



# Coburg West Primary School

Friday 18th<sup>th</sup> August 2023

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Grade 4 Camp	Mt Evelyn
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week	Activities throughout week
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week Dress Up Parade No assembly this week	9am
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Grandparent Day	Grade 1 – 2:30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Writer's Festival Assembly	9am to 11am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Grade 6 Excursion	Parliament House
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Grade 6 Excursion	Parliament House
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Grade 6 Excursion	Parliament House
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Prep Excursion	Botanical Gardens
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Colour Run – Shore Reserve	Prep to Grade 6
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup	Pupil Free Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Grade 2 Bush Day	8am to 6pm

VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2023			
	START	ENDS	LAST DAY 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 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm Dismissal

## Dear School Community,

Wow, we have had a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. As usual, Coburg West has been an exciting, vibrant learning centre. Our special assembly to mark the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence was a real highlight of the week. It was wonderful seeing the way that grades had collaborated with their buddy classes to spread the message of this important day. We are lucky to have fantastic kids and supportive families at Coburg West but can always improve on the way we treat others. This celebration of social and emotional learning was a good reminder to all of the impact that acts of kindness and honesty can have on others' sense of wellbeing.

I am very relieved to say the work on our sewer line at the front of the school has been successfully completed. The contractors had to excavate to a depth of 4 metres to repair broken pipes but the problems have been rectified, the lines tested and we are clear to use the student toilets along the east side of the school and, most importantly, the Preps get their playground back again!

Well done to our Grade 6 Leaders who planned and organised the fundraiser this Thursday to support the charity *Africa on the Ball* to help provide sporting equipment and opportunities for people in developing countries that do not have the access to the resources we have. We are proud of the way they demonstrated our school values in doing something to connect us as a community and help others. Perfectly timed with our wonderful Matildas success at the World Cup too!

**SHORE RESERVE SHOWDOWN NEXT SUNDAY (27/87/23 – 1:00pm)**

We are very excited that the Shore Reserve Showdown is so close with our CW Warriors taking on Pascoe Vale South’s team. We’re hoping to retain possession of the Golden Boot. Please get behind this brilliant community event and hopefully we’ll see you down there. We are also on the lookout for volunteers for the Fathers Day stall. Please use the QR codes to volunteer if you are able to.



I would like to highlight how lucky we are to have such an active Parent Community Group working relentlessly on fundraising and community events to benefit all members of our community. We are currently looking at:

- Installing a gym scoreboard (to enable the Coburg District to host basketball games at CWPS)
- Furniture for the outdoor learning area (I heard this week that the pillars will be in before the end of Term 3)
- Food waste bins
- Funds for upgrade of outdoor areas outside Prep and Grade 1 classrooms
- Sports Uniform replacements (long overdue and we have had brilliant success with our bat tennis and netball teams winning the district finals)

**PLEASE READ THE COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS BELOW!**

**2023 NAPLAN RESULTS**

I shared with School Council how proud we are of this year’s NAPLAN results. As we state each year, this does not measure young people’s empathy, collaborative skills and creativity but it does give a good indication of how as a school we are teaching essential skills. In 2023 the online tests had an adaptive nature so we cannot necessarily compare with previous years’ results. We are very pleased nonetheless.

NAPLAN testing took place back in March this year. Whilst the individual reports sent home share the specific scores achieved and summarise the skills demonstrated, we are in the first year of a new scoring system where the old bands of achievement have been replaced with four categories: Exceeding expectation, Strong achievement, Developing and Needs Additional Support. We are extremely proud of our students’ performance. We had no glitches with the Internet connectivity this year and the new Chromebooks were much more reliable. Here are some samples of our terrific scores:

Students by proficiency level (%) ⓘ

For students in Year 3, Reading



This really is a great reflection of all the hard work that’s gone on in Grades Prep, One and Two – throughout lockdown to achieve 86% of students or 54 out of 63 students in the Strong or Exceeding levels area for reading. The network average was 74% of students in the Strong or Exceeding Levels.

Students by proficiency level (%) ⓘ  
For students in Year 5, Reading



Grade 5 Reading is just as pleasing with 83% of students in these top two levels – again above the network average of 80%.

Writing also has a tremendous proportion of students in the top two categories with as many as 89% of our Grade 3s in Strong or exceeding.

Students by proficiency level (%) ⓘ  
For students in Year 3, Writing



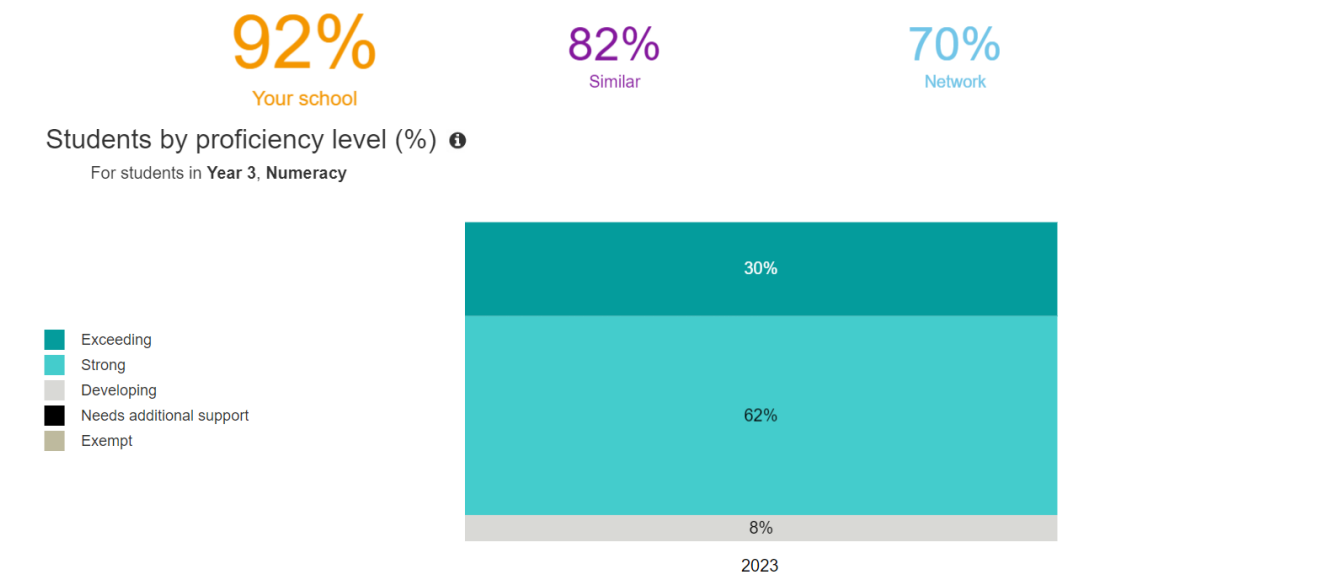
Grade 5 Writing shows that even more are exceeding and slightly less in the strong category. – a full 6% above Network average.

Students by proficiency level (%) ⓘ  
For students in Year 5, Writing



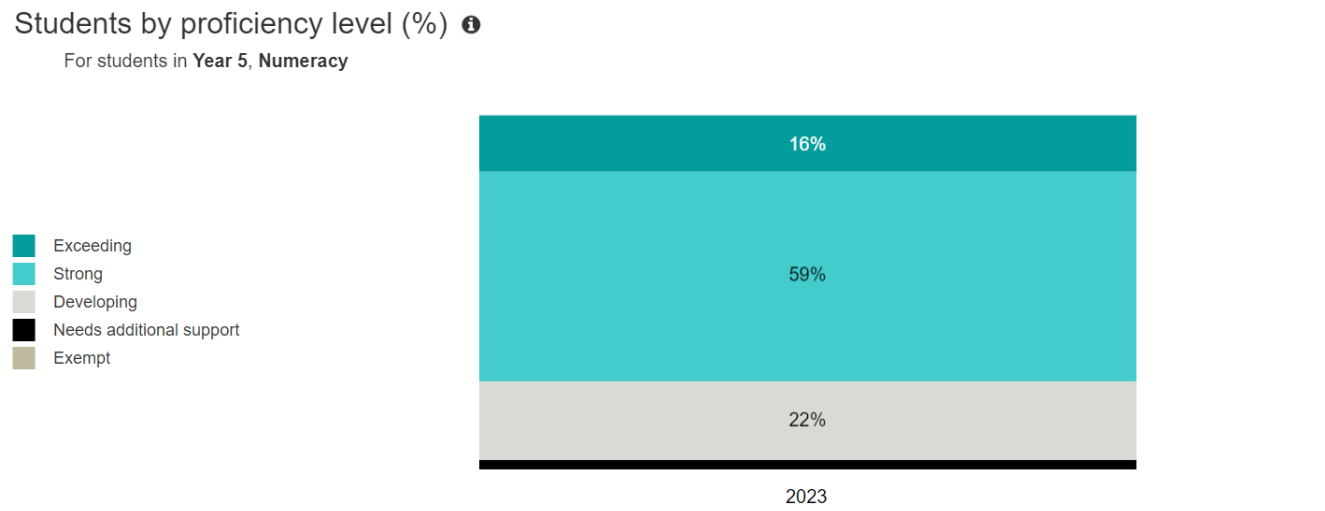
Though hard to gauge with no other years’ data to compare against, we should be really proud of the impact that our teaching and learning programs are having on the young people at Coburg West. Whole school projects such as the implementation of the Readers’ Workshop model in 2021 and 2022 clearly appear to be paying off. By no means do we undervalue the time that parents also spend with their children supporting school work with reading, home learning activities and reinforcing concepts taught.

I’m saving the best till last. The data set that blew me away was our Grade 3 Numeracy results. This is a culmination of many years of work on the proficiencies in maths: understanding, problem solving, fluency and reasoning. It really appears to have made a difference!



To achieve 10 % higher than our similar schools (with a similar level of education and profession SFO) is remarkable. The 8% of students in the developing section was only five individuals.

This strong performance in Maths continued in Grade 5 with 75% of students in the Exceeding or Strong sections.



Reminders:

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

A gentle reminder that the Parent Opinion Survey is currently open and we would like to hear from all families. This survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

2024 ENROLMENTS

Please call or email [coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au) if you have not already enrolled your child for next year. This information is crucial for our planning

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

Kind regards and thanks to everyone for making this such a connected community.

Dan Copping

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.

RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	GREEN HOUSE	GOLD HOUSE
Zoe R - Prep L	Georgia - 3S	Lilly V - Prep Y	Zara – 3S

\*We had a break from our usual Values Awards as the Grade 6 students were distributing bookmarks to recognise acts of kindness on the school yard.



# Book week

19–25 August 2023

**Book Parade**  
**When: Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August**  
**Time: From 9:00am**  
**Place: In The Large Hall**

**Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!**  
**Who will you be?**

Everyone is welcome to attend and watch the students share their costumes during our Book Parade!



READ  
GROW  
INSPIRE



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER  
1ST FROM 2PM

# Dad's Day Out

BOWLS, BBQ AND BEVERAGES  
WEST COBURG BOWLS CLUB  
TICKETS \$50 VIA QKR

# Save the Date



**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**  
**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

festivities, silent auction and  
*a touch of sparkle*

details to follow...



**CWPS**

# **WRITERS FESTIVAL**

**A CELEBRATION OF  
WRITING IS COMING**

**TOPIC: FROM THE HEART**

**WHEN: ASSEMBLY LAUNCH ON  
MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**TIME: 9:00AM**

**VENUE: LARGE HALL**

Family

What are you passionate  
about?

Photography

Animals

Environment

Friends

**FAVOURITE  
THINGS**



**FOLLOWING THE LAUNCH, STUDENT WORK WILL BE ON DISPLAY  
IN THE SMALL HALL UNTIL THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER.**



**AUG**

# CWPS Community Group News

A quick update with regards to our fundraising efforts this year!

In Term 1 we raised **\$5,894** (+ \$796 in Scholastic Book orders) and in Term 2 we raised **\$6,772.00!!** That's close to \$15k for the first half of the year – thank you again to everyone who volunteered their time towards raising these amounts.

Over the next couple of months – we are hoping to spend this money on the following: electronic scoreboard for the gym, furniture for the outdoor learning area, upgrades (inc. furniture) to the outdoor spaces in prep/grade 1 areas, food waste bins, uniform replacements and more! If you have any ideas/feedback on what you would like to see our fundraising money spent on – let us know at [cwpscg@gmail.com](mailto:cwpscg@gmail.com)

To raise similar amounts in Term 3 and 4 – we need your help!!

Volunteers are needed for the Shore Reserve Showdown (next Sunday) and the Appreciation Stall for Fathers/Carers – even if its an hour or an esky, we need your support! See the Sign up details on flyer.

## What's happening in term 3

**27th Aug** – Shore Reserve Showdown

**31st Aug** – Appreciation stall for Fathers Day

**1st Sep** – Dads Day Out (see flyer)  
Crazy Camel Art Fundraiser (TBC)

## What's happening in term 4

**21st Oct** – Parents Night Out (see flyer)

**TBC** – Referendum BBQ  
Prep Transition  
Mangoes (TBC)

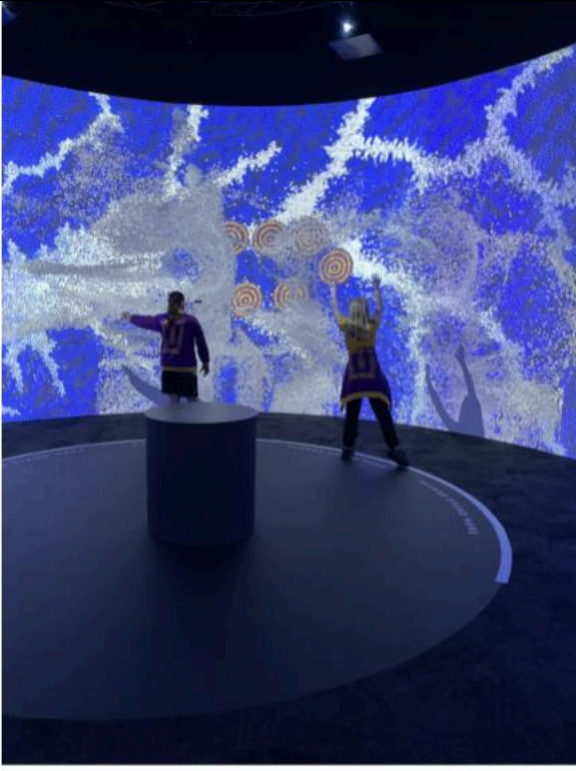
## Dates for the Diary Community Meetings

24th August – **7.30pm (Coburg RSL)**

## Get involved

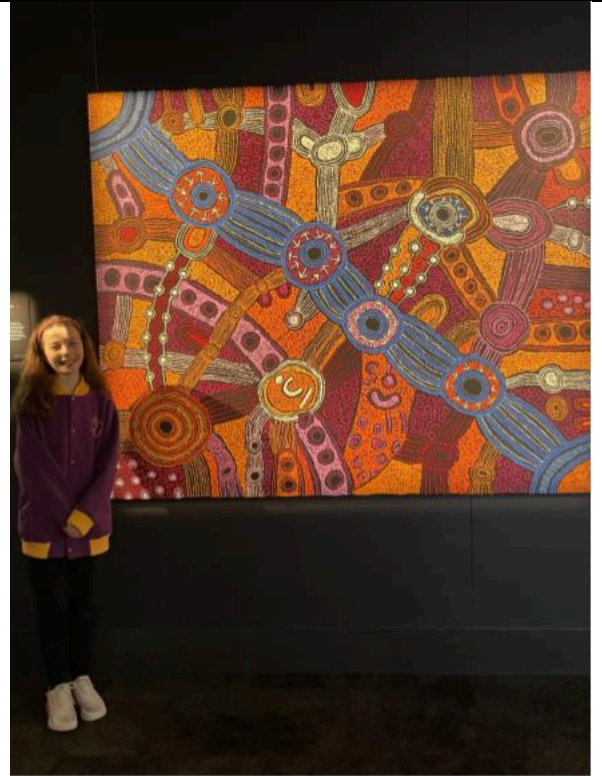
[ecwpscg@gmail.com](mailto:ecwpscg@gmail.com) or join the [Facebook group](#)

## Our Experience- Lume Gallery: Connections



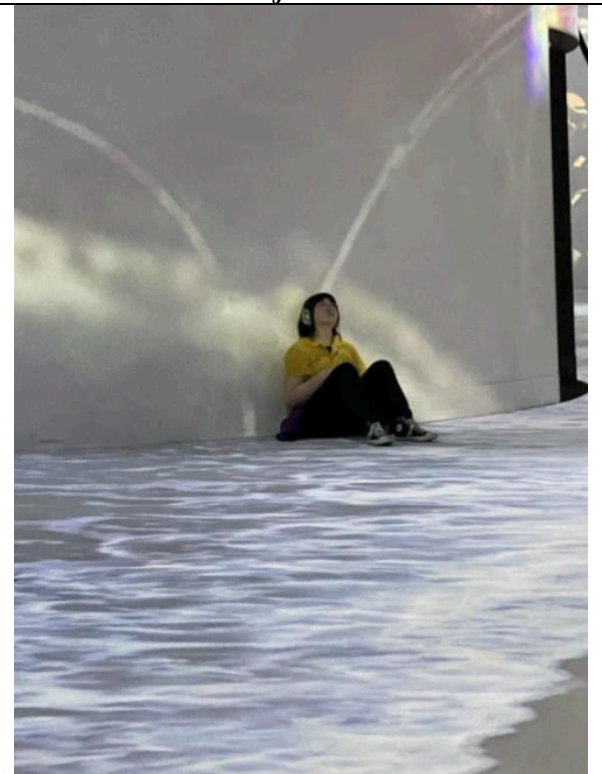
I felt connected with the artist. I could see what they were thinking through the piece of art.

By Juno



The beautiful patterns and shapes in the picture were so detailed. There was a lovely lady who explained to me the meanings of the symbols.

By Mila



The black and white photos were fascinating. I felt the energy around me.

By Will

I felt more connected to the indigenous culture than before. It reminded me of "HOME"..the land I came from.

By Maisie

# Sustainability Leaders Update



This term, every class has been collecting ziplock bags and glad wrap and sending it to Terra Cycle to be recycled and turned into new plastic products. We sent our first box of plastic to Terra Cycle 2 weeks ago. The total amount of plastic we have collected so far is 1.1kg.

 Recycle with TerraCycle



✓ Cling wrap



✓ Snack, sandwich or freezer bags



✓ GLAD to be Green® sandwich and snack bags



✓ GLAD to be Green® cling wrap



✓ All brands accepted

This week, we placed a small cardboard box in the office area where people can donate old mobile phones. Please let the office know if you have a phone to donate. At the end of the term, we will send off any mobile phones which have been put in the box to be recycled by Mobile Muster.

*Mobile phones can't be broken down in nature so us humans have to do it. If you put your old phones in the bin, it's bad for the environment that's why we recycle. If something in the phone contains metal it gets heated to a very high temperature in a furnace so then they can find stuff like copper, silver and gold which can then be reused into something else. A fun fact is that it takes one million phones to make 1kg of gold.*

– Ilaria, 6F



## Zero Co updates

Back in May the CWPS community group and Building & Sustainability Sub-committee teamed up to try a new fundraiser via [Zero Co](#), a sustainable business that aims to stop plastic waste from going to landfill and polluting the planet.

CWPS would like to thank all the families that have participated, raising much needed funds for the school and saving more plastic waste from landfill at the same time. A total of **\$1434** was raised for the school - which means Zero Co will fish 140kg of plastic out of the ocean on our behalf!

Some lovely stats for our school:

- ◆ A total of **41 Students** won prizes
- ◆ **Top 3 Student Raisers** were: Molly M, Ellery G, Allegra P.
- ◆ In total there were **52 students** who got someone in their community to go Single Use Plastic free. Meaning that there are at a minimum **52 households in Coburg West** who had ditched single use plastic in either their kitchen, laundry or bathroom at home.

# ZeroCo Return Bins

If you’ve been to the CWPS office area lately, you may have noticed the green ZeroCo Return Bin - a handy bin where you can return your old pouches which will be sent back to the company, vigorously cleaned, and refilled, and delivered out to parents again when you place a new order for a recyclable pouch.

**CWPS will receive 10c per pouch** that is returned via the Return Bin near the office, so the funds will keep rolling in for the school, and will help fund new waste stream bins for the canteen area



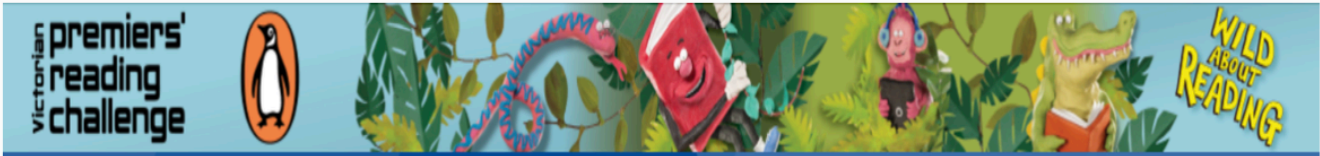
## Waste Stream Bins

The ZeroCo fundraiser will help fund school sustainability initiatives, as well as the donation from our local MPs, the Member for Pascoe Vale Labor, Mr. Anthony Cianflone, who donated \$200, and the Member for Brunswick Greens, Dr. Tim Reed, who donated \$150 to our school and to help us buy waste stream bins for the canteen area,.

The waste stream bins will help to reduce litter and rubbish from lunch boxes and snacks, and students will learn what waste type goes into which waste stream bin.

We will be purchasing 2 bins: Yellow Lid for Recycling and Red Lid for Rubbish.

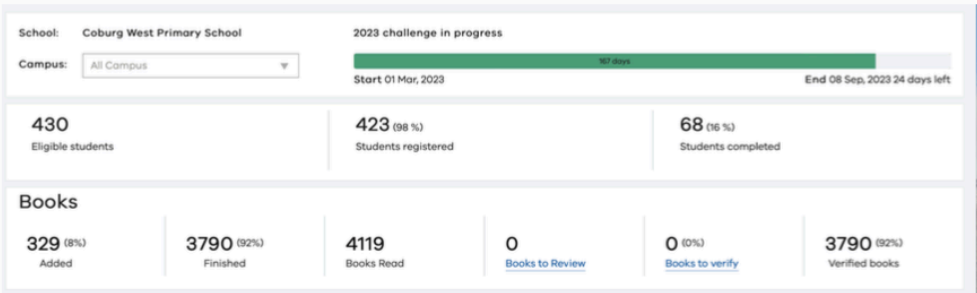




# 2023 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Here’s the latest Premier’s Reading Challenge, the end is drawing closer.

Every book must be added by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**



That finish line is just around the corner!

Patricia Amerena  
English Leading Teacher

PLEASE REFER TO OUR COMPASS POST ABOUT VACATION CARE PROGRAM THIS HOLIDAY!

# AIKIDO FOR KIDS

0409 187 637



## *Children*

Aikido classes for children are intended to be fun physical exercises using Aikido principles, mixed with age appropriate disciplined practice of self defence techniques. The grading system we use for children provides them with regular rewards for small achievements, plus new coloured belts for more substantial accomplishments.



## *Pat Aliotta*

2<sup>nd</sup> dan Aikikai Japan

I am incredibly humbled to lead and teach our young "**samurai warriors**". I'm passionate about upholding the traditional Japanese Aikido practice while overlaying modern strategies to guide and mentor our children. At **Aikido for Kids**, we nurture and develop our young "**samurai warriors**" to be present in the moment, while strong in mind, body and spirit.

Parents are welcome to jump on the mats and train alongside their children. Join us for 2 complimentary sessions at St Alban's Church Hall 250 Reynard Street Coburg.....

No joining fees, No annual fees.....Term 4 Enrolments now open.....Mobile:0409 187 637.....[kaizen-aikido@outlook.com](mailto:kaizen-aikido@outlook.com)



**\$234.50**  
**for 3 days!**  
Offer ends August  
20!



## THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

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### Program includes

- ✓ 9am to 3pm each day
- ✓ Delivered by experienced coaches
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- ✓ Guest appearances at selected programs



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