

# Coburg West Primary School

#### FRIDAY 6th May 2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Economics Incursion</b>	Grade 6	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Works Excursion	Grade 4	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Police Cyber Safety Talk	Grade 6	
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	
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	<b>Teacher's Professional Practice Day</b>	Students Not Required	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Melbourne CBD Economics Excursion	Grade 6 Excursion	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent & Teacher Meetings	ТВС	
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	ТВС	
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	ТВС	
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 31st 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,**

What a busy start to the term we are having.

#### **CLASSROOM UPGRADES UNVEILED**

With much delight, our Grade 1 and 2 students have moved into their newly upgraded classrooms. While staff and students alike are still settling in, they are all working together to make these spaces their own. During last term these eight classroom spaces have been transformed with the installation of walls, sliding doors, internal windows, new carpet and vinyl flooring, acoustic panelling, air ventilation system and an amazing new colour palette.

I would like to acknowledge how wonderful it has been to work with such a creative team, led by Zoe and Isobel from WOWOWA Architecture and Hugh from Jointly Commercial Builders. On behalf of our school community, I say thank you.

#### **COMMUNITY GROUP ARE KEPT BUSY**

Yesterday, the Coburg West School Community Group (CWSCG) facilitated a very successful Mother's Day Stall with a broad range of products for students to browse and purchase for their mums, grandmothers and maternal figures. I

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am sure many of you will be pleasantly surprised by the gifts you receive on Sunday. Congratulations to Betsy and her team of parent volunteers.

With a Federal Election Polling Booth being located in our school gym, this 21<sup>st</sup> May, the CWSCG will be providing the obligatory democracy sausage to voters. Members have been busily seeking donations from local businesses. As School Council member Georgia did with Bunnings for our Working Bee, she too is once again approaching businesses across Coburg for support. Please refer to the COMPASS notifications and message later in this Newsletter to see how you can support Betsy and the Group with this fund raiser.



#### **WELCOME MS VRANGALAS**

This term we welcome Ms Vrangalas to CWPS as our Greek Language Teacher. This week she took her first classes and met students across the school. It was lovely to see some students had made cards, drawn pictures and written letters to introduce themselves and welcome their new teacher. We look forward to a productive year ahead.

#### **NAPLAN BEGINS**

In the coming week NAPLAN testing begins. This year, these national tests will take place online. Students in grades 3 and 5 will be required to complete four tests covering; Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Each test takes approximately forty-five minutes and will be spread across the week from Tuesday to Friday. I remind all families that these tests are just a moment in time of your child's learning and do not reflect the full essence of your child. Please support your children to maintain a positive attitude about these tests and ensure they get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast each day. Also ensure your children are onsite on time each day, so as to assist them in having a smooth and stress-free start before going into test sessions.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN INTERNATIONAL ARTIST SOPHIA

As reported last term, Sophia from grade 6 was selected as a finalist in a global art competition with her artwork being displayed in art galleries across France and China. We are proud to share that Sophia's artwork has been selected as one the finalists and as such, will be exhibited in the most famous French gallery of all, the Louvre in Paris. Well done Sophia, we are all so proud of your efforts.

#### STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE

As reported via COMPASS, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 will be a day when students are not required at school. This date has been agreed to by staff and approved by School Council, to enable all staff to complete their Professional Practice Day (PPD) which form part of their employment Agreement. This day will allow all staff to focus on their professional goals and work on improvements in their practice. Gina and the team at OSHC will be running a program on this day, with booking information coming soon.



#### **EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

In the week of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, CWPS will be joining schools across Victoria, in celebrating Education Week. The theme this year is celebrating *150 Years of Public Education*. As such, CWPS are planning for these celebrations, with plans for an Open Morning and Afternoon included. More details will be shared soon.

With the winter weather setting in, I urge all families to ensure your child's uniform is complete, with school windcheaters or bomber jackets being worn rather than odd pieces and colours.

Keep warm and I wish all mothers and grandmothers, a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

Kind regards, Mark COLAGRANDE PRINCIPAL

## **CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES**

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Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
Prep L	Audrey	We Are Learners	Kit H	We Are Respectful	Mrs Lebon / Ms Corn
Prep P	Max	We Are Learners	Angus	We Are Respectful	Mr Pennington
Prep Y	Eleanor	We Are Learners	Will	We Are Respectful	Miss Youla
1B	Anna	We Are Respectful	Evelyn	We Care	Ms Bindloss
1D	Mary A	We Are Learners	Jack O'C	We Are Learners	Mr Peric
1P			Harvey W	We Are Learners	Miss Preston
2A	Angus	We Care	Hugo	We Are Respectful	Ms Alihos
2F	Chiara	We Care	Mia	We Are Respectful	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N	Sacha O	We Are Safe	lvy P	We Care	Mr Niciak
3B	Maider	we Are Learners	Sonny Mc	We Care	Miss Blackman
3R	Edison K	We Are Learners	Pepe	We Are Respectful	Mr Robinson
3\$	Michael	We Are Learners	Martha	We Care	Ms Spiteri / Ms Pavich
4K	Claudia	We Are Learners	Sophie F	We Are Learners	Mr Krauss
4M	Gemma L	We Are Respectful	Oscar H	We Are Learners	Ms Mardesic
4R	Ave N	We Are Learners	Joel S	We Are Respectful	Ms Rigby
5B	Jake P	We Are Learners	Juno	We Are Learners	Ms Blatti/Ms Mckenzie
6F	Tash T	We Are Respectful			Ms Franco
6J	Josh	We Care	Trey S	We Care	Mr Jenkins
6K	Rose	We Care	Harry S	We Are Learners	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.

	29 <sup>th</sup> April	6 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Green House</b>	Lani 4K	Sophie 4K
Red House	Michael 3S	Massimo 2F
Blue House	Clyde 2A	Dylan 4K
<b>Gold House</b>	Hayman 3B	Henry PY

## The Library is now open!!



We are all delighted to have the library back in use as of this week. The enthusiasm and excitement the students are showing to be back in this calming space is great to see!

This is a great time for everyone who has books overdue, to have another look at home to see if they can locate the books and return them to the library. This will assist with all students having the opportunity to experience the great range of books available to them.

We look forward to a great year in the library!

ES Staff.

## Orthography AT CWPS: Our journey continues



As you are aware last term we spent a curriculum day with Julie Shepherd, a literacy consultant. On this day the teachers learnt about orthographic phonology, morphology and etymology, essentially, we learnt to delve deeper and understand how words work, their origins and that 'meaning is central to learning' words. This meant that as teachers we were learning how to teach our students orthography or in other words 'spelling'. More importantly we were learning to teach our students to understand how the English language and words work. In turn, we were learning how to empower our students with the knowledge of words.

After a very busy term of teachers trialling new strategies to support our students with 'spelling' we asked Julie to return and further support us. The teachers involved specifically asked Julie to model certain elements that they needed further guidance with. She modelled in a Grade Prep, 2, 4 and 6 class. It was great for the teachers to get direct feedback on their progress with this work with the students. Julie was very complimentary of our work so far and it was also evident that students are bringing the knowledge that they have been taught from previous years and extending their understanding.

Following the classroom modelling and observations, the teachers involved were given an opportunity to meet with Julie to reflect, question and wonder. This helped us decide what the next steps would be to support our teachers across the school. We reflected that although some of us are disappointed that as a whole school we wish that we were further along our learning journey. We did come to the realisation that despite the interruptions of the past couple of years we are at a great place. Our students from Foundation to Grade 6 are using technical words such as prefixes, suffixes, base words, phonemes, orthography, etymology and that they are using these with understanding. We have also seen an improvement to our spelling results across the school. This is confirming that we are heading in the right direction.

On this day, we also asked Julie to work with the whole staff to develop an orthography philosophy. Teachers completed a think, pair, share task where we individually wrote down our ideas, then paired with another staff member and combined those ideas before sharing them. It was great that we discovered that many of our ideas were common, this means that we are all on this journey together. Since that staff meeting, the English Curriculum Team then reviewed these ideas and further refined them.

Our next step is to invite Julie back to our school to continue to work with staff to allow us to continue to build our understanding and skills in teaching orthography. I look forward to sharing this progress with the CWPS community.

Patricia Amerena English Leading Teacher



## Student reflections about our lesson with Mrs Shepherd





We enjoyed writing word sums with the word 'play'. It was something that we hadn't done before.

Liv & Kit Prep L





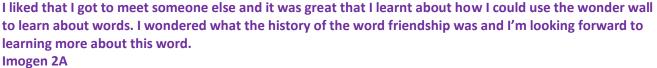
I really enjoyed working with someone (Julie Shepherd) who knows a lot about the topic. I also enjoyed going into the Grade 4 class to share what I had learnt about the word 'revenue' from our class investigation. I told them that I had learnt that the base word of revenue is 'venue' and that it means 'coming in and out' and the word 'avenue' is also related as it means 'moving in and out' just like the word revenue means money 'coming in and out'.

Ollie 6J



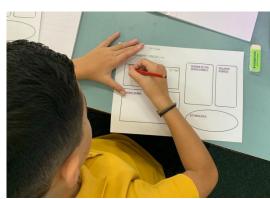
I liked how Mrs Shepherd explained orthography and that she included us in the discussion. I also learnt that words can have long histories like the word Sunday.

Claudia 4K









# THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to our wonderful school community. The images on this page are a snapshot of the new books the school has received.

These books are a combination of your generous donations that I keep finding in the donation box near the office. Other books have been acquired from the credit received from the Scholastic Book Sales fundraiser conducted in Term 1.

This has meant that I could fulfill some of the student book requests, continue to add to the classroom libraries and purchase new Junior and Senior Reading Room resources.

Be assured, that your kind donations and contributions are appreciated and utilised for the best outcome and interests of your children, who are always central to our decision making. Thank you again!

Patricia Amerena English Leading Teacher









## UPDATED tutor learning initiative (TLI) & CWPS SUPPORT PROGRAM

At Coburg West PS, one of our top priorities for the year continues to be the response to the disruption of 2021 by working to ensure that all students who did not make the expected growth in 2021 get tailored and targeted help through our TLI.

Our tutors, Fiona Currie (Mathematics – Number (Term 1 - 4), Patricia Amerena (English – Reading (Term 1), Writing (Term 2 – 4) and Rachel Esposito (Mathematics & English as required) will continue to tutor students across the school.

Tutors collaborate with classroom teachers to:

- finalise the identification of students requiring additional learning support (based on 2021 student growth) as part of the Initiative, using available data and evidence to understand student learning progress and needs
- analyse the data of the identified students to understand their point of need and develop strategies to support the practice approach adopted by the school in consultation with the relevant classroom teachers
- develop targeted activities for identified students to assist growth in learning
- identify specific learning goals for the Individual Education Plan (IEP).

In addition to the TLI, CWPS has invested resources into providing additional support for students who did not qualify for the TLI and were working towards being at level. The target curriculum areas of support align with the TLI focus.

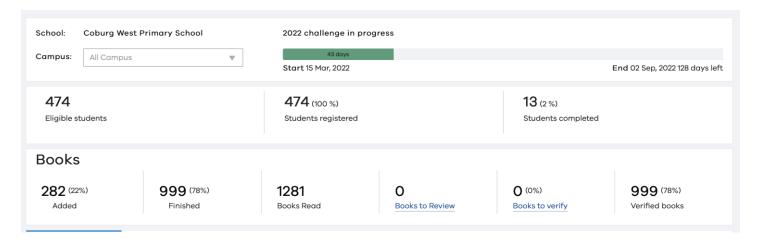
Further information about the TLI and the CWPS Support Program and how they will be implemented for students who need learning support in our school, will be issued directly to the families of the students who will be targeted.

Kind regards
Fiona Currie & Patricia Amerena
Leading Teachers



## **2022 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

It's so great to see so many students have commenced the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge over the school holidays. We already have <u>13 students</u> who have completed the challenge, now they continue to read for pleasure and add any additional books to the register to document their year of reading. Well done.



For those of you who have not yet added any books, it's time to get started. Test your login and add those books. A comprehensive list of over 20,000 books with the recommended reading age can be viewed and explored HERE.

Also remember that all books should be entered no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

Good luck and continue reading!

Patricia Amerena English Leading Teacher



## SOPHIA WINS A PLACE IN THE LOUVRE, PARIS

Upon returning to school from the holidays, the Coburg West community was delighted to hear of a grand achievement made by Grade 6 student Sophia H in her artistic endeavours.

As a commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of French novelist Marcel Proust's birthday, children aged 3 to 18 globally were invited to participate in an art contest by creating joint paintings with six international art masters. As a finalist, Sophia's artwork was exhibited at Chateau de Swann in France and the Jing Gallery in China from the beginning of April this year. During the school holidays Sophia's artwork was shortlisted to the top 200 which confirms her artwork to be exhibited in the Louvre in Paris from the beginning of June.

This is an incredibly inspiring achievement of international regard that will be remembered amongst the school for years to come. It is an honour and privilege to have been even a small part of Sophia's journey in the arts and we hope to have the pleasure of hearing more glad tidings of her successes throughout her life and career. We acknowledge that this is no small feat, and hope to celebrate, support and encourage in the little time we have left together.

Congratulations on a remarkable achievement Sophia!

### **CWPS Choir Goodness**

Rehearsals - every Tuesday, 8.10am in the music room
Participants from Grades 1-6.
All students are welcome, no previous experience necessary.
A welcoming environment and potential songs about Bruno may occur!

10th May 2022 will be the cut off date for joining Choir in Term Two.

Any expressions of interest after the 10th, will be placed on a waiting list and will be most

welcome to join us in Term Three.

Please contact Minna Ikonen / 0417 780 822 for further information.

## CWPS Community Group News

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support last term. Through the Scholastic Drive and Hot Cross Bun stall we were able to raise over \$1200 which will be put toward books and outdoor equipment upgrades. It was also amazing to meet so many great parents at the Working Bee BBQ! Finally, we hope there'll be lots of happy mums after the Mother's Day stall featuring products created by our talented and generous community.

Community Group Meeting: ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 12th May @ Post Office Hotel 7.30pm

## What's happening in term 2..

#### May

20th - Festival of Mum!

(details on next page)

21st - Election BBQ

Volunteers and cakes needed

June (dates TBC)

Pie Drive

School Disco

## Volunteer call out!

Election Day BBQ, Coffee and Cake Stall - Sign up to do your bit for CWPS - see Compass for link!



## Dates for the Diary Community Meetings

Thursday 12th May 7:30 @ Post Office Hotel

Thursday 9th June 7:30 @ Post Office Hotel

## Get involved with the Community

email us on <u>cwpscg@gmail.com</u> or join the <u>Facebook group</u>





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