



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 18th February

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Thursday 24 th February	SSV Swimming trails	Grades 3 to 6
Friday 25 th February	Chill & Grill	After school
Tuesday 1 st March	Ceres Excursion	Grade 3
Wed 2 nd to Fri 4 th March	Portsea Camp	Grade 6
Monday 7 th March	SSV Swimming	Grades 3 to 6
Tuesday 8 th March	Meet the teacher Students in grades 1 to 6 dismissed at 1.30pm	From 2pm to 7pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Werribee Zoo	Grade 4
Wednesday 9 th March	CWPS Community Group AGM	7pm (location TBC)
Monday 14 th March	Labour Day – Public Holiday	Student Free Day
Thursday 17 th March	Science Incursion	Grade 6
Monday 21 st March	SSV Tennis Division	Grades 3 to 6
Tuesday 22 nd March	Chinese Museum	Grade 5
Wednesday 23 rd March	Young Leaders 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,

I must start by commending everyone for the great start to the school year. Our classes have settled so quickly into their learning and especially our new Prep students who have amazed everyone with how eager and capable they are to learn. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

COVID POSITIVE EXPOSURES

While it has been an impressive start academically, it has also been a relatively calm start considering the ever evolving COVID Pandemic. While we are aware that many families were impacted by positive COVID cases over the summer holidays, since returning to school we have only had a handful of positive cases reported amongst our students and staff. I consider us to be quite fortunate considering the current situation. I would like to think it is due to the effective measures being taken and the vigilance of families and staff across our school. It also comes down to every individual doing their part to comply with the various restrictions, whether they be wearing a face mask, using a Rapid Antigen Test twice weekly or staying home when unwell.

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EXTENSION TO COVID SAFE MEASURES

As has been reported in the media, the current COVIDSafe measures that were implemented by DET for the first four weeks of Term 1, are being extended for a further six weeks, through to the end of this school term. The core focus will remain on the 3Vs of Ventilation, Vaccination and Vital COVIDSafe steps. The main step being the use of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) twice weekly. Here at CWPS, we strongly urge every student and staff member to undergo these RATs every Monday morning and again on either Wednesday or Thursday morning before coming to school.

Please note that if the RAT should return a positive result, you MUST stay home and isolate for seven days, report it to the school via phone or email AND lodge the details via the [Student COVID-19 Test Portal](#).

Please refer to the COMPASS Newsfeed notification or the letter following in this newsletter, for more information about this Extension.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS UPDATE

You may have already noted that we are beginning to see changes within the grade one and two classrooms. This week I met with the architect and the construction manager to discuss progress. I have been informed that as the steel has now arrived and is being installed, the project timeline is still on track.

In the coming week I will also be meeting with the company who will be installing the shade structure to create our outdoor learning space, as per the DET Grant. This project will also take place within the first half of this year.

We are also looking at making improvements in other areas of our grounds, with several projects already in the works. If you would like to get involved, please feel free to join the Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability (BG&S) Sub-committee of School Council, which is headed up by School Councillor and parent, Sonia Heagarty.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

As per the BG&S Sub-committee, these groups are an excellent way in which parents can get involved in supporting our school. They require different levels of commitment, at different times of the year however like anything, many hands make light work. So, with more parents getting involved, more can be achieved to benefit our children across the school.

Another, is our **CWPS Community Group**, who manage to achieve so much with so few, we can only imagine what they could achieve with more volunteers. Again, it may require attendance at a monthly meeting and some time every so often to help with organisation and/or delivery of events, but it is definitely well worth the efforts. When you look at the two bike cages, new junior playground with the soft underlay and various other improvements around our school, they have all been made possible by the fund-raising efforts of our Community Group.

Their first school community event for 2022, is a free sausage sizzle, commonly known as our CHILL n' GRILL, coming up after school next Friday 25th February. You can get in touch and show your support via the methods detailed in their News items following in this newsletter. Or simply show your support by attending their **Annual General Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 9th March, 2022.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I am pleased to announce that our Call for Nominations was successful and we have been able to fill the four Parent Member vacancies on School Council, without needing to hold a ballot.

I would like to congratulate and thank; Mel Gangemi, Donald Parton, Kylie Pascoe and Amanda Handley for making the two-year commitment to helping govern our school. I look forward to their fresh perspectives and input.

STUDENT LEADERS

Here at CWPS we pride ourselves on not only having an active parent community, but we are also building the leaders of the future. Each year, students have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills via their involvement in the Student Leaders Group headed by our School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council.

This year I am pleased to be working with our School Captains Isla R and Gigi O, together with the other Student Leaders; Amelie B, Bella SS, Ben H, Bill D, Freya L, Isaac T, Noah T, Oliver A, Rio G and Tilly F.

MEET THE TEACHER

This year we are holding a Meet the Teacher evening for Grades 1 to 6, whereby every family will have an opportunity to have a ten-minute chat with their child's teacher. These will be held on **Tuesday 8th March from 2pm through to 7pm**. To enable this, we will be dismissing students in Grades 1 to 6 at 1:30pm. The OSHC Team will be offering limited spaces for those parents who will require care on this afternoon.

More information, a survey and the booking arrangements will be sent out to all families in the coming week.

Keep safe and well.

Kind Regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



2022 SCHOOL CAPTAINS Gigi & Isla



2022 STUDENT LEADERS

BACK ROW: Bella, Rio, Oliver, Ben, Isaac, Tilly
FRONT ROW: Bill, Freya, Isla, Gigi, Amelie, Noah

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
PREP L	Felix	We Are Respectful			Ms Corn & Mrs Lebon
PREP P	Izayah	We Are Respectful			Mr Pennington
PREP Y	Atticus	We Are Respectful			Ms Youla
GR 1B	Jack	We Are Learners			Miss. Bindloss
GR 1D	Ada K	We Are Learners	Gianni R	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
GR 1P	Evie D	We Are Learners			Miss. Preston
GR 2A	Molly M	We Are Learners	Lina	We Care	Miss. Alihos
GR 2F	Remy D	We Care	Royi H	We Are Learners	Ms. Font De Vos
GR 2N	Huon W	We Are Learners	Beadie C	We Care	Mr. Niciak
GR 3B	Ewan	We Are Respectful	Liam	We Care	Miss. Blackman
GR 3R	Teddy T	We Are Respectful	Pepe R-K	We Are Learners	Mr. Robinson
GR 3S	Audrey	We Care	Hudson C	We Are Learners	Mrs.Spiteri & Mrs. Pavich
GR 4K	Violet	We Care	Stephanie	We Care	Mr. Krauss
GR 4M	Hugo Clarissa	We Are Safety We Are Learners	Ari T	We Are Respectful	Miss. Mardesic
GR 4 R	Whole Class	We Are Respectful	Marianne S	We Are Respectful	Mrs. Rigby
GR 5B	Estelle K	We Are Learners	Sam W	We Are Learners	A.Blatti & Ms.McKenzie
GR 5R	Thomas E	We Are Learners	Lainey M	We Are Learners	Ms. Roberts
GR 5T	Charlotte B	We Care	Vera C	We Are Learners	Mr. Torpey
GR 6F	Astrid B	We Are Learners	Bill D	We Are Learners	Ms. Franco
GR 6J	Kristian S	We Are Learners	Otto	We Care	Mr. Jenkins
GR 6 K	Max K	We Care	Anthony B	We Care	Mr. Kashani

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.

	11 February	18 February
Green House	Aurora 1D	Ollie 3S
Red House	Florence 5T	Ollie A. 6J
Gold House	Penelope 5T	Eleni A. 3R
Blue House	Anouk 1D	Dylan R. 4K

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COVIDSafe measures extension 17 February 2022

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use. We will issue COMPASS notifications when they are available for collection.

Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16 to 17 year olds are now available. There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

In addition, schools provide a trusted place among the community to access vaccination, particularly for families who may experience language or social barriers.

Following successful implementation of school pop-up clinics at the commencement of Term 1, more than 230 schools across Victoria are currently hosting mini-vaccination clinics led by GPs and pharmacists. Many of these clinics will also make vaccinations available the broader school community, inclusive of families of students and school staff.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE (TLI)

Tutor Learning Initiative to continue at Coburg West Primary School in 2022

Coburg West Primary is delighted to share the news that the Victorian Government is continuing the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) in 2022. This initiative is designed to address the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and engagement in Victoria.

The extension of the initiative will allow Coburg West Primary to continue to provide our students, who need it most, with targeted TLI learning support in the 2022 school year.

Despite the continued challenges our school and schools across Victoria have faced, the TLI has ensured that students, who may have fallen behind or become disengaged, receive the help they need. In 2022, the TLI has enabled Victorian government schools, and qualifying non-government schools, to engage over 6,400 teachers as tutors.

Coburg West Primary would like to thank all the tutors, teachers and families who were involved in supporting Coburg West Primary's TLI program in 2021. This year's tutors will be Fiona Currie, Patricia Amerena and Rachel Esposito. The focus will be English and Mathematics.

Coburg West Primary looks forward to continuing the TLI program in 2022 to provide small group learning support that will enable our students to flourish now and in the future.

COBURG WEST SUPPORT PROGRAM

In addition to the TLI, Coburg West Primary has invested resources into providing additional support for students who did not qualify for the TLI and working towards being at level. The target curriculum areas of support align with the TLI focus.

Further information about the TLI and the CWPS Support Program and how they will be implemented for student who need learning support in our school, will be issued directly to the families of the students who will be targeted.

Kind Regards,
Fiona Currie, Patricia Amerena and Rachel Esposito.

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CWPS Curriculum Day: A focus on Orthography (Spelling)



Last Wednesday 16th February, our staff excitedly welcomed back Julie Shepherd, a Literacy Consultant who was at our school this time last year introducing CWPS to the topic of Orthography and Structured Word Inquiries or in other words Spelling. Once again, her passion for this area was incredible and reenergised our staff.

Our day began with some revision of how we teach students to use inquiry to investigate spelling and the importance of meaning centred learning. We were doing word sums, explored wonder walls, investigated the alphabet and assessment tools. Julie provided us with knowledge, practical ideas and ideas of resources to use to trial with our students. Staff also had an opportunity to plan the work that they will explore with the students. As Julie presented each new idea, the excitement, curiosity and engagement deepened. It was a wonderful atmosphere and this day reaffirmed that the best way to learn how to spell is to understand how words work.

Coburg West teachers are committed to continuing to learn, grow and develop in this area. This journey has positively continued and despite the interruptions of the last two years, the teachers are starting to embed these strong practices into their classes and work with the students to improve spelling.

The plan moving forward is that Julie will return to our school as the year progresses to work in our classrooms with our students and teachers from Foundation to Year 6. We look forward to this and we'll keep you informed of our progress but the best thing to do is to ask your children what they are learning.

Teacher reflections about our Curriculum Day



The day reenergised our enthusiasm for teaching Structured Word Inquiry.
Henry Jenkins (Grade 6)

It was great to clarify our understandings and to reflect on how far we have grown in 1 year of implementing structured word inquiry.
Rachel Esposito (Tutor/Support Learning Teacher)

It was an opportunity to unlearn things that I was taught at school about spelling and make connections to etymology and word origins and the importance of learning this. Chloe Bindloss (Grade 1)

It seems that this approach of teaching spelling is more authentic for the students and it is built around a love for words and inquiry into how words work. Corey Robinson (Grade 3)

It was nice to engage in professional learning with colleagues and have professional discussions about how we can support students learning across every area of the school. Chris Harvey (P.E. Teacher)



Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

volunteers needed for 2022 class reps



Coburg West Primary school has a class representative program. This program aims to support the children and parents in your class to get to know each other, facilitating communication amongst parents and helping to promote and encourage participation with school activities and social events.

Being a parent 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 and arrange a social catch-up each term. You can share the job with another parent, that's fine too.

If you are interested, please email **cwpsrepcoordinator@gmail.com** with your name, relevant class and contact details to apply. Also if you would like some further information email and let me know if you would like to discuss the position.

Amanda Handley (Mum of Gus 4K)
Class Representative Coordinator 2022

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED AT CWPS?

coordinate a fundraiser or community event



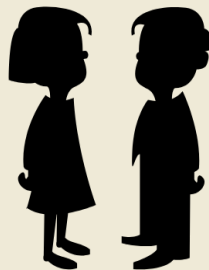
become a parent class rep



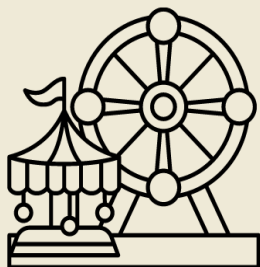
help in the canteen



join school council



help in the classroom
restrictions permitting



volunteer in community events





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FEB

CHILL N' GRILL

COMMUNITY BBQ

CANTEEN
COURTYARD

FROM 3:30PM

• FREE SCHOOL EVENT •

PLEASE EMAIL COMMUNITY GROUP
FOR VEGE OPTION
CWPSG@GMAIL.COM

Our annual Community Chill n' Grill event is running next Friday!

To sign up for "Chill n' Grill 2022" click here now: <https://signup.com/go/JUTqTbj>

We would love as many helpers as possible to make this event run smoothly and be enjoyable for all.

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WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 022

9.15AM – 11.30AM:

Our school in action

- Student-led tours
- Principal's presentation (9.20am and 10.20am)
- Information hub
11am – 11.30am

6.20pm: Presentation

(repeat session from morning)

YEAR 7 2023

ACE PROGRAM

**APPLICATIONS NOW
OPEN**

Closing date Friday 6th May

See web site for details

nhs.vic.edu.au

COME AND TRY GIRLS FOOTY!

The **Brunswick Dragons** are excited to be hosting a Girls Preseason clinic on **Sunday 20 February**.

This session will be hosted by **Penny Cula-Reid**, a **champion AFLW Coach and Player** with a passion for supporting women and girls on their sporting journey.



- Suitable for girls aged 8 - 16
- All levels welcome including beginners - no prior football experience necessary
- Learn new skills and get fit for the footy season
- Meet existing players and coaches
- Bring a friend along!
- Shoot any questions to: info@brunswickjfc.org.au



A little bit about our guest **Penny-Cula Reid**:

- Senior coach for the Williamstown Seagulls
- Magpies Premiership Coach in 2019
- VFLW Coach of the Year in 2018
- 200 games for the St Kilda Sharks
- Selected in the inaugural AFLW draft



Sunday 20th February
Clifton Oval
4pm - 5.30pm

Follow the
link to
register



To register:
brunswickjfc.org.au/registrations
Enquiries:
registrations@brunswickjfc.org.au



PLAY FOOTY WITH THE DRAGONS

and make
friends for life



FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGEING FROM 7-18

• **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!** •



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