



Coburg West Primary School

18th October 2024

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

	DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 4	OCTOBER		
	Monday 21 st	Buddy Play with 2025 Preps	Grade 3
	Tuesday 22 nd	Special Photos Day	Grade 6 & Special Groups
	Wednesday 30 th	ACMI Excursion	Grades 5C & 5T
	NOVEMBER		
	Monday 4 th	Report Writing Day	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 5 th	Melbourne Cup	Public Holiday
	Thursday 7 th	Prep Transition #1 ACMI Excursion	2025 Preps 9:15 – 10:30am Grades 5R & 6K
	Monday 11 th	ACMI Excursion	Grades 6F & 6R
	Wednesday 13 th	Prep Transition #2	2025 Preps 9:15 – 10:30am
	Friday 15 th	Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser	Whole School
	Wednesday 20 th	Prep Transition #3	2025 Preps 9:15 – 10:30am
	Friday 22 nd	ACMI Experience Day	Selected Grade 6 students
	Thursday 28 th	Bush Day Excursion	Grade 1
	Friday 29 th	Bush Day Excursion	Grade 2
	DECEMBER		
	Friday 13 th	Luna Park Excursion	Grade 6
	Monday 16 th	Shore Reserve Picnic	Prep
	Monday 9 th – Monday 16 th	Swimming	Grades 3 & 4
	Wednesday 18 th	Graduation	Grade 6
Friday 20 th	END OF TERM 4	1:30pm Dismissal	

Dear School Community,

Despite the time change for Daylight Savings at the end of the holidays, everyone has now adjusted, and learning is well underway for Term 4.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORKING BEES

I would like to thank all those parents and students who attended the Working Bee last Sunday. I know that Sonia and I were grateful for the support. As they say, many hands make light work. If you would like to join the Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability Sub Committee, please get in touch with Sonia to offer your support.

STAFFING UPDATE

This term we welcome back Ms Blackman to 4B, while we also welcome Ms Jones as our new Performing Arts teacher. Ms Jones has settled in quickly and has been enjoying getting to know our talented students. Please join us in making her feel welcomed to our school community.

IS YOUR CHILD MOVING ON IN 2025?

Term 4 is busy with planning for the 2025 school year. It is a time where we are planning grade structures, class sizes and staffing needs. As such, it is important that we have correct enrolment numbers to ensure our planning is as accurate as can be.

As such, I am urging any parents of students (other than grade 6s) who may be moving on from our school next year to notify the school office in writing as early as possible at coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au . The earlier we can be notified, the better, as this greatly assists with internal planning and allows adequate time for the office to manage the transfer of your child's information to their new school.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

Over recent weeks you would have read COMPASS Newsfeeds or emails regarding the School Savings Bonus being offered by the State Government. This initiative provides \$400 per child to every family to utilise in paying for 2025 school expenses. The most important thing now is to ensure that your email contact details are correct with the school. The Government will be using these details to email you directly regarding this payment and how you may access it. Therefore, if you have not done so already, please contact the school office to update your details and check your emails for correspondence from the State Government.

CROSSING SAFETY & PHONES

I have received reports of some safety concerns following near misses on our school crossings. It seems many adults are being distracted by their phone conversations while crossing and not taking note of their surroundings. The roll-on effect of this is the example being set for our children, who observe the adults not paying attention and as such feel that they too can let their guard down. We often have vehicles that do not stop in time for the red lights and as such pose a risk to pedestrians. I urge everyone to show more care regardless of whether there is a crossing supervisor present or not.

LOST PROPERTY & UNIFORM

While we are only two weeks into the term, there is a mountain of lost items building up. These are not just uniform items, there are numerous other pieces of clothing, containers, toys, and various other objects. As the weather warms up, please ensure your child's jackets, windcheaters and hats are clearly labelled with their names. At the end of play breaks, the yard seems to be littered with discarded hats and jackets, which if not labelled are hard to return to their owners.

I take this opportunity to remind all families, that the Lost Property collection is in the front entry to our school Administration building. While the uniform items are sorted weekly and returned to students, many other items are without names. I encourage families to take some time to look through the collection for what might belong to their child. At the end of the school year, any remaining items will be donated or disposed of.

Furthermore, please be reminded that the school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged items which are bought to school, this includes toys, games or other play equipment.

PROTECTION IN A SUN SMART SCHOOL

Being a Sun Smart School it is a policy requirement that for their own safety, all students wear a wide brimmed hat while outside for any play break or activity. While all staff are doing their best to remind students and ask those without a hat to play in the shade, we do seek your support in reminding your children of this need to protect themselves from the sun's harsh rays.

We also encourage the use of sunscreen, but it is important that a child provides and applies their own. As such, if you could assist your child in learning to apply their own sunscreen and provide them with a small container for them to re-apply as required throughout the day, we would appreciate it.

ALMOST SET FOR THE FUN FEST

Sharnee and the amazing group of volunteers who make up our Community Group are busily completing the final arrangements for our wonderful FUN FEST. Coming up this Saturday 26th October, we are set for an exciting day of food, stalls and fun activities for all. Even the weather forecast is looking perfect.

If you can assist in anyway, for even the shortest amount of time, please sign up using the link provided here <https://signup.com/go/LvVknGK>

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the FUN FEST next weekend.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

We Are **Learners** / We Are **Respectful** / We Are **Safe** / We **Care**

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
PL	Ben	We Care	Xanthe	We Are Learners	Ms Lebon & Ms Amerena
PD	Oliver	We Care	Tytus	We Are Learners	Ms Zschunke
PY	Koby	We Care	Bonnie	We Are Learners	Ms Youla
1D	Henry Dorothy	We Are Learners We Care	Isabelle Callum	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
1P	Vivian	We Are Learners	Lily NJ	We Are Learners We Care	Ms Parker
1/2E	Izayah	We Are Learners			Ms. Esposito
2M	Kaylin	We Are Respectful	Amy	We Are Learners	Mr. Munari
2W	Thomas	We Are Learners			Ms. Winzar-Taylor
3A	Ella S.	We Are Respectful	Mila T.	We Are Respectful	Mr. Aitken
3N	Eda	We Care			Mr Niciak & Ms Currie
3/4S			Samuel Anais	We Are Learners We Are Respectful	Ms.Spiteri & Ms.Pavich
4B	Tayla	We Care	Julius	We Are Learners	Mr. Blackman
4P			Huon Reyaansh	We Are Learners We Care	Ms. Preston
5C			Kunjan	We Are Learners	Ms. Corn
5R	Amber	We Are Learners	Tiyana	We Are Learners	Mr. Robinson
5T			Amelia Sonny	We Care We Are Learners	Mr. Torpey
6F	Matilda S.	We Are Learners	Ava N.	We Are Learners	Ms. Franco
6K	Thomas	We Are Respectful	Steph.	We Are Learners	Mr. Krauss
6R	Dylan R.	We Are Respectful	Maddie K.	We Are Respectful	Ms. Rigby
Vis. Arts	Rupert (PL)	We Are Learners			Ms. McGregor & Ms. Kyrkillis
P.E.	Chloe Y. (1D)	We Are Learners	Phillip V.	We Are Learners	Mr. Harvey
Italian	Archer G. (PD)	We Are Respectful			Ms. Petterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Perf. Arts					Ms. Wositzky-Jones

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.

	11 th October	18 th October
Green House	Lani 6R	Lily 1P
Red House	Leon W 1D	Aliki 5C
Gold House	Harper 3A	Alistair 1P
Blue House	Dylan R 6R	Esme 2W

SSV Northern Metro Regional Athletics Championship 2024



The Northern Metro Athletics Championship was held on Wednesday the 16th of October at the Meadowlen International Athletics Track. The track was bathed in sunshine for the 10-year-old boys representing Coburg West Primary School. Toby, Isaac, Sebastian and Marcus performed extremely well against some very competitive opposition. The boys ran hard and although not progressing to the State Championships, can hold their heads up high knowing they are the 28th fastest relay team in the Victoria. Well Done!

Earlier that day, Marcus had also competed in the 100m boys final and did an amazing job finishing 5th. Well done on an outstanding effort.

Thank you to the parents / caregivers who transported the students and gave support so that the boys had this wonderful opportunity. Congratulations on an amazing effort!



Chris Harvey
Sports Coordinator
Coburg West Primary School

Dear Parents / Caregivers.



Get your child ready for Biketober in Term 4!

Our School has signed up to compete in this year's Biketober Competition!

Biketober is a month-long campaign in October to encourage students to ride, scoot, and travel actively to school. We will be competing against 11 other local Merri-bek schools, so we need your help to top the leaderboard!

Over October, our students will be participating in weekly competitions every Wednesday – there are prizes for the best new rider, most creative rider, best family rider, and a bling your bike day! Something for everyone, even if you can't ride to school often.

The first Wednesday back, the 7th of October, is 'Back on your Bike' day. We'll be awarding a prize to a student who hasn't ridden in a while (or ever), but is getting back on their bike for Biketober!

We will keep you updated on the weekly challenges throughout the month, so for now – pump up your kid's tyres, get a practice ride in over the holidays if you'd like, and get ready for some fun!

PS. Biketober is for everyone – if you want to go in the draw to win a \$4000 holiday and a heap of other prizes, adults can sign up as an individual or with your workplace here - www.lovetoride.net/merribek



CLIP students fighting extinction with Zoos Victoria

In the latter half of Term 3, CLIP Grade 5 and 6 students stepped into the world of conservation science! With the support of Mr Krauss, Mr Robinson and Zoos Victoria, students explored what a conservation scientist really does and what challenges they face, while also getting first hand experiences with the various pieces of technologies that are used to track, locate and monitor endangered Victorian animals.



This program began with an excursion to Melbourne Zoo to gain new knowledge, before coming back to school and using a whole day to apply this knowledge to create a new piece of conversation technology, using the Design Thinking Process.



These 30 students proudly represented Coburg West on an excursion offered by Zoos Victoria, who are at the core of protecting and breeding Melbourne's native (and endangered) animals. We started by examining the features of different animals and made observations about their habitats, to make connections between how animals use their adaptations to their environments in the wild.

Then, we moved onto the next activity, where we investigated one of the 27 threatened and endangered species in small groups. We learnt about their features and adaptations, while also learning new knowledge about how scientists track, locate and monitor animals in the wild and the benefits and limitations of this technology.

We got firsthand experiences with the actual technology that is used in conservation science and had to apply this knowledge to find an effective way to either track, locate or monitor our given animal. After learning with the staff at Melbourne Zoo, we then had the opportunity to explore the



rest of the animal enclosures of our choice, taking notes on their features, habitats and then began questioning what sorts of technology could be used to track and monitor these animals in the wild.

Using this excursion to build the field of knowledge, the CLIP students used a day back at school to apply design thinking solutions to the challenges that Australia's Wildlife Conservation Scientists face with the technology currently available for use.

Conservation Scientists face with the technology currently available for use.

Locating	Monitoring	Tracking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drones • Night vision scope • Thermal camera • Binoculars • Car • Automatic feeder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap cameras • Song meter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio collars • Passive integrated transponder tag (PIT) • Radio tracker • Drone

This collaborative day stepped students through the various stages of the design thinking process, where students first had to define and empathise with the 'problem' or 'opportunity for innovation', before ideating potential solutions and then collaboratively building their prototypes and communicating their ideas to the larger group.

As a collective, the CLIP students used their previous knowledge and new experience from their Zoo excursion to form the following problem:

Due to human recklessness the biodiversity in our world is decreasing. In order to conserve animal populations, we need to gain knowledge of animal adaptations (features and behaviours) and habitats, and what problems they are facing.

Students then reflected on their understanding of the known technologies to draw inspiration from to either create a new piece of technology, or improve upon current technologies to locate, track or monitor a chosen endangered animal species.



Our Design

Our design is like a small hutch that Mallem Benn-wrens can live in. To attract the birds we would try to let out a smell that smells like their food. There would be enough room to fit their pack with 40 members or so.



Prototype

We have made a prototype of a Song Metre with the following features:

- We have made this prototype to look like a bottle brush tree with actual bottle brushes to attract our species
- We put hollows with recording devices to record and bounce the sounds across to other song metres
- We have put little perches up to the bottle brush flowers so that there is a sure chance of them getting food
- And finally, we made a sensor so that when a Regent Honeyeater lands, a camera trap comes out to follow the species when they leave.



After collaboratively constructing their prototypes, students communicated this to the CLIP class and both Mr Colagrande and Mr Copping. These designs were also sent back to Zoos Victoria for further feedback. After highly impressing the staff at Melbourne Zoo, the students' work was posted to the Zoos Victoria Padlet for Fighting Extinction, providing worked examples for other educators to draw inspiration from to begin their own projects.

Moving forward, Coburg West has been invited to take part in this year's Fighting Extinction Schools Showcase at Melbourne Zoo. A small selection of these CLIP students will have the opportunity to share their learning from this program, while also learning from other students in schools across Victoria.

We are immensely proud of all the CLIP students who have participated in these programs across the year, and we look forward to seeing more of this brilliant work in the future!

This certificate is presented to Coburg West
Primary School
in 2024

for their valued participation in Zoos Victoria's Fighting
Extinction Program

Authorised by: Christopher Vella, Fighting Extinction Schools
Coordinator

zoos.vic.edu.au/education

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NEWSLETTER

Less than a week to go - spread the word!!

October is the month for school fetes so please spread the word to your friends and family - we would love to see everyone there! Don't forget to **follow the event via Facebook** to keep up to date with all the activity. A massive *thank you* for your generosity with socks for chocs! Just a final few donation call outs below.



Cake Stall

Our cake stalls are always so popular thanks to the generosity of our wonderful bakers. Donations can be dropped off from 9am Saturday morning. (see flyer)

Mystery Bottle

The adult lucky dip is a mystery bottle (wrapped in brown paper) As per previous events, we are asking families to kindly donate a bottle (alcoholic) for us to use on the day! (see flyer)



On the Day!

Please don't leave until the last minute to **volunteer** or purchase your **pre paid ride wristbands** and **ticket bundles** - **Visit Sign Up and Qkr to volunteer and purchase today!**

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COBURG WEST FUN FEST

READY FOR SOME FUN?

ON THIS WEEKEND!



Food Galore

The food offerings are as eclectic as our community - a spit sponsored by Emils, 400 Gradi Pizza, Vietnamese from Wrap Roll It, Old Skool Gelati truck, Coffee and Waffles. Of course it wouldn't be a fete without potatoes on a stick from Twisto Potato and a parent-run Sausage Sizzle.

For the Kids...

Fun carnival rides galore, petting zoo, face painting, lucky dip, cake stall, popcorn, sensory chill out zone and much, much more!

For the Grown-ups...

Relax under the friendship tree and enjoy our bands while tasting some of the legendary Bridge Rd Brews or sipping some of the fine wines from local winemaker Matt East's label Roleur.

Performances

12pm Dance Workshop from Dance Theatre
12.40pm CWPS Drum Band
12.55pm CWPS Rock Band
1.15pm The Pistons
1.45pm CWPS Choir
2.05pm Risk
2.30pm World's Best Neighbours
3.10pm DJ Dean



Makers Market

So many amazing stalls to visit - from artists like Lawz Drawz to jewellery, juggling balls, slime, fashion ceramics, candles and more!

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RIDES & ENTERTAINMENT

\$45

PRE-PAID RIDE WRISTBAND

Includes **UNLIMITED** access to:
Music Flip, Big Slide, Sizzler, Chair
'o' Plane & Petting Zoo.

(\$50 on the day)

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Includes **4 X tickets**. Ticket Prices
below:

- 1 x Ticket (\$3) - Face Painting or Body Art
- 2 x Tickets (\$6) Petting Zoo admission,
Chair'o'Plane Ride or Big Slide
- 3 x Tickets (\$9) Music Flip and Sizzler Rides

(Single tickets \$3ea on the day)

\$10

Available via Qkr now!

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SIGN UP and be part of the Fun Fest!

**We need lots of volunteers...
Scan the QR code and sign up today!**



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COBURG WEST FUN FEST

Less than
a week to
go!

DONATIONS REQUIRED

Mystery Bottle



Kindly drop off a 'bottle' (to be used in the adult lucky dip) to the office from Monday 21st of October.

If you are unable to get to the office, please email cwpsc@gmail.com to arrange a collection from your home.

Cake Stall

Popular items include cupcakes, muffins, slices, honey joys, rum balls etc. Individual or smaller items seem to go the quickest!

Please include a label with all ingredients and please **no cream or nuts**.

Donations can be dropped off from **9am Saturday morning**.



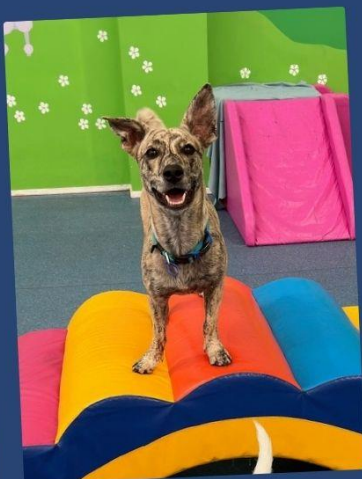
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SMILE SQUAD PARENT/CARER SURVEY

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you might be aware, we have had the School Dental Program - 'Smile Squad' – attend our school to give the students information on good dental health, undertake dental examinations and, where required, organise follow-up treatment. While the program is voluntary, many of you consented for your child/children to participate in the Smile Squad program.

To better understand the delivery of the Smile Squad program including benefits and challenges, an independent firm (Abt Global) has been engaged to evaluate the program. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your experience of the program. If you didn't consent for your child/children to participate in Smile Squad they are also keen to hear from you. The evaluation team want to understand why you chose not to participate. So, whether you participated or not, this is an opportunity to provide feedback so that improvements can be made to the Smile Squad program.

To participate in the evaluation, you can complete a confidential 5–10-minute survey. The survey does not require you to provide any information to the evaluation team that identifies you, however the survey does ask what school your child/children attend. Here is the link to the survey.

https://abtassoc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bf6YJUMs3NkfHWm

We encourage you to participate in this short survey and provide valuable feedback on Smile Squad. If you would like to provide more detailed feedback to the evaluation team, please contact Eleanor at smilesquad_eval@abtglobal.com.



JOIN US FOR: I CAN® ONLINE

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Our online mentoring programs offer safe, supportive spaces where neurodiverse and Autistic young people can connect with peers to share interests and common experiences.

WHEN

6 x 1 hour sessions Monday to Friday.
Afternoon 5pm - 6pm & Evening 6:30pm - 7:30pm

WHAT

We offer general groups which compliment our I CAN School® program as well as special interest groups such as:

- Embracing Autism
- Minecraft
- LGBTIQA+ (13-22 yrs)
- Executive Functioning
- Gaming
- Harry Potter
- Drawing & Art
- Roblox
- AFL

*Special interest groups vary to meet client demand. Check our website for details.

WHO

Up to 9 "mentees" join two I CAN mentors.
All of our staff are trained and at least one member sometimes both are Autistic.

HOW

Complete an expression of interest form and when a spot becomes available you will be offered an enrolment.

PRICE

\$306 AUD, GST free x 6 Sessions
\$291 - School holiday Programs
NDIS Reports \$174.00 excl. GST

*PLACED WITH SIMILAR-AGED PEERS

Groups are facilitated by two trained I CAN Mentors.
All staff have completed our child protection training and hold current Working With Children Checks.



"We do fun activities and check up on how we are going at school. It's like another family"

I CAN Mentee - Nick

APPLY FOR TERM 4

Now Open:

Cycle 5 x 6 sessions

Oct 28th - Dec 13th, 2024

Express your interest by using the QR code below or visit our website to view our full schedule details.



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East Coburg Cricket Club **CRICKET BLAST**

Starts: Wednesday 6 November 2025
5.00 - 6.00pm
Brearley Reserve, Pascoe Vale
10 Sessions

Girl & boys aged 4-9
We'll take care of the equipment



Register via Play HQ - Search for East Coburg
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/2d8875>

Contact Frank Rechichi eastcoburgcricketclub@gmail.com
Website: [EAST COBURG CRICKET CLUB](http://EASTCOBURGCRICKETCLUB)



Merri-bek
City Council



School Crossing Supervisors needed

Are you looking for a part-time role where you can help your local community?

We are calling for community members to apply to be School Crossing Supervisors.

Help Merri-bek students and pedestrians move around safely in school zones.

The role will require you to work 7.5 hours a week to assist fellow community members crossing roads at pedestrian crossings on their way to work, school or just going about their day in school zones.

The role allows you to help a range of people get safely to where they need to be.

If becoming a School Crossing Supervisor sounds like a job you'd be good at, check out our website for more information and how to apply.

Apply now:

More information

Download school crossing position description and application on the below link

[School Crossing Supervisor Expression of Interest | Merri Bek City Council \(applynow.net.au\)](#)

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