



Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 3rd December 2021

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Monday 6 th December	Immigration Expo	Grade 5/6
Tuesday 7 th December	Grade 3/4 Science	Small Hall
Wednesday 8 th December	Grade 1/2 Fun Day	Onsite
Wednesday 15 th December	Grade 6 Graduation	Gym, Afterschool
Thursday 16 th December	Luna Park	Grade 5/6
FRIDAY 17th December	END OF TERM 4	DISMISSAL 1.30pm

Dear School Community,

With just two weeks left of classes for this year, there is so much going on across our school. In amongst all the great learning our students are involved in, our staff are planning various events and experiences for our students who have missed out throughout this year.

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

To ensure we get our school community safely through to the end of this school year, I wish to provide you with the following updates to COVID restrictions;

- **Face Masks** – are mandatory for students in years three to six, staff and visitors in primary schools or Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs when indoors or social distancing is not possible. Face masks are also strongly recommended for students in Prep to grade two while indoors at school or at OSHC.
- **Drop off & Pick Up** – all parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up, must adhere to physical distancing, face mask requirements, respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- **Vaccination Requirements** – Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work, who enter school buildings must have had two doses of COVID-19 Vaccines and need to show evidence of vaccination when entering a school building. This includes for the purpose of activities such as school tours, kindergarten transitions, meetings or graduation ceremonies.
- **QR Check Ins** – Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work who enter school buildings, must check-in using the QR codes.
- **Density Requirements** – School events and gatherings which include wider members of the school community (including parents & carers) must align with community settings. All adults attending indoor events on school premises, must show evidence of full vaccination and wear face masks.
- **Illness** – if a child is unwell or has COVID-19 symptoms, they should not attend school until tested and clear of symptoms/illness. Any child who presents to first aid with symptoms, will be isolated and parents/carers will be called to collect the child and take them for a PCR test.
- **Exposures** – any staff or students notified by the school that they are a contact exposed to COVID-19, should immediately seek PCR testing and quarantine until they receive a negative PCR test result regardless of their vaccination status. They must provide evidence of their negative PCR test result to the school prior to returning to school. It is also strongly recommended to complete five days of Rapid Antigen Testing each morning before attending school. If you are living with a person who is a

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confirmed case of COVID-19 you will be advised by Department of Health as to your quarantine period (either 7 or 14 days) and testing requirements.

2022 PLANNING

In preparation for the 2022 school year, staff across the school have now completed the placement of students into their future grades. We have also been working on adjusting our structures and processes to prepare for our shift to straight grades next year. The amount of positive feedback from so many parents across our school community has been welcomed, as it reaffirms the need for this shift.

While the bulk of our staffing arrangements have been locked in, we are still in the process of appointing a Language teacher for our Greek program. With Mrs Menikou leaving us to have her baby, we had advertised through the DET's Recruitment Online platform for the standard two-week period. However, we were disappointed to find that there were no applicants. We are now in the process of reaching out to various contacts and organisations to source a teacher for the Greek Language program.

UPDATE ON CLASSROOM UPGRADES

With the Builder Tender due to close this coming week, we are hoping the works to upgrade the classroom spaces in our grade one and two area, will commence through the January holidays. It is hoped that the bulk of the demolition and clearing work can occur through the holidays, to limit the disruption and limit any risks of noise and dust to students and staff.

As such, it does mean that these spaces are currently needing to be cleared. It also means that as we commence the new school year, the grade one and two classes will need to be relocated to other areas of the school. As such, the grade one classes will be located in the small hall, while two of the grade two classes will be located upstairs in the school library, the third grade two class will be located downstairs in the grade Prep area.

While this is not ideal, it is a temporary re-adjustment needed to allow the works to take place. As a staff, we are very excited to see the final result and have these grades move back into their new and fresh classrooms.

SHADE FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES

Some months ago, I submitted a grant application for shade sails. This grant for up to \$25,000 is to support schools in establishing outdoor learning spaces. They cannot be used on play areas or existing play equipment. As such, I identified two areas of our school yard which could benefit from additional shade and as such, be established as outdoor learning spaces. I was recently advised that the application was accepted and am now awaiting quotations from various companies, which then need to be submitted to complete the process. It is expected that the work to install these shade structures be completed early in 2022.

RETIREMENT

Last week, the staff celebrated the retirement of Mrs Muriel Rogers. Muriel has been a part of the school community for over 47 years. Her connection to the school started when her children were first enrolled, she then went on to become a parent volunteer, who was then employed and became a respected member of staff. Over the years, Muriel has worked in supporting students across our school as an Integrations Aide, as well as helping maintain our school library and assisting in our main office. She was the unofficial school photographer, recording many school events over the decades and meticulously archiving the schools' records. Muriel was a wealth of knowledge when we celebrated our school's centenary in 2017, with a special family contribution to the book which was published to celebrate the centenary.

While it is the end of an era, Muriel's connection to CWPS continues, as her granddaughter is currently enrolled and still has a few more years of schooling ahead of her. It was wonderful to see Muriel's family being joined by many ex work colleagues and friends to celebrate almost five decades of service to the CWPS Community. On behalf of all members of our school community, I wish Muriel well in her retirement and thank her for the many years of dedicated service to our school.

With just two weeks of the 2021 school year remaining, I trust we will all continue to be kind and respectful.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



Reading &



This is an update to let the community know that we have not forgotten about the Premier's Reading Challenge certificates. I have been in contact with the organisers and unfortunately there has been a delay in delivery. They have reassured me that they will arrive before the end of the school year and as soon as they do, I will present them to the students. I apologise on behalf of the Premiers Reading Challenge organisers but please reassure the students who participated that they will be acknowledged for their effort and commitment to this challenge.

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
Prep L	Ted	We are Learners	Isaac	We are Learners	Mrs Lebon & Ms Corn
Prep Y	Fraser	We are Learners	Aizah	We are Learners	Miss. Sioborne Youla
1/2A	Huon	We are Learners			Miss. Alihos
1/2B	Daniel	We are Respectful	Max	We care	Miss. Blackman
1/2D	Ivy B/Julius	We are Learners	Noah A-P	We are Learners	Mr. Peric
1/2E	Sofia C	We Care	Iggy	We are Learners	Ms. Esposito
1/2F	Carla R	We are Learners	Grace	We are Learners	Ms. Fonte de Vos
1/2P	Sacha	We Care			Ms. Preston
1/2S	Georgia	We are Respectful	James P	We care	Miss Deasey
3/4A	Hannah B	We Care	Lani H	We are Respectful	Mrs. Pavich/Mrs. Spiteri
3/4J	Niko F Tarquin S Alex S Christian K	We are Learners	Alice B	We are Learners	Mrs. Rigby
3/4K	Florence	We are Respectful	Santina Paige	We are Learners	Mr. Krauss
3/4M	Georgia H Isabell E	We Care We are Learners			Miss Mardesic
3/4R	Charlotte B	We are Respectful	Paddy R	We are Respectful	Ms. Roberts
3/4S	Stefan	We are Learners	Lili	We are Learners	Mr Robinson
5/6B	Emily R	We are Respectful			Mr. Kashani/Ms. Blatti
5/6F	Alexander P	We are Learners	Ben V	We are Learners	Miss. Franco
5/6J	Zoe S	We are Learners			Mr. Jenkins
5/6N	Aleyna T	We Care	Antonio R	We are Learners	Mr. Niciak
5/6S	Charlotte C	We Care	Alex G	We are Respectful	Miss. Stewart
5/6T	Serena G	We are Respectful	Alex S	We are Learners	Mr. Torpey

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.

	3 December 2021	
Green House	Isabel 1/2E	
Red House	Rio 5/6N	
Gold House	Abigail 1/2A	
Blue House	Sofia 1/2B	

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A Message from Coburg West SRC.

Our school community recognises this time of year as being one of kindness and giving.

This year, the SRC are planning to support the charity

COTS – Christmas on the Streets.

Christmas on the Streets is a not-for-profit organisation supporting men and women experiencing homelessness.

COTS is a movement which offers companionship, food, clothing, sanitary products, gifts and essential items to individuals and communities that are in need. The COTS movement strives towards breaking the stigma surrounding those who have found themselves in unfortunate circumstances and reminds whoever they encounter that they are unconditionally loved, important and worthy.

Each family will be asked to donate one item to their class category.

Boxes will be provided in each classroom for students where students put their donations.

- 5/6 families will be asked to donate personal hygiene items e.g. soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, deodorant, sanitary products etc.
- 3/4 families will be asked to donate tinned products e.g. vegetables, fruit, grains, soup, beans, fish etc.
- 1/2 families will be asked to donate packet products e.g. pasta, crackers, energy bars, pretzels, noodles
- Foundation families are asked to donate jars and treats e.g. vegemite, peanut butter, jam, cookies, chocolate, after dinner mints, etc.

Our charity drive began on **Monday 29th November** and will run for 2 weeks.

It will end on **Friday 10th December** with a **comfy clothes** or dress up celebration day. On this day we ask students to bring a gold coin donation. This money will go towards buying things like socks and T-shirts to complement our other donations.

If you would also like to add to the donations of new clothing, there will be a box to place them in near the Christmas Tree in the foyer.

Thank you all so much for supporting this initiative of caring and giving.

Coburg West SRC

Grade 5/6 at **SCIENCEWORKS** 2021

On the 1st of December the Grade 5/6 students enjoyed a day at Scienceworks, Spotswood. We explored the facets of the Moon in the planetarium and engaged with all the interactives at the various exhibits.

Here are some of our students' reflections:

There is a chance for the moon and sun to cross paths (from our perspective) twice yearly.

When this happens it causes the solar eclipse, followed by the lunar eclipse. Lola M 5/6B

Sewerage pumps (like the one in Spotswood) went from being able to pump 36 million litres a day to 90 million litres. Lachie K 5/6J

The dark seas of the moon are long frozen magma seas that once bubbled up from the moon's surface. Abigail 5/6B

One day on the moon can last two weeks. Astrid 5/6B

The CO₂ in the atmosphere has increased and evidence of this is found in ice samples.

Helena 5/6B

Gravitational waves are supposed to squeeze your body. Olivia V 5/6J

The same side of the moon faces the Earth all the time. Gigi 5/6J

Humans have better depth perception when they have both eyes open. Lola M 5/6B

There are lots of constellations and each have their own names including the Southern Cross.

Yannic B 5/6J

I enjoyed the Think Alive because it had some really interesting things like the rocket, where it builds up fuel and when you press the button at the right time, it will launch. Amelia 5/6B

Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day.

Ms Blatti – Science Learning Specialist





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Community Group

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contact: cwpsc@gmail.com

2022 PARENT REP COORDINATOR NEEDED

Do you love organisation?

*Do you know what events are
going on in the school?*

*How about taking on the role of
Parent Rep Coordinator!*

*If you think this could be something
you can contribute to our school
community, please email
cwpsc@gmail.com*

School Disco - DEC 10

The disco is going ahead in an
alternative format, in school hours!!
DANCING, GAMES, PRIZES
& ICEYPOLES!



Mango Drive

ORDERS ARRIVING
TUE NOV 30



artwork fundraiser

567 products were
ordered!

Delivery date TBC

TRIVIA NIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING TRIVIA NIGHT ORGANISERS!

Two and a half years of planning,
changing plans, going out and getting
donations, changing formats and
adapting to the crazyness of organising
an event in this strange new
pandemic world we live in.
YOU DID IT and raised \$6080 towards
the total fundraising for 2021!!



bunnings bbq

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS LAST SUNDAY!
YOUR COMBINED EFFORT
RAISED \$1,489.60 TOWARD
PLAYGROUND UPGRADES!

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK DRIVE

ORDERS ARRIVING DEC 8.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SORTING
AND DISTRIBUTING REQUIRED
IN THE MORNING.

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Disco Day

Friday

10th December

(During School Hours)

**PRIZES
TO BE WON**

Icy Poles for all



Thank you to Frank at
Reynard Supply of Quality Meat,
who kindly supplied 62kg of sausages for
CWPS Bunnings BBQ at a discounted rate.



Thank you to Bakers Delight in Coburg,
who generously supported CWPS.
They donated half of the bread for our
Bunnings BBQ and supplied the
remainder at a 20% discount.



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>





JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB

West Coburg Cricket Club
Fridays 6pm - Shore Reserve
Ray Freeman

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juniorcoord.westcobcc@gmail.com
Boys & Girls - Jnr Blasters age 5 - 7, U10s 7 - 9