



# Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

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

## Dear School Community,

This will be the final full Newsletter for Term 1. By next Friday we will have completed the first 11 weeks of the school year. Given this has been the longest stretch of continuous face to face schooling in two years, it is no wonder that everyone is feeling a little tired and ready for a well-deserved holiday.

## WORKING BEE SUNDAY

As you would be aware, the CWPS Working Bee will be taking place this Sunday starting at 9am. This is the first working bee we have been able to hold in a few years. While it can be a busy day, full of activity, it also proves to be a very social day. Many friendships are formed and connections made between parents. Most of all, it is a great opportunity to strengthen our school community while helping keep our school grounds looking great. There is still time to register. Please sign up [here](#) or email [cwpsbuilding@gmail.com](mailto:cwpsbuilding@gmail.com).

## CLASSROOM UPGRADES ONTRACK

If you take a peek into the Grade 1 classrooms, you will see that the upgrade works are almost done. New walls are up, new floor coverings down, acoustic panelling on the walls and a vibrant new colour scheme liven up these spaces.

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While there have been a few hiccups and delays along the way, we are still on track to make handover by the end of this term. As such, we should be able to have all our Grade 1 and 2 students back into their proper classroom spaces for the start of Term 2.

#### **END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL**

I remind everyone that with the end of Term 1 next week, students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure you are able to pick up your children at this earlier time or consider making other arrangements such as a booking at OSHC.

#### **STAFFING & GREEK LANGUAGE TEACHER**

As previously reported, we have been struggling throughout this term to have teachers replaced when they are absent. Unfortunately, as we keep hearing in the news of late, employing or maintaining adequate staffing levels is a problem across many industries. As a result, we have had to split grades for the day, cancel specialist programs or shuffle classes between leadership staff. While I did enjoy taking PE classes, this is not an ideal situation and we are trying to manage as best we can to keep the school running smoothly.

We are also hopeful that with this third attempt of advertising for our Greek Language Teacher vacancy, we may be lucky enough to receive at least one application this time around. In the previous two attempts, we had no applicants and as such, we are trying for a third time. If all goes well, we aim to have a teacher employed for the start of Term 2.

#### **COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS**

As this term progressed, we have considered ourselves to be very lucky that we have not suffered a major COVID outbreak across our school. While we continue to have positive cases reported daily, our numbers are small in comparison to some schools. I am confident that this is thanks to the measures taken by the majority across our school. Thanks to the use of face masks, hand hygiene, air purifiers, twice weekly Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT), ventilation and vaccinations, we are doing considerably well.

While we have yet to be advised by the Department of Education if any of the restrictions will be eased or changed, we must continue with these current arrangements. In recent days, we have received delivery of 20 additional Air Purifiers to support ventilation through the winter months, additional supplies of RAT Kits and children's face masks. This may indicate that some of the existing measures will be continued into Term 2.

#### **PARENT HELPERS RETURN TO OUR CLASSROOMS**

We are also planning to have our Parent Helpers Program start up again in Term 2. Thank you to those parents who attended the information session held in the last fortnight with Ms Amerena. Your child's teachers will provide more information regarding when help is required and how to roster yourself on to help. Of course, you will still be required to follow any COVID Safe measures that may be in place at the time.

#### **COLOURFUL CLOTHES DAY**

Our Student Leaders are very excited to be running their first major activity for this year. Next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April will be our Colourful Clothes Day, where all students are asked to wear their most colourful clothes to school and make a gold coin donation. All funds raised on the day will be generously donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This appeal was chosen by our Student Leaders given their connection to the hospital via personal experience or the experience of a friend or family member. We look forward to seeing everyone taking part in the colourful fun of this day.

Before the term ends, please take the time across the week to show your appreciation and thank your child's teachers for the hard work and great efforts they put in everyday to keep your child safe, engaged in their learning and helping shape them into the good citizens our world needs.

If I do not get the opportunity to do so personally at the gate, I would like to wish you all a restful and safe holiday, with a Happy Easter in the middle.

Kind regards,

**Mark COLAGRANDE**  
**PRINCIPAL**



# CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

We Are **Learners** / We Are **Respectful** / We Are **Safe** / We **Care**

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
Prep L	Archer	We Care	Esme	We Are Safe	Mrs Lebon / Ms Corn
Prep P	Fletcher	We Care	Isaac	We Are Safe	Mr Pennington
Prep Y	Donnie	We Care	Amy	We Are Safe	Miss Youla
1B	Mason W	We Care			Ms Bindloss
1D	Selena S	We Are Learners			Mr Peric
1P	Lily B	We Care			Miss Preston
2A	Frankie	We Care			Ms Alihos
2F	Alexandra S	We Are Learners	Philip	We Are Learners	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N	Asha G	We Are Learners			Mr Niciak
3B	Charlie	We Are Learners	Alexis	We Are Learners	Miss Blackman
3R	Grace	We Are Respectful	Hannah	We Are Learners	Mr Robinson
3S	Max C	We Care	Evangelia	We Are Respectful	Ms Spiteri / Ms Pavich
4K	Dylan R	We Are Learners			Mr Krauss
4M	Harry S	We Are Learners			Ms Mardesic
4R	Stefan A	We Are Learners	Francesco	We Are Learners	Ms Rigby
5B	Wilbur W	We Are Respectful	Leo C	We Are Learners	Ms Blatti/Ms Mckenzie
5R	Kristina M	We Are Learners	Hannah B	We Care	Ms Roberts
5T	Florence H Jomei D	We Are Safe We Are Learners	Ryan K Rachel H Lia C	We Are Learners We Care We Care	Mr Torpey
6F	Gigi O	We Are Learners			Ms Franco
6J	Dean M	We Are Respectful	Noah R	We Are Learners	Mr Jenkins
6K	Zoe S	We Care	Lucy B	We Are Respectful	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.

	25 March	1 April
<b>Green House</b>	Damian 3R	Zara 3B
<b>Red House</b>	Grace 5T	Jude 5T
<b>Blue House</b>	Vera 5T	Lia 5T
<b>Gold House</b>	Bo Prep Y	Penelope 5T

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# Colourful Clothes Day!

Most of us here at CWPS has been to the Royal Children's Hospital, and all of us probably know someone who has been to the Royal Children's Hospital. So, the CWPS student leaders have decided to raise money to help the hospital.

## GOLD COIN DONATION :)

**Date:** Thursday the 7th of April

### What is a colourful clothes day?

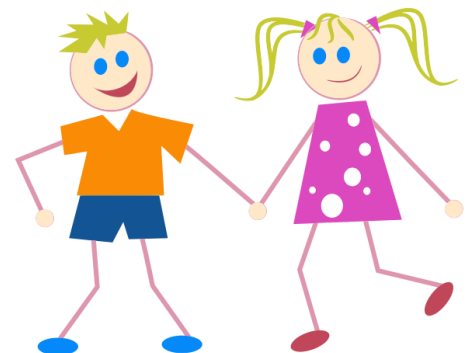
Colourful Clothes day is a day to dress in your most colourful outfit! Wear colourful clothes to help raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. Bring a gold coin donation to help thousands of kids going through treatment at the Royal Children's Hospital.

### Why are we raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital?

Well, the Royal Children's Hospital helps millions of kids every year! The Royal Children's Hospital needs our help as they are running out of supplies and they need people to help them by raising money.

### What will the money go towards?

The money from this fundraiser will go towards helping children in the Royal Children's have a better experience in the hospital. Specifically, your gold coin donation will go towards research at the hospital, buying and fixing equipment and technology and many other things.



# Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday the 23rd of March the School Captains, School Leaders, Grade 5 House Captains, the Grade 6 S.R.C.'s Miss Franco and Mr Jenkins all went to Young Leader's Day.

The day started with everyone meeting up at Coburg Station at 7 am. We caught a train to Flinders Street station and walked to a red wall where we stopped to take some photos. After this we continued until we were at the convention centre. We entered inside the centre and went to buy some halogen badges in the foyer. Halogen badges are based on halogen lights. Halogen lights shine very brightly, therefore we entered the auditorium.

Inside the auditorium we found our seats and were greeted by DJ Raph who introduced us to some of the dance curriculum crew. We learnt a dance to Dance Curriculum's newest song called "you know (it's fun to learn)".

Afterwards, we were introduced to the first speaker Lachie Smart, the youngest person ever to fly around the world solo. We listened to Lachie Smart speak about his journey and how mistakes can save your life. It was interesting to listen to and was an informative experience. All in all he was a really inspiring and endearing speaker.

The next speaker was Guy Edmonds who is an Actor/Director/Writer/Producer/Author/some other things. He led through his presentation with laughter and his speech made us smile. He wrote the books Zoo Crew and Zombie Diaries and co-created the TV Show Hardball. Guy taught us the importance of leading with love and laughter. He also taught us that failure is RAD. R for resilience, a for acceptance and d for determination.

After Guy, was Cate Campbell. She told us a bit about her life after she moved from Malawi to Australia. She was the oldest of five children and they moved to Australia because it had better health care and education. She admitted she wasn't that into swimming until her mum sat her down after stealing her sister, Bronte's, trophies and medals. She realised then she really wanted to swim and have medals like Bronte. She also said that be humble when you win because her sister Bronte wasn't and she created her greatest rival. It was very interesting.

The last speaker we had was Damien Fleming. He is a retired cricketer and now commentates during matches. He talked to us about how you need a plan to achieve your goals. He showed us what happened in a semi-final game Australia versus South Africa. He showed us how he had to adapt to the situation when their game plan appeared to be failing. He showed us how not only is it important to have a plan, but a back-up plan. You also have to be ready to adapt to an unexpected situation. Because of Damien Fleming's adaptation to the situation, Australia got through to the Grand Final.

Overall, we all had a great day. We learnt how to become a good leader and learnt tips about everyday life. We really enjoyed all the speeches and activities there were and in the end it was a fun, memorable day and trip.

Thanks for reading.

Freya L and Ashleigh H.





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## CWPS How to Help with Reading At Home & Parent Helpers Presentation



On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, I had the privilege of presenting 'face to face' information to parents about how to help children with reading at home. Thank you to all the parents who signed up for the session and for your wonderful listening, inquisitive questions and great feedback.

I understand how difficult it can be to make time to attend these sessions therefore I wanted to inform the community that a virtual presentation of this session with handouts is available on the Coburg West Primary School website <https://www.cobw.vic.edu.au> You will also find a presentation about classroom helpers with notes available on the website home page. This was also presented on this day and becomes important as we prepare to once again invite our parent helpers into our classrooms.



### 2022 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

I hope that everyone received their Premier's Reading Challenge login details and instructions of how to login, they were distributed as hard copies during the last couple of weeks. If your child/ren's login details have been misplaced between school and home, please email the school at [coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and address the email to me (Patricia Amerena) and I will forward you those details.

In the meantime, please encourage your child/ren to participate, we would love to have maximum participation. Although the challenge starts in March, there is no restriction to your child starting the challenge from this time, you can join in whenever you please. The important date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, this is when all books must be entered in order to be counted in the total books read during the challenge period.

So, please start reading and adding those books to the site.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Patricia Amerena

English Leading Teacher



# Winning Artwork

This week at Coburg West, Grade 6 student Sophia Huang impressed the community with announcements of her success in the art world.

As a commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of French novelist Marcel Proust's birthday, children aged 3 to 18 globally were invited to participate in an art contest by creating joint paintings with six international art masters.

As the winner of this contest, Sophia's artwork will be exhibited at Chateau de Swann in France and the Jing Gallery in China between April and June of this year.

Furthermore, this has made Sophia eligible to be a Special Award Winner; shortlisted to 200 participants which will have an opportunity to be exhibited at the Louvre in Paris. We are beyond proud of her efforts as a school community and wholeheartedly support all her artistic endeavors to come.

Well done, Sophia!







Dear Coburg West Community,

Over the last year, we have started up a gardening club at school. We were lucky enough to receive a grant from Woolworths to help us buy the initial materials required. So far, we have successfully planted and grown silverbeet, beetroot, carrots and broccoli.

Our aims for the next year are:

- planting and maintaining 2-4 veggie patches
- planting a native garden near the prep/1/2 building once building renovations are completed
- increasing sustainability in the school as a whole
- beginning a composting system which we will use to help our vegetable gardens

We would love to know if there are any expert gardeners who would like to help us plan our gardening program and support our budding gardeners once a week. We meet every Wednesday at lunch time. If you would like to help out and have a current working with children check, please email the school and direct to Miss Blackman.

Thank you ☺

Miss Blackman and the Coburg West Primary Gardening Club



# CWPS Community Group News

A huge thank you to all the families that made purchases in the first book drive for 2022, and to the team of volunteers that helped distribute them to classrooms! As a community, we've raised \$637 to be spent on books. We've also had a successful Hot Cross Bun Drive! Orders have now closed and you'll receive your delicious goods on Thursday! What a great way to start our fundraising for the year. Thanks for getting behind these events and helping our awesome school raise some dollars!

**Community Group Meeting: ALL WELCOME!**  
**Thursday 7th April @ Friendship Tree 2.30pm**

## What's happening in term 2..

### May

**7th - Mothers Day Stall** (look out for a call for volunteers next week)

**20th - Festival of Mum!**  
(details on next page)

**June (dates TBC)**

Pie Drive

School Disco

## Volunteer call out!

We need to deliver **Hot Cross Buns** to classrooms on **Thursday 7th April** if you can spare some time (TBC)



## Dates for the Diary Community Meetings

**Thursday 12th May**

7:30 @ Post Office Hotel

**Thursday 9th June**

7:30 @ Post Office Hotel

## Get involved with the Community

email us on  
[cwpscg@gmail.com](mailto:cwpscg@gmail.com) or join  
the [Facebook group](#)

# Class Rep Program 2022

**Call out!!** Parents/ guardians please return your forms for the class rep program. Our Class reps need these to build the contact lists for classes to assist with organising social catch ups but also to provide you with fundraising and school event updates!

This program aims to build social networks within the school and is a way to keep connected with the school community and is helpful for new parents and families to the school.

*It has been great to hear about our prep families having catch ups at Shore reserve and Queens park and I know there are a few Easter egg hunts planned in the coming weeks !*

If you didn't receive a form (eaten by a school bag, squished in with brain food or just misplaced) please contact me at **CWPSrepcoordinator@gmail.com** and let me know your class and I can put you in contact with your Class rep.

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



# SHORE RESERVE SHOWDOWN 2022!



IT'S  
HAPPENING IN  
2022!

Unfortunately, due COVID restrictions, the Shore Reserve Showdown was cancelled the past two years.

We are pleased to report that it will be running in 2022!! For those new to the Showdown, it is a footy match between the parents of Coburg West and Pascoe Vale South!! Lots of great opportunities to get involved and meet the broader community!

GET  
INVOLVED!  
WE NEED  
VOLUNTEERS

This event doesn't happen without a village, so we are calling on volunteers to get involved! Whether it be playing, coaching, helping coordinate fundraising, or volunteering on the day - we need your help!

Please email your details to Vlad Jotic - [vlad.jotic@gmail.com](mailto:vlad.jotic@gmail.com) and/or the Community email address at [cwpscsg@gmail.com](mailto:cwpscsg@gmail.com) and the team will get in touch with you!!

Go Coburg Warriors!!

# Join us at the **Bunnings** *Easter Brunch*

**FREE**



**Join in with games, activity, giveaways, D.I.Y and more!  
Enjoy brunch and a very special visit from the Easter Bunny.  
Saturday 2nd April 9-12pm**

## **Coburg Bunnings - Activities for the whole family**

Kids Easter Craft Activities  
Easter Bunny Appearance  
Popcorn & Fairy Floss  
Light refreshments  
Mini Golf  
Easter Raffle

For more information contact us on 9371-8400  
or visit [www.bunnings.com.au/coburg](http://www.bunnings.com.au/coburg)

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## Wednesday 13th April

### 10am - 12.15pm Easter Baking

Mix, bake, and decorate traditional Easter fare to take home and share with friends and family. \$30\* / Age 7+



### 1pm - 3pm Mexican Makers

Decorate jewellery and functional objects using traditional Mexican styles. Class led by Mexican artist, Lizette. \$50\* / Age 7+



*\*\$75 for both workshops. Participants to bring their own lunch.*

## Thursday 14th April

### 10am - 12pm Pottery Workshop

Working with professional ceramicist Pegs Marlow, participants will make a functional bowl or cup, which will be glazed and fired for collection at a later date (tba). \$50\* / Age 7+



### 12.45pm - 3pm Discover Decoupage

Participants will select an object e.g. box, coaster(s), placemat, then be shown how to decorate it in the tradition of classic decoupage - with images, paint, gold paper. \$30 / Age 7+



*\*\$70 for both workshops. Participants to bring their own lunch.*

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# GIRLS SOCIAL SOCCER TERM 2 10-11AM SATURDAYS



We are offering a girls-only social soccer program. It's beginner-friendly, run by experienced & supportive female coaches.

**Every Saturday in term 2: 30 April - 25 June, 10 am - 11am.**

For ages 5 - 12 years

Only \$12 per session.

Dunstan Reserve, 22c Brunswick West

Register now: <https://form.jotform.com/220713218581855>

For more information, contact: [info@brunswickcitysc.com.au](mailto:info@brunswickcitysc.com.au)



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