



Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 4th February 2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Wednesday 16 February	CURRICULUM DAY	Student Free Day
Wed 2 nd to Fri 4 th March	Grade 6 Camp	Grade 6 students
Monday 14 March	Labour Day	Student Free Day
Friday 8 April	End of Term 1	Dismissal at 2:30pm
Tuesday 26 April	Start of Term 2	Resume 9.00am
Friday 24 June	End of Term 2	Dismissal at 2:30pm
Monday 11 July	Start of Term 3	Resume 9.00am
Friday 16 September	End of Term 3	Dismissal at 2:30pm
Monday 3 October	Start of Term 4	Resume 9.00am
Tuesday 20 December	End of Term 4	Dismissal at 1:30pm

Dear School Community,

As I sit to write this first newsletter for 2022, I find myself reflecting on last year and I can't help but be grateful for the wonderful school community we have here at CWPS. When you consider the difficult year it was for everyone, dealing with another year of the COVID-19 pandemic and the stresses it placed on every workplace, every family and every individual, we are fortunate that we got through it relatively well. I wish to thank the families and staff across our school for all their support, cooperation and understanding throughout the year. The final week of school was a true celebration of all that is great about CWPS.

With our first week of the 2022 school year now complete, I am pleased to see the students have all quickly settled into their new classes. As I wandered through corridors and into classrooms over the week, it was pleasing to see so many smiling faces and to hear the productive hum of learning conversations.

STAFFING UPDATES

As often occurs with the shift between school years, there have been some changes to staffing. As the 2021 school year ended, we farewelled the following staff;

- Muriel Rogers who retired after more than 40 years of service to CWPS as an Education Support Staff member.
- Miss Deasey who did an amazing job, stepping in to take over grade 1/2S when Ms Saville began maternity leave. While Miss Deasey has taken the opportunity to move interstate, we are very keen to have her return to CWPS, if and when she should return to Melbourne.
- Mrs Menikou who delivered our Greek Language program from mid-2020, returned to her base school this year to commence her maternity leave as she awaits the arrival of a new addition to her family.

Please join me in thanking, congratulating and farewelling each of these staff members as they move on from CWPS. We are grateful for their contributions to our school and wish them all well for the next chapters in their respective lives.

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In 2022, we welcome Ms Bindloss to our staff, as she joins the Grade 1 Team. We also welcome Ms Nicolaou who will be delivering the Greek Language program this year. Please join us in making them feel a part of our school community.

The teaching teams for 2022 are as follows;

- Prep = Mr Pennington, Ms Lebon/Ms Corn, Ms Youla
- Grade 1 = Ms Preston, Mr Peric, Ms Bindloss
- Grade 2 = Ms Fonte DeVos, Ms Alihos, Mr Niciak
- Grade 3 = Ms Spiteri/Ms Pavich, Mr Robinson, Ms Blackman
- Grade 4 = Ms Rigby, Ms Mardesic, Mr Krauss
- Grade 5 = Mr Torpey, Ms McKenzie/Ms Blatti, Ms Roberts
- Grade 6 = Mr Jenkins, Mr Kashani, Ms Franco

BUILDING WORKS UPDATES

The upgrades to the eight classrooms in the grade 1/2 area have begun. It is hoped that the bulk of the demolition and clean out work will take place this weekend, while the students are not at school. However, the bulk of the construction work will occur during the new school term. As such, we have had to clear out the classrooms and offices attached and as you are aware, the grade 1 and 2 classes have been temporarily relocated. The three grade 1 classes are housed in the small hall, while grades 2F and 2N are housed upstairs in the library and grade 2A is housed in the grade Prep area. It is hoped that the upgrade works will be completed within this first term and we can have all grades back into their classrooms as soon as possible.

At the end of last year, I was also advised that my Grant Application for installation of shade sails to create an outdoor learning space, has been accepted. Quotes for this work were submitted and we are now awaiting confirmation of the funds being granted to continue this work. I also met with representatives from the Building, Grounds and Sustainability subcommittee of School Council, to discuss this and other projects to improve our school environment and we look forward to sharing more of this with you as this year progresses.

COVID-19 UPDATES

As you would all be aware, we ended our school year and entered the holidays with a small number of students, mainly in our grade 5/6 area, testing positive to COVID-19. Once again, I consider our school community to be very fortunate, especially when you hear and consider the impact such outbreaks have had on other schools, some of which are very close to us. We should be grateful that the measures we have all taken (both at school and with you all at home) have largely proven to be effective in preventing major disruptions to our school community.

As we start our 2022 school year, I am sure that if we continue to abide by recommended restrictions and safety measures for schools we will be able to keep well and keep our kids in school. With Air Purifiers in every classroom, twice weekly (Mondays and Thursdays) Rapid Antigen Testing of every student and staff member, the continued use of hand sanitiser and wearing of face masks, we are on the right track.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our [website HERE](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

2022 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

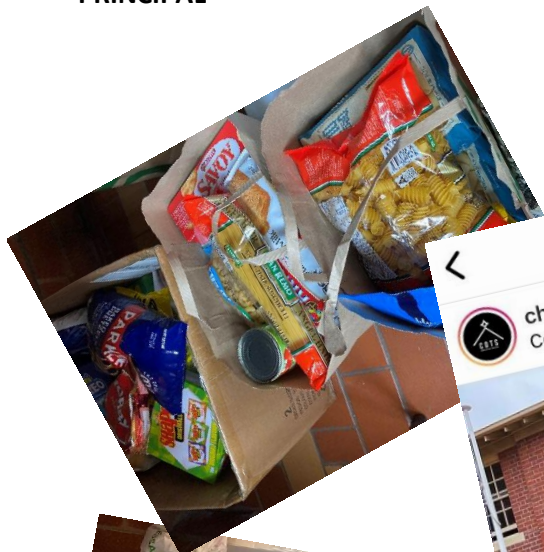
This coming Monday 7th February, we open our call for nominations for Parent Members of School Council. This year, there are four parent member vacancies. You may nominate yourself or another parent member of our school community. Nomination forms can be collected from our school office as of 9am Monday morning. Please refer to the COMPASS Newsfeed for more details and the full timeline.

COTS FUNDRAISER

For those of you that passed through the main entry to the office in the final days of 2021, I am sure you would agree that the quantity of donations made by our community were amazing. In support of the work being undertaken by our Junior School Council (JSC) to support the Christmas On The Streets (COTS) charity, our community managed to fill 2 cars with non-perishable food items and basic hygiene products, along with some clothing items. Further to this, our JSC, with the support of Mr Peric and Ms Rigby, organised a Comfy Clothes day which raised \$736 which will also be utilised to support COTS. An additional thanks goes out to the families who helped raise the awareness of this good cause, putting our JSC in contact with the group and also coming in to help load the cars with the donations from our community.

Welcoming you all back for the new school year.

Keep safe,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



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Last week I had the privilege of distributing the Premiers Reading Challenge certificates to the 70 students who completed the 2021 challenge. Congratulations to the following students:

Scout M	Prep L
Grace W	Prep L
Anouk D	Prep L
Samuel F	Prep P
Zoe M	Prep P
Mason W	Prep Y

Lukas R	12E
Kunjan H	12F
Olivia N	12F
Angus H	12F
Jonty S	12P
Orlando S	12P
Georgia B	12P
Freya C	12S
Mitchell H	12S
Georgia M	12S
Rosina Z	12S

Jude M	12A
Josephine R	12A
Jack K	12A
Patrick B	12B
Oliver G	12B
Lina D	12D
Lucas B	12D
Juni M	12E
Sebastian C	12E
Genevieve G-S	12E
Romarios T	12E
Lyla B	12E

Dimitra S	34A
Ava N	34A
Gemma L	34A
Patrick Z	34A
Hannah B	34A
Avielle P	34A
Amelia S	34A
Phoebe H	34J
Guy B	34J
Billy S	34J
Olivia V	34J
Clarissa L	34K
Kleo S	34K
Emily W	34K
Marianne S	34K

Christopher E	34K
Leo C	34M
Mariah N	34M
Thomas E	34M
Rose L	34M
Stephanie K	34M
Hadley S	34M
Maudie A-A	34M
Peter V	34M
Max D	34R
Harry S	34R
Katherine T	34R
Eric B	34R
Liliana S-S	34S

Meagan T	56B
Christian K	56F
Stefanie P	56J
Lachlan K	56J
Ashleigh H	56N
Sarah B	56N
Lucy B	56N
Myla C	56S
Ruby S	56T
Serena G	56T
Bella S-S	56T
Alexander S	56T



In addition, the students listed above, the following students also received a Premiers Readers Challenge pin for having read the most books in their class. Congratulations to:

Student	Grade	Books Read
Scout M	Prep L	52 Books
Samuel F	Prep P	37 Books
Mason W	Prep Y	31 Books
Jude M	12A	196 Books
Oliver G	12B	134 Books
Lucas B	12D	56 Books
Juni M	12E	67 Books
Olivia N	12F	35 Books
Georgia B	12P	116 Books
Rosina Z	12S	63 Books
Avielle P	34A	248 Books
Guy B	34J	24 Books
Emily W	34K	57 Books
Rose L	34M	87 Books
Katherine T	34R	40 Books
Lili S-S	34S	18 Books
Meagan T	56B	19 Books
Christian K	56F	17 Books
Lachlan K	56J	27 Books
Ashleigh H	56N	74 Books
Myla C	56S	25 Books
Ruby S	56T	46 Books

We hope to see many more participants in 2022!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



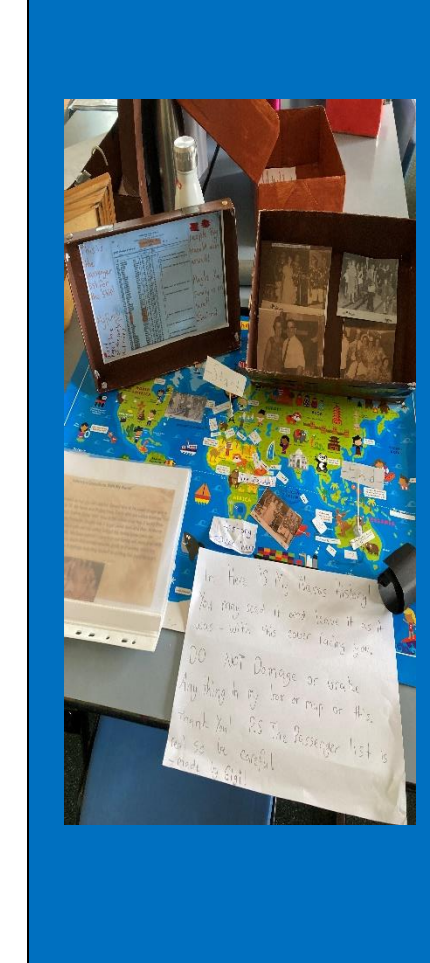
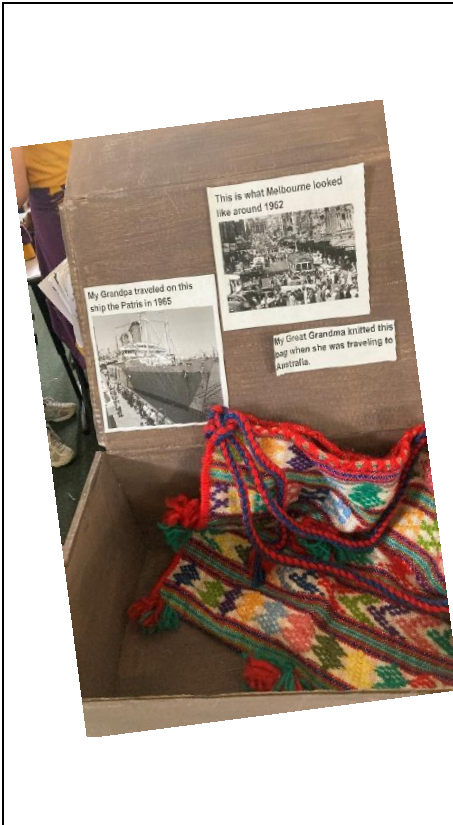
Grade 5 / 6 Immigration Story Projects

In term 4 last year, the students in Grade 5/6 were able to explore their own family's immigration stories. The project allowed students to express their creativity while learning about this important part of their family's history. As part of the project, students interviewed a family member to learn about their family's immigration to Australia. Some students completed a family tree, included family photos, family recipes and some special artefacts brought back from their homelands. The students then presented their work in a suitcase made from a shoebox showcasing their family's history. It was interesting to visit each classroom and read the information that represented the families and the cultural backgrounds of our cohort. Thank you to all families for assisting your child with this project.

Ms A. Blatti - Learning Specialist

TALES from a SUITCASE





Community Group

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SHORE RESERVE SHOWDOWN

Thank you to our organisers
Monica Cullen, Amanda
Handley, Vlad Jotic, Aaron
Knuckey, Josh Halloway and
Meg Breese.

Although the main event was
cancelled, training and getting
the team together was a
success as were the sales
of the very popular
CWPS Warrior beanies!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you to our coordinators
Betsy Drey, Kate Thompson,
Bridget Morris and Jo Scott.

An amazing effort and
resistance from this group of
women who have had started
planning 3 years ago!

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our
coordinators
Ellie Palmarella
and Zuska Kelaart.

Fathers Day Stall

Thank you to our
organiser
Emmie Grasso.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Thank you to
our coordinator
Amanda
Handley.

PIE DRIVE

Thank you to our
coordinator Lou
Harrison.

DISCO!



Thank you to our coordinator
Louise Harrison and her team
for their efforts in getting a
disco off the ground in such
difficult circumstances.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Thank you to Meg Breese
and Josh Rowe for
coordinating the bbq.

Scholastic Book Drive

Thank you to Caitlin
Yates for coordinating
the book drives
in Term 1 & 4.

artwork fundraiser



Thank you to our
organiser Sarah
Tuckett your effort
in coordinating this
fundraiser solo!

Mango Drive

THANK YOU TO OUR
ORGANISER SARAH
TUCKETT YOUR EFFORTS
ORGANISING THIS
FUNDAISER SOLO!

Without the time and
dedication that all of
these individuals, the
Community Group would
not have raised in excess
of **\$20,000** towards
ongoing playground
upgrades for the school!

Victorian State Cheerleading Championships

On Saturday 11 November 2021, three students from Coburg West competed in the Victorian State Cheerleading Championships held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Maudie Arcifa-Antrim, Lucy Boots and Rose Boots team won First Place in the Novice Under 12's. Congratulations girls! Huge effort especially with all the lockdowns Melbourne has had.



Cheerleading is a sport that involves females and/or males performing a 2 minute & 30 second routine composed of stunting, pyramids, group tumbling, jumping and a dance break. This routine is performed and scored against other teams at various local, national, and international competitions.

On **July 20**, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted in favour of granting full recognition to the International Cheer Union and cheerleading, making cheerleading eligible to apply to be included on the Olympics program which means it can petition to be part of the 2028 Olympics!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR 2022

SCHOOL HATS

With the weather we have been having could parents please note that students are required to wear their hats in term 1 and term 4 in 2022 during recess, lunchtime, while participating in sports activities, while attending excursions and at before and aftercare when outside.

Children not wearing a hat will need to stay in a shaded area while outside.

Hats can be purchased from AGS School wear and cost \$10.

The shop is located at 133 Bakers Road, Coburg North. They are open during the school break from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Alternatively hats can be purchased from the office however stock is limited.

Lastly please reassure your child/ren the importance of keeping their hat on at all times during terms 1 & 4.

CLOTHING/LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all clothing items are labelled, this includes, hat, jumpers, cardigans, vests, scarfs and winter coats. We are not able to return clothing to students if items are not labelled. Items that are not labelled are donated to the second-hand uniform shop. If you are using a biro pen to label your clothing remember to check that the name has not faded due to washing. We also suggest that you do not use initials but full names. It is recommended that iron on labels are used to label clothing. Here are some sites that offer iron on labels/clothing labels

Bright Star Kids – www.brightstarkids.com.au

Stuck on You – www.stuckonyou.com.au

Hippo Blu – www.hippoblu.com.au

That's Mine – www.thatismine.com.au

Lastly, due to the renovations taking place in the grade 1 and 2 building the lost property tubs have temporary been relocated to the front foyer entrance of the school. When renovations have been completed the lost property tubs will be relocated to the original location.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is open every Friday morning from 9.00am to 9.30am. It is located in the community room which is near the art room.

LATE ARRIVAL & EARLY RELEASE

A reminder if your child arrives late for school that is after 9:00am you will need to bring your child to the school office and sign them in. We are having numerous children attend the office after 9:00am on their own. Parents are required to sign their child/children in.

If you are picking your child up early from school we ask that you contact the office by calling (9386 1286) before 10:00am to notify us. We will then arrange for your child to be at the office. **We do not make announcements during class time** and we suggest collecting your child either before or after lunch as children often do not hear announcements during lunch break, due to the noise outside. You will need to attend the office to sign your child/children out.

ABSENCES/COMPASS ATTENDANCE AND APPROVALS (HIGH IMPORTANCE)

It is a requirement from the Department of Education that all absences be entered on Compass the same day that the student is absent or earlier if away on holiday or any other event. If this does not occur, the absence day/s will be registered against the child's record.

If your child has been away and you have not recorded the absences please log into Compass and note the absence by clicking on the Attendance: Attendance Note Required – see sample below. This information is located on your "New Feed" page.

Attendance: Attendance Note Required

Sally was recorded as 'not present' or 'late' without explanation.

[Click here for more information](#)

TOYS

We recommend that students do not bring personal toys to school. They are often lost and never found. The school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged personal items.