



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 9th February 2024

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
February		
Wednesday 21 st	Meet the Teacher	1.30pm Dismissal Meetings held between 2pm & 6.50pm in the Gym.
	Body Safety Session	Grades 3 & 5
Wednesday 28 th	Grade 6 Camp	Students depart.
	World of Maths Incursion	Grades 3 & 4
	Body Safety Session	Grades 3, 4 & 5
Thursday 29 th	Grade 6 Camp	Grade 6
March		
Friday 1 st	Grade 6 Camp	Students return.
Wednesday 6 th	Body Safety Session	Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 11 th	Labour Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13 th	Body Safety Session	Grades 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 20 th	Body Safety Session	Grades 5 & 6
Thursday 28 th	Last Day of Term 1	2:30pm Dismissal

VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2024			
	STARTS	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Tuesday 30 th January	Thursday 28 th March	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Monday 15 th April	Friday 28 th June	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 15 th July	Friday 20 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 7 th October	Friday 20 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

Whether you are an existing family or a new family joining our school community, I wish to welcome you all to the 2024 school year. It has been pleasing to see so many excited (perhaps some a little nervous) smiles at the gate each morning, and everyone has settled into their respective classrooms so nicely. I am certain we are going to have a wonderful school year ahead.

Our Staff

As we begin this school year, we welcome some new members to our staff, in particular Ms Kingsley, Ms Parker and Mr Munari. I am sure you will all join me in making them feel welcome as they settle into our school community.

Our staffing arrangements for this year are as follows:

Prep D	Ms Zschunke	3/4S	Ms Spiteri/Ms Pavich
Prep L	Ms Lebon/Ms Amerena	4B	Ms Blackman
Prep Y	Ms Youla	4P	Ms Preston
1P	Ms Parker	5T	Mr Torpey

1D	Mr Peric	5C	Ms Corn
1/2E	Ms Esposito	5R	Mr Robinson
2W	Ms Winzar-Taylor	6K	Mr Krauss
2M	Mr Munari	6F	Ms Franco
3N	Mr Niciak/Ms Currie	6R	Ms Rigby
3A	Mr Aitken		

Literacy Leader/TLI	Ms Amerena
Numeracy Leader/TLI	Ms Currie
P.E.	Mr Harvey, Ms Kyrkilis, Ms Caulfield
Performing Arts	Ms Caulfield
Visual Arts	Ms Kyrkilis, Ms McGregor
Italian	Ms DiVincenzo, Ms Petersen
Greek	TBC
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Ms Kingsley
Engagement & Inclusion	Mr Niciak

Integration Supports	Giselle, Rachael, Jennie, Sonia
Administration Staff	Franca, Denise, Sonia, Anna
Canteen Manager	Lisa
Grounds Keeper	Tony

Communicating With Staff

If for any reason you need to contact your child's teacher or any other staff member, you can:

- Call 9386 1286 and leave a message
- Email coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au with attention to the relevant staff member

While families across the school will also have the benefit of utilising the SeeSaw App to communicate with their class teachers.

Regardless of how you make contact, please be reminded that any communications from staff will only be made within working hours.

Important Policy Reminders

Each year at this time, we like to remind everyone of some important policies which assist in ensuring we maintain a safe and inclusive space for everyone to learn and work at CWPS. All policies can be found [HERE](#) on our school website.

However, there are some policies that are very important to our school community. As such, I ask that you please click on the following policies to read the full document.

- [Privacy Policy](#)
- [Mobile Phone and Communication Device Policy](#)
- [Respect for School Staff Policy](#)

Voluntary Contribution Payments

I wish to remind everyone that your Voluntary Contributions can now be made via the Qkr App. Already this has proven to be a much more convenient method of payment for many families. These payments help our school cover costs of providing all the materials and resources your children may need to engage in their learning. Whether it be pencils, glue, workbooks, paints, sporting equipment, laptops, musical instruments, counters or books to read, payment of the Essential Learning Items helps us replenish these items as required for your children. Other payments listed assist us in areas such as employing our School Nurse and Grounds Keeper. Then there are also the tax-deductible donations families can make to our Building Fund and Library Fund, which help us in replenishing reading sets and stocking the library shelves, while also working towards upgrades such as new carpets in classrooms. Please see Compass emails and Newsfeed for more information.

CWPS Class Representative Program 2024

We need parent/ guardian volunteers for our class representative program.... being a class rep doesn't need to be a lot of work! At a minimum, you will create a class contact list at the beginning of the year, share information with your class on events and fundraising and arrange a class social catch-up. We need volunteers to apply for all year levels and all classes. If you are interested, please email Amanda Handley (class representative program co-ordinator) at cwpsrepcoordinator@gmail.com with your name, relevant class and contact details and you will receive an information pack. If you would like more information, please email.

Dogs On Grounds

Many families across our school have that additional four-legged family member that often makes the journey to our school for drop off and pick up. Families are welcome to bring their dogs onto school grounds, provided they are kept on a lead, are friendly and their owners clean up after them if needed. I also remind you that not all children (and adults for that matter) are comfortable around dogs, so please be mindful of those around you while on school grounds with your dog.

Reminders

- Meet the Teacher **Wednesday 21st February** - Dismissal at 1:30pm – Meetings held between 2pm and 6:50pm in the Gym. Bookings opening soon.
- School Council Elections will open in coming weeks. Stay tuned for more information.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

Welcome
to the Prep
Class of
2024



CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
1D	Zac	We Care	Dakota	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
1/2E			Doug Elliot	We Are Learners We Care	Ms Esposito
1P			Alistair	We Are Learners	Miss Parker
2M			Grace K.	We Are Respectful	Mr Munari
2W			Max	We Are Respectful	Ms Taylor
3A	Sebastian S	We Care	Gianni	We Are Safe	Mr. Aitken
3N	Samuel F	We Are Learners	Neve G.	We Care	Mr. Niciak / Ms Currie
3/4S	Alessandra	We Are Safe	Isaac	We Are Respectful	Mrs. Spiteri/Mrs.Pavich
4B	Peter	We Are Respectful	Angus	We Care	Ms. Blackman
4P	Huon	We Are Learners	Imogen M.	We Care	Ms. Preston
5C	Maggie	We Are Respectful	Max	We Are Safe	Ms. Corn
5R	Harry M	We Are Respectful	Hannah K.	We Are Respectful	Mr. Robinson
5T	Martha	We Are Safe	Damian V.	We Are Respectful	Mr. Torpey
6F	Lucas J	We Care	Santina F.	We Are Learners	Ms. Franco
6K	Alvie	We Are Respectful	James G.	We Are Learners	Mr. Krauss
6R	Harry P	We Are Respectful	Nicola M.	We Care	Mrs. Rigby



CONNECT TO SEESAW

Throughout the school each class will be using SEESAW as a way of communicating what your child is learning at school. This process of setting up SEESAW is currently in progress. This means that with a new year, each parent/carer must once again sign up to Seesaw with their child's new grade. Your child may have already been sent their sign-up details and QR code, look out for this, if this is not the case, look out for it in the near future.

Until you sign up, messages that have been sent home will be missed, so please sign up as early as possible. If you're not sure how to sign up or need support, please contact your child's teacher by sending an email to the school email account coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au and attention your query to the classroom teacher. Alternatively, parent teacher meetings are coming up on Wednesday 21st February, this may also be an opportunity to clarify any issues you may be having.

Kind regards
CWPS Teachers

Digital Technologies Update

Dear Parents, we're excited to be upgrading many of our older classroom displays to flat screen TV units and will be purchasing many new Chromebooks to make sure that every child in Grades 3-6 have access to a 1 to 1 laptop. All students in Grades P-2 have access to shared banks of iPads as well as our fully equipped ICT lab.



We are very fortunate to be a resource rich school, but I remind parents to discuss our Acceptable Use of Digital Technologies Agreement which students should be bringing home this week. This clarifies the expectations about safety and behaviour both online and whilst using school equipment.

Whilst a certain amount of wear and tear is expected I was disappointed to have to decommission many devices that had been damaged or not looked after properly. Please discuss the agreement with your child and make sure that they understand their responsibilities.

It is so important that all families make their contribution to the Essential Learning Items fund at the start of the year so that we have plenty of funds to make sure that your child has the learning tools they need for a good year ahead. These payments can now be completed using the QKR app. If you have not paid your voluntary contributions, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience. We are happy to receive payments via the front office or over the phone if this is more convenient for you.

I'm sure that classroom teachers have passed on this message but if your child has a mobile phone, it must be taken to the office as soon as they arrive onsite and is not to be used whilst on school grounds. I know many of our senior students require a phone to communicate with parents before and after school, but it is not needed during the time that they are on site. Of course, the office is happy to pass on a message to your child at any time during the school day.

Another technology related issue is our extended use of See Saw. We aim for all teachers from Grade Prep to 6 to be using this app more purposefully to share information about how students are going with class work. To communicate weekly learning and to celebrate Goals being reached and achievements. I encourage all families to engage with these posts as they are a way of us reaching out to the community and sharing all the fantastic things that your kids are achieving.

Well done everyone for a fantastic start to another amazing year of learning at Coburg West.

Kind regards

Dan Copping

Assistant Principal

New Sports Uniforms for Inter School Sports.

This week, our long-awaited delivery arrived at Coburg West Primary School. Our new sport uniforms! Over the last 12 months students have been working very hard raising money for the school. This money was put towards purchasing some new Interschool Sports Uniforms. The uniforms purchased were for: AFL, Soccer, Softball, Bat Tennis and Basketball. Don't they look Amazing!



Grade 6 Inter School Sports Coburg District.



What games will appear on compass?

Only away games will be on Compass for parents to give consent and make payment. Parents will have about 5 days to organise payment of about \$15 and give consent. All home games do not appear on Compass and students have been given permission to attend with their local excursion permission. All games are played between 11:30am – 1:30pm. For our home games, Basketball will be played in the large hall, Bat tennis on the asphalt courts at school and Softball will be played at Shore Reserve. Parents are welcome to come and support the games.

Inter School Sports Summer Fixture

Friday 9th February: Coburg West P.S vs Pascoe Vale P.S (home game)

Friday 16th February: Pascoe Vale North P.S vs Coburg West P.S (away game)

Friday 23rd February: Coburg West P.S vs St Oliver's P.S (home game)

Friday 1st March: (Grade 6's on camp - BYE round)

Friday 8th March: Coburg North P.S vs Coburg West P.S (away game)

Friday 15th March: Coburg P.S vs Coburg West P.S (away game)

Friday 22nd March: Coburg West P.S vs Pascoe Vale South P.S (home game)

Clothing

All students who are playing on the day will need to sign out a I.S.S. sports uniform. This is required so that the school can keep track of what student has what uniform. Students are required to wash the uniform and return to school (sign in) the following week in preparation of the next game. Students are reminded to wear a hat, runners and apply sunscreen for every I.S.S game. If the uniform is lost a charge will occur.

Buses

All students will travel by bus to all local Coburg District Schools by Kastoria Bus line. These buses are local buses and do not contain seatbelts for this short journey. Each student will get their own seat for this trip.

Chris Harvey
Sports Coordinator



WHAT IS CLASS REP PROGRAM?

THE PROGRAM AIMS
TO BUILD SOCIAL
NETWORKS WITHIN
THE SCHOOL AND IS
A GREAT WAY TO
KEEP CONNECTED
WITH THE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY!

THE ROLE IS
DESIGNED TO
SUPPORT
STARTING THE
NEW YEAR,
CONNECTING
PARENTS AND
SHARING
UPDATES
AROUND
SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS

IT'S ALSO A
TERRIFIC
RESOURCE
FOR NEW
PARENTS
AND
FAMILIES
TO KNOW
WHATS
GOING
ON!



EACH CLASS AT
CWPS HAS A
NOMINATED
CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE

**HOW DO I
GET
INVOLVED?**

EMAIL:
CWPSREPCOORDINA
TOR@GMAIL.COM

INCLUDE NAME,
CLASS AND
CONTACT DETAILS!

contact us: cwpscg@gmail.com



Hi, I'm Lisa Rizzo, the new Canteen Manager at our wonderful school. I have worked in, operated and managed school canteens for over 18 years. I started off volunteering in my girls' school canteen when they were younger and have now made this my career. I have also had my own industrial café for the last 2 years.

We at the Canteen endeavour to provide the best quality food and service to your child with a wide range of food options at reasonable prices for their enjoyment.

The Canteen is run and managed by me, but I cannot do this alone. Vital to the operation of our Canteen is our dedicated team of canteen volunteers so I **NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE**. In order for the Canteen to run effectively and offer a wide variety of food and drinks we rely on parental support. Each day I need a minimum of 2-3 parents to help. At present the Canteen operates Wednesday – Friday but this can only happen with your help (mums, dads, grandparents etc.). Unfortunately, if we do not get the help of volunteers, the school Canteen will not be able to operate in it's current form and may have to close on days where there is no volunteer support.

Working in our Canteen is a great way to experience different facets of school life. It provides a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents/grandparents and facilitate new friendships. You will also get to know children and teachers from different grades all whilst making a valuable contribution to the school. The added bonus is the smile on your child's face when they see you in the Canteen.

Please note all volunteers who wish to work in the Canteen must have a current Working With Children Check which is available at: [Working with Children Check \(service.vic.gov.au\)](http://service.vic.gov.au)

A Volunteer WWC Check is free. Once you have your WWC Check please ensure the School Office receives a copy of same.

I thank you for your assistance and look forward to meeting you.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Rizzo
Canteen Manager
lisa.rizzo@education.vic.gov.au
0418 782 599



Coburg West Primary School

2024 Canteen Volunteer Form

Please fill out the form below with your details and indicate with a tick (✓) when you are available to volunteer in the Canteen, your preferred day/s and time/s. Once completed please hand this form to the School Office. I will contact you by text or email once I have a roster arranged.

If you are available each week or can only do fortnightly or monthly, or just a once off, please also indicate at the bottom of the page.

Your time and service is appreciated.

NAME:			
PHONE NO:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
	9.30 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.30	12.30 – 2.30
Wednesdays			
Thursdays			
Fridays			

I am available the above times (please tick)

Just This Once	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend the session you have been rostered on, please ensure you contact me as soon as possible via text so that I can organise a replacement.

CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP

JOIN
NOW!

WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING SURE OUR COMMUNITY IS A VIBRANT, SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE THAT BRINGS OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER AND PROVIDES THE BEST FACILITIES FOR A WONDERFUL EDUCATION! IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY CONNECTION WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

NEW OFFICE BEARERS NEEDED! THE CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS TENURE HAS COME TO THE END AND WE ARE IN NEED OF NEW WONDERFUL PEOPLE TO FILL THESE ROLES. PLEASE REACH OUT VIA FACEBOOK OR OUR EMAIL ADDRESS

WHAT WE DO?

- We meet each month (mixture of nights and afternoons) to discuss new and upcoming fundraising ideas/activities
- Some of our recent events/fundraising include: Twilight Cinema, Mothers/Fathers Day stalls, Parents' Night Out, BBQ drives, Parents football match...
- Get involved by contacting us at cwpscg@gmail.com or via our school Facebook Group

GET INVOLVED: CWPSCG@GMAIL.COM
FACEBOOK GROUP



COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOONLIGHT CINEMA

SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH





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Available sessions:

Monday 12 Feb
5:00 - 6:30 pm AEDT

Wednesday 14 Feb
5:30 - 6:30 pm AEDT

Friday 16 Feb
5:30 - 6:30 pm AEDT

Saturday 17 Feb
3:00 - 4:00 pm AEDT

BOOK NOW HERE! codeca.mp/coding-trial



Fawkner Sports Open Day

You're invited!

Join us for a special International Women's Day event to celebrate the contribution of women, girls and gender diverse people in sport in Fawkner.

An exciting opportunity for you or your kids to try a range of different sports in one location.

You can also:

- Join family friendly inclusive games and activities
- Meet your local Fawkner sports clubs
- Celebrate the amazing work from clubs in Merri Health's We're Game project
- Enjoy a BBQ and meet other people in the community!

If you have any questions, please contact
communitywellbeing@merrihealth.org.au

Full program available at:



Sunday
3 March 2024
10am - 12pm

Charles Mutton Reserve.
Carpark entry via
Creedon St Fawkner.

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PRESCHOOL:

THURSDAY9.45AM 2YR & 11AM 3-5YR

FRIDAY9.45 AM 2YR,& 11AM 3-5 YR

SCHOOL AGED: THURSDAY 4.15-5.15 PREP TO GRADE 3.

SATURDAY9.15-10.15 PREP TO GRADE 3

..... 10.30-11.30 GRADE 4-6.



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DISCOVER MERCY OPEN DAY

Thursday 15 February 2024

9.30am and 6.00pm

Saturday 17 February 2024

10.00am

Book online at mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au/discover-mercy