time with Ms Blatti. As she sat in the public gallery listening to Mr Cianflone's maiden speech, she heard him talk fondly of his time at CWPS, as he then went on to thank her for inspiring him. Ms Blatti was honoured to be applauded by the entire chamber as she was invited to stand. We are all proud to have such an inspiring teacher on our staff and a past student who proudly values what was gained in their time at our school.

May this year be filled with inspiring learning experiences for all our students.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

CWPS Working Bee

Sunday 5 March 2023
From 9 am

**Concludes with a Community
Group sausage sizzle**

Register here
<https://signup.com/go/zPenAMS>



CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
1D	Ellie	We Are Learners	Henry	We Are Learners	Mr Peric
1E	Ottavia	We Are Learners	Kit	We Are Learners	Ms Esposito
2C	Fraser	We Are Learners			Ms Cavoli
2F			Eda	We Are Learners	Ms Fonte DeVos
2N	Christian	We Care			Mr Niciak
3B	Jesse	We Are Respectful			Ms. Blackman
3R	Lucas	We Are Safe	Remy	We Care	Mr Robinson
3S	Marcus	We Are Learners	Georgia	We Are Learners	Mrs Spiteri/Mrs Pavich
4M	Teddy	We Care	Amber	We are Learners	Ms McKenzie/Ms Corn
5M	Violet	We Are Respectful	Zach	We Are Learners	Ms Mardesic
5R	Amelia	We Care	Rima	We Are Respectful	Ms Taylor
5T	Whole class	We Are Respectful	Phoebe	We Are Respectful	Mr Torpey
6F	Oliver	We Are Respectful	Angelique	We Are Learners	Ms Franco
6R	Leo	We Are Respectful			Mrs Rigby

CWPS GOOD CITIZENS

These students are acknowledged and thanked by their House Captains for being Good Citizens by exhibiting positive behaviours which reflect our School Values.

	10 th February
Green House	Angus 3S
Red House	Aliki 4P
Gold House	Lili 5R
Blue House	Evangelia 4K

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Grade 3/4

STEM

Last Wednesday we discovered something incredible in our STEM room.



When we got into Ms Blatti's STEM room we had a little discussion and watched a video about how microscopes work and what we do with them. Ms Blatti told us we couldn't touch anything on the trolley because it was really important.

After we finished watching the video we went back to our seats and attempted our task. Ms Blatti told us that there were four microscopes that each had a hot light. We had to adjust the focus and the lighting so it wasn't pitch black. When we looked inside the hot light microscopes it was incredible! What did we see through our microscopes? What we saw was cool, interesting and awesome!

We saw crystals in one. Most of the crystal pieces were insufficient (small). In the second one was a sunflower. The sunflower had tiny bugs crawling all over it. The stem was many shades of green, such as light green, dark green and more. The third one was bark and it was different shades of brown. The last one was dirt and it had very little bugs climbing all over it.

Thank you for reading!

Zoe and Marcus 3S



SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITION FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS

DATE	LOCATION	
Friday 17 th February	CWPS vs Pascoe Vale P/S (all games played at Pascoe Vale P/S)	Away game Chill and Grill after School
Friday 24 th February	CWPS vs Pascoe Vale North P/S (Basketball & Bat tennis at CWPS Soft ball at shore reserve)	Home game
Friday 3 rd March	CWPS vs St Olivers P/S (all games played at St Olivers P/S)	Away game
Friday 10 th March	CWPS vs Moreland P/S (Basketball & Bat tennis at CWPS Softball at shore reserve)	Home game
Friday 17 th March	CWPS vs Coburg North P/S (Basketball & Bat tennis at CWPS Softball at shore reserve)	Home game
Friday 24 th March	CWPS	Bye round
Friday 31 st March	CWPS vs Pascoe Vale P/S (all games played at Pascoe Vale P/S)	Away game



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST KIDS MAG!

This week your child came home with a copy of Just Kidding Junior (3 – 6 years olds) or Just Kidding (for 7-12 year olds) magazine. This is a free magazine offered to school children and it is one of Australia's highest circulating kids magazines packed full of features for kids to explore including the very latest competitions, puzzles, celebrity interviews, games, toys, books, sports, music, movies and much more.

With hard copy magazines, newspapers and catalogues appearing less frequently in homes due to digital media, exposure to a magazine targeted to kids is great. Children will be exposed to a wide variety of text types and lots of interactive content. From stories, poems, and action rhymes to nonfiction, crafts, puzzles and games. Kids' magazines can offer an abundance of high interest content to support and encourage children to read. This magazine, which is published 8 times a year will give your child some additional reading materials to explore at home. Enjoy!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

FEB

CWPS Community Group News

Welcome to 2023!! We had such a wonderful 2022 in terms of our fundraising efforts and we just want to thank everyone *again* who gave up their time (a number of times) to contribute to this!!

If you are new to CWPS or have been here a while - now is a great time to **join the Community Group** - cwpscg@gmail.com; CWPS Facebook Group
We meet monthly (usually of an evening) to discuss new and upcoming fundraising events and it's a great opportunity to meet our wonderful community! See our flyer on next page.

We have our annual **Chill n Grill** coming up on the 24th February - this is a BBQ catch up after school to welcome not only our new families, but everyone back to CWPS for 2023! We also have a new and exciting event for term 1 - **Moonlight Cinema** - held in the back playground on a blow up screen - this is sure to be a regular on our fundraising calendar! Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

What's happening next..

Scholastic Book Club - till 20th Feb

Chill n Grill (see flyer overpage)
- 24th Feb

Easter Fundraiser (TBC) - March
Moonlight Cinema - 24th March

Volunteer call out FEBRUARY!

Chill n Grill - BBQ experts, baristas
Scholastic Book Orders - help with packing into classes

Look out for *sign up* emails shortly!

Dates for the Diary Community Meetings

23 February
7.30pm @ Post Office Hotel

Get involved

email us on
cwpscg@gmail.com or join the
[Facebook group](#)

CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING SURE OUR COMMUNITY IS A VIBRANT, SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE THAT BRINGS OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER AND PROVIDES THE BEST FACILITIES FOR A WONDERFUL EDUCATION! IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND AT THE SAME TIME, RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

WHAT WE DO?

- We meet each month (mixture of nights and afternoons) to discuss new and upcoming fundraising ideas/activities
- Some of our recent events/fundraising include: Mothers/Fathers Day stalls, Mother's Day lunch, BBQ drives, Parents football match, Twilight Market.....
- Get involved by contacting us at cwpscg@gmail.com or via our school Facebook Group

All of our events are made possible through the support of the community - it takes a village and we'd love to meet you!!



WELCOME BACK
BBQ & AFTERNOON TEA

CHILL + GRILL

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY
3.30-5.00

CANTEEN COURTYARD

free school event



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WHAT IS CLASS REP PROGRAM?

THE PROGRAM AIMS
TO BUILD SOCIAL
NETWORKS WITHIN
THE SCHOOL AND IS
A GREAT WAY TO
KEEP CONNECTED
WITH THE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY!

THE ROLE IS
DESIGNED TO
SUPPORT
STARTING THE
NEW YEAR,
CONNECTING
PARENTS AND
SHARING
UPDATES
AROUND
SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS

IT'S ALSO A
TERRIFIC
RESOURCE
FOR NEW
PARENTS
AND
FAMILIES
TO KNOW
WHATS
GOING
ON!



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CWPS HAS A
NOMINATED
CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE

**HOW DO I
GET
INVOLVED?**

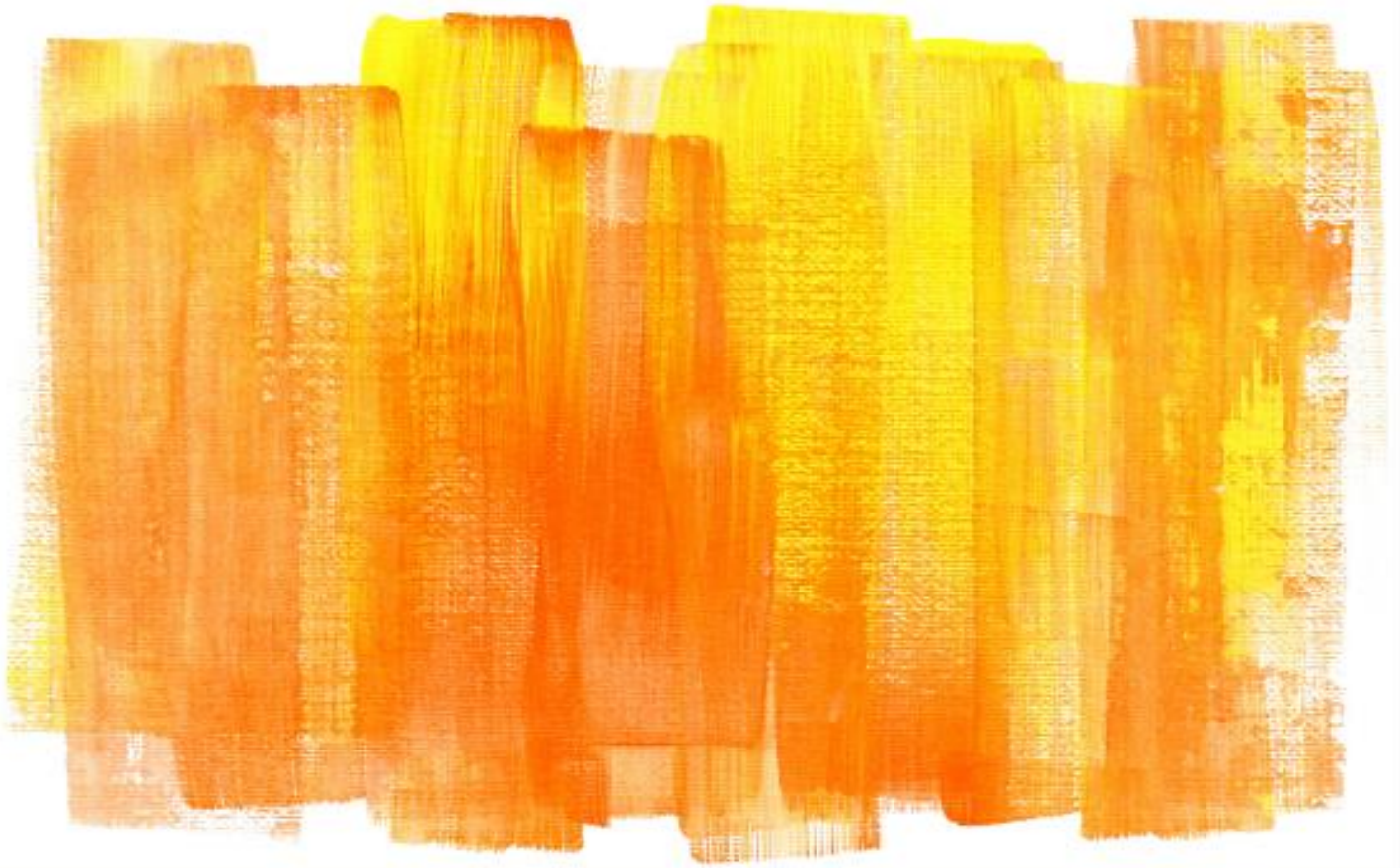
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INCLUDE NAME,
CLASS AND
CONTACT DETAILS!

contact us: cwpsrepcoordinator@gmail.com

Art Therapy for Children with additional needs



Designed for children with a variety of needs, these sessions will be led by art therapist Kim Waters (AThR, B.Ed Post Grad, BA Fine Art). Using a range of art materials children will express themselves in a safe and nurturing environment. All materials provided.

Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm / 15th Feb-22nd Mar
Payment via NDIS plans accepted / Cost \$295 NDIS
\$200 for Non NDIS holders
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ART THERAPY FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Tutor: Kim Waters

Description

This course is designed to engage and enable children to participate in art activities that focus on free expression, group work and self awareness. In Art therapy the emphasis is on participation and the "Doing" or "engaging in the process, rather than aesthetic qualities. We will be expressing emotions via colour and texture using paint, crayon and other art materials of the participant's choice. Group and individual artworks using a range of materials including clay, paint, collage and crayon. there will be an emphasis on the materials and how we feel using them, what we prefer to use and the effects they make.

At the beginning of each session we will have a brief check in, How are you going today? And an explanation of the activity and then at the end a quick reflection or sharing of Art works if children wish to discuss their work

DRAFT OUTLINE

Week 1- Getting to know me

Outline of what we are doing together, agreement on group outline (rules). Creation of "Me" image using collage, crayon, paint, to express themselves.

Week 2- Getting to know us

Group artwork using paper, pastels, on A3 paper.

Working with others and constructively being part of a group and appreciating their contributions.

Week 3- How am I feeling?

Large body tracing with referral to how we wish to feel. Discussion of emotions and colours.

Week 4- Claytown

Group activity with clay, building a group sculpture that will be photographed and then put back in the bag. Demonstrating that we can do something and then begin again.

Week 5- My mask/me box

Paint, crayon, embellishments

Discussion of who I am on the inside and outside

Week 6- I am

A self portrait of "Me" using an affirmation as a prompt, Using mixed media, collage, paint

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CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD INFORMATION EVENING

Deciding on where to send your child can be daunting.

Marcellin College is hosting an information evening on *Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child*.

The evening will cover a host of topics to assist you in making an informed decision.



Join us on Thursday, 2 March 2023 at 7pm
Marcellin College
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
For more information visit marcellin.vic.edu



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