

Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 16th July 2021

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Friday 16 th July	Incursion 1/2	Grade 1/2 students
Thursday 22 nd July	Alpha show	Whole school
Friday 23 rd July	School Disco	Junior Disco Prep to grade 2
		6pm-7pm
		Senior Disco Gr 3 to 6
		7.30pm - 9pm
Thursday 5 th August	Movie Day Excursion	Grade 5/6 students
Wednesday 11 th August	Annual General Meeting	TBC
Tuesday 17 th to Thursday 19 August	Healesville Excursion	Grade 1/2 students
Saturday 21 st August	Trivia Night	
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th August	Book Week	Whole school celebrations
Tuesday 24 th August	Book Week Dress Up Day	Whole school
Wednesday 25 th August	Athletics	Grades 3 - 6
Thursday 26 th August	Science works Excursion	Grade 5/6 students
Wednesday 1 st to Friday 3 rd September	Grade 4 Camp	Grade 4 students
Friday 10 th September	Grade 2 Bush Day	Grade 2 students
Saturday 11 th September	Bunnings BBQ	TBA
Sunday 12 th September	Shore Reserve Showdown	
Friday 17 th September	Curriculum Day / END OF TERM 3	Student Free
Monday 4 th October	TERM 4 BEGINS	RESUME 9.00am
Tuesday 2 nd November	Melbourne Cup	Public Holiday
Friday 17 th December	END OF TERM 4	DISMISSAL 1:30pm

Dear School Community,

As we enter this five-day snap lockdown, I wish to thank the staff and students, for the calm manner in which they are able to transition into Remote and Flexible Learning so smoothly. While it is not anybody's preferred way to teach or learn, it is important that we maintain a positive and supportive approach for everyone's benefit, most importantly for our children. Given that the official announcement was not made by the Premier until well after our school day ended yesterday, we had to pre-empt and ensure that everyone was prepared, and thankfully we were. Your children should have come home on Thursday with what they will need to support their online learning throughout this period of lockdown. If it should be extended and more materials are required, we will make the necessary arrangements and notify your accordingly.

COVID Restrictions

For the period of this lockdown;

- No camps, excursions, incursions, sporting events
- No hall hire, school tours
- ONLY essential visitors permitted on school sites (No Parent Helpers)
- Students and staff MUST stay home if unwell
- Face Masks MUST be worn indoors and Physical Distancing observed, especially in common areas such as the
 office foyer We are Learners / We are Respectful / We are Safe / We Care

 QR Codes MUST be used to register your entry to any school building (including OSHC), these are available at most entry doors and main gates

Onsite Supervision

The school is operating on a skeleton staff and is providing onsite supervision for those children in the following categories:

- Children where both parents/carers are considered <u>authorised workers</u> who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:
 - Where there are two parents/carers, both must be essential workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
 - For single parents/carers, the essential worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
- Children experiencing vulnerability, including:
 - Children in out-of-home care
 - Children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
 - Children identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or health service).

Please be reminded, that the onsite learning program is no different to the Remote and Flexible Learning Program being delivered to them online. The staff onsite are simply supervising the children as they complete the daily tasks set.

Of course, as Principal, I will consider each family request individually and make my decision based on the best interests of all involved.

Remote and Flexible Learning Program

Everyone is now familiar with the RFL program we deliver here at CWPS and the SeeSaw and Google Classroom platforms we use to deliver the work. Over the last eighteen months of transitioning in and out of online learning, we have listened to the community's feedback and made changes along the way.

As we move into this period of RFL, we have made a change to our face to face sessions via Webex. In the past, we have had one session on Webex for each grade. We have now introduced an additional session later in the day for every grade. This will allow teachers to better utilise the morning session as instructional time and have the brief (15 minute) session at the end of the day as a Wellbeing check on all the students. I am sure you will all agree that it is important to provide a balance between instructional time and general wellbeing. It also provides additional opportunities for the children to interact with their teachers and classmates.

Planned Events

As you would be aware, in the coming weeks, a number of school and fund-raising events have been scheduled and many have been paid for. At this stage, it is not known whether they will be able to go ahead, or whether they may need to be cancelled or postponed (some for the second or third time). We will endeavour to keep you informed as early as possible and appreciate your support and understanding throughout.

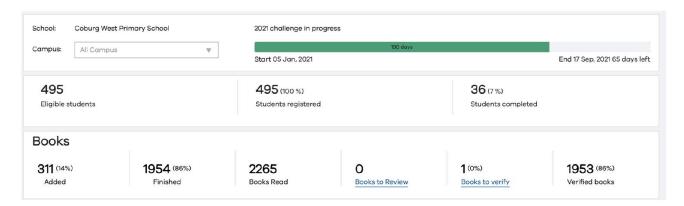
I appreciate everyone's efforts in helping to keep our school community safe and well.

Kind regards, Mark Colagrande Principal





Here's the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge update, keep up the amazing efforts and keep logging those finished books! As a school we've collectively read 2265 books and 36 students have completed this year's challenge, this is wonderful but I still need so many more of you to participate. Therefore, there is an additional incentive once again this year. The **student from each grade** that reads the most books will receive a lucrative and highly sought-after Premier's Reading Challenge pin. So, continue reading and don't forget to register those books, it's not too late, the completion date for the challenge ends on the 17th September.



Thank you

Patricia Amerena English Leading Teacher

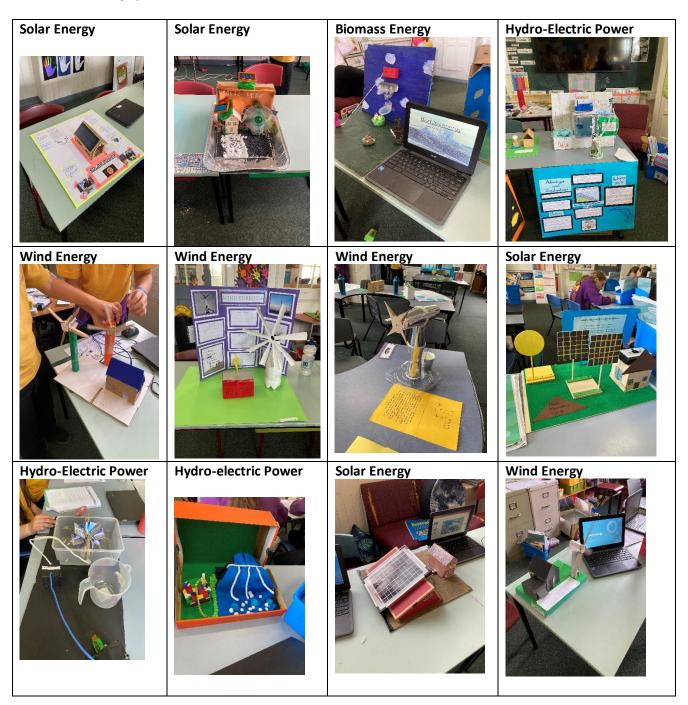
5/6 Renewable Energy Expo 2021

In term 2, the 5/6 students learnt about renewable and non-renewable energy types. The students were then given the opportunity to explore an energy source in detail, including building a prototype and attaching an explanation text to show how the electricity is produced.

We invited the Preps, Year 1/2s and 3/4s to visit our classrooms and learn about the different renewable energy sources. Our 5/6 students enjoyed being scientists for the session, answering questions and explaining their research to our younger grades.

Here are some of the models that were part of our expo. A huge thank you to all families for supporting your child with this project.

Ms A. Blatti (Learning Specialist-Science)



Coburg West P.S Cross Country Running Tuesday 13th July

Well done to our fantastic Coburg West Primary School Cross Country Running team on their magnificent effort competing at the Banyule and Inner North / Moreland Cross Country division (Tuesday 13th July at Banyule Flats Reserves in Heidelberg). Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the day Alessio A, Willa C, Lachlan C, Max M, Belinda H, Florence H, Luca M, Sabine T and Wilbur W, 10year old students completed a 2km track and the 11year old and 12/13 year old students completed a 3km track. While not all qualified, each and every participant represented our school with great positivity and fantastic sportsmanship.

Moving on, Lachlan C and Wilbur W have qualified for the next round of the Northern Metropolitan Regional Cross-Country Championships. Well done! Also, a big thankyou to all the parents who came and supported on the day.



Awesome effort team

Chris Harvey
Sports Coordinator
Coburg West Primary School



Structured Word Inquiry

On Thursday the 15th of July was another opportunity for some of our staff to engage in professional dialogue and planning time in the area of structured word inquiry/spelling with Julie Shepherd, our literacy consultant.



We began our day with sharing some of our successes over the past few weeks since our last visit from Julie. Our teachers proudly spoke about the noticeable difference in our students with their level of engagement with word investigations or structured word inquiries. The teacher and student use of terminology such as base element, suffixes, prefixes, vowel and consonant are being used regularly and with understanding. The inclusion of word inquiries as part of the home learning has also been a huge success. Many families are making comments to teachers about the level of excitement at home and how some students are involving the whole family in their investigations. Specialist teachers are also exploring word origins and making connections to specific vocabulary related to their subjects. It's been a wonderful journey so far.



Following this, we spent the rest of the day investigating and exploring words that each team could investigate with their classes. This was part of the planning process and now the role of each staff member present is to then share the document created and the discussions from the day with their teams. The words that were discussed and occasionally debated were related to each team's learning for the term, for example the Foundation students will

explore words such as live and plant as these connect to their inquiry. The Grade 1/2 students will explore words such as share which is connected to their values learning and indigenous and aboriginal connected

to inquiry. Grade 3/4 students will investigate words such as occurrence and happy connected to inquiry and maths while the Grade 5/6's will investigate words such as astronomy and gravity related to inquiry. The list of words that will be explored will continue to grow and cover many areas of the curriculum along with the discovery of new words as the students read, write and learn about new things.



Words will be learnt in different ways, this may include identifying a word's base element, prefixes, suffixes, etymology (word origins), phonology (sounds in words) and hopefully everyone will discover interesting facts about words. The purpose of exploring words in depth is to help students to understand how and why a word is spelt in a particular way to then help them remember how to spell that word. The students can do this by creating word sums, word webs, word families, following flow charts and playing word games.

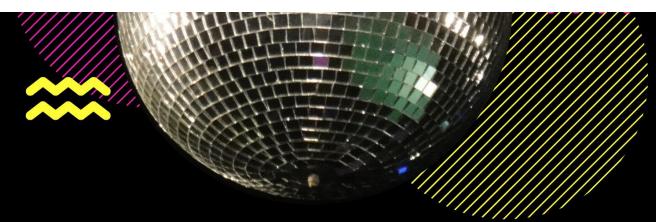
Again, I ask you to ask your children what they are learning and how they are learning. Let them impress you with their knowledge of words.

Patricia Amerena English Leading Teacher









GET YOUR DANCE MOVES READY

COBURG WEST



RIDAY 23RD JULY

PREP, GRADE 1 & 2 - 6PM TO 7PM GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 7:30PM - 9PM





If you want to make dinner time easy for your family, simply purchase a pie or two. Then all you need to do is reheat, add a quick salad or some veg and dinner will be ready in minutes. Or just eat the Pie, the kids won't complain that there's no veg.

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Family Cheese & Brocolli Pie \$15.50

Family Mushroom Quiche \$19.50

Family Apple Pie \$10.00

All purchases
through Qkr!
Close date Thursday
22nd July at 5pm,
with delivery on
Thursday 29th July

We are proud to support another Local business: 'The Pie Place' Shop 24 Walkers Arcade, 471 Sydney Road, Coburg. SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND SUPPORT FOR THE

COBURG WEST WARRIORS!



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