



# Coburg West Primary School

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
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
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	World of Maths	Grades 3 & 4
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Lego Land Excursion	Grade 1
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Traffic School Excursion	Prep
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Teacher's Professional Practice Day	Students Not Required
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Melbourne CBD Economics Excursion	Grade 6 Excursion
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sea Life Excursion	Grade 2
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Coburg West Disco night	6pm-7pm Grades 1 & 2 7.30pm Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Grade 6 Market	Grade 6
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Movie Day	Grade 6
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,**

If this past fortnight has shown anything, it is how our school community works so well together.

## COMMUNITY GROUP ARE POWERING AHEAD

Following on from a most successful Mother's Day Stall, Betsy and her team of parent volunteers have had very little time to breath between events.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, saw 52 members of our school community gather together for the *Festival of Mum*. A wonderful luncheon was enjoyed by parents from across our school. All this while preparations were underway for the Election Day Sausage Sizzle. Between the many donations from local businesses and those made by families, a successful day of fund raising was delivered by so many parent volunteers. The Community Group ensured that all those that entered our school grounds had a good selection of sausages, sweet and savoury baked goods as well as fresh coffee to enjoy in the sunshine, creating a friendly and inviting atmosphere, as you will see in the photos which follow in this Newsletter.

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There is ample opportunity ahead for you to support the work of our Community Group, with the upcoming Pie Drive and the Student Disco on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, amongst other things between now and the end of year.

### **EDUCATION WEEK – OPEN CLASSROOMS**

As previously communicated, our teachers will be opening their classrooms to you all for an afternoon and a morning this coming week. Feel free to wander through and see how our students learn and grow, as we celebrate this year's theme of 150 Years of Public Education:

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:35pm to 3:25pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:15am to 10:45am

Please be reminded that these are opportunities to wander and observe, **not** to meet with teachers or more importantly to take photos or distract the students from their learning.

### **NAPLAN ONLINE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED**

I must thank Mr Copping, the teachers and students for all their hard work and efforts in getting all NAPLAN testing completed successfully. With this year being the first time CWPS students completed these tests online, there was a lot of concern around how it would all go. But thanks to all the organisational efforts of Mr Copping, support and calm delivery by all teachers in Grades 3 and 5, the students breezed through the four tests without any major issues. Congratulations to all the students for giving it a go and doing their best.

### **COVID SAFE MEASURES UPDATE**

A reminder to all families, that as per updates from the Department of Health and Department of Education, we will be continuing to distribute Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits to all students and staff. While it is no longer a requirement to test twice weekly, it is still an expectation that students and staff take a RAT if they have symptoms or daily if they are a close contact of a positive case. Of course, if a positive result is shown, the positive person must stay home and isolate, notify the school in writing or phone as soon as possible and follow the necessary health advice.

As we have already seen this term, many students and staff are also being heavily impacted by colds and influenza. I urge all families to consider keeping their children at home while they are unwell or have symptoms such as fever, coughing, sneezing or a runny nose.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- 2023 Enrolments are open. If your child is of age to commence school next year, please contact or visit the office to collect an enrolment pack. If you know of a friend, neighbour or relative within our school zone who also have a child ready for school in 2023, have them contact the office to arrange a personalised tour of the school.
- 2022 Parent Payments/Essential Learning Items are now called Voluntary Financial Contributions/Curriculum Contributions. These contributions cover the costs of your child's learning and wellbeing, for example all stationary items used in class and specialist classes, as well as providing the services of our (busiest staff member) School Nurse. These contributions can still be made via COMPASS, with more information available on our [website at Parent Payments](#).
- EOFY Tax Deductible Donations can be made to either our Building Fund or Library Fund. These donations can also be made via COMPASS, with the office staff issuing receipts for all donations made. All monies raised in these funds, have contributed to such things as new carpets and floorings across all Prep, Grade 1 and 2 classrooms, along with hundreds of books being purchased to build reading collections across our school.
- Students not required on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June as this will be a whole staff Professional Practice Day (PPD). Please see OSHC for information regarding the care program on offer for this day if required.

Keep warm and well.

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	Kaylin	We Care	Thomas	We Are Learners	Mrs Lebon / Ms Corn
Prep P	Janaki	We Care	Alistair	We Are Learners	Mr Pennington
Prep Y	Bo	We Care	Leon	We Are Learners	Miss Youla
1B			Neve	We Are Learners	Ms Bindloss
1D	Samuel	We Are Learners	Ada	We Are Caring	Mr Peric
1P	Ivy	We Are Safe	Aston Mila	We Are Learners We Are Respectful	Miss Preston
2A	Alex	We Are Respectful	Archie	We Are Learners	Ms Alihos
2F	Jacob	We Are Learners	Andrew	We Are Safe	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N	Sofia	We Are Learners	Olivia	We Are Learners	Mr Niciak
3B	Maider	We Are Learners	Dylan	We Are Learners	Miss Blackman
3R	Patrick	We Are Learners	whole Class	We Care	Mr Robinson
3S	Alexander	We Are Learners	Sofia	We Are Respectful	Ms Spiteri / Ms Pavich
4K	Josh	We Are Learners	Lani	We Are Learners	Mr Krauss
4M	Morgan	We Are Learners	Niko	We Care	Ms Mardesic
4R	Stefan	We Are Respectful	Matilda	We Care	Ms Rigby
5B	Brandon	We Are Learners			Ms Blatti/Ms Mckenzie
5R	Saskia	We Are Learners	Alice	We Are Respectful	Mrs J Rigby
5T	Guy Whole Class	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Grace Arzaan	We Care We Are Learners	Mr Torpey
6F	Charlotte	We Are Learners	Helena	We Are Learners	Ms Franco
6J	Tilly	We Are Learners	Noah	We Are Learners	Mr Jenkins
6K	Sophia Olivia	We Care We Care	Serena Zoe	We Care 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.

	13 May 2022	20 May 2022
<b>Green House</b>	Saskia 5R	Astrid 6F
<b>Red House</b>	Remy 2F	Oscar 4M
<b>Blue House</b>	Stephanie 4K	Lucas 4M
<b>Gold House</b>	Willa 6J	Nickolas 4R

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Well done to our fantastic Cross-Country team on their magnificent effort competing at the Coburg District Championships on Wednesday 18<sup>TH</sup> May. It was held at the Coburg Athletics Track and surrounding parkland and conditions were perfect for running. All team members completed the 2km and 3 km courses in great style. Our team included: Hannah B, Emily W, Alara M, Claudia B, Stephanie K, Ava N, Gemma L, Tarquin S, Ari T, Felix V, Christian L, Joel S, Daniel V,

Gus N, Sabine T, Florence H, Estelle K, Madeleine R, Mary D, Willa C, Lia C, Bill D, Alessio A, William S, Wilbur W, Xavier R, Jake P, Alex A, Emily R, Zoe S, Isla R, Ashleigh H, Giulia A, Hanna M, Bella S-S, Owen V, Joshua M, Rio G, Noah T, Oliver A, Yannic B and Massimo L

Congratulations to the following students who finished top ten in their events and qualified to compete at the Inner North Moreland Division Championships: Hannah B, Emily W, Tarquin S, Ari T, Felix V, Gus N, Sabine T, Estelle K, Bill D, Alessio A, Wilbur W, Emily R, Isla R and Owen V

A huge thankyou to the parents and caregivers that came along and cheered the runners on.



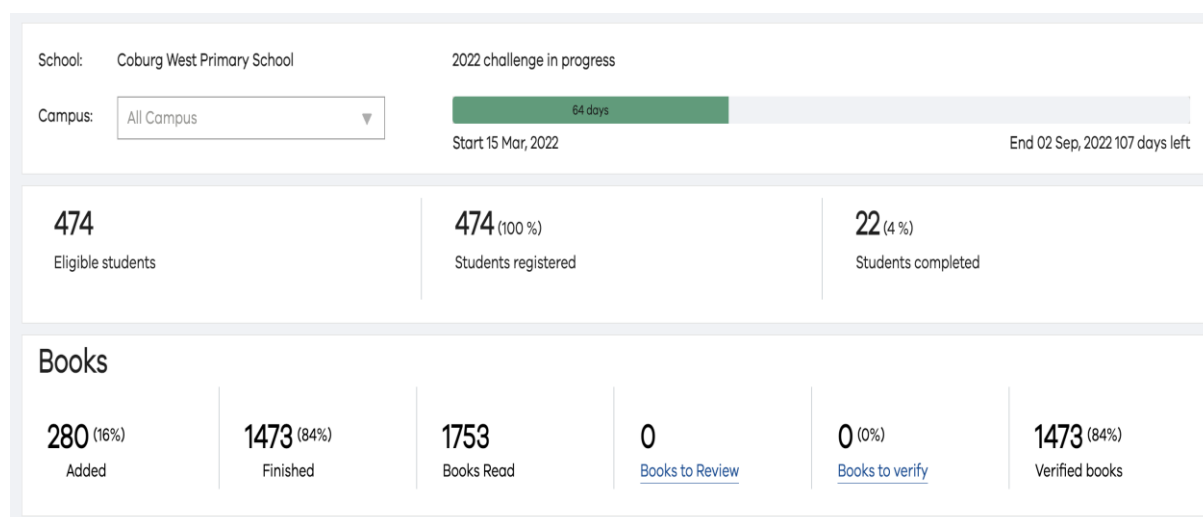
Awesome effort team!

Chris Harvey  
Sports Coordinator



## 2022 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Here's the Premier's Reading Challenge update, keep up the amazing efforts and keep logging those finished books! As a school we've collectively read 1753 books and 22 students so far have completed this year's challenge.



Top Rated

Most Read

**Top Favourites**

	Author	Title
	Belton, Claire.	<a href="#">The many lives of Pusheen the cat</a>
	Seuss, Dr	<a href="#">One fish two fish red fish blue fish</a>
		<a href="#">Pokemon Academy</a>
		<a href="#">Mysteries and fantasies: a supplement to Childcraft - the how and why library</a>
	Allen, Pamela	<a href="#">The man with messy hair</a>
	Applegate, Katherine	<a href="#">Crenshaw</a>
	Barnett, Mac	<a href="#">Sam &amp; Dave dig a hole</a>
	Bell, Davina	<a href="#">Alice and the Apple Blossom Fair</a>
	Blabey, Aaron	<a href="#">Superbad</a>
	Blabey, Aaron	<a href="#">Attack of the Zittens</a>

# The Power of Writing

Have you ever wondered, 'how can I make a difference in the world?' One of our students, Alex in 3S thought this same thing but decided to do something about it. He wanted to be heard and thought that the best action was to write to our Federal Member for Wills, Peter Khalil. This is what he wrote:

Dear Sir,

I am a boy, but I care about women not getting paid equally as men. It is not respectful for women to be paid less than men. Women work just as hard as men, and they still get paid less even though some of them work in important jobs like health care.

An example is I saw girls help an older man on the tram that fell over, and they took very good care of him, and they should be paid equal to men.

When girls grow up (for example when they are teenagers) they still get paid less than boys in the same job. This is not right.

Can you fix this problem?

Thank you for listening to this important problem.

Yours sincerely,  
Alex P.

In response to this communication, the Federal Minister for Wills responded below:

Hi Alex,

Thank you for your email on the gender pay gap. Federal Labor and I, like you, are concerned about the gender pay gap and if elected, will work to eliminate this pay gap.

A Federal Labor Government will lead a national push to help close the gender pay gap. A Federal Labor Government will do this by:

- Legislating so companies with more than 250 employees will have to report their gender pay gap publicly.
- Prohibiting pay secrecy clauses and give employees the right to disclose their pay, if they want to.
- Taking action to address the gender pay gap in the Australian Public Service.
- Strengthening the ability and capacity of the Fair Work Commission to order pay increases for workers in low paid, female dominated industries.

You can read more on this policy here: [Closing the Gender Pay Gap](#).

One sector which is female dominated and where staff are in need of a pay rise is the aged care sector. Women make up the overwhelming majority of workers in the aged care sector and they are in need of a pay rise. A Federal Labor Government will support workers' calls for better pay at the Fair Work Commission. And a Labor Government will fund the outcome of this case. Because if we want higher standards of care – we need to support higher wages for our carers.

Thank you both again for your advocate on this important matters. It's great to see young people getting involved and pushing for positive change! Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance on any other federal matters.

Kind regards,  
Peter Khalil MP

Federal Member for Wills



This is the power that each of us has to help change the world and it definitely can have an impact at a young age.

Well done Alex, we are all very proud of you for taking action on this issue that many of us feel passionately about. We can't wait to see what else you do? Who else will follow and use their power to write and communicate their thoughts and opinions about so many important issues that affect so many. Let's continue to help change the world for the better!

Patricia Amerena  
English Leading Teacher



**FESTIVAL OF  
MUM 2022**  
A wonderful  
luncheon was  
enjoyed by all 52  
attendees.



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COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

# DISCO *Night*

**FRIDAY 3RD JUNE**

**6 - 7PM - PREP, GRADE 1 & 2**

**7:30 - 9PM - GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**SCHOOL HALL**

**\$10 PER STUDENT**

**(Disco entry, Photobooth pic and Icy pole)**

**PAYMENT VIA COMPASS**

**Volunteers needed on the night, sign up at**

**<https://signup.com/go/AifQeOR>**

**Working with Children Check essential**



## POWER OF THE PEOPLE

There is nothing like a Democracy Sausage to bring a community together. A big cheer goes out to Betsy and the CWPS Community Group volunteers, along with all those who contributed donations.





Coburg West  
Primary School

**EDUCATION WEEK**

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION



We invite you to come join us at CWPS,  
as we celebrate Education Week.

We would like to welcome you into our  
classrooms to see how we learn.



# OPEN CLASSROOMS



**TUESDAY 24TH MAY**

**2:35pm to 3:25pm**

**OR**



**THURSDAY 26TH MAY**

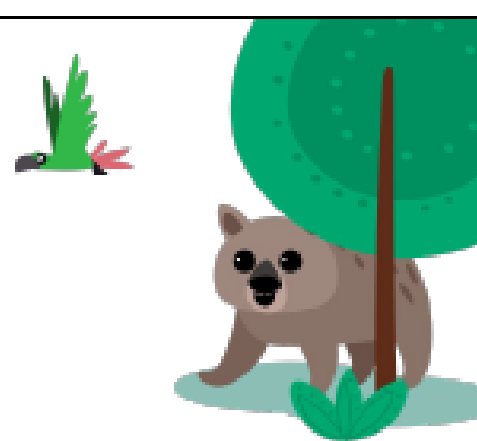
**9:15am to 10:45am**



For enquiries or to book a personal tour  
for 2023 enrolments, please contact our  
office;

Phone: 9386 1286

Email: [coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



## COVID-19 vaccinations for children are available

Your local community has upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics at:

**Brunswick North Primary School**

**Where:** Pearson St, Brunswick West (in the Art Room)

**When:** 4pm – 6.30pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022

*This clinic is accessible to people with a disability.*

**Pascoe Vale North Primary School**

**Where:** Kent Rd & Derby Street, Pascoe Vale (in the Multipurpose Room)

**When:** 3.30pm – 5.30pm on Thursday 26 May 2022

*This clinic is accessible to people with a disability.*

**Coburg West Primary School**

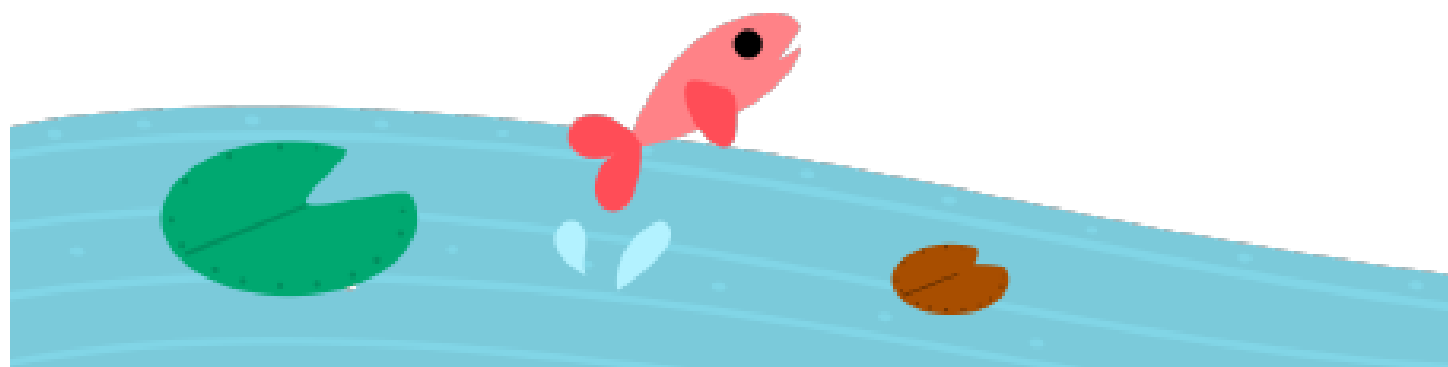
**Where:** 185-187 Reynard St, Coburg (in the small hall at the front of school)

**When:** 10am – 1pm on Sunday 29 May 2022

*This clinic is accessible to people with a disability.*

**Vaccinations are also available for adults at all clinics.**

**Just walk in, no booking required.**



## Certificate III in

### School Based Education

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### PATHWAYS

Graduates work as Education Assistants, Teacher's Aides and Support Workers.

### ENROLMENTS

Call 9462 6077 to book a pre-enrolment interview.

### CONTACT PRACE

Main Office - Merrilands  
Community Centre 35 Sturdee  
Street, Reservoir, Victoria  
Phone 9462 6077  
office@prace.vic.edu.au  
www.prace.vic.edu.au



### LOCATION

Merrilands Community  
Centre,  
35 Sturdee Street  
Reservoir

### DATES & DURATION

3 June - 16 Dec 2022 and  
10 Feb - 24 Feb 2023 (TBC)  
26 sessions, 2 workshops &  
100 hour placement  
(Excl. public & school holidays)

### DAYS & HOURS

Fridays  
9.15am - 3.15pm

### STUDY MODE

Classroom & remote/mixed  
mode classes, self-directed  
offsite tasks & research,  
practical placement and  
industry/assessment  
workshops

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Moderate computer and  
internet and email skills.  
English LLN skills at an  
industry entry standard

### FEES

#### Gov. subsidised:

Concession \$90  
Full \$450

#### Non-subsidised:

\$5670^

^Special consideration may apply

+ \$10 Services & amenities fee

*\*Course commencement is subject to  
variation, sufficient enrolments and  
eligibility requirements.*

*Prace encourages individuals with  
disabilities to participate in its  
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*This training is delivered with  
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government funding.*

# KARATE

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