



Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 29th October 2021

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Monday 1 st November	All students Return to School	Preps to Grade 6 9.00am start
Tuesday 2 nd November	Melbourne Cup	Public Holiday
Thursday 4 th November	2022 Prep Transition Session 1	Whole group from 9:15am
Tuesday 16 th November	2022 Prep Transition Session 2	Two groups, 9:15am or 2pm
Thursday 18 th November	Alpha Show	Prep to Grade 2 at 9:15 Grade 3 to 6 at 11:45am
Wednesday 1 st December	Grade 5/6 Excursion	Science Works
Thursday 2 nd December	2022 Prep Transition Session 3	Two groups, 9:15am or 2pm
Friday 17 th December	END OF TERM 4	DISMISSAL 1:30pm

Dear school community,

It is with great pleasure and relief that we will be welcoming every student from grade Prep to Six, back through the school gates from 9am next Monday 1st November.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

With every student filling our school grounds, hallways and classrooms as of Monday, we need to be mindful of the precautions we are all required to take to ensure that we do not risk a school closure due to exposure to the COVID virus. Some of the measures we are taking and we require you to take, are as follows;

- Face masks are mandated to be worn indoors by all staff, visitors and students from grades 3 to 6. They are also recommended to be worn indoors by students from Prep to 2.
- QR Code check ins are required for any parent, carer, volunteer or visitor entering a school building.
- Parents, carers, volunteers and visitors onsite to meet, help or work, must be fully vaccinated and be able to provide evidence of their vaccination status upon request.
- Ventilation across classrooms will be enabled by keeping doors and windows open, so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Morning school drop off will be at school gates between 8:45am and 9am. All teachers will open their classrooms at 8:50am allowing students to be ready for learning to commence at 9am.
- At the end of the day, gates will be opened by 3:20pm for staggered after school pick-ups, starting with;
 - grades Prep to 2 at 3:20pm from the basketball courts
 - grade 3/4 at 3:25pm from the courtyard at the Buddy Bench end
 - grade 5/6 at 3:30pm from the courtyard at the canteen end
- Social distancing and hand sanitising are also strongly recommended.
- If a child is unwell or shows COVID type symptoms, they should be kept at home, likewise if they are unwell at school you will be called to come and collect your child.

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In the event of a positive COVID case being identified onsite, the DET and DH have provided detailed guidelines to support schools in the management of a school closure. As such, as soon as a positive case has been identified, the whole school will be closed for a minimum 24-hour period. Here is a brief outline of the process;

- The school community will be advised of the whole school closure.
- Within the 24-hour closure the school will be cleaned.
- The school leadership will identify all Primary Close Contacts of the positive case.
- Communication is delivered to the families of Primary Close Contacts, who will be advised to test and isolate for a period of time as advised by DH.
- Once this is all completed (potentially within the 24-hour period) the school will be re-opened to all staff and students who have not been identified as Primary Close Contacts.

While we are hopeful that we will not find ourselves in this situation, it is pleasing to know that the disruption to our school as a whole, will be brief.

2022 PLANNING

As you may have already read in my COMPASS email, planning for the 2022 school year is well underway. In support of the work to be undertaken over the next few years to fulfil our School Strategic Plan, there will be a change to our grade structures as of next year. As of 2022, all our grades will shift to straight grades. That is, rather than having composite classes which combine two grade levels, each class will now be made up of one grade level per class. This change will better support teachers to provide highly differentiated teaching programs to a narrower range of learning needs within each class. In turn, students will benefit from more targeted teaching, supporting their ability to achieve better learning outcomes.

Our Tutor Learning Initiative will also receive a boost in 2022, with continued funding by the Department of Education and Training (DET). We will be staffing a fulltime teacher to join Ms Amerena and Ms Currie in delivering the Tutor Learning Initiative. We are hopeful that this will also allow time for the delivery of additional intervention and extension programs to provide learning support to a broader range of students.

At the end of this year, the two years of funding support from DET to continue our Greek Language program, was due to come to an end. As such we were exploring possible alternatives to support our students involved in this program. However, in the last few days, it was confirmed that DET will continue to fund the program into 2022. Therefore, our Greek Language program will be continuing into 2022.

Our staff are currently collating data to develop our student grade placements for 2022. As such, it is important that we have enrolment numbers for 2022 as accurate as possible. Therefore, if you are planning to move your children out of CWPS between now and the start of the new school year, I urge you to notify us in writing as soon as possible. When doing so, I ask that you advise us of the new school your children will be enrolled at, so that our office staff can arrange for the official transfer between schools. Likewise, if you have not yet enrolled your child who is of age to start school, please do so as soon as possible by contacting the office or accessing enrolment information from our [school website here](#).

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Please take the time to read the information provided by Mr Copping which follows in this Newsletter, as it provides advice on how to support children with their return to face-to-face learning. We are aware that for some children, the return to school after this extended lockdown, will be challenging. While as a staff, we will do our utmost to support our students, it is often the case that their true emotions are only shown when they are with their families. If you have any concerns about how your child is coping with the return, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's classroom teacher, who will refer you to a member of leadership if it should be required.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

On behalf of all staff, I wish to thank everyone for their support and understanding throughout what seemed to be the toughest lockdown yet. I am very proud of our staff's efforts and the community spirit across the board. I know that

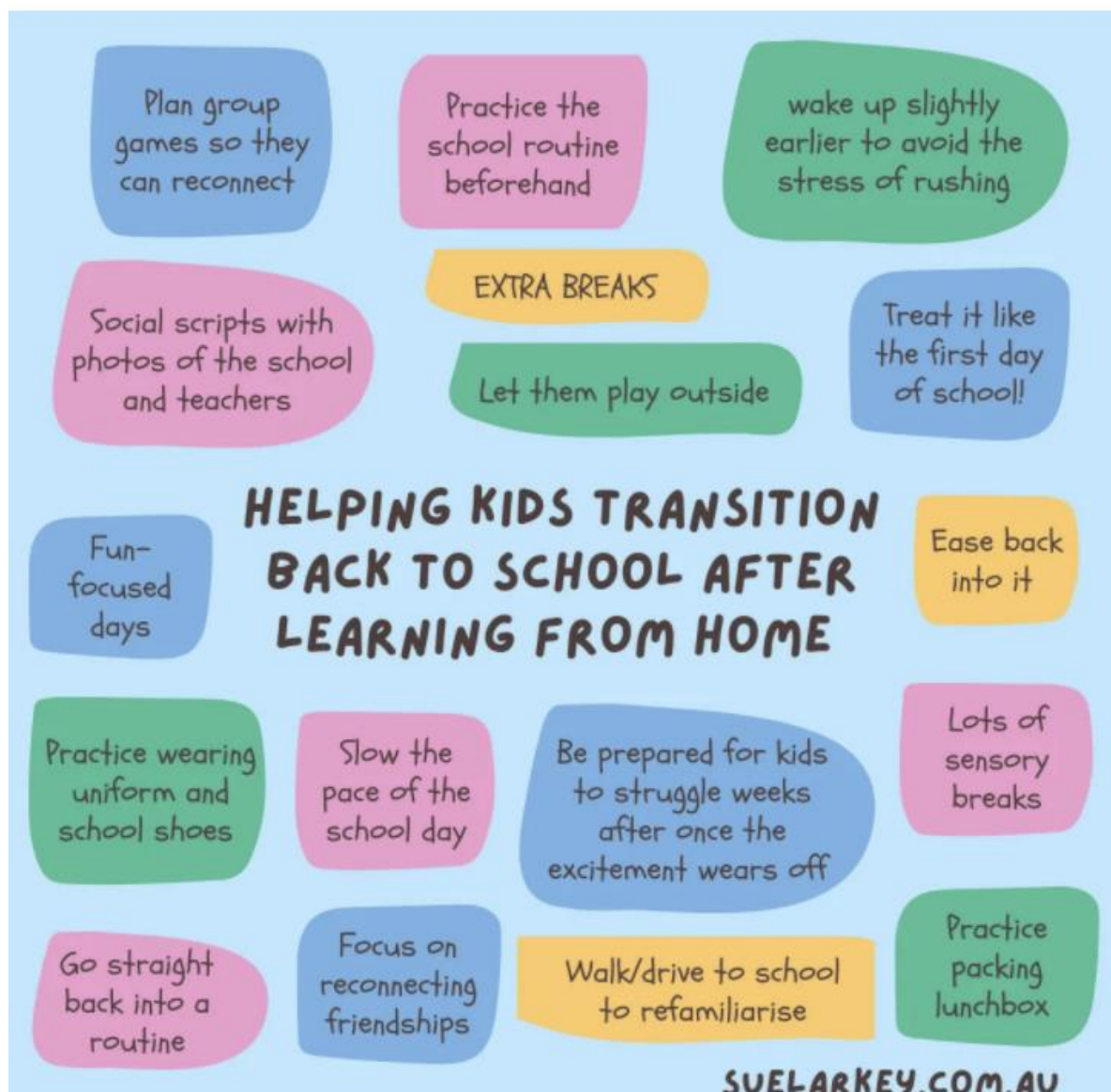
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as a Leader, it makes it all seem easier when we are acknowledged for our efforts, as per this recent message from a CWPS parent;

The biggest thank you to the school for your support over these lockdown months. It is so hard for everyone. I don't know where we would be without the support of the school, Mark and Dan, of course the teachers and all support staff -office included. It's a team effort and we appreciate our school very much.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back together on Monday, while for those taking advantage of Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, enjoy the extra-long weekend and we will see you back on deck Wednesday morning.

**Keep safe,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL**



Practical advice for parents and caregivers relevant for when children and young people go back to face-to-face learning.

Start talking

Your child might have worries about the virus, restrictions in place or their education and school. It's important to acknowledge that this is a difficult time. You can explore these and help them to think of ways to manage them using our [Time for Us](#) pack or the resources on the [Family Links website](#).

It's important to give them the message that returning to school is a big thing and you understand that. Talk to them in a way that is sensitive to their needs - you will know your child best. Don't intrude or impose yourself on them, but gently open the conversation and let them know you're there for them if they want to talk.

Sleep routine

Sleep is very important for your child's mental health and wellbeing, as well as their development. Try and help your child build a healthy sleep routine which they can maintain whether attending school in person or not. Our [guide on improving sleep](#) could be a good place to start.

Coping strategies

Coping strategies are what you use when feeling stressed, such as speaking with friends or family, doing regular exercise, or using breathing techniques. If you feel comfortable, you could share your own worries and feelings about the current situation and coping strategies you are using to manage these feelings. Acknowledge that it's normal to feel anxious about going back to school - try sharing an example of a time you've felt anxious about going into a new situation.

Encourage them to focus on the present and avoid thinking too far ahead. Thinking too far ahead can feel overwhelming. Focus on what is in their control (hand washing, wearing masks, getting prepared for returning such as packing their bag) rather than what they can't control (what might happen with the pandemic in several months time).

Make yourself available as much as possible

Children may want to come and "debrief" but maybe not when you expect. Create space for talking in different ways, such as going on a walk together or baking together - there may be less pressure in these circumstances than when sitting face-to-face. Check in with them periodically. Don't assume they're ok because they seem it. Ask the young person how things are going. Ask them questions like: what have they enjoyed about being back? Any worries or challenges?

Look at the positives

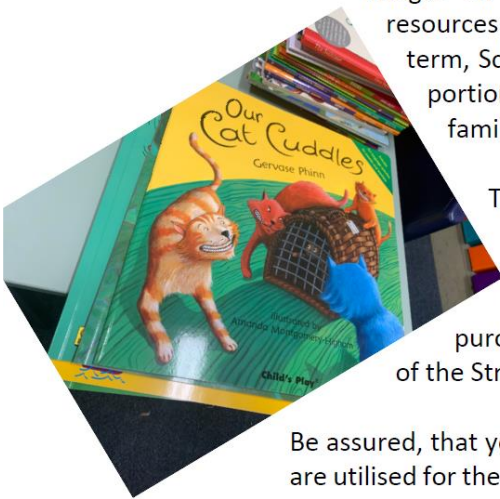
It might be helpful to talk with your child about the things they have enjoyed during the pandemic and what they may be looking forward to, like their favourite shop reopening, seeing friends in the park or getting ice cream from their favourite café.

Taken from

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/returning-school-after-lockdown/tips-parents-carers-return-to-school>



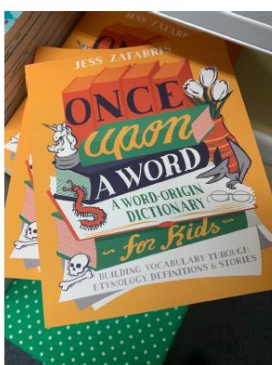
A huge thank you to our wonderful school community. The images on this page are a snapshot of the new resources the school has recently purchased. Last term, School Council approved the spending of a portion of the Library Fund which so many of our families contribute to.



This meant that I could fulfill some of the student's classroom library requests and continue to add more non-fiction texts across the school. I was also able to purchase Big Books for the Prep students and purchase Word Origin dictionaries that support the work of the Structured Word Inquiry (Spelling) across the school.

Be assured, that your kind contributions are appreciated and the funds are utilised for the best outcome and interests of your children, who are always central to our decision making. Thank you again!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



Community Group

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER • FRI OCT 29

contact: cwpscg@gmail.com

TERM 4 NEWS

We are looking for a Parent Rep Coordinator for 2022.

*If you think this could be something you can contribute to our school community, please email [**cwpscg@gmail.com**](mailto:cwpscg@gmail.com)*

TERM 4 EVENTS:

School Disco - The disco is going ahead in an alternative format!!
More details to come ...

Bunnings BBQ - NEW DATE Nov 21
We will need BBQ chefs and servers, please keep an eye out in the coming weeks for a sign up post.

SCHOOLASTIC

BOOK DRIVE

Another Community favourite is back for Term 4!

Catalogues out by NOV 12 and orders close NOV 21.

We will do a callout in the week of NOV 29 for packers.

Mango Drive

ORDERS NOW CLOSED
DELIVERY EXPECTED
MID DEC

artwork fundraiser

Any artwork completed at home must be returned by **THIS COMING MONDAY NOV 1**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

Tuesday November 9 at 7:30pm
Online Zoom Meeting

We invite all parents and caregivers to join us. Hear about events and share your ideas!

- Everyone is welcome!



TRIVIA NIGHT

TRIVIA AUCTION & RAFFLE...NEW FORMAT!

As most would be aware, along with weddings, birthday parties, Frozen the Musical and other such highly anticipated events, the Coburg West Trivia Night had to be cancelled....twice.

In a year that has been incredibly tough for the school community and fundraising, we are eternally grateful to those Trivia ticket holders who opted to convert their ticket price into raffle tickets and the opportunity to bid on some amazing auction items. *Stay tuned for the exciting details on how to participate in the next few weeks.*

We also have one more request! Please take a moment to read through the list of the generous local businesses and individuals who donated prizes, auction items or other support for the event.

In a time when local businesses need support more than ever, consider buying a Christmas present from them, or even just giving them a thank you next time you're in, so they know their support of our school is appreciated.

Go Climb	400 Gradi
Gewurzhaus Spices	Post Office Hotel
Able & Game	Postmistress Eatery
Jetts Gym (Coburg)	Lux Foundry
Trade Place Cafe (Coburg)	Amiconi Restaurant
Petite Gardens Gardening Service	Miss Penny Cakes
Shiner Creative Workshops	The Great Beyond
Mattel Toys	Barkly Square
Elite Swimming	Jungle City Dance
Armature Pilates Studio	Lawz Drawz (local Coburg artist)
Riff Raff Sleep Toys	Melville x Melville
Use-ta kids clothing	Chemist Warehouse (Coburg)
Cornerstone Pizza	Being Bowen Therapy
Being Bowen Therapy	Black Books Inc
Yellow Brick Road	Brunswick Ballroom
Maite AV (Family) Photography	Theo Hartman (artist)
Bunnings (Coburg)	Pilates Circle
Colour Kultcha Hairdressing	Elite Eleven



WHAT IS CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP?

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Moreland Families Connect Newsletter



Information for families using Moreland services

Welcome to the 1st Moreland Families Connect Newsletter! It is developed by the Council's Early Years team and intended for families using Moreland services.

We would love your feedback on the newsletter and any ideas of what you would like to see included. Please email us at: children@moreland.vic.gov.au

Children's Week 2021



Join us online for lots of free fun activities for Children's Week!

There will be story times, play activities, videos and information for you and your child to enjoy.

Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talent, skills, achievements and rights of children.

<https://childrensservices.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/t/4DD630431F51B5572540EF23...> 21/10/2021

For more information you can visit:

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Junior Registrations are now open for West Coburg Cricket Club

West Coburg Cricket Club offers a fun, safe and inclusive environment for boys and girls to learn to play cricket or to continue on their cricketing journey and is now welcoming all players for the exciting season ahead.

Teams will include:

- Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 mixed teams - **BOYS AND GIRLS**
- Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 teams - **ALL GIRLS TEAMS**
- Junior Blasters Cricket Program for 5 – 8 year olds - **BOYS AND GIRL**

For more information, please contact Ray Freeman on 0402 407 831
or visit: <http://westcoburgcc.com.au/>

If you are ready to play cricket, please register for West Coburg Cricket Club at:
<https://play.cricket.com.au/club/west-coburg-cricket-club-/59f5235b-8ad8-eb11-a7ad-2818780da0cc?programId=4>

