



# COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Term 2

### 5<sup>TH</sup> June, 2020

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to School: 3-6	All students P-6 onsite
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent & Teacher Meetings	5 minute phone meetings
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent & Teacher Meetings	5 minute phone meetings
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	END OF TERM 2	Dismissal at 2:30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	START OF TERM 3	All grades start 9am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Mad about Science Incursion (chemical reactions)	rescheduled
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Family Maths problem solving night	TBA
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Forensic Science Incursion	TBA
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	School Photos	Students are require to wear school uniform
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Grade 4 Camp	TBA
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	END OF TERM 3	Dismissal at 2:30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	START OF TERM 4	All grades start 9am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	School Closed
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	END OF TERM 4	Dismissal at 1:30pm

#### Dear School Community,

As we move into week nine and welcome our grade three to six students back into classrooms next week, who would ever have imagined it would have taken this long to have us all back together.

#### RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Last Wednesday evening you would have all received a Compass Newsfeed containing our plan for the whole school return next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June. This plan has been developed utilising DET and DHHS guidelines, along with what we have learnt from the return of our grade Prep to two students over the last two weeks.

Our Return to School Plan best suits our school community and our setting. The full plan can be viewed [here](#), but I ask that you please note the following key points:

- With the return of all students on Tuesday, Remote and Flexible Learning ends for everyone.
- Classroom doors open at 8:45am, when gates will open and drop offs commence.
- Students will be directed straight into their classrooms, where they will be greeted by their teachers and commence the day with a 'soft start'.

- Parents/carers are advised to obey Social Distancing guidelines and not enter or congregate on school grounds or at the school gates before and after school.
- **NO parent or carer is permitted to enter any school building or classroom.**
- If you need to visit the front office, you should phone or email beforehand and enter or exit via the front entrance to the main building.
- All gates will be locked between 9:15am and 3:20pm, with the only access point being the main gate on Reynard Street, with all visitors required to report to the office.
- **No parent or carer is permitted to enter and wait on school grounds prior to 3:20pm.**
- Students will be ready for dismissal from the following times; grades prep to two from 3:20pm, grades 3/4 from 3:25pm, grades 5/6 from 3:30pm (refer to the detailed plan for areas of dismissal.)
- No student will be permitted to ride home or walk to any gates on their own until the 3:30pm dismissal bell rings.
- No children are permitted to play on the playground equipment before or after school, everyone must exit the school grounds as soon as possible after dismissal.
- Students are not permitted to share food, nor take food outside during breaktimes.
- Students must bring their own water bottle, as they are not permitted to use drinking taps.
- Students will be required to use hand sanitiser upon arrival into their classrooms each morning, as well as wash their hands with soap and water; before and after eating, playing outside or attending specialist classes.
- Additional cleaning will be continuing throughout the school day, with a focus on high touch surfaces such as door handles, bench tops and bathrooms.
- Based on DET and DHHS advice, there will be no whole school assemblies, school tours, excursions or incursions until further notice.

### **RETURN OF DEVICES**

With the return of all students to face-to-face teaching, there will be a need for them to have access once again to the technology and devices in their classrooms. Therefore, I must remind all those families who loaned a school device for Remote and Flexible Learning, to return them to the school on Tuesday morning.

### **SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS**

Given the unique circumstances that COVID19 placed on teaching and learning through Semester 1, teachers across Victoria are not in a position to report on student learning as they normally would. The formal assessments have not been possible to implement, the marking and moderation that would normally take place, was not possible, therefore this semester's reporting will look different.

With guidance and support from the DET, classroom teachers will be reporting on three areas: English, Mathematics, Personal and Social Capabilities. In addition to this, our specialist teachers will also be providing a modified version of their usual reporting.

Furthermore, with Social Distancing still required, the regular Parent and Teacher Meetings cannot take place. In lieu of these face-to-face meetings, we will be offering phone meetings. These phone meetings will strictly be a five-minute chat between parents and teachers, to reflect on the progress and wellbeing of each child. These phone meetings will take place over two days (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June), at allocated times both during the school day and after school. You will be notified via Compass once the booking system is open for you to access and book in your meeting times.

## **RECORDING OF STUDENT ABSENCES**

I wish to remind all families that if your child has been absent, or will be absent between now and the end of term; you must access Compass to record their absence. If you are having difficulty in doing so, please contact the office to seek assistance.

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

In this last week, our school migrated across to a new email system, which is being rolled out across Victoria by DET. While the old email addresses are still active and all mail will be redirected, please take note of the school's new email address; [coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

While we are looking forward to welcoming all students back into our classrooms next Tuesday, I trust that all members of our school community will continue to abide by Social Distancing Guidelines, as well as the processes and plans we have put in place. I must thank the parents and carers of all our prep to two students for the support and cooperation they have all demonstrated thus far. I am sure it will continue for the remainder of this term, as we all work together to continue keeping our school community safe and well.

**Kind regards,  
Mark Colagrande  
Principal**

## **STUDENT MEDICATION**

**If you collected your child's medication from Sick Bay at the end of Term 1, please ensure you return it once your child returns to school. Our Nurse Sue would appreciate it if any new medical plans be provided and all medications are up to date (within expiry).**

## **Wellbeing Wednesday.**

Wellbeing Wednesday has formed a very special part of remote and flexible learning. So much beautiful work was completed by so many students, focussing on values, gratitude, kindness and mindfulness. Thank you for all of the wonderful sharing of your work.

Here is a creative family gratitude hand reflecting lots of skill, love and support from Alexander in 5/6M. Beautiful work. Thank you Alexander.



Hi Parents and Carers

I found this excellent article on Michael Grose's website *Parenting Ideas* about many students feeling anxiety about the return to school on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please read and like us teaching staff be prepared that it's not going 'plain sailing' for all our students. Wellbeing will be our priority as we reestablish our learning communities, in some ways it will feel like starting the year again and that is OK. Take care everyone and it's so great to have the whole school together again.

Dan Copping  
Assistant Principal.

### **Returning to school anxiety free**

**Michael Grose**

Going back to school after the enforced COVID-19 break is a source of mixed emotions for many Children and young people. Some students, who revel in face-to-face interactions, just can't wait to reconnect with friends and teachers. Others who have appreciated the break from constantly being emotionally switched on when at school may be reticent to return.

Regardless of how your child reacts there's bound to be a level of anxiety attached to returning to school after such a long break. The following strategies sourced from my book, *Anxious Kids*, will help your child make a smooth transition back to school. **Park your expectations**

School undoubtedly will be a different experience for students post COVID-19. It may require you to adjust your expectations, particularly academically, so patience is definitely required. Education is a long game, so if you are worried about your child missing the educational beat, recognise that this experience has been a blip on the educational curve. It's worth remembering that anxiety loves company. Park your expectations for a time, so your child won't pick up your anxieties. **Understand that their anxiety is real**

An anxious child desperately wants a parent to understand that they feel anxious and apprehensive. Even if, you can't comprehend the impact that a return to school has on their state of mind and physiology, recognise that their anxiety is real. "Ah, I see you're worried that you won't know what to do when you go to school" is the type of response that an anxious child wants from a parent. Validating your child's feelings will help them feel safe and secure, putting them in a good position to make a return to school. "Mum/dad know that I'm feeling nervous" is very reassuring for a child.

Prepare them Worriers and anxious types in particular, like to know what's ahead. Prepare your child for a return by discussing the safety procedures the school will be implementing. Let young children know that an adult won't be accompanying them past the school gate. Ask your child what they are looking forward to and check in with how they are feeling about a return. Check in regularly with how they are feeling and correct any misconceptions. **Focus on reconnection**

Make reconnection the theme for your child's return to school. He or she will have to reconnect with friends, teachers and learning, which takes time. In all likelihood, your child's teachers will use many strategies to help your child connect with their friends, reflect on their time at home and move them back into full-time learning mode. Support these activities and reassure your child that they'll feel comfortable very soon with their school experience. **Stay off the roundabout for a while**

This period will mirror the start of the school year when your child had to adjust to new teachers, different classmates and a new year level. Adjusting to change takes a great deal of personal energy, so your child or young person may become tired, grumpy, even moody at home. Make allowances for these personal changes and make sure they have plenty of free time to unwind after school to relax and play. **Take care of yourself**

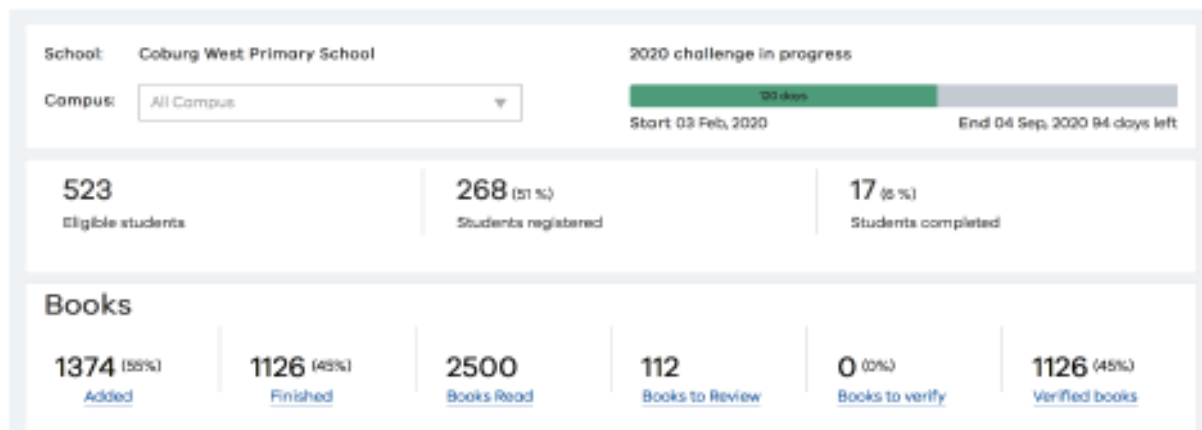
In recent months parents and teachers have been doing significant emotional labour. The learning and adjustment curves have been massive, with little time to relax and take a break. Consider your own emotional resources and make your wellbeing a priority, which will make it easier for you to stay calm if your child experiences difficulties.

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown many difficulties, requiring us all to quickly adapt to new situations. **Flexibility is a prime characteristic of resilient people, so if nothing else, getting through these times will make us all more resilient.**





Wow with another 2 weeks passing since that last update in the newsletter, these are our statistics! Congratulations Coburg West students, we now have 11 students who have completed the challenge!



What have these students been reading, well below are the Top 3 titles read by each year level. Perhaps you might consider reading them too.

Foundation Most Read Books	
Title	Author
Where is the Green sheep?	Mem Fox
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson
Kissed by the moon	Alison Lester

Grade 1 Most Read Books	
Title	Author
Edward the Emu	Sheena Knowles
Ballet Backflip	Meredith Costain
Hotdog!	Anh Do

Grade 2 Most Read Books	
Title	Author
Ella and Olivia	Yvette Posoglian
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney
The 13-Storey Treehouse	Andy Griffiths

Grade 3 Most Read Books	
Title	Author
Demon Dentist	David Walliams
Little Miss Scatterbrain	Roger Hargreaves
The Mystery of the Magic Stones	Sally Rippin

Grade 4 Most Read Books	
Title	Author
Do-You-Think-He-Saurus?	Aaron Blabey
The Bad Guys	Aaron Blabey
The 78-Storey Treehouse	Andy Griffiths

Grade 5 Most Read Books	
Title	Author
Code Breakers	Sally Rippin
Playground Detectives	Sally Rippin
The Wizards of Once	Cressida Cowell

Grade 6 Most Read Books	
Title	Author
The abominable snowman of Pasadena	R.L. Stine
Wonder	R.J. Palacio
The Chronicles of Narnia	C.S. Lewis

Keep entering those books, the challenge ends on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

Patricia Amerena  
English Leading Teacher

# **People Should Get Grandfather Clocks**

**By Sabine 3/4F**

**You should get a grandfather clock because it sounds wondrous, and you are helping all those clock shops. Also, the first grandfather clock was made in 1680, so they are often antiques, and a part of history.**

**Grandfather clocks sound so magical and amazing. Since I heard a grandfather clock ding, I have loved it. It sounds a lot like a piano playing low and slow notes. The dinging could make you fall asleep because it is so soft and magical.**

**Imagine all those clock fixers and makers who *need* you to buy clocks to be able to make a living. Clock fixers are very skilled with clocks but need *you* to help them stay open. The people that have learnt how to rewind and fix clocks are incredibly talented and can fix your clock easily.**

**Grandfather clocks have been around for a long time and are antiques. The first grandfather clock was made in 1680. That first grandfather clock was made by William Clement. Grandfather clocks are very precious and beautiful things made of wood that is hard to get like ebony and walnut and so on.**

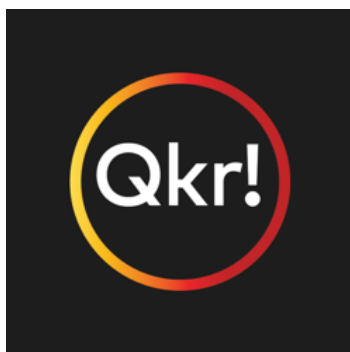
**In conclusion grandfather clocks are often made of rare wood. When you need your clock fixed there will be a clock shop that you can go to and it will help fix your clock. Grandfather clocks sound like a piano. They are beautiful and musical, everyone should have one.**

# CANTEEN NEWS

Dear parents

The canteen has re-opened, with lunch orders being placed. There will be no over the counter service due to the current situation. You can order online using the Qkr App. Please find below instructions on how to use Qkr and how to download the app.

Regards Anna Cicolani



## Lunch orders at Coburg West PS

You can order using the Qkr! (pronounced quicker) app  
or via the website.

For instructions – see below.

Orders must be placed by 8am on the day of the order.

### **How to use the Qkr! app/website**

**Qkr! by MasterCard** can be downloaded for free from **Apple's App Store for iPhones and iPads** or from **Google Play for Android** phones and tablets. Or you can access the website at <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

1. Register with your details.
2. Search for 'Coburg West Primary School', select Coburg West Primary School.
3. Add your children, including their grade.
4. Then set-up your payment method by clicking "Account" on the top menu of the website.
5. and follow the prompts. *(For those living outside a 4km radius from Coburg West Primary School please go to the search bar and enter **COBURGWESTPS.**)*

### **Help using Qkr!**

If you need more help getting Qkr! Working, you can download the user guide here or view the video guide. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42lr56ghY6Y&feature=youtu.be>

If you have any questions about the Qkr! App you can contact the front office team. We hope you enjoy this flexibility in ordering your child's school lunch orders.



MERCY COLLEGE COBURG

# APPLICATIONS OPEN YEAR 7 2022

Contact the College on 9319 9299 or  
[registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au) to begin the  
enrolment process



If you have not applied for a place in 2020 but would like to make a late application, please contact the Registrar as applications are being finalised

