



# Coburg West Primary School

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

## CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2023

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>	<b>1:30pm Dismissal</b>

## VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2024

	START	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>2:30pm</b>
TERM 2	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>2:30pm</b>
TERM 3	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>2:30pm</b>
TERM 4	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>1:30pm Dismissal</b>

**Dear School Community,**

Another school year has come to an end. And what an exciting end to the year we have had.

### 2023 COMES TO A CLOSE

In these final weeks we have had so many opportunities to show case and celebrate our students, highlighting the wonderful community spirit we have here at CWPS. Between our Whole School Concert, our Instrumental Music Concert, classrooms open for their Inquiry Learning Showcases and Grade 6 Graduation, there have been so many families sharing and celebrating their children's learning.

On Monday evening we celebrated our grade six students as they officially graduated from their primary school career. Sadly, on such occasions we also bid farewell to many families. For many of them, this is the end of an era. For CWPS it is always sad to see these families leave, but it is important to remember, they will always be part of our school community. CWPS has a strong history and connection to community, and it is always a delight to see past students returning for a visit and sharing their fond memories. On behalf of the entire CWPS school community, I wish them all well.

In recent days Mr Argyropoulos advised that he would not be returning to lead our Greek Language Program in 2024. He has accepted fulltime employment in another school. I would like you all to join me in thanking him for his contributions to our school and wish him well for his future endeavours. At this late stage, we will be looking to recruit a replacement teacher early in the new year.

### WHAT WILL 2024 LOOK LIKE?

The new school year begins at 9am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, for all students in grades 1 to 6. New students in Prep have their own start up calendar.

With the new year, we welcome Ms Kingsley, Mr Munari and Ms Parker to our school staff.

Our 2024 teaching teams will be as follows:

Ms Zschunke	Prep D	Visual Arts	Ms McGregor Ms Kyrkilis
Ms Lebon/Ms Amerena	Prep L		
Ms Youla	Prep Y		
Ms Parker	1P	Performing Arts	Ms Caulfield
Mr Peric	1D	Physical Education	Mr Harvey
Ms Esposito	1/2E		

Ms Winzar-Taylor	2W		Ms Kyrkilis
Mr Munari	2M		
Mr Niciak/Ms Currie	3N	Italian	Ms DiVincenzo Ms Petersen
Mr Aitken	3A		
Ms Spiteri/Ms Pavich	3/4S		
Ms Preston	4P	Greek	TBC
Ms Blackman	4B		
Mr Torpey	5T	Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader	Ms Kingsley
Ms Corn	5C		
Mr Robinson	5R		
Ms Franco	6F	Engagement & Inclusion Officer	Mr Niciak
Mr Krauss	6K		
Ms Rigby	6R		
Franca Denise Anna Sonia	Office Administration Team	Educational Support Staff	Sonia Giselle Rachael Jennie

Through this last term, our students and staff have gone through the process of nominating and voting for our 2024 Student Leaders. The process has been completed, the handover between outgoing and incoming Student Leaders has taken place and I am pleased to share that our School Captains for 2024 are Ava N and Nicholas R. Both have already demonstrated that they can fulfil the responsibilities, and they have had wonderful mentors in our exiting School Captains, Alara and Christian. On that note, I wish to thank both Alara and Christian for their outstanding leadership, along with the entire 2023 Student Leadership Group.

## 2024 CURRICULUM DAYS

Please add to your 2024 diaries that our four Curriculum Days are as follows:

- Monday 29 January
- Monday 29 April
- Tuesday 11 June
- Monday 4 November

## PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Yesterday we celebrated Principal for the Day, with Andrew S from grade 3 and Niamh M from grade 4, stepping into both the Principal and Assistant Principal roles respectively. As part of their special day, they arranged a casual clothes day for all students. They also asked students to make a donation, with all funds raised being donated to Foodbank.org. This organisation provides meals for families doing it tough. For every dollar, they can provide two meals and as such, Andrew and Niamh calculated that with the total of \$482.30 raised by our school Foodbank will be able to provide 964.6 meals. This will mean a lot for many families this Christmas. Together with Andrew and Niamh, I would like to thank our students for taking part and contributing to this worthy cause.

Finally, I would like to thank all students, staff and every family for all your contributions in making our school community a great one. Especially to our School Council and CWPS Community Group who have done amazing things yet again this year, as is evident in their reports which follow in this newsletter.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season ahead. If you celebrate Christmas, may it be merry and for all I wish a wonderful start to the new year.

See you all in 2024.

**Best wishes,  
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	Christian	We Are Learners	Fletcher	We Are Learners	Mrs Lebon
Prep S	Sonny L	We Are Learners	Artie Alister	We Are Safe We Are Respectful	Ms Zschunke
Prep Y	Sonny F	We Are Learners	Whole class	We Care	Ms. Youla
1D	Max	We Are Learners	Kaylin Audrey	We Are Learners	Mr Peric
1E	Alistair	We Are Learners	Amy	We Are Learners	Ms Esposito
2C	Grace Ivy	We Are Respectful	Max Caoimhe	We Care	Ms Cavoli
2F	Aston	We Care	Whole Class	We Care	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N	Mason	We Are Respectful	Jack	We Are respectful	Mr Niciak
3B	Jesse	We Are Respectful	Charlie	We Are Safe	Ms. Blackman
3R	Tayla	We Are Learners	Clyde	We Are Respectful	Mr Robinson
3S	Marcus	We Are Respectful	Amelia	We Are Respectful	Mrs Spiteri/Mrs Pavich
4K	Ellian	We Are Learners	Evangelia Zara	We Are Respectful We Are Safe	Mr Krauss
4M	Connie	We Are Respectful	Teddy	We Are Learners	Ms McKenzie/Ms Corn
4P	William	We Care			Ms Preston
5R	Kleo	We Are Learners	Amelia	We Care	Ms Taylor
5M	Florence	We Are Learners	Ari	We Are Safe	Ms Mardesic
5T	Sophie	We Care	Panagiotis	We Care	Mr Torpey
6A	Maddie	We Are Respectful	Adelaide	We Are Learners	Mr Aitken
6F	Georgie H & Violet	We Are Learners	Chris	We Are Respectful	Ms Franco
6R	Georgie S	We Care	Juno & Whole School	We Are Respectful We Are Respectful	Mrs Rigby

## 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.

	1 <sup>st</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Green House</b>	Leo 4M	Ava 2C
<b>Red House</b>	Anna 3B	Clementine PS
<b>Gold House</b>	Nickolas 5T	Flynn 2N
<b>Blue House</b>	Isaac 2N	Vivian PL

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Prep L	Charlie	We Care About Each Other	Mrs Lebon
Prep S	Whole Class	We Care About Each Other	Ms Zschunke
1E	Donnie	We Are Learners	Ms Esposito
2C	Whole Class	We Care About Each Other	Ms Cavoli
2N	Whole Class	We Care About Each Other	Mr Niciak
3R	Lukas	We Are Respectful	Mr Robinson
3S	Angus	We Are Respectful	Mrs Spiteri/Mrs Pavich
4K	Eve	We Care About Each Other	Mr Krauss
5R	Whole Class	We Care About Each Other	Ms Taylor
5T	Sophie Mabel	We Are Respectful We Care About Each Other	Mr Torpey
6A	Whole Class	We Care About Each Other	Mr Aitken
6F	Maudie	We Care About Each Other	Ms Franco

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	15 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Green House</b>	Damian 4K
<b>Red House</b>	Remy 3R
<b>Gold House</b>	Reyaansh 3S
<b>Blue House</b>	Mariah 5T

# Greetings to and from Italy and Australia



Display of letters from the Italian students at Coburg West Primary School to our friends at our Sister School Don Milani Elementare in Italy.

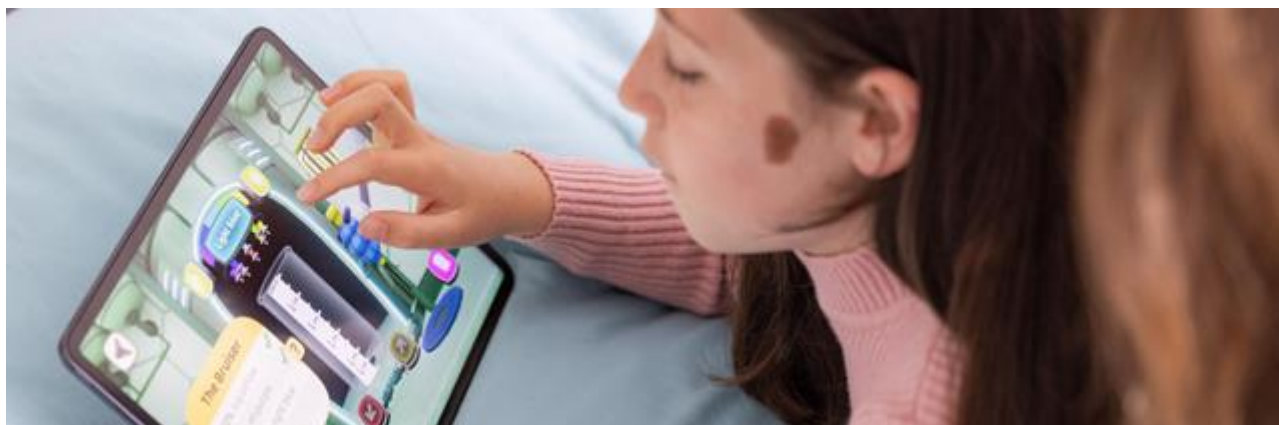


Display of letters from the students at Don Milani Elementare to the Italian students at Coburg West Primary School.





## From Coburg West Primary School Italian students to our Sister School Don Milani Elementare



## Build maths confidence the fun way these holidays

We take readers home to build literacy skills, but how do we help our children practise maths regularly without feeling like more schoolwork? *Town Squared* makes maths a reward!

Our school has the opportunity for families to access this world-class resource at a heavily discounted rate.

Sign up at <https://www.townsquaredgame.com/my-school-offer>

And use our code **SUMMER50** to access the discount.

Keep your child's maths momentum going over the break!

### More information

*Town Squared* helps all children find their own level and motivates them to move beyond. The maths puzzles adapt to your child's capability, providing additional challenge or support wherever they need it. Reluctant or anxious learners can enjoy building their skills in a supportive game world, and those needing extension can challenge themselves to reach the highest levels of the puzzles.

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If you are interested as a family, please feel free to sign up for the holidays.

Wishing you all a safe and happy break.

Fiona Currie  
Numeracy Leading Teacher



I have had the privilege of distributing the Premiers Reading Challenge certificates to the 92 students who completed the 2023 challenge. Congratulations to the following students:

Jett F.	Prep L
Leon W.	Prep S
Thomas M.	Prep S
Charlotte D.	Prep S
Zac C.	Prep Y

Eleanor R.	1D
Fletcher G.	1D
Goldie W.	1D
Kit M.	1D
Raffy T.	1D
Alistair P.	1E
Amy L.	1E
Archer L.	1E
Esme B.	1E
Felix B.	1E
Leon R.	1E
Mei K.	1E
Wren N.	1E

Martha C.	4K
Orlando S.	4K
Samuel W.	4K
Audrey M.	4M
Michael L.	4M
Niamh P.	4M
Patrick B.	4M
Hannah P.	4P
Jude M.	4P
Lydia B.	4P
Oliver G.	4P
Xanthe R.	4P



Ada K.	2C
Grace W.	2C
Ivy B.	2C
Samuel F.	2C
Selena T.	2C
Zoe M.	2C
Eda C.	2F
Elena R.	2F
Olivia W.	2F
Sebastian S.	2F
Flynn M.	2N
Mason W.	2N

Ava N.	5M
Emily W.	5M
Gemma L.	5M
Olivia V.	5M
Paddy R.	5M
Patrick Z.	5M
Lily S-S.	5R
Natasha W.	5R
Avielle P.	5T
Claudia B.	5T
Cleo G.	5T
Dylan R.	5T
Mariah N.	5T
Matilda S.	5T
Panos A.	5T
Peter V.	5T
Phoebe H.	5T
Rose L.	5T
Rosie F.	5T

Archie K.	3B
Ella L.	3B
Genevieve G-S.	3B
Lyla B.	3B
Olivia N.	3B
Romarios T.	3B
Seth T.	3B
Beadie C.	3R
Chiara M.	3R
Clyde M.	3R
Frankie W.	3R
Imogen M.	3R
Lukas R.	3R
Ollie L.	3R
Remy D.	3R
Rosina Z.	3R
Scott H.	3R
Georgia B.	3S
Jacob H.	3S
Josephine R.	3S
Ruzica L.	3S
Siena M.	3S

Charlotte B.	6A
Katie T.	6A
Madeline R.	6A
Max D.	6A
Angelique L.	6F
Elijah V.	6R
Leo C.	6R





In addition, the following students also received a Premiers Readers Challenge pin for having read the most books in their class. Congratulations to:

Student	Grade	Books Read
Leon W.	Prep S	60 Books
Charlotte D.	Prep Y	32 Books
Jett F.	Prep L	36 Books
Fletcher G.	1D	106 Books
Esme B.	1E	114 Books
Flynn M.	2N	154 Books
Elena R.	2F	50 Books
Selena T.	2C	260 Books
Ruzica L.	3S	111 Books
Beadie C.	3R	46 Books
Ella L.	3B	160 Books
Jude M.	4P	190 Books
Martha C.	4K	54 Books
Michael L.	4M	61 Books
Emily W.	5M	108 Books
Lili S-S.	5R	26 Books
Avielle P.	5T	410 Books
Madeleine R.	6A	29 Books
Angelique L.	6F	16 Books
Elijah V.	6R	24 Books

We hope to see many more participants in 2024!

Patricia Amerena  
English Leading Teacher



# Our community is kicking goals.

**A year in review from the school council president**



*Shore reserve showdown – golden boot  
2023 Coburg West Warriors*

Our children have achieved extraordinary results in the classroom in 2023. The displays of student work at school and in the broader community always offer moments to celebrate. Reflecting on this, the sheer magnitude of their accomplishments is to be applauded.

Student, staff, parents, carers and grandparents make our Coburg West Primary School village supportive and vibrant. All of us nurture the whole being of each child and contribute to their success in the classroom and playground.

Our school values of learning, respect, safety and caring are always on display and regularly rewarded at assemblies. The behaviour of our children and our school environment reflects these values.

## **There is still time...**

We are grateful for all the financial support that families contribute to our school. This in turn is invested in our most valuable assets - the children. CWPS is not immune to the rising costs of services and staffing. Your direct financial support is wisely managed to benefit all students.

Tax deductible contributions can be made at any time to the Building and Library funds. The other necessary school payments to support our nurse, grounds and curriculum are still open. Less than 60% of payments from families have been received in 2023. While it does go a long way, without these contributions it is difficult to implement the programs we once could.

## **Thankyou**

To our school leadership team, and our teaching and support staff, thank you for the quality, consistency and dedication you give to your roles. Unquestionably you have all sought to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students, something of which, as a school and as parents we are all truly proud and appreciative.

Congratulations to our grade 6 students and farewell to those families leaving us as your children continue their educational journeys into secondary school.

And to our school community group and the school council, who work tirelessly year-round in the background to ensure our school provides its own “personal best” to our students and wider community, thank you for this year. Our school community group has raised over \$40,000 this year. Please see the latest school newsletter for a breakdown of all the wonderful events and their incredible success.

On behalf of the school council, we hope everyone can enjoy a happy, safe, and positive summer break.

*Donald Parton*

*President – Coburg West Primary School Council*

# CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP

## 2023 FUNDRAISING

**WOW** - another amazing year of fundraising at CWPS! We are forever grateful to all the volunteers who step up time and time again to make all these events happen!! There have been loads of people involved in the Community Group this year - too many to individually name, but you know who you are! It's so exciting to see some of the changes made around the school as a result of our fundraising including the new outdoor spaces in front of the prep rooms, new furniture for the outdoor classroom (under the new shade sail), the electronic scoreboard in the gym and more! If you have any feedback on what you would like to see the funds put towards - we would love to hear from you at [cwpsc@gmail.com](mailto:cwpsc@gmail.com).

**As the current two year tenure of our office bearers comes to an end - we will be looking for people to fill these roles in 2024! We won't be going far though - we will still be involved in the group and supporting the new office bearers. Please email the address above if you are interested in an office bearer role - or check the schools website for more information.**

BETSY, KATE, BRIDGET AND JO - OFFICE BEARERS 2022/2023

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### COBURG WEST BEANIES!



SILENT AUCTION | PRIZE DRAWS | DJ DAVE-JACQUES-VU  
Saturday 21 October 7pm



# CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP

- Easter Eggs – **\$730**
- Moonlight Cinema – **\$5k**
- Appreciation stall for Mothers Day – **\$2k**
- School Disco – **\$2.2k**
- Festival of Mum – Mothers Day Lunch – **\$1.1k**
- Italian Food Drive – **\$1.4k**
- Coburg West Beanies & Scarves – **\$800**
- Scholastic Book Drive (x3) – **\$2.3k in books!**
- Appreciation Day for Fathers Day – **\$2.1k**
- Dad's Day Out – **\$1.3k**
- Footy Showdown – **\$8k**
- Parents Night Out – **\$7k**





# CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP

- Crazy Artwork – **\$2.6k**
- Mango Drive – **\$640**
- Referendum BBQ – **\$4.2k**
- Gnoccheria Drive – **\$1k**

In addition to the fundraising events – we also helped coordinate the *Prep Morning Tea*, *World Teachers Day Lunch*, *Zero Co fundraiser* and more!

All of our events are made possible through the support of the community – it takes a village and we look forward to welcoming the new office bearers and members in 2024! It's not just about fundraising, it's about the friends and lasting connections you make.

We hope to do some more great events in 2024, including (maybe) the fete again – but it's only possible when people get involved.



GET INVOLVED IN 2024:  
[CWPSCG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CWPSCG@GMAIL.COM)  
FACEBOOK GROUP





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1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024

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City Council

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SUMMER  
READ

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the holidays to be  
in the running for  
these brick-tastic  
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and more!



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# SIZZLING SUMMER CLINICS

**2024**  
**FREE**  
SOCCER BALL FOR  
EACH PARTICIPANT!

As a follow up to the Magnificent Matilda's tremendous performance at Soccer's World Cup, we are delighted to offer our clinics for 4-12 year old children!

Saturday morning clinics run during the school term for 8 sessions and involve 55 minutes of personalized tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of Soccer as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Clinics begin on Saturday the 3rd of February 2024

#### SESSION TIME & LOCATION:

9:00AM to 10:00AM at  
Strathmore Secondary College,  
Pascoe Vale Rd, Strathmore.

TERM 1 CLINICS BEGIN SAT. FEB 3rd 2024

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment on first day of clinic 3/2/2024  
Cheque or Cash \$150  
Please register by Friday 2/2  
to secure your child's place in the clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric and fill out participant/s information:

Name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinics previously completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

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