



Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 18TH March 2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Monday 21st March	SSV Tennis Division	Grade 3 to Grade 6
Monday 21 st March	Parent information session "How to help in the classroom" "Helping your child with reading at home"	Large hall 9-15am-11am
Tuesday 22 nd March	Chinese Museum	Grade 5
Wednesday 23 rd March	Young Leaders Day	TBA
Sunday 3 rd April	Working Bee	Starting from 9am
Monday 4 th April	Mad about science	Grade 2 incursion
Thursday 7 th April	Colourful Clothes Day for RCH Appeal	Gold Coin donation
Friday 8 th April	END OF TERM 1	Dismissal at 2.30pm
Tuesday 26 th April	START OF TERM 2	Resume 9.00am
Wednesday 4 th May	School photos	Whole school
Monday 9 th May	Economics Incursion	Grade 6
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th May	EDUCATION WEEK	Whole school events
Monday 23 rd May	Theatre Group Performances	Whole school
Thursday 2 nd June	Melbourne CBD Economics Excursion	Grade 6 Excursion
Monday 13 th June	Queen's Birthday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 23 rd June	Parent & Teacher Meetings	TBC
Friday 24 th June	END OF TERM 2	Dismissal at 2.30pm
Monday 11 th July	START OF TERM 3 / Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 12 th July	Students Return for Term 3	Resume 9.00am
Mon 25 th to Wed 27 th July	Grade 5 Camp	TBC
Mon 15 th to Fri 19 th August	SCIENCE WEEK	Whole School Events
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th August	BOOK WEEK	Whole School Events
Monday 22 nd August	Book Week Dress Up Day	Whole school
Wed 31 st Aug to Fri 2 nd Sept	Grade 4 Camp	TBC
Friday 16 th September	END OF TERM 3	Dismissal at 2.30pm
Monday 3 rd October	START OF TERM 4	Resume 9.00am
Monday 31 st October	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 1 st November	Melbourne Cup Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 20 th December	END OF TERM 4	Dismissal at 1.30pm

Dear School Community,

While it has been a shortened fortnight with the Labour Day long weekend just past, it certainly has been a very busy fortnight for all of us.

STRANGER INCIDENT TODAY

Some parents are already aware of an incident that occurred today toward the end of our lunch break involving a stranger at our front fence. I wish to reassure you all that the stranger did not enter school grounds and was not threatening in any way. Fortunately, the teacher on yard duty was on alert and given I also happened to be in the yard at the time, we both acted quickly to ensure children were kept safely away from the fence and I was able to move the person along without any issue. The police were called and as such they did visit our school to speak with both the

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teacher and myself. We explained the incident and provided descriptions to the police from Brunswick Police Station. It seems this elderly man is often seen around Coburg Primary School doing the same thing. Today he was simply walking along the footpath on our Reynard Street boundary and was squeaking a yellow dog toy to attract the children's attention. He did nothing more than smile at them as he squeaked the toy. Given I asked him to move along, he complied and moved on without incident. This is an opportune time to remind all our children to remain cautious around strangers.

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

It was wonderful to see so many parents last week for our Meet the Teacher meetings. We received such positive feedback from so many parents about the format. Not only was it a relief to finally meet with teachers face to face, but it was also an efficient way to move from teacher to teacher without causing too many delays. The staff also appreciated the benefits of this new format and as such, we are planning to run a similar format for our mid-year Parent & Teacher Meetings.

NAPLAN TEST ONLINE TRIALS

This week our students in grades 3 and 5, took part in a NAPLAN trial test. This was part of our school readiness process which was held to test our school's capacity to run multiple devices through our Wi-Fi Network at once. In the coming week, these students will undergo another trial test as part of the State-wide Readiness trial. All of this is to ensure that come May when we sit the actual NAPLAN testing, the system within our school and across the state can cope. This is required given all NAPLAN tests this year will need to be completed online.

GRADE 5 CAMP

You may have heard the cheers ringing out across Coburg this afternoon, when the Grade 5 students were informed that they have the opportunity to go on a school camp later this year. Thanks to the Victorian Government allocating \$112.9 million into the *Positive Start in 2022 Initiative*, our school is eligible to book an additional school camp. The purpose of this initiative is to re-engage and support students by boosting their physical and emotional health and wellbeing in the wake of the COVID Pandemic. Given so many students have missed out on camps and excursions over the last two years due to lockdowns and restrictions, it is felt that this initiative will assist in enabling these missed opportunities to be caught up on. And as such, the grade 5 students will be given that opportunity to experience a school camp which they did not get to experience last year while in grade 4. As the grade 5 Team Leader, Mr Torpey has been proactive in taking up this opportunity and as such is in the process of making bookings with a camp site. Fortunately for our families, as part of this initiative, the Victorian Government will be heavily subsidising the costs of this camp. More details will be shared with families as they become available.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Wednesday evening the new School Council held their first meeting for the year. After thanking and farewelling the exiting members, the new members quickly settled in and Office Bearer positions were voted on. Please take the time to read over the report provided in this Newsletter by the newly appointed School Council President, Mel Gangemi.

ASSEMBLIES

Unfortunately, with the current COVID Restrictions, we are still not permitted to hold school assemblies with all the students together, given they are not all vaccinated. As such, we have been holding our assemblies online, with classes watching from within their respective classrooms. Given it is online and all students are visible to one another, we cannot permit parents to log in due to issues around privacy. While I know this is disappointing for some parents, I am sure you can appreciate and respect the need to protect the privacy of all students in our school.

I wish you all a safe fortnight ahead.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
Prep L	Doug	We Are Learners	Tabitha	We Care	Ms Lebon / Ms Corn
Prep P	Niamh	We Are Learners	Eliza	We Care	Mr Pennington
Prep Y	Amy	We Are Learners	Samiha	We Care	Ms Youla
1B	Elena	We Care			Ms Bindloss
1D	Archie Mc	We Are Learners	Andre N	We are Learners	Mr Peric
1P	Lily B	We Are Learners	Ted H	We are Learners	Ms Preston
2A	Julius	We Are Learners			Ms Alihos
2F	Jesse T	We Care	Iris B	We are Respectful	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N	Ollie L	We Care	Zara K	We are Learners	Mr Niciak
3B	Alik	We Are Safe	Charlie & Kunjan	We Care	Ms Blackman
3R	Jude M	We Are Learners	Rylee	We are Learners	Mr Robinson
3S	Noah	We Are Learners	Niamh M	We are Learners	Ms Spiteri / Ms Pavich
4K	Phoebe	We Are Respectful	Alex S	We are Respectful	Mr Krauss
4M	Cleo G	We Are Respectful	Luke M	We are Learners	Ms Mardesic
4R	Christopher E	We Are Respectful	Mia B	We are Respectful	Ms Rigby
5B	Alessio A	We Are Learners	Max D	We are Learners	Ms Blatti
5R			Angelique	We Care	Ms Roberts
5T	Adelaide Violet	We Are Learners We Are Respectful			Mr Torpey
6F	Alexander P	We Are Learners	Beth B	We are Respectful	Ms Franco
6J	Jai C	We Are Learners	Archie	We are Safe	Mr Jenkins
6K	Amelie B	We Are Respectful	Rio G	We are Learners	Mr Kashani
			Jack P 5R	We Care	Ms Amerena
			Ned P 5R	We Care	Ms Amerena

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 th March	18 th March
Green House	Ryan 5T	Tilly 6J
Red House	Christopher 4R	Rose 4M
Blue House	Ivy 3R	Claudia 4K
Gold House	Mabel 4K	Maddie 5T

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2022 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Coburg West Primary School is excited to be participating once again. Our aim this year is to improve on the number of students who completed the challenge last year.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents or teachers, 20 of which must be from the Premier's Challenge Book List. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books, 10 of these must be from the Premier's Challenge Book List.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement (normally sent out to schools in November) signed by the Victorian Premier and will have their name included in the online Honour Roll. If you do not wish for your child's name to appear on the honour roll, in the circumstance that they complete the challenge, please contact me (Patricia Amerena) via the school email address coburg.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

This week, each student was supplied login details, hard copies were sent home along with login instructions so that you and your child/ren can start adding those book titles. If your child/ren's login details get misplaced between school and home, please email the school on the above email address and once again address the email to me and I will forward you those details.

In case you misplace the hard copy of the login instructions, I have included these below:

1. Go <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx> or **GOOGLE Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge 2022** and click on **Register and Log in**.
2. Click on **Log in to the Premier's Reading Challenge application**
3. Click on **Sign in** under the **School Coordinator or Student** title which will take you to the login page
4. Under the Student Login section, click on **VPRC Login**
5. Enter the **username** and **password** as listed above this will take you to your page where you can upload your list of books that you have read.

All books should be entered no later than **Friday 2nd September 2022**. As I receive more information, I will keep you updated.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



PARENT HELPERS & HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME **INFORMATION SESSION**

A session has been organised to explain to parent helpers about ways that you can support Coburg West Primary School. The second part of this session will then focus on what you can do to help your child with reading at home.

Date: *Monday 21st March 2022*

Time: 9:15am – 11:00am

Venue: CWPS Large Hall

The first part of the session will focus on:

- Where you can help in the school
- What helping might look like
- General expectations of working with children and teachers.

The second part of the session will focus on:

- How reading is taught at school.
- How to assist your child if they are having difficulty.
- What to do if your child makes a mistake when reading
- Ideas for supporting consistent, independent reading development.

We will finally be able to go ahead with this session in a Covid-safe way. Please ensure that you have your vaccination status ready to share and that you sanitise and wear a mask before entering our large hall where we will be socially distanced.

Additional details about the session and to book, click on the following link

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parent-information-session-classroom-helpers-reading-at-home-tickets-292189244897>

to ensure your place.

Kind regards

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The Coburg West School Community is once again participating in the Scholastic Book Club for **Issue 2, 2022**. CWPS will receive 20% of the total spend to purchase books and supplies, so this is an extremely important part of our fundraising.

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly, and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. If you have previously registered with LOOP, you will be prompted to update your child's class, and you're ready to go.

The catalogue is digital only for this issue, no printed catalogue will be sent home.

Orders must be submitted by **5pm on Monday 21st March.**

Any orders that are submitted after that will be charged extra freight costs and not included in the school's delivery or receive the full benefit of the rewards program. Please note that orders cannot be submitted or paid for at the school office.

https://scholastic.com.au/media/6789/bc222_web.pdf

Please contact the parent coordinator Jo Scott with any queries

CWPS Community Group News

We're thrilled that after a couple of tough years, we can get back to creating fun, fundraising events to create a great community environment. There's a new committee and we're looking forward to getting to know those we haven't met yet!

Next Community Group Meeting: Thursday 7th April @ Friendship Tree 2.30pm

What's on now...

Scholastic Book Club

Get your order in via Loop by

Monday 21st March

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Hot Cross Bun Drive

Hop on over to QKR by the

Thursday 7th April



Dates for diary

3rd April – Working Bee

5th May – Mother's Day Stall

20th May – Festival of Mum

Get involved

Looking at ways to get involved? email us on cwpscg@gmail.com or join the Facebook group



COBURG WEST COMMUNITY GROUP

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Support our school and Bakers Delight
Coburg with our very first fundraising
event for the year!!

**For every 6 pack of buns ordered (\$8),
we receive \$2!! So start thinking about
your favourite flavour.....**

Flavours available:

**TRADITIONAL
APPLE & CINNAMON
CHOC CHIP
MOCHA
FRUITLESS**

**Hop over to Qkr and order
yours today!!**

Order by 31st March for 7th April delivery



**COBURG WEST PRIMARY
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL**

FESTIVAL OF MUM!

**12.30PM FRIDAY 20 MAY
AT THE POST OFFICE HOTEL**

President's Report – School Council Meeting – March 2022

This Wednesday night was the last meeting of the 2021 School Council and also the first meeting of the new 2022 School Council. We thanked departing councillors Josh Rowe, Joshua Wolter, David Morson, Meg Breese, Patricia Amerena and Tye Pennington for their contribution.

We welcomed new parent elected school councillors Amanda Handley, Donald Parton and Kylie Pascoe, as well as new school employee councillors Olivia Franco and Samim Kashani.

New Office Bearers

The new Office Bearer positions for the 2022 Council are as follows:

- President – Mel Gangemi
- Vice President – Donald Parton
- Secretary – Amanda Handley
- Treasurer – Tom Morris
- Minutes Secretary – Henry Jenkins

Other positions were also appointed as conveners of various sub-committees and working groups as follows:

- [Community Group](#) Sub-Committee – Betsy Dray
- [Out of School Hours Care](#) Sub-Committee – Georgia Michaleas
- [Buildings Grounds and Sustainability](#) Sub-Committee – Sonia Hegarty
- [Canteen](#) Sub-Committee – Catherine Hill
- Human Resources Sub-Committee – Kylie Pascoe
- Grants Sub-Committee – Helen Myroforidis-Papadopoulos

Congratulations to all and thank you for being involved in this very important aspect of our school.

We expect more opportunities to re-connect with each other in 2022, and hope to see many members of you at the School Working Bee on 3 April 2022.

Mel Gangemi

School Council President

[What does School Council do?](#)



COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WORKING BEE

Sunday 3 April

2022

You are all invited to support our School Community and make some friends at the same time, by volunteering for our CWPS Working Bee on Sunday 3rd April 2022.

We will meet, sign in and start work from 9am.

We need your help to perform a variety of jobs around the school grounds, so if you can spare some time and help our school community...

... [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Thanking you for your support,
Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability Sub-Committee.

MORELAND AUSKICK CARNIVAL!

FOOTY 4 FUN



COME AND TRY AFL FOOTBALL!
20TH MARCH @ SEWELL RESERVE – GLENROY
ROAD

REGISTRATIONS FROM 9:30AM

10:00AM–12:00PM

AGES 5–12

AFL SUPER CLINIC & GAMES

12 AND UP ALSO WELCOME

Scan code to register!



Or click the link below!

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/c16bfh>





1ST ANNIVERSARY

Makers Market

March 19, 2022 9:30 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Our volunteer, community run Food Collective sources grocery and cleaning products in bulk and provides these items for distribution to members and visitors on a monthly distribution day.



New memberships receive entry into the prize draw.

Why not bring down some containers and purchase some food too!

Come see what the food collective is all about and help celebrate our 1st anniversary featuring local artists selling their goods.

**Where: Pascoe Vale Senior Citizens Centre
20 Norton Street Pascoe Vale (opposite James Reserve)**

For inquiries, or to book a free stall email
pascoealefoodcollective@gmail.com
www.sussexnh.org.au/about/agm/
www.facebook.com/pascoealefoodcollective

MERCY COLLEGE COBURG

APPLICATIONS OPEN YEAR 7 2024

Contact the College on 9319 9299 or
registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au to commence
the enrolment process



If you have not applied for a place in 2023 but would like to make a late application, please contact the Registrar as applications are being finalised.



**NORTHCOTE
HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022

9.15am – 11.30am:
Our school in action

- Student-led tours
- Principal's presentation (9.20am and 10.20am)

6.20pm: Presentation
(repeat session from morning)

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL for the
Presentation Sessions**

See website for details and
bookings: nhs.vic.edu.au

YEAR 7 2023 ACE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN - CLOSING 06 MAY