



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 23rd February 2024

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
February		
Wednesday 28 th	Grade 6 Camp	Students depart
	World of Math's Incursion	Grades 3 & 4
	Body Safety Session	Grades 3, 4 & 5
Thursday 29 th	Grade 6 Camp	Grade 6
March		
Friday 1 st	Grade 6 Camp	Students return
Wednesday 6 th	Body Safety Session	Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 11 th	Labour Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13 th	Body Safety Session	Grades 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 20 th	Body Safety Session	Grades 5 & 6
	School Council Meeting	6:30pm start
Thursday 28 th	Last Day of Term 1	2:30pm Dismissal

VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2024			
	STARTS	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Tuesday 30 th January	Thursday 28 th March	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Monday 15 th April	Friday 28 th June	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 15 th July	Friday 20 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 7 th October	Friday 20 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

It has been a very busy fortnight, with our summer weather changing from one extreme to the other. Regardless, our students have continued to settle into their learning quite well, especially our new Prep students, who next week attend for their first full week.

Body Safe Program

It was pleasing to see so many families attending the information evenings last week, to learn more about the Body Safe Program that their children in Grades three to six, will be taking part in. This is an important program which will highly benefit from the link between home and school, to help support their growth and development as they approach and experience puberty.

Meet The Teacher / SeeSaw

Last Wednesday, despite the extreme heat, it was wonderful to see so many families taking up the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers. This is another important way to build those important connections between the classroom and home. The use of the SeeSaw App will also help in keeping families informed of what their child is doing or achieving in class. Please ensure you have connected or contact your child's teacher if you are yet to sign up.

Getting Involved / Supporting Our School

There are still vacancies to be filled in the Classroom Representative Program. This program asks for one parent from each grade to assist in building our school community. More information on this program can be found in the flyer later in this Newsletter.

Our new Canteen Manager, Lisa also needs parent canteen volunteers, so this is also a great way to get involved, connecting with other parents while helping our school. See the letter and flyer from Lisa, later in this newsletter.

Of course, there is also our School Council, with various sub committees such as our Community Group and Building, Grounds & Sustainability. These are all great ways to get involved and help support our school. Or you may simply show your support by attending some of the events planned and delivered by these parent volunteers, such as our upcoming Moonlight Cinema evening. These events are wonderful ways to meet other families, build our school community and support our school while having a great night out with the family. Look for the flyer later in this newsletter for more information.

Grade Six Camp

Once again, some of our teachers are preparing themselves for the upcoming Grade Six camp to Portsea. These staff volunteer to give up their personal time with their families and the comforts of their own homes, to support our grade six students as they undertake this exciting learning experience. I am sure you will join me in thanking these staff members as they head off on Wednesday morning.

Wishing all a great fortnight ahead.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST KIDS MAG!

Recently your child came home with a copy of Just Kidding Junior (3 – 6 years old) or Just Kidding (for 7-12 year old) magazine. This is a free magazine offered to school children and it is one of Australia's highest circulating kids magazines packed full of features for kids to explore including the very latest competitions, puzzles, celebrity interviews, games, toys, books, sports, music, movies and much more.

With hard copy magazines, newspapers and catalogues appearing less frequently in homes due to digital media, exposure to a magazine targeted to kids is great. Children will be exposed to a wide variety of text types and lots of interactive content. From stories, poems, and action rhymes to nonfiction, crafts, puzzles and games. Kids' magazines can offer an abundance of high interest content to support and encourage children to read. This magazine, which is published 8 times a year will give your child some additional reading materials to explore at home. Enjoy!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
1D	Cleo	We Are Learners	Henry	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
1/2E	Elif	We Are Learners	Isaac	We Are Safe	Ms. Esposito
1P	Nj T.	We Are Learners	Mina	We Are Learners	Miss Parker
2M	Felix B.	We Care	Peter O.	We Are Safe	Mr. Munari
2W	Goldie W.	We Care	Flora	We Are Learners	Miss. Winzar-Taylor
3A	Ava P.	We Care	Andre N.	We Are Respectful	Mr. Aitken
3N	Sandy	We Are Respectful	Caoimhe	We Are Respectful	Mr. Niciak & Ms Currie
3/4S	Chiara M	We Are Learners	Jack	We Are Learners	Mrs. Spiteri/Mrs.Pavich
4B	Chloe	We Are Respectful	Lyla	We Are Learners	Ms. Blackman
4P	Whole Class	We Care			Ms. Preston
5C	Samuel	We Are Learners	Grace	We Care	Ms. Corn
5R	Michael L.	We Are Respectful	Iggy	We Are Respectful	Mr. Robinson
5T			Ellian	We Are Learners	Mr. Torpey
6F	Joel S.	We Are Learners	Rose B.	We Are Learners	Ms. Franco
6K	Cleo G	We Are Learners	Mariah	We Are Respectful	Mr. Krauss
6R	Gemma L.	We Care	Jack C.	We Are Respectful	Mrs. Rigby
PE	Genevieve G.	We Are Learners			Mr Harvey

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.

	16 February	23 February
Green House	Harvey 3N	Lily 1P
Red House	Sonny 5T	Ella 3A
Gold House	Claude 5T	Alistair 1P
Blue House	Archie 1P	Eve 5T

The Council Insider

Before my kids started school, I thought I had all the friends I'd ever need. Mates who had been with me through international travel, career changes, weddings, and babies. The idea of 'school gate community' held no appeal for me – that was for suburban mums who drove 7-seater SUVs and joined the PTA. I wasn't that girl. I didn't need to be that mum.

Turns out, I had no idea.

The parents I met in those early days of Prep really should have clobbered me over the head for my arrogance, but frankly they're all too lovely. And thank all your shooting stars and orbiting satellites, because let me tell you, I have *needed* this community.

I have needed the advice and the empathy; I have needed to know that my mistakes were fixable, and my kids were too. I have needed the friendly faces that made drop off easier, and the safe pair of hands at pick-up when I hadn't quite got there in time. I have needed the Friday night drinks and the Saturday morning carpool. I needed the group chats that carried me through home learning (trigger warning), and I needed someone to decode Compass, sign me up to the bake stalls, and gossip with me about what was in the newsletter.

Because what I also am, is nosy. I want insights and inside knowledge and early access. I want to know all the things, and I want to hear all the unsaid words, and I want to guess at what comes next.

Being both exceptionally curious (let's be kind) and beset with occasionally-wine-fuelled love for my school gate mates, I did the obvious thing, and I ran for School Council. Look, I could pretend it was for a list of other wholesome reasons, but honestly – nosy.

Despite my perhaps less-than-altruistic motivations, School Council has become one of the most rewarding and insightful parts of my school-parent journey. Two years ago, I knew two-tenths of nothing about governance, equity funding, and how to carry a motion. Now I've found myself with a new level of understanding and respect for how the school is run and the challenges that have to be overcome in order to run it. As a group, we risk-manage camps; we push for grants to fund things like Vacation Care; we build new learning spaces; and we sign off on parties disguised as Mother's Day Lunches. We are the sounding board for new ideas and new initiatives, new policies, and new plans.

On Council I have worked with parents and teachers who are diligent, thoughtful, funny, and damn hard-working. I am almost none of those things, but I loved it anyway and found my own ways to contribute (and occasionally heal my inner child by scowling at the Principal).

Nominations for the next term of School Council are open now. You are more than welcome to hit me up if you have any questions or want to know more. It doesn't take loads of time, and you don't have to be special – trust me, they'll find the special in you... they are teachers, it's what they do.

Kylie Pascoe

CWPS PARENT HELPERS & VOLUNTEERS



There are so many important benefits to volunteering at school and at CWPS there are so many opportunities to become involved. You can engage by joining a committee, supporting our canteen, attending excursions and in our classrooms. If you have the opportunity to volunteer, it's a great way to engage with the students, teachers and wider community. There are just some things that you may need to be aware of that will help if you do volunteer.

Information about volunteering at CWPS can be found on our school [WEBSITE](#). You will find information about:

- Where and how you can help?
- How to sign in & out
- Classroom Helper Guidelines
- What you may see in the classrooms
- How you can best help the students and teachers
- About confidentiality

Always remember to ask if you are unsure, we're all here to help and we love it when our community engages with our school.



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH LITERACY AT HOME

As teachers, we often get asked about how parents/carers can help their child at home with literacy skills. Once again, head to our [WEBSITE](#) to watch the presentation and download support materials to guide you. You will find information and learn about:

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

Please take the time to read the documents or watch the presentations.

Kind regards

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher





Grade 6 Inter School Sports Coburg District.

What games will appear on compass?

Only away games will be on Compass for parents to give consent and make payment. Parents will have about 5 days to organise payment of about \$15 and give consent. All home games do not appear on Compass and students have been given permission to attend with their local excursion permission. All games are played between 11:30am – 1:30pm. For our home games, Basketball will be played in the large hall, Bat tennis on the asphalt courts at school and Softball will be played at Shore Reserve. Parents are welcome to come and support the games.

Inter School Sports Summer Fixture

Friday 9th February: Coburg West P.S vs Pascoe Vale P.S (home game)

Friday 16th February: Pascoe Vale North P.S vs Coburg West P.S (away game)

Friday 23rd February: Coburg West P.S vs St Oliver's P.S (home game)

Friday 1st March: (Grade 6's on camp - BYE round)

Friday 8th March: Coburg North P.S vs Coburg West P.S (away game)

Friday 15th March: Coburg P.S vs Coburg West P.S (away game)

Friday 22nd March: Coburg West P.S vs Pascoe Vale South P.S (home game)

Clothing

All students who are playing on the day will need to sign out a I.S.S. sports uniform. This is required so that the school can keep track of what student has what uniform. Students are required to wash the uniform and return to school (sign in) the following week in preparation of the next game. Students are reminded to wear a hat, runners and apply sunscreen for every I.S.S game. If the uniform is lost a charge will occur.

Buses

All students will travel by bus to all local Coburg District Schools by Kastoria Bus line. These buses are local buses and do not contain seatbelts for this short journey. Each student will get their own seat for this trip.

Chris Harvey
Sports Coordinator

Let's be SunSmart

The Coburg West Primary School SunSmart Policy states: Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school daily and reapply throughout the day during sun protection hours (11am – 3pm) as suggested by Sun Smart Victoria. We encourage families to apply sunscreen before coming to school and to supply sunscreen for their child/ children to reapply during the day.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>



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CWPS Community Group News

What's happening in term 1

Welcome to term 1! Its already half way through and soon enough we'll be thinking about school holidays again!! Given the term is so short - we just have a few things happening. See below for more info.

- **Moonlight Cinema - Sing 2!** A great opportunity to welcome every one back to school, meet new people, catch up with old friends while the kids enjoy the snags, snacks and a movie! (see the flyer for more info) **We also need volunteers for the night!** Click the sign up link and register now! [Sign Up](#)
- **Scholastic Books** - Term 1/Easter Edition! Catalogues will be going home with the kids in the next week

Community Group Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 7th March, Community Room at school. Time:
TBC

Come along and see whats on for the rest of the year and welcome the new office bearers!

**Dates for the Diary
Community Meetings**

March 7th


Get involved

ecwpscg@gmail.com or join the
[Facebook group](#)

COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

MOONLIGHT CINEMA

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024



SING
2

PRE
PURCHASE
ON QKR!



ENTRY VIA BACK GATE ON DEVON AVE. FROM 6PM
MOVIE FROM DUSK (AROUND 7.30 PM)

ADULTS \$10 • KIDS \$7 • FAMILY \$30 • TODDLERS & BABIES FREE

BYO PICNIC RUGS, CHAIRS, BEANBAGS, PICNICS, DRINKS, ETC

SAUSAGES IN BREAD, POPCORN, LOLLIES, ICECREAMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

PLEASE NOTE: KIDS MUST BE UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES.



WHAT IS CLASS REP PROGRAM?

THE PROGRAM AIMS
TO BUILD SOCIAL
NETWORKS WITHIN
THE SCHOOL AND IS
A GREAT WAY TO
KEEP CONNECTED
WITH THE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY!

THE ROLE IS
DESIGNED TO
SUPPORT
STARTING THE
NEW YEAR,
CONNECTING
PARENTS AND
SHARING
UPDATES
AROUND
SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS

IT'S ALSO A
TERRIFIC
RESOURCE
FOR NEW
PARENTS
AND
FAMILIES
TO KNOW
WHATS
GOING
ON!



EACH CLASS AT
CWPS HAS A
NOMINATED
CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

EMAIL:
CWPSREPCOORDINA
TOR@GMAIL.COM

INCLUDE NAME,
CLASS AND
CONTACT DETAILS!

contact us: cwpscrg@gmail.com



Hi, I'm Lisa Rizzo, the new Canteen Manager at our wonderful school. I have worked in, operated and managed school canteens for over 18 years. I started off volunteering in my girls' school canteen when they were younger and have now made this my career. I have also had my own industrial café for the last 2 years.

We at the Canteen endeavour to provide the best quality food and service to your child with a wide range of food options at reasonable prices for their enjoyment.

The Canteen is run and managed by me, but I cannot do this alone. Vital to the operation of our Canteen is our dedicated team of canteen volunteers so I **NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE**. In order for the Canteen to run effectively and offer a wide variety of food and drinks we rely on parental support. Each day I need a minimum of 2-3 parents to help. At present the Canteen operates Wednesday – Friday but this can only happen with your help (mums, dads, grandparents etc.). Unfortunately, if we do not get the help of volunteers, the school Canteen will not be able to operate in it's current form and may have to close on days where there is no volunteer support.

Working in our Canteen is a great way to experience different facets of school life. It provides a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents/grandparents and facilitate new friendships. You will also get to know children and teachers from different grades all whilst making a valuable contribution to the school. The added bonus is the smile on your child's face when they see you in the Canteen.

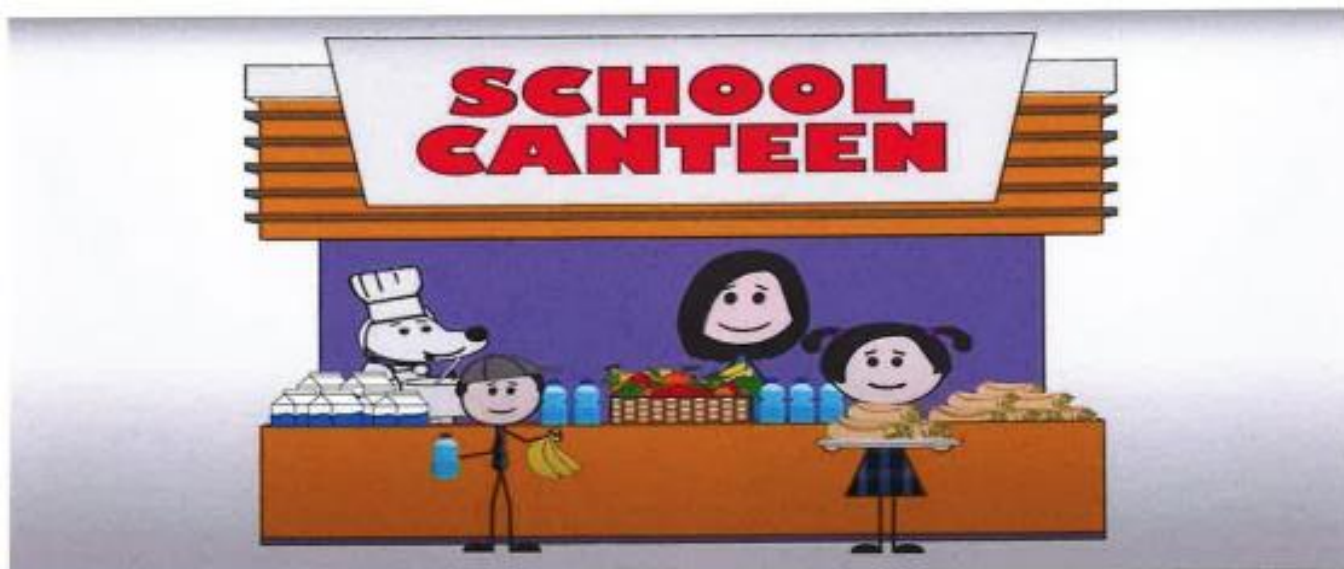
Please note all volunteers who wish to work in the Canteen must have a current Working With Children Check which is available at: [Working with Children Check \(service.vic.gov.au\)](http://service.vic.gov.au)

A Volunteer WWC Check is free. Once you have your WWC Check please ensure the School Office receives a copy of same.

I thank you for your assistance and look forward to meeting you.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Rizzo
Canteen Manager
lisa.rizzo@education.vic.gov.au
0418 782 599



Coburg West Primary School

2024 Canteen Volunteer Form

Please fill out the form below with your details and indicate with a tick (✓) when you are available to volunteer in the Canteen, your preferred day/s and time/s. Once completed please hand this form to the School Office. I will contact you by text or email once I have a roster arranged.

If you are available each week or can only do fortnightly or monthly, or just a once off, please also indicate at the bottom of the page.

Your time and service is appreciated.

NAME:			
PHONE NO:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
	9.30 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.30	12.30 – 2.30
Wednesdays			
Thursdays			
Fridays			

I am available the above times (please tick)

Just This Once	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend the session you have been rostered on, please ensure you contact me as soon as possible via text so that I can organise a replacement.

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SUNDAY 25 FEB
10-TIAM BREARLEY RESERVE



**COME AND TRY, EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

WHAT TO BRING

A FRIEND!!
SUNSCREEN
HAT

SNACK AND DRINK PROVIDED!

YEAR OF BIRTH

U8: 2017, 2016
U10: 2015, 2014
U12: 2013, 2012

*US MUST HAVE TURNED 7 BY
30TH OF APRIL

ENQUIRIES

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Dates: Program runs for 7 weeks, from Tuesday 13
February to Tuesday 26 March. First session (13 Feb)
is free!

Time: 5.15pm - 6.00pm

Price: \$57.81

Location: 33 Dawson St, Brunswick

Contact: Amber Pezzimenti
(juniors@brunswickhockeyclub.org.au) and Alex
Sadler (growth@brunswickhockeyclub.org.au)



**HOOK in
2 HOCKEY**



**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**

Club: Brunswick Hockey Club
Venue: 33 Dawson St Brunswick 3056
Program 1 Start Date: Tuesday 13th Feb 2024
Time: 5.15pm
No. of Weeks: 7 (until the end of Term 1)
Price: \$57.81

Coordinator Name: Alexandra Sadler & Amber Pezzimenti
Coordinator Email: growth@brunswickhockeyclub.org.au
Coordinator Phone: 0435436419 & 0430403433



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