



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 2nd April 2021

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Thursday 1 st APRIL	END OF TERM 1	DISMISSAL 2.30 PM
Monday 19 th APRIL	TERM 2 BEGINS	RESUMES 9.00 AM
Tuesday 27 th April	Curriculum Day	Student Free
Monday 3 rd May	Maths Incursion	Grades 5/6
Tuesday 4 th May	Maths Incursion	Grades 1/2
Wednesday 5 th May	School Photos	Whole School
Tuesday 11 th to Thursday 13 th May	NAPLAN	Grades 3 and 5 students
Wednesday 19 th May	Cross Country	Grade 3 - 6
Wednesday 26 th May	Cross Country – Back Up	“
Thursday 27 th May	Mr Huff Performance	Grade Prep - 2
Friday 28 th May	Student DISCO	TBA
Friday 25 th JUNE	END OF TERM 2	DISMISSAL 2.30pm
Monday 12 th JULY	TERM 3 BEGINS	RESUME 9.00am
Thursday 22 nd July	Alpha show	Whole school
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th August	Book Week	Whole school celebrations
Wednesday 25 th August	Athletics	Grade 3 to Grade 6
Thursday 26 th August	Book week - dress up day	9.15am Assembly
Friday 17 th September	Curriculum Day / END OF TERM 3	Student Free
Monday 4 th October	TERM 4 BEGINS	RESUME 9.00am
Tuesday 2 nd November	Melbourne Cup	Public Holiday
Friday 17 th December	END OF TERM 4	DISMISSAL 1:30pm

Dear School Community,

The end of Term 1 has arrived. It has been a very productive term with lots of learning, camps, excursions and even a snap (thankfully short) lockdown. Therefore, it was only fitting that we celebrated the end of term with our whole school KABOOM Sports morning this past Wednesday. I must say it was wonderful to see students from across the school interacting and working together to ensure they all had a go and had fun. Students were placed in mixed age groups and were supported by our Student Leaders, staff members and the highly energetic KABOOM Team, as they rotated through various stations, engaging in a wide variety of activities, utilising a whole range of skills. Congratulations and thank you to Mr Harvey for his planning and organisation of this highly successful whole school event.

PARENT HELPERS ARE BACK

With the current status of eased restrictions, we are on track to welcome our Parent Helpers back into our classrooms. We will confirm this early in Term 2. If any parent/carer is interested in participating, we kindly ask that you take some time to view the Parent Helpers Information Presentation [HERE](#) on our website. Once the program commences, we will require all Parent Helpers to ensure they sign in/out at the Front Office each time they attend.

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2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Wednesday 24th March, meetings were held to farewell the outgoing Councillors and welcome the new. In this Newsletter you will find the President's Report as presented by our newly appointed School Council President Josh Rowe. While I would like to congratulate Josh on his appointment, I would also like to thank our outgoing President Ian Drew. Ian has done a wonderful job over the past 6 years both as a Councillor and President. Together with the other outgoing Parent Members; Sandy Vouch (Vice President), Scott Burchell, Elliot Scott and Jo Hatch, the School Council has made many improvements to school governance. As they step away from School Council, I thank each of them for their contributions over the years. Further to this, I wish to welcome the newly appointed Parent Members; Catherine Hill, Sonia Hegarty, Tom Morris, David Morson and Helen Myrofidis-Papadopoulos (re-elected) and I look forward to working with them to keep improving our school.

PARENT FORUM 21st APRIL

A reminder that in Term 2, our school undergoes our School Strategic Review. This occurs every four years and while it was scheduled for 2020, it was postponed to May this year. It allows us as a school to analyse our achievements over the four years and identify the areas for improvement, applying them to a plan of action for us to work toward over the next four years. As such, we would like to gather your feedback and input during a Parent Forum on the evening of Wednesday 27th April 2021. For more information and to register your attendance, you can visit our website [HERE](#).

FOURTH CURRICULUM DAY CONFIRMED

Each year, the DET allocate four curriculum days to each school. Allocation of these days are to be approved by School Council and used at the school's discretion to enable school staff to achieve annual goals. This year's fourth and final Curriculum Day has now been approved by School Council and will be held on Friday 17th September, 2021. This day will involve all staff in Professional Learning with a Maths Consultant.

DR MARIE PETERSEN PRESENTS TO THE WORLD

Congratulations to Dr Marie Petersen, who presented at a recent World Conference. Marie, who delivers our Italian Language Program together with Nadia Di Vincenzo, was invited to present to over 500 delegates at the annual Language World Conference in England. Not only was Marie applauded for her presentation, but she has also been recognised by the North Western Metropolitan Region of DET for her achievements. You can read more about this wonderful experience further on in this Newsletter.

STUDENT LEADERS AND SRC SUCCESS

This week the whole school participated in Pyjama Day. The day was planned by our Student Leaders and supported by our SRC, who created posters and helped promote the day and the cause it was supporting. Given the number of students and families across our community who have needed to access the Royal Children's Hospital for various reasons over the years, our Student Leaders felt it would be relevant for our school to support the RCH's Good Friday Appeal. As such, staff and students were invited to wear their pyjamas to school on Tuesday and in turn make a gold coin donation. We are pleased to announce that CWPS raised a total of \$844.15 to donate. Thank you to the Student Leaders and SRC for organising the day and to all who supported and donated.

Please look out for other opportunities to support the efforts of our students, as they aim to focus on a different charity or cause each term.

STAFFING UPDATES

As many of you may be aware, Ms Saville is expecting the arrival of her first baby in mid Term 2. As such, we have undergone a recruitment process in order to find a teacher to take over as classroom teacher of 1/2S. We are pleased to announce that Monica Deasey will be joining our staff and taking over from Nicole at the start of Term 2. Furthermore, it is with a heavy heart that we announce that Ms Spyrou has resigned from teaching to pursue another career path. Despite not wanting to let her go, we are excited for her and wish her every success. As part of the aforementioned recruitment process, we also have been fortunate to appoint Corey Robinson as classroom teacher for 3/4S from the start of Term 2.

Given that both Nicole and Vanessa will remain on staff for the first few weeks of term, they will be working alongside Monica and Corey to assist their students through a smooth transition between teachers. Please join us all in welcoming Monica and Corey into our school community.

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REMINDERS

- Children should not be on school grounds before 8:45am without a parent or carer. Our yard is supervised from 8:45am and as such there is no supervision prior to this time. Likewise, afterschool no parent/carer should be on school grounds before the gates are opened at 3:20pm and all students must be collected before 3:45pm as there is no supervision by staff after this time.
- Uniform items such as hats, jackets and windcheaters should all be clearly labelled with your child's name. We find far too many items of uniform scattered across the yard and laying in corridors daily. Those which are labelled are returned to classes and students, however it is unfortunate that so many are not labelled and as such go back into lost property and eventually our second-hand uniform supply.

For those of you that celebrate Easter, may you all have a very Happy Easter. I wish everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday break and we look forward to welcoming everyone **back to Term 2 at 9am on Monday 19th April.**

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



Our KABOOM Sports morning was a big hit. Everyone had a go, had fun and made new friends.



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CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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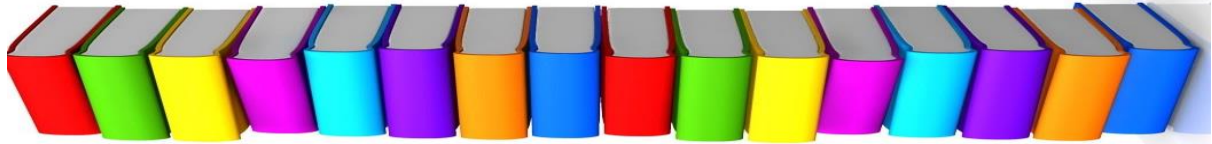
Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
1/2A	Kimiya	Respect			Miss. Alihos
1/2B	Alexis	Learner			Miss. Blackman
1/2D	William C	Learner			Mr. Peric
1/2E	Zara	Learner			Ms. Esposito
1/2F	Charlie P	Learner			Ms. Fonte de Vos
1/2P	Xanthe	Learner			Ms. Preston
1/2S	James P	Learner			Mrs. Saville
3/4A	Angelique L	Respect			Mrs. Pavich/Mrs. Spiteri
3/4J	Sophia C	Care			Mrs. Rigby
3/4K					Mr. Krauss
3/4M					Miss Mardesic
3/4R	Wilbur W	Care			Ms. Roberts
3/4S	Mabel C	Learner			Miss Spyrou
5/6B	Billy A	Learner			Mr. Kashani/Ms. Blatti
5/6F	Sienna B	Learner			Miss. Franco
5/6J	Amalia D	Learner			Mr. Jenkins
5/6N	Sarah B	Respect			Mr. Niciak
5/6S	Sara S	Learner			Miss. Stewart
5/6T	Owen Mc	Respect			Mr. Torpey

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.

	26 th March	
Green House	Beth 5/6N	
Red House	Otto 5/6T	
Gold House	Antonio 5/6N	
Blue House	Sienna 5/6F	

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LIBRARY NEWS



Students have easy access to the most popular series and collection books; these books are located on our new bookshelves. Each series and collection are labelled with pictures so students know exactly where to find them. The most popular books from these shelves are ***WeirDo, The Bad Guys, Wings of Fire, Harry Potter and Dork Diaries.***



Students are enjoying the reading nooks created with the positioning of beanbags and rocker chairs. This has created several spaces where they are able to independently read.

An art trolley has been created so that students are also able to do some mindful colouring or make bookmarks during their library session if they choose too.



We have a large selection of Premier's Reading Challenge books which are located throughout the library. If students are quickly looking for a book they can head to the bookshelf dedicated to the Challenge. A selection of books has been placed under each reading level for them to choose.

Happy Reading from Sonia and the ES Team.



WORLD OF MATHS

Grade 3/4 Problem Solving Incursion

As part of the Grade 3/4 focus on Maths' Problem Solving students enjoyed the highly engaging problem-solving incursion. They explored a range of problems that encouraged them to think and solve mathematical problems. It allowed the students to extend their minds and enjoy sharing their knowledge collaboratively with each other. Problem solving is an essential part of the Victorian Curriculum and teachers are inspiring students to think like real mathematicians. Students are encouraged to explore a range of strategies and this was evident in their focused approach to all tasks. Enjoy the photos! Grade 3/4 Team.





BOOKS WANTED

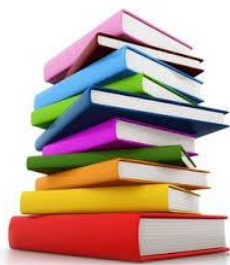
The call has been placed... **'let's make your unwanted books someone else's favourite book!'**

With the holidays here, I would like to remind families that CWPS loves books!

Therefore, if any of you are in the mood to clean out your bookshelves we're on the lookout for any good quality, unwanted books that your children may have outgrown. In particular we'd love any **Non-Fiction books** as these are the books that we are focussing on adding to our classroom libraries.

There is a blue donation box located near the front office, please drop any donations into this box.

Thanking you all in advance!
Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher





2021 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Coburg West Primary School is excited to be participating once again. If you would like to view a message from our Premier to get you and your child/ren motivated, please go to the following link

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/premiermessage.aspx>

This week, each student was supplied login details, hard copies were sent home along with login instructions so that you can start adding those book titles over the holidays. If your child/ren's login details got misplaced between school and home, please email the school at coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au and address the email to me (Patricia Amerena) 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 2021** and click on **Register and Log in.**

2. Click on **Log in to the Premier's Reading Challenge application**

3. Click on **School/Student** 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, 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 3rd September 2021.**

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Patricia Amerena

English Leading Teacher

President's Report – School Council Meeting – 24 March 2021

This past Wednesday night, the School Council met in person for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our community a year ago.

This was the last meeting of the 2020 School Council and also the first meeting of the new 2021 School Council. We thanked departing councillors Ian Drew, Sandy Vouch, Scott Burchell, Elliott Scott, Trist Jones, Jo Hatch, and Simone Meagher for their contribution.

We welcomed new parent elected school councillors Tom Morris, Catherine Hill, Sonia Hegarty, and David Morson (co-opted to fill the one-year parent member casual vacancy). Congratulations also to Helen Myroforidis-Papadopoulos for being re-elected.

We welcomed new school employee councillors Henry Jenkins, and Tye Pennington (co-opted to fill the one-year school employee casual vacancy). Thankyou also Dan Copping, Patrizia Amerena, and Mark Colagrande for your continued contribution to school council.

New Office Bearers

The new Office Bearer positions for the 2021 Council are as follows:

- President – Josh Rowe
- Vice President – David Morson
- Secretary – Melissa Gangemi
- Treasurer – Joshua Wolter
- Vice Treasurer – Tom Morris
- Minutes Secretary – Patrizia Amerena

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

- [Buildings Grounds and Sustainability](#) Sub-Committee – Sonia Hegarty
- [Canteen](#) Sub-Committee – Catherine Hill
- [Policy](#) Sub-Committee – Helen Myroforidis-Papadopoulos
- Human Resources Sub-Committee – Melissa Gangemi
- Grants Sub-Committee – Helen Myroforidis-Papadopoulos
- [Community Group](#) Sub-Committee – Louise Harrison

We are working toward appointing further Councillors to the [Out of School Hours Care](#) Sub-Committee, and [Strategy](#) Working Group. We will keep you all advised. 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 2021 and encourage you to [get involved in Community Group activities](#), as a volunteer and/or participant.

Josh Rowe

School Council President

[What does School Council do?](#) [RSVP for the CWPS 2021 Parent Forum](#) on Wed 21 April

CWPS RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION...

This term we are pleased to report that Coburg West Primary School received international recognition for our Content and Language Learning program in Italian.



Dr Marie Petersen, one of our Italian teachers, gave a major presentation via Zoom about our Italian Content and Language Learning (CLIL) program to the annual Language World Conference in England.

This conference is a highlight of the year for languages education in England and attracts hundreds of delegates each day from across all sectors of education including primary and secondary schools as well as universities.

Marie gave a practical presentation of her experiences in planning, designing and implementing CLIL units of work at Coburg West Primary. She outlined the resources and strategies that were used as part of the introduction of CLIL in our school and demonstrated the impact this had on student engagement and learning. It received positive feedback from many of the 500 delegates in attendance.

Thank you to Marie Petersen and Nadia Di Vincenzo for your continued efforts in promoting second language learning in our school.

Our School Disco Night is planned for Friday 28th May!

In order to make the years Disco a night for our kids to remember we need to form the Disco Organizing Team. I have helped run the recent discos and would love some others to join me in making this one an amazing event.

If you have some time to organize a few tasks for this event and are available on the night please contact me on 0400 013 124 or lou.harrison@bigpond.com or if you'd just like to know more.

Please note the callout for volunteers for the night will in early May.

Many thanks

Lou Harrison



We are excited to announce that the Coburg West Primary School Trivia Night will be held in term 2!

Save the date – **Saturday 19th June** – more details to be provided next term!

If you would like to be part of the organising committee, please email the community group at: cwpscgs@gmail.com

The trivia night will be our biggest fundraiser for the year – so if you can help out in any way with regards to donations, prizes for the night – we'd love to hear from you!! Again, email the community email or come along to the next community meeting.

Looking forward to another fantastic evening connecting the community with a bit of competition thrown in!!!

#getyourtriviahatson



KICKIN' GOALS

10 Week Program for 4-12 Yr Old Boys & Girls.
Incorporating FFA's Small-Sided Games

Date: 24th April - 26th June 2021
Day: Saturday
Time: 9.30 - 11am
Venue: Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale
Program: \$220 (10 Weeks)
Gear: \$100 (Inc. Uniform, Ball, Bag, Shin Pads, Water Bottle and Certificate)

CONTACT DINO: 0414 930 421 | www.kickinggoals.com.au

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

FUN

SKILLS

FITNESS

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Brunswick **ROAD**

KIDS!

School holiday Entertainment

SUN 28/03

ULLART - JOIN IN PAVEMENT ART DRAWING
TIM TIM ROVING with BURSTING BUBBLES
SRBA- MERCH TABLE - TEES, BAGS & JIGSAWS
EASTER BUNNY ROVING
12-3pm WILSON Ave - 105 Sydney Road

FRI 09/04

REPTILE ENCOUNTERS
12.30-3.30pm SPARTA PLACE @ 459 Sydney Road

SAT 10/04

TIM TIM with ROVING BALLOON CREATIONS
12-3pm between VICTORIA St & GLENLYON Rd

FRI 16/04

THE MAGICIAN - RON GALLAGHER
11-2pm between BRUNSWICK Rd & GLENLYON Rd

SAT 17/04

CHILD'S PLAY - MOTHERS DAY CARD MAKING
& MUG PAINTING
FACE PAINTING AVAILABLE
12-3pm WILSON Ave @ 105 Sydney Rd
UPTOWN BROWN - ONE MAN BAND ROVING
11AM-2pm between STEWART St & ALBION St



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