



Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 4th June 2021

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Monday 14 th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 23 rd June	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Meetings from 1pm-7pm
Thursday 24 th June	5/6 Cinema Celebration Day	5/6 Excursion
Friday 25th JUNE	END OF TERM 2	DISMISSAL 2.30pm
Monday 12th JULY	TERM 3 BEGINS	RESUME 9.00am
Thursday 22 nd July	Alpha show	Whole school
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th August	Book Week	Whole school celebrations
Wednesday 25 th August	Athletics	Grades 3 - 6
Thursday 26 th August	Book Week Dress-up Day	9.15am Whole School Parade
Friday 17th September	Curriculum Day / END OF TERM 3	Student Free
Monday 4th October	TERM 4 BEGINS	RESUME 9.00am
Tuesday 2 nd November	Melbourne Cup	Public Holiday
Friday 17th December	END OF TERM 4	DISMISSAL 1:30pm

Dear School Community,

While it is disappointing that we find ourselves once again in lockdown, I am grateful for the support and cooperation of our whole school community in keeping everyone safe. I am sure you will all agree that our transition back into Remote and Flexible Learning has been a smooth one, despite the very short notice we had. I am proud of our staff and students who have once again transitioned to online learning with a positive outlook.

I remind everyone, that our current Remote and Flexible Learning program is set up based on your feedback from last year's experiences. Apart from the Webex sessions, which need to be scheduled, we allow for that flexibility of when all other work is completed each day, to allow every family to manage their households in a way which best suits them. We are aware that many of you are juggling your own work from home, along with supporting your child with their learning, hence the flexibility to allow you to organise your day as best suits you.

PARENT & TEACHER MEETINGS

While we as a staff are in the process of proof reading and finalising student reports, we are hopeful that we will still be able to run with our plans to hold face to face Parent and Teacher Meetings. These 10-minute meetings are scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 23rd June from 1pm to 7pm**. However, we may need to modify how these are delivered, dependent on the outcome of this current COVID outbreak. If an extension of this lockdown or COVID restrictions do not permit face to face meetings onsite, we will move to another format. Regardless, they will go ahead and be held on the same day. Please stay tuned for updates, as they become available.

I do remind you all, that if we are able to remain with our original plan, the children will attend school as normal from 9am and be dismissed at the earlier time of 12 midday.

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GARDENING CLUB WIN GRANT

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to Ms Blatti, Ms Blackman and the team of students who form our Lunchtime Gardening Club, as they are now the recipients of a \$1,100 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant. Our Science Learning Specialist, Ms Blatti submitted the grant proposal on behalf of Ms Blackman and her student group. Their project proposal is to develop and promote sustainable gardening practices across our school. A description of our school's project can be found [here](#) on the Woolworths Junior Landcare website. During lunchtime meetings, Ms Blackman has been supporting the students to plan the spending proposal for this grant, to help support their work across our school gardens. While I have spoken to School Council member Sonia, who heads up our Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability Sub Committee, I am sure the students from our Gardening Club will be seeking assistance from parent volunteers. So please stay tuned for the call out when the work begins.

STUDENT FUND RAISING EFFORTS ACKNOWLEDGED

As you will see later in this Newsletter, the Student Leaders and Junior School Council, have received a certificate of gratitude from the Royal Children's Hospital. This is an acknowledgement of their fundraising efforts and the donation made to the RCH's Good Friday Appeal. The students should be very proud of their efforts and showing that they CARE for others. I know that they have been planning further events for this term, to support other charitable organisations. On their behalf, I wish to thank you all for supporting their efforts and helping them give back to our community.

COMMUNITY GROUP EVENTS

While I know that we just missed out on holding our student Disco night, please be assured that it has not been cancelled. The CWP Community Group are planning to reschedule the Disco for a suitable date out of lockdown. At this stage, a decision regarding the Trivia Night has not been made. It is hoped that this event can still go ahead. It will of course be dependent on COVID restrictions.

While we are hopeful that this lockdown will end soon, I thank you all for doing what you can to keep our community safe and well.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

GREAT NEWS

**We've just been awarded
a Woolworths Junior
Landcare Grant!**



Education Report – May 2021

AIP Goal 1: High Learning Growth - In Term Two, many staff are completing assessments to measure student achievement in preparation for Semester 1 reports. Our reviewer Joan Sibley noted that Coburg West is doing a fantastic job in regards to maintaining an impressive level of learning growth with all of our students.

Staff worked hard at our Curriculum Day at Melbourne Zoo on April 22nd. We were taken through a process of Design Thinking and already this has been embraced in our classes.

AIP Goal 2 - Building Voice and Agency in students - The Professional Learning Communities are embedding SWPBs into our classes and looking at ways of improving students' sense of agency in their own learning by:

- **Prep** - further work with the Zones of Regulation, a focus on the Value "We Care about Each Other."
- **Grade 1/2** - "I know how to get myself ready for learning" and "I know how to organise my belongings for learning" as students improved their self-awareness and management as well as metacognition.
- **Grade 3/4** - "How can we support self-regulation and promote student's wellbeing" - Student agency through self-chosen learning goals, metacognition through self-regulation and motivation and student articulation of positive actions in conjunction with the SWPBS matrix.
- **Grade 5/6** - "How can we use choice to improve student wellbeing?" was addressed by surveying students and some of the following actions taking place - Students having input into the daily timetable, Debating Club (Term 1), Taking lessons outside, having an Hour of choice (as a reward), choosing topics for research etc.

AIP Goal 3 - Building Communities - The parent helpers' rosters have been filled and it was been wonderful having our School Community Group back on site to facilitate our Mother's Day stall and the Scholastic Book Club deliveries. We have had a tremendous response to our Trivia night and School Disco events as well.

The school reviewer was impressed to see all the extra-curricular programs we run at school and the amazing experiences we provide for students. Many enrichment activities have also taken place - The Kaboom Sports Day at the end of Term One was a real highlight. Two excellent maths incursions took place earlier this term the "Planks Workshop" had Grade 1/2 students participating in hands-on collaborative investigations around 3-D shapes and the Think Squared program, built skills and confidence for the 5/6s. Joffa's Toonschool taught our students some great cartooning techniques and our older students are learning more about the aeronautic industry in a Boeing Workshop. Our student leaders had the opportunity to attend the Young Leaders' Event at the Convention Centre on Monday and our Prep - 2s had an entertaining performance by Mr Huff on developing resilience.

Dan Copping

Assistant Principal



This week's update shows that we currently have **22 students who have completed the challenge**. Once again, congratulations to those students, it's wonderful! As I look at the list of students participating this year, I see so many of you are getting so close to finishing too, keep up the great reading and don't forget to log those books.

For parents/carers the following update from the Premier's Reading Challenge may help you to encourage your children to read more at home whether they are participating in the challenge or simply wanting to source some more books to read while at home.

Here are some tips to share with your children to help them read more:

- Re-read favourite books from your home collection.
- Borrow eBooks from your local library.
- For young children, search YouTube for 'read a picture book', and listen to dozens of children's books like The Lorax, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Rainbow Fish.
- Watch your favourite authors read their books at The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds and Activities <https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/>
- Watch astronauts on the Space Station read children's books at Storytime from Space <https://www.spacestationexplorers.org/educational-programs/storytimefromspace/>
- Stream videos of authors reading children's books with illustrations at Storyline Online <https://www.storylineonline.net>
- Listen to a David Walliams audio books <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/#load-more>
- Download a free classic children's or young adult's book from International Children's Digital Library <http://en.childrenslibrary.org>

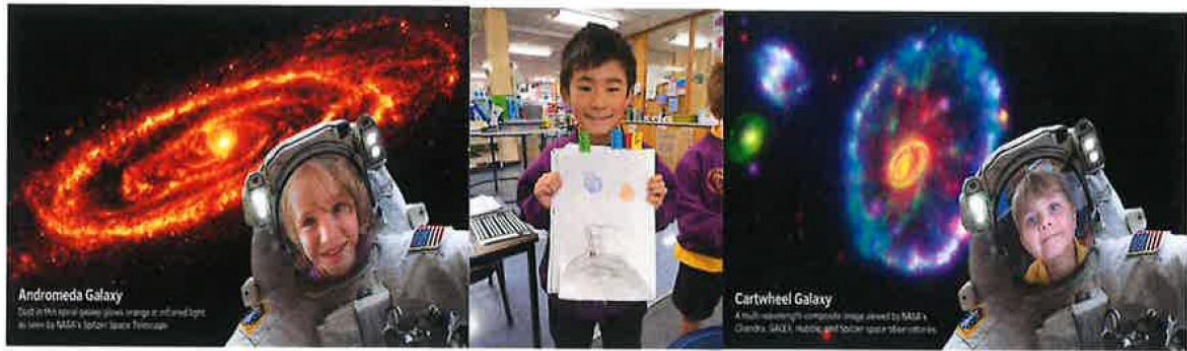
Reading is more important than ever to develop literacy skills. We hope your children have fun exploring the wider world and new exciting places.

Again a comprehensive list of over 20,000 books with the recommended reading age can be viewed and explored at <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

Also remember that all books should be entered no later than **Friday 17th September 2021**.

Good luck and continue reading!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



National Simultaneous Story Time 2021

“Give Me Some Space!”

By Phillip Bunting

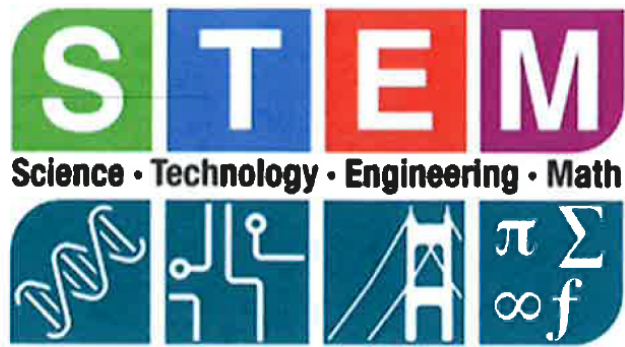


On Wednesday the 19th of May, students across the school participated in a national event where schools across the nation read the same text at the same time. This year the story book was titled “Give Me Some Space” by author Phillip Bunting. Coburg West students participated in various activities relating to the text, with a focus on space. As part of the event this year, a link was sent with a REAL astronaut reading from space! This really got the students excited.

Some of the Foundation classes buddied up with a 5/6 class and read the book together, followed by creating bookmarks and space plates using craft materials. Other grades across the school enjoyed becoming an “astronaut” using an app featured on the website. It was all in all a successful hour, where the students were engaged in their learning.



Ms McKenzie and the English Committee



Last week our Year 5 and 6 students participated in a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) outreach program presented by volunteers who work for **Boeing Aerostructures Australia**. BAA are based in Fisherman's Bend, and are Australia's only designer and manufacturer of advanced composite components for commercial aircraft.

The program promotes STEM to primary school students as well as bridging the gender diversity gap that exists in STEM. As a business they are working with the community to inspire and educate students whilst shaping the future workforce.

The program aimed to;

- Inspire students by introducing what STEM is, why it is important and where it is in the world around us
- Explain how the company contributes to STEM
- Educate students on the concepts of a STEM based activity
- Enable students to design, build and test something
- Fun and exciting experience associated with STEM

The students enjoyed the design thinking process. They worked in groups to problem solve the challenges presented to them. Some groups designed and produced paper rockets, and then tested them. Students looked at the science behind why some rockets were able to be launched at a greater speed and a greater distance compared to others. Other classes designed and tested paper gliders and stick bridges. What a fun learning day it was!

Agatha Blatti

5/6 Teacher

Science Learning Specialist

THANK YOU



Coburg West Primary School

Thank you for your
wonderful contribution of

\$844.15

to the 2021 Good Friday Appeal

You helped us raise a total of

\$17,122,879

for The Royal Children's Hospital.

Rebecca Cowan
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



YarraMe

Parent Help Desk

In response to COVID-19, Yarra Me has established a Help Desk for parents and carers to assist in supporting children with complex needs who are learning from home.



YarraMe's Parent Help Desk can assist with:

- understanding your child's behaviours
- providing personalised one to one telephone consultation with a special education teacher (see registration link below)
- discussion of a pathway for the family to seek formal diagnosis of learning disabilities
- discussion about behavioural support strategies
- advice on setting up learning environments
- providing targeted resources
- referral to external services

The purpose of this service is to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to discuss your child's behaviours, which may be impeding their ability to learn at home.

Sometimes the Help Desk can help parents and carers to successfully navigate potential intervention pathways for their child.

Registrations are made via the following link:

<http://www.yarrame.vic.edu.au/help-desk.html>

Please note: This service is currently limited to families whose children attend Victorian state government schools.

The help desk is available during school terms, from 9am to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

For further information, please contact:

Yarra Me School

Telephone: (03) 9478 8895

Email: yarra.me.sch@education.vic.gov.au





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Mercy Creative Arts Holiday Program Term 2 Holidays



Years 4 to 6 Girls Holiday Program
If you love to read, write and perform, come along to
our Creative Workshop and ignite your passion for
Literacy and The Arts!

10.00am - 3.00pm Friday 9 July 2021

Last Friday of Term 2 Holidays

Mercy College
760 Sydney Road, Coburg 3058
Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided

Register online at
<https://www.trybooking.com/BRRRP>

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