



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 20th February

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 1		
February		
Wed. 25 th -Fri. 30 th	Grade 6 Camp	Portsea
March		
Monday 9 th	Labour Day Public Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 10 th	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Wednesday 11 th	NAPLAN Commences	Grades 3 & 5
Wednesday 25 th	World Of Maths Incursion	Grades 3 & 4
Friday 27 th	Moonlight Cinema	Community Group Event
April		
Friday 3 rd	Last Day of Term 1	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2		
Monday 20 th	First Day of Term 2	9:00am Start
May		
Wednesday 6 th	Grade 5 Camp	Silvan
Wednesday 20 th	School Photos	Whole School
June		
Friday 5 th	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Friday 26 th	Last Day of Term 2	2:30pm Dismissal

VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2026

	STARTS	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Wednesday 28 th January	Thursday 2 nd April	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Monday 20 th April	Friday 26 th June	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 13 th July	Friday 18 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 5 th October	Friday 18 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

Our students have quickly settled into another year of learning, and our Preps have also made a very smooth start. It has been lovely to observe how they have quickly formed good connections with their Buddies from Grade Four.

Damage to our Grounds

You may have noticed that we recently had a branch come down from a tree on the rear boundary. I have been assured by the arborists who removed the branch, that the tree is safe. Unfortunately, when the branch did

come down, it made a small tear in our turf. This tear will not impact play as it is on the outer edge of the field, but sadly last Monday morning we arrived to find several deep burn marks across the central area of our field. They appear to have been made by some form of thin tyre. While we are unsure if it was an e-scooter or e-bike, we urge you all to notify police if you do notice people loitering on school grounds outside of school hours, or at the very least ask them to move on.

House Captains Announced

Following on from the election and appointment of our School Captains and Senior Student Leaders, our House Captains for 2026 have also been elected. Please join me in congratulating the following grade 5 students:

Green House Captains	Teddy 5E & Anais 5E
Red House Captains	Scout 5E & Hugh 5T
Blue House Captains	Evie 5E & Zayn 5T
Gold House Captains	Harper 5T & Neve 5T

Students across the school are also currently being elected by their classmates to fulfill other important roles such as Student Representative Council, Sustainability Leaders and Wellbeing Leaders.

Free Dental Checks with Smile Squad

The team from Smile Squad are currently back onsite to provide free dental checks and follow up treatments to your children. To benefit from this opportunity, parents must register and provide consent for their child having a check-up. Please see the link in the Newsfeed post on COMPASS or the information pack that came home with your child in recent weeks via the orange Smile Squad water bottles.

Camps and Swimming Programs

Please take note of the dates listed in the Calendar at the start of this newsletter. With each edition, we endeavour to update it and provide the dates of upcoming events for your information. It is important that families take note of what relates to their child as often payments or consent are required in advance. Once again, this year our Swimming Program will be offered to all students from Prep to Six. Dates are currently being confirmed, and we will share these shortly. Our Camp Program also kicks off in the coming week with Grade Six heading to Portsea on Wednesday. This will continue with Grade Five going in Term 2, Grade Four in Term 3 and Grade Three going away in Term 4. For parents in these year levels, please look out for the information as it is shared by the teachers, as deposits will need to be made, while consent and medical information will also need to be provided. It is of great benefit for all children to take part in these programs as they help build independence, resilience and stronger social connections with their peers and teachers.

Building Connections

It was wonderful to see so many families attending our **Meet the Teacher** eve for Grades One to Six. This process has proven to be successful in building those connections between home and school which help support every child through their year of learning ahead. On a personal level, it was also lovely to chat with so many of you and I appreciated the positive feedback regarding the changes to our Specialist Programs this year. The relaunch of our STEM program and launch of our Visual Arts/Italian CLIL program seem to have been well received by all. Thank you for your continued support.

I will also take this opportunity to remind everyone to look out for details relating to our upcoming **Moonlight Cinema** evening. This being the first of many events held by our CWP School Community Group, it is always well attended, enabling families to connect and help build that sense of community we all value. If you have

some time available to assist and volunteer to help run this or a future event, please contact the School Community Group to offer your support.

Voluntary Contribution Payments

I wish to remind everyone that Voluntary Contributions can now be paid using COMPASS.

These payments help our school cover the costs of providing all the materials and resources your children need to engage in their learning. Whether it be pencils, glue, workbooks, paints, sporting equipment, laptops, musical instruments, counters or books to read, payment of the Essential Learning Items helps us replenish these items as required for your children.

Other payments listed assist us in areas such as employing Sue our School Nurse and Tony our Grounds Keeper.

Then there are also the tax-deductible donations families can make to our Building Fund and Library Fund, which help us in replenishing reading sets and stocking the library shelves, while also working towards upgrades such as new carpets in classrooms.

Please see Compass emails and Newsfeed for more information or go direct to COMPASS to make payments.

**Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL**

Easing into adolescence: resources for families

Free resources for families of adolescents aged 10 to 14 years.

The Department of Education has launched an [Easing into adolescence](#) webpage for families of students aged 10 to 14 (Grade 5 to Year 8).

The webpage has information and strategies you can use to help ease your child into adolescence and secondary school. These include:

- a guide to emotion coaching. Staff from The University of Melbourne's Tuning in to Teens Kids program developed the guidance.
- how to support your adolescent with their studies and more generally. Parenting expert and clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller helped develop this resource.

Subtitles for videos by The University of Melbourne on the webpage are available in 10 languages. You can select your preferred language on the [translations page](#).

For questions about these resources, contact the Strategic Partnerships, Transitions and Student Voice team. You can email them at Secondary.School.Transition@education.vic.gov.au.

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
00D	-	-	-	-	Ms. Zschunke
00L	-	-	-	-	Ms. Lebon/Mr. Robinson
1C	Maeve	We Care	Dom	We Are Learners	Ms. Corn
1S	Marcus	We Care	Patrick	We Care	Ms. Saville/Ms. Sztrajt
2S	Archer	We Are Safe	Raffy	We Are Learners	Ms. Spiteri/Ms. Amerena
2P	Angus	We Care	-	-	Ms. Preston
3M	Astrid	We Care	Reuben	We Care	Ms. McKenzie/Ms. Currie
3P	Alistair	We Are Learners	Issy	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
4A	Eliza	We Care	Peter	We Are Learners	Mr. Aitken
4F	Leon	We Care	Scarlett	We Are Learners	Ms. Fonte De Vos
5E	Hazel H.	We Are Safe	Ada	We Are Learners	Ms. Esposito
5T	Gianni	We Are Learners	Elena	We Care	Mr. Torpey
6O	Archie	We Care	Immy	We Are Learners	Mr Oberbichler
6R	Lucas B.	We Care	Lyla	We Care	Ms. Rigby
P.E.	Riley J.	We Are Safe	Isaac A.	We Are Safe	Mr. Harvey
V. Arts /Italian	Darius B.	We Are Safe	Tom	We Are Respectful	Ms. DiVincenzo/ Ms. Peterson
P. Arts	Zayn N.	We Are Respectful	Ocean	We Are Safe	Ms. Sommer
STEM	Mason T.	We Are Learners	Marcella	We Are Learners	Mr. Robinson

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.

	13 th February	20 th February
Green House	Xeno 1S	Lana 1S
Red House	Charlotte 3M	Riley 1C
Gold House	Una 3M	Dion 2P
Blue House	Tom 1S	Goldie 4A



Visitors from the Solomon Islands.

On Wednesday 11th February we were very proud to welcome some visitors from the Solomon Islands. They visited as part of a study tour. They are working in collaboration to explore The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Education Primary Teacher Education Program and to present on the Solomon Islands education system at the university. They absolutely loved the school visit!

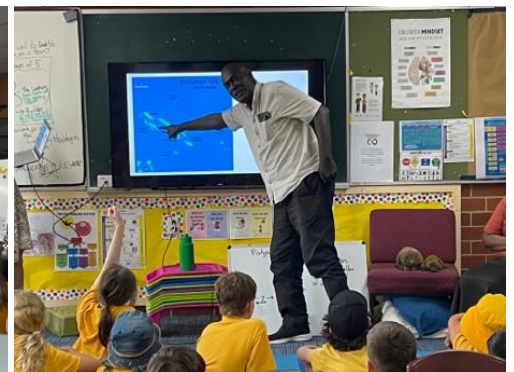
Visitors to Coburg West: Dr Billy Fito'o, Dr John Sisiolo, Calvin Ngatulu, and Cecil Reggie (Solomon Islands National University), Juliet Horiha (Catalpa International), Dr Rhonda Di Biase and Dr Carmel Mesiti (University of Melbourne)

We were very happy to show our visitors around “The best school in Melbourne” and they were amazed by the resources and teaching spaces we have here.

The visiting academics were fascinated to learn more from teaching staff about how pre- service teachers complete practices in schools in Australia and wanted to talk to staff who have been mentors and recently graduated about their experiences.



As is always the case the students at Coburg West were the stars of the show and we had a lovely question and answer session with our Grade 6s finding out about all the differences between schools in the Solomons and Australia.



It was both enriching and humbling to exchange experiences with our visitors and we thanked them for their visit and gave them some CWPS memorabilia to share back at home.

Coburg District Swimming Championships

The Coburg District Swimming Championships were held on Tuesday 17th February at Elite Swimming – Brunswick Pool.

The following students are to be **congratulated** on their outstanding participation and efforts:

Goldie W, Harper R, Petra P, Milana P, Alistair P, Alexander C, Mila T, Anna P, Ella L, Eda C, Zara K, Lukas R, Amy L, Alessandra S, Izayah S, Sebastian G, Flora W, Hugo W, Max A.

All team members performed extremely well and represented **Coburg West Primary School** in an outstanding manner. We are incredibly proud of their effort, sportsmanship and team spirit.

★ Division Qualifiers

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Division Swimming Championships:

- Amy L – Freestyle, Butterfly and 10-Year-Old Girls Freestyle Relay
- Zara K – Freestyle and Breaststroke
- Alexander C – Freestyle and Breaststroke
- Alessandra S – Backstroke
- Alistair P – Breaststroke
- Sebastian G – Breaststroke



In addition, **Coburg West P.S** has qualified for:

- 10-Year-Old Girls Freestyle Relay
- 11-Year-Old Girls Relay

The Division Swimming Championships will be held on **Tuesday 12th March**.

A big thank you to our parents and families who assisted with transport and arrangements to ensure students could participate in this fantastic opportunity.

Well done to all competitors!

Chris Harvey
Sports Coordinator
Coburg West Primary School

COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

MOONLIGHT CINEMA

TICKETS - \$40 FAMILY,
\$15 ADULT, \$10 CHILD

STAY TUNED
FOR MOVIE!

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Pre purchase tickets via QKR!

AND...
Raffle with amazing
prizes. draw on the
night. purchase
tickets prior or on
entry!



Entry via back gate on Devon Avenue from 6pm.

Movie starts at dusk (after 7.30pm).

BYO picnic rugs, chairs, beanbags, picnics, drinks etc.

Confectionery Bar will be OPEN serving lollies,
icecreams, popcorn, soft drinks!

PLEASE NOTE: Kids must be under adult supervision at all times



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2025/2026 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at

www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.



Programs for Kids

Little Artists

Wednesdays, 4:15pm - 5:15pm | Grades K-3

Children explore a new creative focus each week, from recycled sculptures to painting, collage, and paper-mâché.



Kids Create

Mondays, 4:15pm - 5:45pm | Grades 3-6

An open-ended creative program led by an art therapist, where children explore ideas through art, design, and storytelling.



Clay Art for Kids (& Big Kids)

Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 6pm (Ages 6-10)

Thursdays, 4:30pm - 6pm (Ages 10-15)

A hands-on ceramics class where kids shape, decorate and glaze a new creation each week.



Gaming Bugs

Wednesdays, 4:15pm - 5:15pm | For girls in Grades 3-6

A safe, social, and sensory-aware gaming group just for girls in Grades 3-6 designed with neurodivergent players in mind



Keyboard Lessons

Mondays | Ages 7-12

Beginners, 5:30 - 6:20pm | Intermediates, 4:30 - 5:20pm

A relaxed music class where kids learn keyboard skills at their own pace. BYO Keyboard



Contact Us:

Programs for Youth

Youth Artspace

Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm | High Schoolers, Ages 12-18

A facilitated studio space for young artists to build skills, experiment with different mediums, and develop their own practice. Ideal for folio students.



Code Club

Mondays, 5:15pm - 6:15pm | Ages 9-13

A fun after-school club where kids and carers explore coding, animation, and digital creativity together while building problem-solving skills. No prior coding experience needed.



Let's Animate: Intro to 3D Animation

Tuesdays, 5:15pm - 6:15pm | Ages 11+

Using Blender, students learn to model, texture, and animate while creating short sequences and finished renders. A skill-building session and an opportunity to start a folio of work.



Chess Club

Tuesdays, 4pm - 5pm | Ages 11+

A social brain-boosting club led by a skilled chess teacher where kids can learn strategy and problem-solving through advanced tactics and variations. Beginner-friendly!



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, 1pm - 4pm | Ages 11-15

Create your own character and dive into an epic fantasy adventure across three guided sessions. Perfect for beginners and returning players alike.



Homework Club

Thursdays, 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Local high schoolers

Free online tutoring for high school students across the Inner North. Students receive 1-on-1 or small-group support tailored to their subjects, including VCE. Delivered online via Zoom.



KIDS CREATE

WHERE IMAGINATION LEADS THE WAY!

Book one,
get one!

FOR KIDS
IN GRADES
3 TO 6

PAINT, BUILD, SCULPT, EXPLORE & CREATE
Your Way, Every Week

AT KIDS CREATE, YOU CAN:

- Make art your own way
- Try new materials every week
- Work together or do your own thing
- Use paint, clay, & recycled treasures
- Share ideas and stories with friends

GREAT FOR KIDS WHO:

- Love being creative (or aren't sure yet)
- Enjoy hands-on, process-based art
- Benefit from choice, encouragement & support

BOOK ONLINE OR OVER THE PHONE

Mention this flyer when you book!

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7 Prospect St, Pascoe Vale 3044

**BOOK ONE
GET ONE!**

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and get a whole
term FREE!



COBURG HIGH SCHOOL
Open Day
Wednesday 22 April 2026

Explore our:

- classrooms in action, where authentic learning comes to life
- diverse programs, student supports, and learning beyond the classroom
- vibrant school culture, led by inspiring student leaders and staff
- our beautiful school grounds

101 Urquhart St, Coburg 3058
www.coburg.vic.edu.au

SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER





OPEN DAY

Inspiring Hearts

SHAPING FUTURES



SUNDAY, 15 MARCH | 11am – 3pm

Principal's Address 11am, 12pm and 1pm

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

Now accepting Year 7 2028 enrolments Secure your place today

Limited places available for Year 7 2027 | Applications close 14 August 2026

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TERM 1



MON	Drop-in @ Oxygen Youth Space 3 - 5 pm / Oxygen / 12 - 18s	Helping Hoops Basketball for girls 4.30 pm / Fawkner / 10+	Fawkner Drop-in (coming Term 2)
TUES	Girls & Women - only Boxing 5.30 pm / Oxygen / 12 - 24s	Soundmakr Music Program 5.30 pm / Oxygen / 12 - 16s	Youth Ambassadors 5 pm / Oxygen / 12 - 18s
WED	Drop-in @ Oxygen Youth Space 3 - 5 pm / Oxygen / 12 - 18s	Amped - Up Events Committee 5.30 pm / Oxygen / 12 - 24s	Fawkner Drop-in (coming Term 2)
THURS	My Space @ Oxygen Youth Space 3 - 5 pm / Oxygen / 18 - 24s	Fawkner Fastbreak Basketball 3 - 5 pm / Fawkner / 12 - 18s	
FRI	Drop-in @ Oxygen Youth Space 3 - 5 pm / Oxygen / 12 - 18s	My Rainbow LGBTQIA+ Social Group Monthly / Oxygen / 12 - 18s	Takeover Night @ The Glenroy library Friday 6 March / Glenroy / 12 - 18s
MON -SUN	Oxygen Jam Room for hire (free) 9am - 5pm / 12 - 18s	Oxygen Jam Room for hire (\$76 per term) 10am - 10pm / 16 - 24s	Glenroy Hub Library Youth Lounge Library hours / 12 - 24s
EVENTS	Sydney Road Street Party Youth Stage Sunday 1 March / Brunswick / 12pm / All Ages	Youth Consultants Meet-Ups Date TBC / Oxygen / 12 - 18s	April School Holiday Program 1 - 4 pm / Various Locations / 12 - 18s

Oxygen
 Glenroy
 Brunswick
 Fawkner



JOIN US FOR

MY RAINBOW

LGBTQIA+ SOCIAL GROUP FOR 12 - 17s



FRI 27 FEB

5:30PM - 7:30PM

CLOTHES CUSTOMISING WORKSHOP, ANIMATION
SCREENING, SNACKS, GAMES, FUN.

REGISTER



@MERRI_BEKYOUTH

FREE

OXYGEN



SOUNDMAKRZ

ALL INSTRUMENTS + ALL GENDERS + ALL LEVELS

*Year 7-10 | Weekly band music program
Oxygen Youth Space | Coburg
sign up at fairmusic.org*



We are
**MERRI-BEK
YOUTH**