

# Coburg West Primary School

#### FRIDAY 5th May 2023

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR				
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Grade 5 Camp	Grade 5 students		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Professional Practice Day	Pupil Free Day		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Day	2.30pm		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Sessions for new families	9:30am & 6:30pm		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Day	9:00am		
Wednesday 21st May	School photos	ТВА		
Wednesday 31st May	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day		
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent & Teacher Meetings	ТВА		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Grade 4 Camp	ТВА		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day		

VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2023					
	START	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL		
TERM 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2:30pm Dismissal		
TERM 3	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30pm Dismissal		
TERM 4	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Wednesday 20th December	1:30pm Dismissal		

#### **Dear School Community,**

It has been another busy start to term two, but we are fortunate that our students are able to easily settle back into school life and learning after the holidays.

#### **SEESAW USE P-6**

Starting this term, teachers across our school will be utilising the SeeSaw App as an additional source of communication with families. As has been happening across Prep to Two for some time now, all teachers will be using the App to share students' learning achievements with their families. The aim is that at least once a week each family will receive a personalised message relating to their child's learning.

Given not all teachers are familiar with the App, everyone will be spending this term familiarising themselves with it and as such we ask that you are patient and understanding, as it may take a little getting used to for everyone.

#### **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Please be reminded that we have two Pupil Free Days coming up. The first is this coming <u>Thursday 11th May</u> and the second being <u>Wednesday 31st May</u>. These days have been allocated as a whole staff Professional Practice Day and a Curriculum Day respectively.

Our OSHC Team is offering care on each of these days and bookings are required. Please see the COMPASS Newsfeed for information or call the OSHC Team directly.

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#### **ZERO Co**

Last Monday all students met Jack from Zero Co, who informed us all about the impact that plastics are having on our environment. While we all do our best to recycle, I was not aware that plastics can only be recycled three times and then go into landfill.

Our Community Group, Sustainability Student Leaders and Building Grounds and Sustainability Subcommittee of parents, have joined forces to work with Zero Co to make a difference. While this is a worthy cause, it is also a fundraising project for our school. There is more information from our Community Group following in this Newsletter.

Within these first four days, we have already had 135 students sign up so that their family and friends can purchase the products and by doing so they have already raised \$293 for our school. Congratulations to Georgia from 3S who was the lucky student drawn by Zero Co, to win the Nintendo Switch.

For those families who were already signed up to Zero Co, the refills have been included so your children can also take part.

#### **PARENT PAYMENTS STILL OPEN**

For those families who have not yet done so, the 2023 Parent Payments are still open. These voluntary contributions help cover the cost of all supplies and materials used by the children in their learning throughout the year. While this includes their daily use of stationery items such as pencils, glue and paper, it also covers the costs of art supplies, maths or science resources and reading materials.

These payments can be made via the COMPASS App, please see the COMPASS Newsfeed for more information.

#### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

Families are reminded that any student absence should be recorded on COMPASS. It is important that families do this as soon as possible when a child is absent. If you have any difficulty in doing so, please contact the school office for assistance.

Thank you once again to our amazing parent volunteers on the Community Group who once again put on an amazing stall for students to buy a special gift for their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or special person in their life. I am sure we will have many happy school community members unwrapping their gifts next weekend.

Keep warm and dry as we move closer to winter.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



## **CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES**

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Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
Prep Y	All students	We Are Respectful			Ms. Youla
Prep L	All students	We Are Respectful	Matilda	We Are Learners	Mrs Lebon
Prep S	All students	We Are Respectful			Mrs Lontos
1D	Audrey	We Are Learners	Kaylin	We Are Learners	Mr Peric
			Fletcher	We Are Learners	
1E	Scarlett	We Are Respectful	Donnie	We Are Learners	Ms Esposito
			Archer	We Are Respectful	
<b>2C</b>	lvy	We Are Respectful	Ava	We Care	Ms Cavoli
	Selena	We Are Learners			
2F	Augie	We Care	Elena	We Are Respectful	Ms Fonte De Vos
			Scott	We Care	
2N	Andre	We Are Safe	Mila	We Are Safe	Mr Niciak
			Isaac	We Care	
3B	Ella	We Are Learners			Ms. Blackman
3R	Clyde	We Are Learners	Scott	We Are Respectful	Mr Robinson
			Molly	We Care	
3S	Amelia	We Care	Asha	We Are Learners	Mrs Spiteri/Mrs Pavich
			Massimo	We Are Learners	
4K	Hayman	We Care	Seb	We Are Learners	Mr Krauss
			Kitana	We Are Respectful	
4M	Audrey	We Are Respectful	Patrick	We Are Respectful	Ms McKenzie/Ms Corn
			Vincent	We Are Learners	
4P	Ewan	We Are Respectful	Iggy	We Are Respectful	Mrs Chimirri
5M	Joel	We Are Respectful	Ava	We Are Respectful	Ms Mardesic
			Gemma	We Care	
5R	Lili	We Care	Lani	We Are Respectful	Ms Taylor
			Tarquin	We Care	
5T	Rosie	We Are Respectful	Matilda	We Care	Mr Torpey
	Nicholas	We Are Learners	Nick		
6A	Lia	We Are Learners	Katie	We Care	Mr Aitken
	Max	We Are Learners			
6F	Angela	We Are Learners	Saskia	We Are Learners	Ms Franco
	l		Eric	We Are Learners	1
6R	Florence	We Are Respectful	Georgie	We Are Learners	Mrs Rigby
			Callum	We Are Learners	

### **CWPS GOOD CITIZENS**

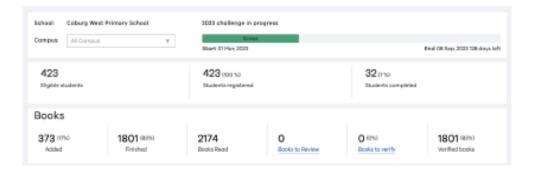
These students are acknowledged and thanked by their House Captains for being Good Citizens by exhibiting positive behaviours which reflect our School Values.

	28 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Green House</b>	Zach 5M	Peter 3R
Red House	Lily 2N	Sofia 3B
Gold House	Amber 4M	Isaac 2N
Blue House	Logan 2N	Hannah 6A

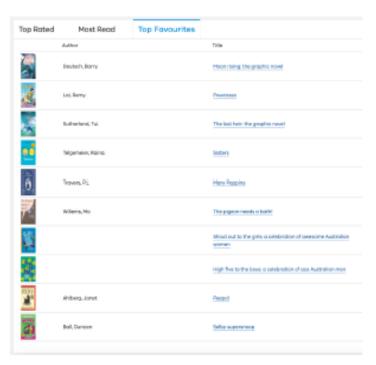


#### 2023 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Here's the Premier's Reading Challenge update, keep up the amazing efforts and keep logging those finished books! As a school we've collectively read 2174 books and 32 students so far have completed this year's challenge.



#### This week's Top Favourite books are:



Maybe you could add some of these titles to your reading list?

Patricia Amerena English Leading Teacher







Hi everyone, welcome to Term 2!

Teachers have hit the ground running with wellbeing lessons and check ins this term. In term 1 teachers received professional development on Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools (MHiPS) including the Children's Wellbeing Continuum, delivered by myself, Dan Copping and Matt Niciak.

The Children's Wellbeing Continuum

#### The Children's Wellbeing Continuum.

The Children's Wellbeing Continuum is one of the evidence-based tools developed by MHiPS Director, Prof Frank Oberklaid to support conversations around children's wellbeing. By using words like good, coping, overwhelmed, and struggling, it reduces the stigma around talking about mental health and creates a common language for teachers and parents.

By using the Children's Wellbeing
Continuum teachers can identify
students who are struggling or
overwhelmed over a 4-week period and
link them to early support services.
Teachers have been implementing the
continuum, also referred to as the
wellbeing check in tool, with students in
their classrooms, with great success and
it can work well at home too!



The Children's Wellbeing Continuum is

represented below and can be found at the link: Game-changing tool to support children's mental health and wellbeing - Mental Health in Primary School (MHiPS)

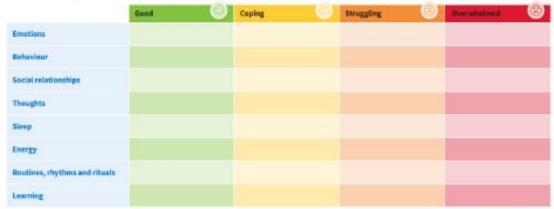
Agatha Blatti, our STEM specialist was kind enough to allow me to take a photo of the continuum she has been using with students in the STEM room.



The table below can be used by teachers for tracking student wellbeing via the Children's Wellbeing Continuum, over 4 weeks.

#### Using the Continuum

To use the Continuum, reflect on a child's wellbeing over the past four weeks using the table below.



#### Feelings Wheels

I have been taking small focus groups on Wellbeing for Year 4s and Year 6s.

Last term the Year 4s learned about different words they can use to express their emotions using a Feelings Wheel. They chose to create their own wheel depending on the level of vocabulary they were happy using.

Students will be using these in their classroom to check in with how they are feeling and let others know how they are feeling.

Learning to talk about our emotions is called Mental Health Literacy. An increase in Mental Health Literacy has been found to improve our mental health and assist with coping with emotions. It makes sense that being able to talk about our emotions more easily, helps us with decreasing the intensity of those emotions!



Please see the photos for some of the student's Feelings Wheels made during small groups.









I hope you have all been enjoying the first couple of weeks of Term 2 and make sure to check in on how you're feeling!

From Allison McKenzie and the Wellbeing Team.

# **Rocketeers Program**



### **Coburg West Primary School**

Our Grade Four students learnt about Aerodynamics for their STEM unit of work. We focussed on the four forces acting on an aircraft such as thrust, drag, lift, and weight. We designed and created paper planes, egg drop parachutes and bottle rockets to help us understand how the four forces acted on the different models.

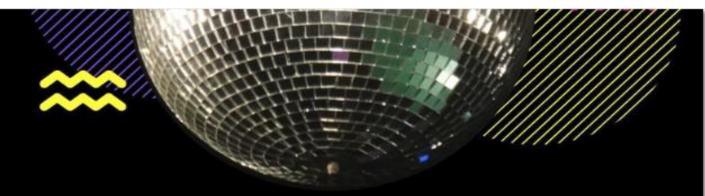
The program immersed our students into practical engineering and physics concepts, covering everything from designing their own model spacecraft, collaborating in teams, to working with basic electronics and finally launching their rocket creations.

The students show cased their rocket creations to their families and friends. We organised an after school rocket launch event where we competed against other teams to see which rocket went the highest. One of the teachers had a stop watch to measure the time each rocket was launched to the amount of time it took to hit the ground. This is how we calculated the height.

The winners were then announced and they each received a rocket trophy.

Our students gained valuable skills and expertise in the foundations of designing with acknowledgement and appreciation of Physics and Mathematics. Overall, it was a blast!!





GET YOUR DANCE MOVES READY

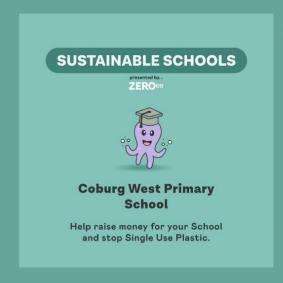
# **COBURG WEST**



# FRIDAY 26THMAY

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

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON QKR!





We're excited to announce that Coburg West Primary is doing a pilot sustainability fundraiser with Zero Co to raise money for our school and learn about how we can better take care of our planet. Zero Co is a special company that helps solve the Single Use Plastic problem. Australians on average use more than 50kg of single use plastic every year. This equates to more than 3 million tonnes of plastic chucked in the bin each year. That's a pretty crazy number. We're joining in on a mission to make that Zero.

During this Fundraising program, students create their own fundraising page. They can share with family and friends to buy Zero Co's products, like hand soap, shampoo, and laundry liquid. These products are special because they don't come in plastic bottles that you throw away. Instead, they come in refill pouches that you can use to fill up a special bottle called a Forever Bottle (made from Ocean, Beach and Landfill bound plastic). Plus, for every empty refill pouch that is returned to Coburg West Primary, the school earns 10 cents!

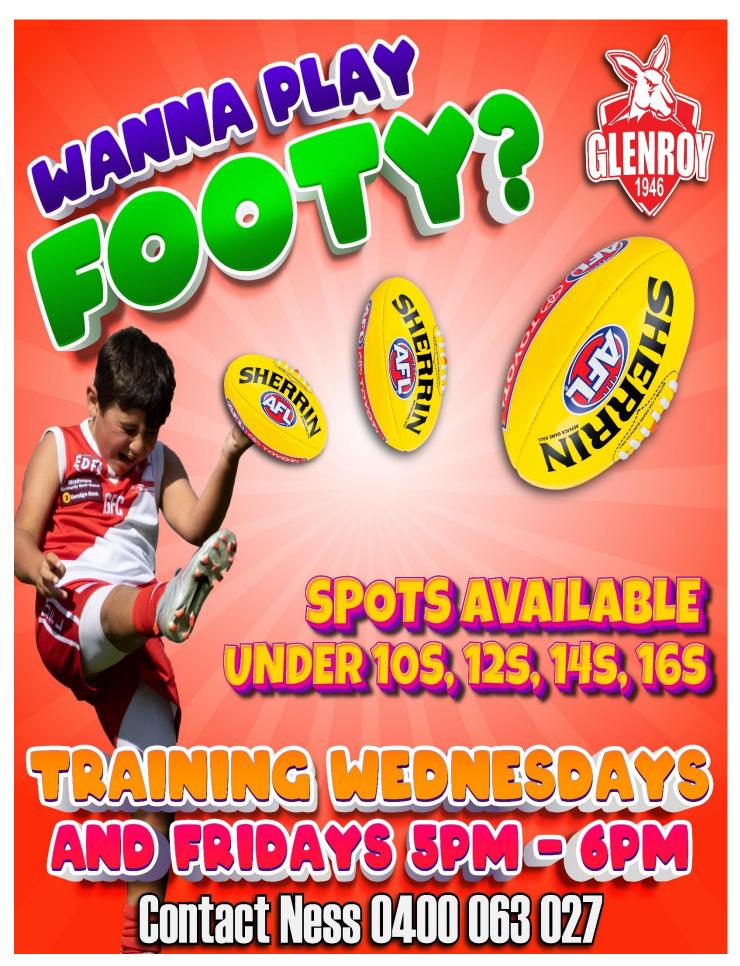
Not only can students help raise money for the school, but they can also help clean up our oceans and beaches by using Zero Co's products. That's really important because we want to take care of our planet and make it a better place for future generations.

We're aiming to raise \$1500 to help us better manage our waste at school. If you want to support this program, you can sign up your student by visiting this website:

#### https://bit.ly/coburgwest.

The fundraiser will last for 30 days, and any products you buy will be shipped directly to your door. Plus, there will be prizes for students - those who sign up in the first week go in the draw to win a Nintendo Switch and the class with the most sign ups wins a pizza party! There are also more prizes along the way.

A team member from Zero Co named Jack will also be coming to the School on Monday 1st of May to kick off this fantastic initiative and teach our students all about the Single Use Plastic problem and how we all need to work together to solve it! Ask your child about what they learn on Monday.







Perfect for beginners and social players. It's you time, where you're active, connecting with your community and learning new skills.

Fridays 5:45 - 6:45pm Saturdays 10 - 11am

**Dunstan Reserve, Brunswick West** 

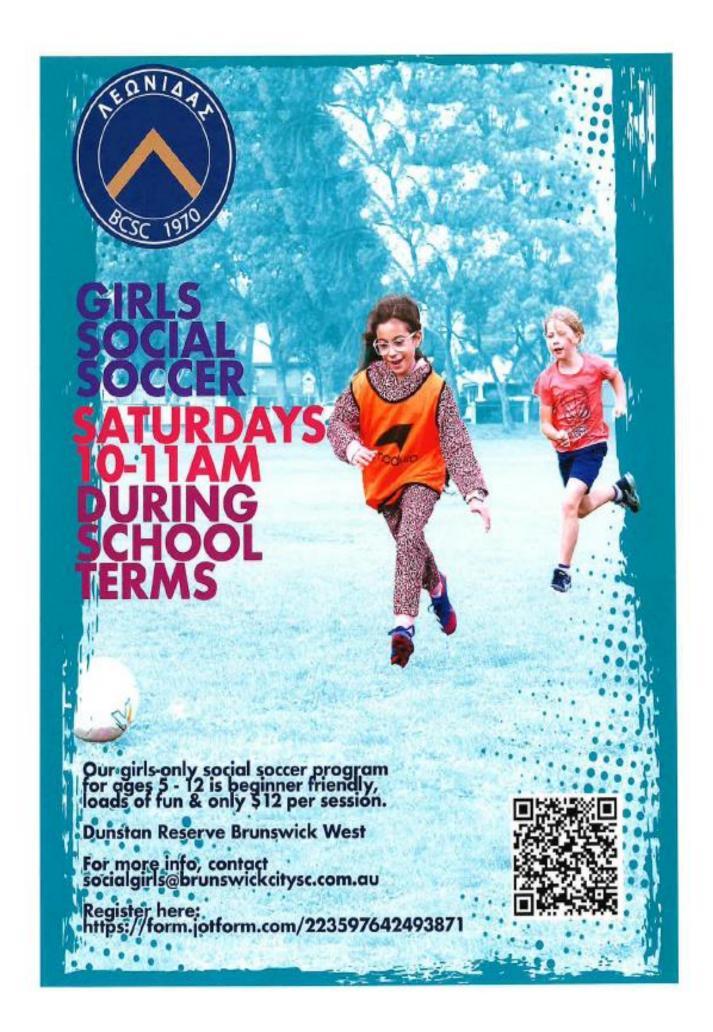
Cost per session: \$10 for community

\$5 for Culturally Diverse community

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