



Coburg West Primary School

Thursday 2nd April

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 2		
Monday 20 th	First Day of Term 2	9:00am Start
May		
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th	Grade 5 Camp	Silvan
Wednesday 20 th	School Photos	Whole School
Monday 25 th	Staff Professional Practice Day	Pupil Free Day
June		
Friday 5 th	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Thursday 25 th	Parent & Teacher Meetings	Early Dismissal
Friday 26 th	Last Day of Term 2	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3		
July		
Monday 13 th	First Day of Term 3	9am Start
August		
Wed 19 th – Fri 21 st	Grade 4 Camp	TBA
September		
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th	Grade 5 & 6 Swimming	Gr 5 & 6 Students
Friday 18 th	Last Day of Term 3	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4		
October		
Monday 5 th	First Day of Term 4	9am Start
November		
Monday 2 nd	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free day
Tuesday 3 rd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	School Closed
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	Grade 3 & 4 Swimming	Gr 3 & 4 Students
December		
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Grade 1 & 2 Swimming	Gr 1 & 2 Students
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th	Prep Swimming	Prep Students
Friday 18th	Last day of the school year	1:30pm Dismissal

VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2026

	STARTS	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Wednesday 28 th January	Thursday 2 nd April	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Monday 20 th April	Friday 26 th June	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 13 th July	Friday 18 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 5 th October	Friday 18 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

Well term one has come to an end. Congratulations to our Prep students who have done very well to settle in quickly and complete their first of many school terms of learning.

Gratitude

Over the past fortnight we have seen so much to be grateful for across our School Community. I would personally like to thank:

- The Student Representative Council (SRC) who held their first whole school event last week, organising an out of uniform day raising \$496.90 for Food Bank.
- The Student Leadership group who supported grade 4 student Samiha in selling Zooper Doopers on the last day of term, raising \$310.60. These funds will go towards benefiting all students in improving our play spaces around the yard.
- All the parents and families who planned, organised, attended and supported our Moonlight Cinema evening, which despite the weather, was a great success and wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community.
- The staff and students for what has been an excellent term of teaching and learning.

Good Citizens Raffle

While our House Captains continue to award our Good Citizens each week, all the Good Citizens for this term go into a special end of term draw. We wish to thank Classroom Cuisine who donated four Vouchers to the value of \$10 each, and Mr Anthony Cianflone MP for donating a special easter hamper. Congratulations to the following Good Citizens who were drawn this end of term:

- Ari from Prep D = \$10 voucher
- Hugh from 5T = \$10 voucher
- Leon from 3M = \$10 voucher
- Jesse from 6R = \$10 voucher
- Xeno from 1S = Easter Egg Hamper

Staffing Updates

When we return for Term Two, there will be a couple of changes to our staffing arrangements.

With Ms Franco returning from Family Leave, she will step into 3M taking over teaching duties every Thursday and Friday. This will release Ms Currie to return to her work in leading our teaching and learning of maths across the school.

We will also see Ms Rigby temporarily reduce her working days for Term Two. As such she will continue teaching 6R from Monday through to Wednesday each week, while Ms Parker will step in to take on the teaching duties every Thursday and Friday for the term.

We will also be welcoming Meredith to our team of Education Support Staff. She will be here every Wednesday and Thursday to support students across our school.

School Council Positions

With the first meeting of the new School Council, the new Office Bearers have been elected, with these roles being filled by the following members:

- President – Zoe McQuillan
- Vice President – Kent Alexander
- Secretary – Tanya Tribuzio
- Treasurer – Tom Morris
- Minutes Secretary – Patrizia Amerena
- Buildings, Grounds & Sustainability Sub Committee Convenor – Kent Alexander
- Marketing & Engagement Sub Committee Convenor – Jordy Ughetti
- Out of School Hours Care Sub Committee Rep – Rebecca Christian

I would like to thank everyone for joining School Council and congratulate those who have been elected to these Office Bearer roles.

Kindergarten Students Visit CWPS

Over the past fortnight, we had visits from children attending Doris Blackburn Kindergarten. Four groups from the centre visited our school with their teachers and volunteers, to explore spaces across CWPS and meet their Grade 3 Buddies. The visits were a wonderful experience for all involved, with all students forming good connections. A big thank you to our wonderful grade 3 students for being very helpful buddies, along with the staff from both locations for enabling this visit.

Open Day for New Enrolments

Over the term, I have taken many enrolment tours with families who are very keen to join our school community. If you have friends, family or neighbours who are looking to enrol their first child in school for 2027, please encourage them to call the office and book in for their personalised enrolment tour.

Also to note (as per the flyer later in this Newsletter), we will be holding our Open Day for new families looking to enrol, on Wednesday 22nd April, with sessions at 9:30am or 6:30pm. Families can register for these sessions which include an information briefing followed by a school tour.

Alternatively, if you have a child ready to start school in 2027, please feel free to collect your enrolment pack from the front office.

I wish you all a safe and restful holiday period and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 20th April.

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
00D	William	We Care	Ari	We Are Learners	Ms. Zschunke
00L	Aldous	We Care	Billy	We Are Learners	Ms. Lebon/ Mr. Robinson
1C	Marcella	We Are Learners	Ayla	We Are Respectful	Ms. Corn
1S	Xeno	We Are Learners			Ms. Saville/Ms. Sztrajt
2S	Zara T-D	We Care	Roni A.	We Are Learners	Ms. Spiteri/ Ms. Amerena
2P	Fleur	We Are Learners	Poppy	We Are Respectful	Ms. Preston
3M	Callum	We Are Learners			Ms. McKenzie/ Ms. Currie
3P	Henry Wilfred	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Sonny F.	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
4A	Mia	We Are Learners	Isaac	We Are Respectful	Mr. Aitken
4F			Felix	We Care	Ms. Fonte De Vos
5E			Jaxon	We Care	Ms. Esposito
5T	Sandy	We Care	Mila V.	We Are Safe	Mr. Torpey
6O	Abi B-G	We Are Learners	Chiara M. Keira T.	We Care We Care	Mr Oberbichler
6R	Jack	We Are Learners	Whole of 6R	We Are Learners	Ms. Rigby
P.E.			Vivian R.	We Are Learners	Mr. Harvey
V. Arts /Italian		We Are Safe	Lucas B.	We Care	Ms. DiVincenzo/ Ms. Peterson
P. Arts	Billy D.	We Are Safe	Reuben B. Christian S.	We Care We Are Safe	Ms. Sommer
STEM			Ellery	We Are Learners	Mr. Robinson

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.

	27 th March	2 nd April
Green House	Jesse T. 00D	Samuel 5T
Red House	Hugh 5T	Jesse T. 6R
Gold House	Tytus 2S	Mae 00D
Blue House	Roman 2P	Finn 1C



A **HUGE THANK YOU** to our wonderful school community. With your fundraising efforts with the Scholastic Book Club. I was able to purchase some new resources.

We are so lucky to have the opportunities to access the funds needed to support our students with their learning both at home and at school.

Thank you again!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading
Teacher





2026 VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Excitedly, the 2026 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is live and active. If you go to the link below or scan the QR code, you and your child/ren will have access to the current full challenge list and this may support you in choosing age appropriate books, it's a great resource and a great starting point:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge-book-lists>



Once again, please continue to encourage your child/ren to participate and join the challenge at anytime. The important date is **Friday 4th September 2026**, this is when all books must be entered, in order, to be counted in the total books read during the challenge period.

Additionally, if you have any concerns, please contact me (Patricia Amerena) via the school's email address coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au or for technical issues contact the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge directly servicedesk@education.vic.gov.au or by phone on (03) 7022 0018.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



SUSTAINABILITY

UPDATE



The Green Team 2026

Our Sustainability Leaders have hit the ground running, holding their first three meetings of the year and sharing their excitement about being part of the school leadership team. During the meetings, students brainstormed a wide range of ideas to help improve our school environment. Some of the early suggestions included planting more native plants around the school and installing nesting boxes to support local wildlife.

After celebrating last year's success in earning our second ResourceSmart star in 2025, the team has set an ambitious goal for the year ahead: working towards achieving our third star through the development of a school wide waste reduction plan.

Building on the ideas and work of our fantastic 2025 Sustainability Leaders, the group will begin working on several projects including:

- designing clear and engaging signage for our waste bins
- encouraging students to bring nude food or take packaging home
- improving our gardens with new native planting areas to attract pollinators
- seeking grant funding to support further improvements to our school grounds

The Sustainability Leaders are eager to hear ideas from the wider school community. If you have suggestions for how we can reduce waste or improve our environment, please share them with the team!

Mr Aitken and Ms Sztrajt



GREEK ELECTIVE

This term in Greek, it has been a vibrant celebration of language and culture, highlighted by our recognition of Greek Language Day on 9 February, officially acknowledged by UNESCO. As part of this special day, students explored the rich history and global influence of the Greek language—one of the oldest recorded languages in the world, with many English words derived from Greek roots.

SYMBOLS

Students were introduced to important Greek cultural symbols, including the olive branch (a symbol of peace and victory), the "mati" the iconic symbol of protection in Greek culture, the Greek Key (meander pattern) design found on ancient pottery and traditional borders etc. To deepen their understanding, students participated in a "Mystery Greek Symbol Box" activity, where they selected a symbol and discussed its meaning and significance. This sparked curiosity and thoughtful conversations about Greek identity and traditions. Inspired by these symbols, students then engaged in a creative response task, drawing or painting their interpretation of Greek language and culture on paper, canvas and plastic plates. Their artworks beautifully reflected their learning and imagination.

PEN PAL EXCHANGE- Primary School Kalamata

Our Grade 3-6 students began an exciting pen-pal exchange with a school in Kalamata, Greece. They have written their first letters introducing themselves, describing our school, and asking thoughtful questions. Through this, they have learned the structure of letter writing, including greetings, endings in Greek and learnt many new words. Students recently reinforced their knowledge through a fun Kahoot quiz about Letter Writing.

GREEK LETTERS

In Grades 1-2, students focused on the first four letters of the Greek alphabet—alpha, beta, gamma, and delta. Each week featured a "Letter of the Week," where students explored letter sounds and built simple vocabulary. Learning was reinforced through engaging activities such as freeze dance, where students responded by different poses to words they recognised, as well as hands-on creative tasks. These included decorating letter cut-outs, using salt and dye and crafting letters with yarn, all of which supported creativity, and recognition and formation of upper- and lower-case letters.



It has been a dynamic and enjoyable term, with students actively building their confidence and appreciation for the Greek language through a range of fun and purposeful activities. We look forward to building on this in Term 2 as students deepen their understanding of the Greek language and culture.

OPEN DAY

ENROL FOR 2027



COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

**INFORMATION SESSION
& TOUR**

Wednesday 22nd April

**9:30am or 6:30pm
in the School Hall**



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MAY 1ST
6PM-11PM

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Week 1: Tuesday 7th to
Thursday 9th of April**

**Week 2: Monday 13th to
Thursday 16th of April**

Games

Cooking

Art

 **HOLIDAY FUN PROGRAM** 

-  **AFL MAX Excursion**
-  **Jumping Castles & Carnival Day**
-  **Movie Excursion**
-  **Laser Tag Incursion**
-  **Easter Activities**
-  **Sports & Games**

✨ **And so much more!** ✨

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Phone: 0417 032 288

Or come down to OSHC building

HOLIDAY PROGRAM WEEK 1



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY



EASTER FUN DAY

- Giant Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Bunny Headbands
- STEM: Egg Drop Challenge (protect the egg!)
- Outdoor "Golden Egg" capture game
- Cooking: Greek Easter biscuits



AFL DAY

- AFL MAX excursion
- Footy skills and group games
- LEGO stadium building challenge
- Switch competitions



LASER TAG DAY

- Laser Raiders incursion
- Sandcastle competition
- Frozen ice play
- Hockey match
- DIY Kinetic Sand
- Cooking experience : Sausage rolls



HOLIDAY PROGRAM WEEK 2



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY



ULTIMATE CHALLENGE DAY

- Giant Obstacle Course
- Skateboard racing
- Parachute Games
- Tug of War
- Air dry clay
- Cooking experience: Cupcakes



CARNIVAL AND JUMPING CASTLES

- Jumping castles in gym
- Face painting station
- DIY Carnival Games
- Guess the Lolly Jar
- Popcorn station



STEM SCIENCE DAY

- Slime making
- Magic milk experiment
- DIY Cup Catch game craft
- Switch Just Dance comp
- Cooking: Dumplings



MOVIE DAY

- Movie excursion with popcorn to see Super Mario Bros Galaxy Movie
- Design a Movie Poster
- Board games / chill zone
- Cooking: Cookie decorating



Victoria Police

Merri-Bek Neighbourhood Policing Forum



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

MERRI-BEK-LAC-OIC@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:

[Merri-Bek NHP questions](#)

Event details

Date:
23rd April 2026

Time:
6:00pm – 9:00pm
(Doors open 5:45pm)

Location:
Merri-bek Civic Centre
Bagung-bulok & Kulin-bulok rooms
90 Bell Street, Coburg



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attendance



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1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

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This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday
13 May, 2026
9:15am to 3:00pm



Yarraville Club
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Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided




Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

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