



# COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
<b>MARCH</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	LABOUR DAY	Student free day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	CWPS v Coburg North	Home
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Excursion to Chinese Museum	Grade 6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	CWPS v St Olivers	Home
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Kaboom Sports	Whole school
<b>APRIL</b>		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	END OF TERM 1	DISMISSAL 2.30 PM
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	TERM 2 BEGINS	RESUMES 9.00 AM
<b>MAY</b>		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School photos	Whole school
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country	Grade 3-6
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country	Backup
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr Huff performance	Prep-Grade 2
<b>JUNE</b>		
FRIDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> June	END OF TERM 2	DISMISSAL 2.30pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	TERM 3 BEGINS	RESUMES 9.00am

## Dear School Community,

We have certainly settled into an exciting year of learning. Not only for students, but for staff too. For our Curriculum Day last Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we were finally able to have our whole staff working with Literacy Consultant, Julie Shepherd. It was a full day of Professional Learning for our staff, as you will see and read later in this Newsletter, it was one that was truly engaging and really had all our staff excited and eager to get back into classrooms to try their new learning with their students. This work with Julie will carry on and evolve throughout this year.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

With the School Council Ballot closing yesterday, the votes were counted and the four Parent Member vacancies went to;

- Tom Morris
- Catherine Hill
- Sonia Hegarty
- Helen Myrofiridis-Papadopoulos

The current School Council, has also co-opted David Morson to fill the one-year Parent Member Casual Vacancy.

The two School Employee Member vacancies have been filled by;

- Dan Copping
- Henry Jenkins

We also thank Tye Pennington who has been co-opted to fill the one-year School Employee Casual Vacancy.

I would like to thank each of the candidates, for their willingness to contribute to the future of our school. I also thank you all for the wonderful response rate we had in this ballot. It shows that you all care and value the right to have a voice.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ANNOUNCED**

At our whole school assembly today, we announced the newly appointed Student Representative Council (SRC). Unfortunately, we ran out of time to call them out and present them with their badges, but we will ensure that this is done at our next assembly.

The SRC members were elected by their classmates and as such we have a representative from every classroom across grade 1 to 6. These students will work together with our Student Leaders on various projects throughout the year. So, keep an eye out for more information in this and future editions of our Newsletter.

The SRC members for 2021 are as follows;

1/2S	Freya C
1/2P	Maider U-S
1/2A	Mia T
1/2F	Madeline T
1/2D	Imogen M
1/2B	Zara K
1/2E	Juni M
3/4A	William W
3/4J	Vera C
3/4R	Nina T
3/4S	Lilli S-S
3/4M	Lucy B
3/4K	Joel S
5/6J	Olivia T
5/6B	Sasha S
5/6T	Yanni V
5/6N	Lucy B
5/6S	Annabelle H
5/6F	Tash T

## OUR FIRST GOOD CITIZENS ACKNOWLEDGED

As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviours Program (SWPB), we have introduced an acknowledgement system. This acknowledgement system is in place to further promote our School Values and encourage all students to practice the positive behaviours that align with these. These can also be found in our SWPBs Matrix.

Throughout each day, staff will identify students who are exhibiting these positive behaviours and ask them to add their name to a collection jar within that learning space. These collection jars are labelled by House Colours, allowing each student to add their name to their Houses' collection jar.

At the end of each week, every collection jar from across the school, is emptied into a ballot box assigned to each House Colour. Then a name is drawn from each Houses' Ballot Box. The four students whose names were drawn, will be announced at assembly and thanked for being the Red/Blue/Green/Gold House Good Citizen and they are each presented with a certificate and voucher to be spent over the counter at our Canteen. This week's recipients are listed later in this Newsletter.

## WE ARE FINALLY GOING ON CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

Over the last fortnight, we have had students across grades three to six, attending excursions and camps. The grade six students attended a three-day camp in Portsea, while the students from grades three and four, attended an excursion to CERES.

Many of these learning experiences were not possible last year and as such, I know that our students were very excited about being able to attend. Despite their excitement, what I am most proud of, is the positive feedback we received about all our students. They were described as being very polite, well-mannered and truly engaged in their learning experiences throughout. I can vouch for this, as I too was impressed by the polite interactions and words of thanks students gave to the bus drivers as they arrived back at school.

I also wish to thank the staff who spend a lot of time planning and facilitating these outings. In particular to the staff who attend the camps. We are so lucky we have staff who are willing to volunteer their personal time away from their loved ones, to provide 24-hour supervision to our students on camp.

As we head into the Labour Day long-weekend, I wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy fortnight ahead. We will see you all back at school on Tuesday morning.

Kind regards,  
**Mark COLAGRANDE**  
Principal

## *Teacher Reflections and Feedback on our recent Curriculum Day...*

*It was great to see the staff buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm yesterday. Such a practical session, with lots of tips and techniques ready to take straight back to classrooms.*

The day was filled with sense and intrigue.

*Yesterday's presentation by Julie Shepherd, outlined a different approach, which seemed more meaningful and eliminated the old idea of rote learning and memorising.*

*One of the great things about Structured Word Inquiry (SWI) is that children are learning through asking and answering their own questions, helping them master the scientific method without even realising it.*

Definitely a more engaging and fun way to teach spelling. I cannot wait to try this with my class.

*I discussed all the work I had done with my class the next day and they were extremely interested.*

*To see my class become excited about spelling was a beautiful thing!*

I love the links and connections it makes just like solving maths problems, students are empowered to learn, challenge their thinking to make sense and most importantly have some fun as they learn.

# CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

We Are Learners / We Are Respectful

We Are Safe / We Care About Each Other

Name	Grade	Value	Awarded by
Rylee L	1/2A	Learning	Miss Alihos
Royi H	1/2B	Respect	Miss Blackman
Edison K	1/2D	Learning	Mr. Peric
Alexander P	1/2E	Learning	Mrs Esposito
Zoe B	1/2F	Care	Miss Fonte de Vos
Orlando S	1/2P	Care	Ms Preston
Beatrix C	1/2S	Learning	Mrs Saville
Hannah B	3/4A	Care	Mrs Pavich/Mrs Spiteri
Tarquin S	3/4J	Care	Ms Rigby
Clarissa L	3/4K	Learning	Mr Krauss
Ethan P	3/4M	Learning	Miss Mardesic
Alvie C	3/4R	Learning	Ms. Roberts
Rosie F	3/4S	Respect	Miss Spyrou
Sasha S	5/6B	Learning	Ms Blatti/Mr Kashani
Ben V	5/6F	Respect	Ms Franco
Arlo M	5/6N	Respect	Mr M Niciak
Jemma P	5/6S	Care	Ms Stewart/Ms McKenzie
Yianni V	5/6T	Learning	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.

**Green House** Good Citizen – Mia T 1/2A

**Red House** Good Citizen – Seth W 3/4J

**Blue House** Good Citizen – Lucas J 3/4M

**Gold House** Good Citizen – Arlo M 5/6N

## English Curriculum Day

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we were able to excitedly engage in our long-awaited Curriculum Day with Julie Shepherd on the topic of Structured Word Inquiry (SWI). Our journey with Julie and this focus on improving our spelling instruction at Coburg West PS, started over 1½ years ago, when some of our teachers attended the ALEA National Literacy Conference and listened to Julie speak. Her passion was incredible and for us, it made sense. As a result, we then sent some teachers to follow up Professional Learning, with the purpose of trialling SWI with our students. Our intention was for Julie to then follow up with support and modelling in classrooms, however due to COVID-19 this was not possible in 2020. Therefore, this Curriculum Day was an opportunity for us to slightly change our direction, we decided to bring the whole staff on this journey and learn together.

Our Curriculum Day lead with Julie's mantra, 'our students deserve instruction that helps them to understand the English Language'. During the day, teachers learnt about orthographic phonology, morphology and etymology... (huge words I know) but essentially the teachers learnt to delve deeper and understand how words work, explore the origins of words and that 'meaning is central to learning words.'

At the beginning of our day we were asked to reflect on our own learning of spelling in school. The common theme was that the teaching had not changed across the span of approximately 50 years and that theme was rote learning. Who else remembers getting 10 words to learn on a Monday, going home to learn them and coming back to be tested by that Friday. What did you do with those words? There was no meaning behind the chosen words, they often weren't connected to anything you were learning about and by the following Monday they were erased from your memory... unless of course you were lucky and had a photographic memory. This discussion confirmed that we needed to change our way of thinking and how we teach spelling.

What we discovered through the day, was that the best way to learn how to spell, is to understand how words work. We discovered that this is best done through the process of word inquiries. All staff were totally engaged in completing word sums, building word webs, identifying word families and adding even more questions to the wonder walls. Julie provided us with knowledge and practical ideas to trial with our students. As she presented each new idea, the excitement, curiosity and engagement deepened. There was an incredible atmosphere in the room.

One important take away from this day, is that the CWPS teachers are definitely committed to continuing to learn, grow and develop in this area. This journey has begun positively and will take some time to be fully embedded. Our plan moving forward, is that Julie will return to our school as the year progresses, to work in our classrooms with students and teachers from Foundation to Year 6. We look forward to this and while we will keep you all informed of our progress, the best thing to do is to ask your children what they are learning.

Patricia Amerena  
English Leading Teacher





## COBURG DISTRICT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

The Coburg District Swimming Championship were held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Elite Swimming, Pascoe Vale Pool. The following students are to be congratulated on their outstanding participation and efforts:

Charlotte C, Stephanie W, Till F, Sara S, Thanos M, Astrid B, Lilly C, Eve W and Benjamin H.

All team members performed extremely well and represented the school in an amazing way. Both Eve W and Benjamin H have progressed to the Inner North / Moreland Division Swimming Championship and we wish them well for their next stage of competition.

Thank you to the parents who arranged transport and participation so that the students could have this opportunity.

Well done!

Chris Harvey

Sports Coordinator

Coburg West Primary School



**CWPS IS A SUNSMART  
SCHOOL**

This means that all  
students must wear a  
broad brimmed hat  
when outdoors



# Chinese New Year Manga High Competition!

To celebrate the Chinese New Year (Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> February), we will be awarding this Month's highest Manga High scorer



an **ANZ Chinese New Year Ox money box**, as well as **50 House Points!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place will be awarded 30 House Points, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive 10!**

Each class will also have a **Most Combative** award of **20 House Points!**

- Did you know in Chinese and East Asian cultures, a festival is held to celebrate the beginning of the traditional Chinese calendar?



# CONGRATULATIONS!

What a fantastic start to the year! Everyone did extremely well in our first Manga High competition, but none so well as our winner...



**YIANNI V**  
**(Blue House)**

Close behind was **Archie R** (+30pts Gold)  
and **Harrison S-K** (+10pts Red)!

Representing their houses with great effort were also the following students who have been awarded the 20 Most Combative House Points award:

56S = Nicholas C (Green)

56N = Beth B (Green)

56T = Audrey L (Blue)

56B = Helena C (Green)

56J = Astrid C (Blue)

56F = Mary D (Red)

*Stay tuned for our next  
competition*

We came 7th in the state and 24th in the Country.  
A FANTASIC EFFORT





**COBURG WEST**

**CHILL N' GRILL**

**FRIDAY MARCH 12**

**From 3:30pm to 5pm**



**Come along to enjoy a free sausage  
while you meet other families**

**If you are vegetarian please let us know at  
[cwpsc9@gmail.com](mailto:cwpsc9@gmail.com)**

**Volunteers needed to make this event happen,  
[volunteer at \[signup/go/kZgZzCr\]\(https://signup.go/kZgZzCr\)](https://signup.go/kZgZzCr)**

CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDRAISER

# Hot Cross Buns

We need your help to make some  
**Dough** for our school!

A 6-pack of delicious buns costs **\$8.00** with  
\$2.00 from each pack donated to the school.

Buns on offer are:  
Traditional  
Mocha  
Chocolate chip,  
Apple and Cinnamon  
Fruitless



Order for your friends, work colleagues and families, the  
more we order the more Dough we make!!

Any questions please email : [cwpscg@gmail.com](mailto:cwpscg@gmail.com)

**Order and pay using the Qkr! App**  
**ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY MARCH 26**

With support of Bakers Delight Sydney Road  
Hot Cross Buns will be delivered to school on  
Wednesday March 31  
.... Just in time for Easter!

# **MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN.**

**For a term of free lessons please apply by filling out these details and emailing to [violinmaz@gmail.com](mailto:violinmaz@gmail.com)**

**Instruments available**

**Cello (Katy Molina)**

**Violin (Jessica Thame)**

**Flute / recorder ( Aawa White)( recorder from prep, flute from grade 2)**

**Clarinet (Mitchell Hand) (grade 4 students and above only)**

**Saxophone (Mitchell Hand) (grade 4 students and above only)**

**Parent name:**

**Student name:**

**Student year level / class:**

**Parent phone:**

**Parent email:**

**Instrument interested in:**

**The scholarships will include a term of group lessons. Instruments can be hired through the school or by other arrangement or students can use their own.**

**Applications close: 8th March.**

## More Music News

Two ensembles are going to kick off this term.

Ensemble 1: playing the national anthem in assembly every week.

Open to all students from grade 1 - any instrument. Includes triangles, recorders, glockenspiels and anything you can think of. \$5 per session while rehearsing. No fee for performance in assembly when kids are prepared. Please let me know interest and rehearsal as will start when enough interest is registered.

Rehearsing ensemble: any string or wind instrument. 1 keyboard. Please let me know interest and which instrument (not drums or guitar) and we can discuss. This will be the main ensemble that will be called upon to do performances throughout the year and to represent the school.  
\$12 per session.

Please contact me on [violinmaz@gmail.com](mailto:violinmaz@gmail.com)

Thanks!

Marianne





PRESENTS

# TENNIS OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY & 7 MARCH

@ PASCOE VALE GIRLS  
HIGH SCHOOL

All ages  
welcome

## PAUL SCIDONE;

- Ass. Diploma Fitness Leadership
- Tennis Australia Advanced Coach
- 30 Years Experience

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ESSENTIAL

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coaching needs

