



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 24th November 2023

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
NOVEMBER		
Monday 27 th	Grade Prep Excursion	Werribee Open Range Zoo
DECEMBER		
Monday 4 th	Grade 3 Excursion	Aquarium Excursion
Wednesday 6 th	Whole School Concert & Picnic	Senior Yard 5:30pm
Thursday 7 th	Grade 1 Excursion	Airoworld 10am – 12pm
Friday 8 th	Grade 4 Excursion	Palace Cinemas, Pentridge
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Grades 3 & 4 Swimming	Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 12 th	Grade 2 Excursion	ACMI
Wednesday 13 th	Piano Concert	Small hall from 5:30pm
Thursday 14 th	Grade 6 Excursion	Luna Park
Friday 15 th	Meet the Teacher	Prep to Six
Monday 18 th	Grade 6 Ceremony	Graduation Ceremony
Tuesday 19 th	Grade 5 Excursion	Windy Hill Fitness Centre
Wednesday 20th	Last Day of Term 4	1:30pm Dismissal

VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2023			
	START	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 4	Monday 2nd October	Wednesday 20th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

It has been pleasing to see so many of our prep students exploring the back playground as they join the rest of the school in enjoying the various engaging play areas across our grounds.

2024 UPDATES

There will be a few slight changes to our structures and staffing in 2024. While we are working on finalising grade placements and some other aspects, I can advise that next year will see us having 19 classes, two of which will be composites. We will be running with one composite in the grade 1 & 2 cohort, along with one composite in the grade 3 & 4 cohort. This is necessary given the cohort numbers are odd, in that there are too many students for two grades and not enough for three grades, therefore we are needing to have composites to create a balance and even out class sizes across the school.

Also, as we transition between this school year and the next, we will be farewelling the following staff: Ms Allison (McKenzie) - Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader, Ms Cavoli – Grade 2, Ms Mardesic – Grade 5 and Ms Fonte De Vos – Grade 2. They each will be taking on new adventures in other schools or other parts of the world, however we will be welcoming both Ms Mardesic and Ms Fonte De Vos back in 2025. Until then, I ask that you join us in taking the time over the coming weeks to thank them all and wish them well for the year ahead.

Furthermore, in the new year we will also be farewelling both Ms Roberts and Ms Blatti as they take the big step into retirement. Both these staff members have been part of the CWPS Community for many years. At

some point early in 2024, we will officially celebrate their respective retirements, however until then, you may also like to take the time to congratulate and thank them both for their contributions to our school.

2024 PARENT PAYMENTS/VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

While we are constantly hearing in the media and facing the reality of the increases to the cost of living, I am pleased to say that together with School Council, we have unanimously agreed to keep the Parent Payment Arrangements constant. That is, the requested amounts have not increased from this year's figures. As such, the suggested amounts will remain as:

- Curriculum Contributions \$290
- Other Contributions (incl SSV, First Aid, Grounds) \$119
- Tax Deductible Contributions (Building Fund \$100, Library Fund \$50)

The only change for 2024 will be the move to payment of contributions via the QKR App. Following feedback from many families, it should now be much easier to make these payments using this app. In the coming weeks we will share more information about both the Parent Payment Arrangements and the payment process using the QKR App.

SCHOOL CONCERT

If you are not already aware, we will be holding our end of year school concert on Wednesday 6th December. This will be a whole school outdoor event, with families invited to bring a picnic rug to sit on and enjoy watching each class perform. With the concert starting at 5:30pm, we ask that families arrive earlier and keep their children with them, so that they will be ready to perform with their class as required. Children should not be playing across the school grounds, rather they are urged to respectfully sit and enjoy the concert, encouraging and applauding the efforts of all our students. Please see the information following in this newsletter.

PARENT PAYMENTS STILL OPEN

While we may be in the final school term for the year, there is still time for families to support our school by making the voluntary contributions for 2023. These Parent Payments help cover the cost of all supplies and materials used by the children in their learning throughout the year. While this includes their daily use of stationery items such as pencils, glue, and paper, it also covers the costs of art supplies, maths or science resources and reading materials.

With less than 60% of families having already made these payments, please be reminded that payments can still be made via the COMPASS App or directly at the Office.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

**Our Outdoor
Learning
Space is
almost ready.**



CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
Prep L	Ned	We Are Respectful	Matilda	We Are Respectful	Mrs Lebon
Prep S	Henry	We Are Respectful	Dakota	We Are Respectful	Ms Zschunke
Prep Y	Louis	We Are Respectful	Fleur	We Are Respectful	Ms. Youla
1D	Henry	We Are Learners	Eleanor	We Are Learners	Mr Peric
1E	Erin	We Care	Kit	We Are Learners	Ms Esposito
2C	Sandy	We Are Learners	Shia Selena	We Care	Ms Cavoli
2F	Toby	We Are Learners	Eda	We Are Respectful	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N	Archie & Andre	We Are Respectful	Selena	We Are Learners	Mr Niciak
3B	George	We Are Learners	Anna	We Care	Ms. Blackman
3R	Isabel	We Are Learners	Rosina	We Are Respectful	Mr Robinson
3S	Jacob	We Are Respectful	Grace	We Are Respectful	Mrs Spiteri/Mrs Pavich
4K	Claude	We Are Respectful			Mr Krauss
4M	Teddy	We Are Respectful	Jessica	We Are Learners	Ms McKenzie/Ms Corn
4P					Ms Preston
5R	Jack	We Are Respectful	Lili	We Care	Ms Taylor
5M	Ari	We Are Learners	Madeleine	We Are Learners	Ms Mardesic
5T	Christian	We Are Respectful	Mia Rose Stephanie	We Care	Mr Torpey
6A	Daniel	We Are Learners	Christian	We Are Learners	Mr Aitken
6F	Oliver	We Are Learners	Emmeline	We Are Learners	Ms Franco
6R	Priscilla	We Are Respectful	Jack Brandon	We Are Learners We Care	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.

	17th November	24 th November
Green House	Jaxon 2F	Seb 6A
Red House	Mia B 5T	Scott 3R
Gold House	Una PS	Bo 1D
Blue House	Ollie 3R	Amelia 3S

SPECIALIST NEWS

Semester 2, 2023

Dear Coburg West Primary School Community,

Your Specialist teachers are excited to share with you the positive strides we are making in promoting emotional well-being and readiness to learn among our Grade 2 students. We have focussed on implementing the Zones of Regulation framework, a valuable tool that assesses and supports students' emotional states.

★ INTRODUCTION OF ZONES OF REGULATION

The Zones of Regulation divides emotions into four color-coded zones: Blue (sad or tired), Green (calm and ready to learn), Yellow (frustrated, anxious, or worried), and Red (angry or elated). Specialist teachers have been using this framework to gauge the Grade 2 emotional readiness of our students and provide them with effective tools to guide them back to the 'green' zone—where they are calm and ready to absorb new knowledge.

This proactive approach aims to instil self-regulation skills and emotional awareness in our students, fostering a positive and conducive learning environment. By equipping our students with the tools to recognise and manage their emotions, we are empowering them to thrive academically and emotionally.

We look forward to continuing this journey and creating an environment where every student feels supported and prepared to embrace the learning experience. We look forward to expanding this practice to further grades next Semester.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Specialist Teachers
(Chris, Georgia, Nadia, Agatha, Marie and Jane)
Coburg West Primary School



COBURG WEST PS

2023 End of Year Concert and Picnic

(held on the outside sports courts)

Wednesday December 6th from 5.30pm

Come, relax and celebrate a fabulous 2023, as your children perform a dance with their class, starting with Prep and proceeding to Grade 6.

Choir and Rock Band to finish the evening with a short set also!

*Parents will be responsible for providing simple costumes for their children. Please don't feel that buying new items is at all necessary. Anything that can be borrowed from others or sourced from an op-shop is preferable. No need to go to much trouble as the event is a relaxed, low-key affair with minimal environmental impact.

Below is a list of the themes for each grade's costumes as well as approximate performance times:

Running Sheet and Costumes– End of Year Concert

5.30pm:

Prep L - Anything green or dinosaur themed

Prep S - Australiana theme

Prep Y - Jungle-themed

5.45pm:

Grade 1D - Superhero theme

Grade 1E - Disco theme

6.00pm:

Grade 2C - Sunshine/Summer theme

Grade 2F - International theme ie. Karate gear

Grade 2N - Hawaiian theme, beach gear, anything tropical etc.

6.15pm:

Grade 3B - Sports gear

Grade 3R - 'Hip-Hop' baggy gear

Grade 3S - 'A touch of glitter' – silver headband provided

6.30pm:

Grade 4B - A touch of sparkle

Grade 4K - Anything yellow, orange, and or red

Grade 4M - Denim/blue bottoms (jeans, shorts, skirt) White t-shirt, Freddy Mercury moustache (optional)

6.45pm:

Grade 5M - Anything black with optional face paint or bandanna

Grade 5R - Anything sporty, sports uniform etc

Grade 5T - Any dark clothing, head band provided

7.00pm:

Grade 6A - Any blue or white clothing

Grade 6F - Any black or white clothing

Grade 6R - Black clothing

***Alternative date if it rains on December 6th, is December 13th**

****BYO picnic rug, refreshments, chairs etc.***

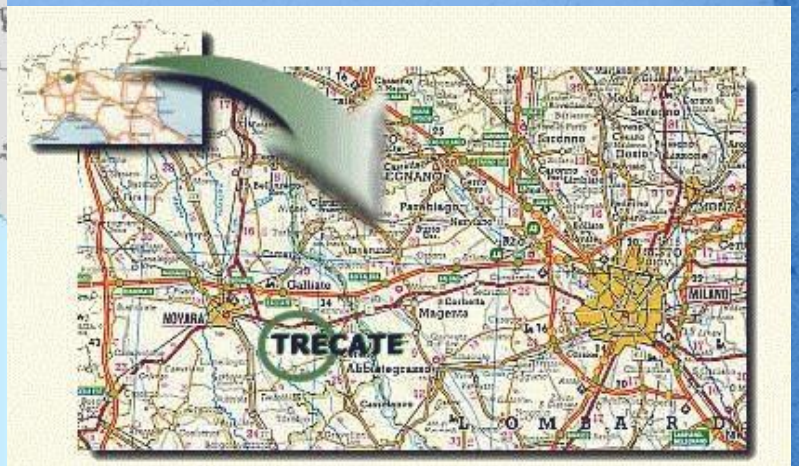


Don Milani Primaria - Our Italian Sister School in Italy.

Don Milani
is here in
the north
of Italy

Where is our Sister
School Don Milani?

Stemma cittadino



Trecate è una cittadina della provincia
di Novara, nella regione Piemonte.

Don Milani is our Sister School located in the city of Trecate not far from Milan in Italy. It has more than 500 students aged from 6 to 11 years.

It has a large shady garden, a large gym, a canteen, a spacious library, a computer lab, a theatre with 226 seats, and many spaces for study and for games.

The school hosts several Musical and Theatrical Projects each year. Classes from first to fifth grade are engaged in a theatrical program with the assistance of specialists in music, song, and dance.

The school is keen to develop the full potential of each of its students and that is why every year numerous projects are put in place to achieve this goal, in particular in sport and other areas of student interest.

There are numerous sports projects implemented throughout the year, some examples are volleyball, mini-basketball, soccer, rugby, judo, swimming, skiing, and a Language Expansion Project Summer program from June to July.

Students are learning English as a second language like we are learning Italian as a second language. After the lessons have concluded for the before the term summer holidays, a new program of Language Expansion is implemented with native speaking teachers of English from all over the English-speaking world.

Coburg West is part of a Sister School Project between Italy and Australia. Our school projects focus on Citizenship and Food.

Each year we share special programs on various educational topics. These topics can include food and cultural festivals. We also introduce and greet each other in Italian. We enjoy sharing letters and film clips about ourselves and learning about each other's culture and country.

Recently, Dr Petersen went to our Sister School Don Milani in Italy to visit and see what their schooling life is like. They gave us many letters and gifts and in return Dr Petersen gave them a few gifts of our own. Some of us will also be writing letters to send back to them.

This visit really contributed to our understanding and learning about our Italian sister school.

By Mila R, Penelope Q, Alara M and Priscilla L (6R Italian).

Article from Italian newspaper reporting on Dr Petersen's Don Milani Sister School Visit

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TRECCATE 17

venerdì 20 ottobre 2023

GEMELLAGGIO DIDATTICO

Con la maestra Marie in classe una lezione dall'altro... mondo

Per i bambini della scuola elementare don Milani è stata davvero una lezione... dall'altro mondo. Non si può definire altrimenti l'arrivo in classe di Marie Petersen, una maestra australiana che durante una simpatica mattinata si è intrattenuta con la seconda classe.

Marie Petersen è una delle insegnanti della scuola Coburg West di Melbourne, che da anni ha un gemellaggio didattico proprio con la don Milani.

Nel corso del suo incontro a Trecate la maestra si è intrattenuta con i ragazzi parlando in Italiano (è di origine italiana e insegna la nostra lingua) ma anche con qualche ricorso all'inglese che i bambini iniziano a padroneggiare. La parte più accattivante è stata quella in cui Marie ha raccontato del suo paese, della sua geografia e degli animali australiani che ovviamente hanno interessato molto i piccoli alunni. Alla fine della lezione l'immanicabile foto di gruppo.



LA DIRIGENTE NORMA MIGLIACCIO: «ATTENDO RISPOSTE DAL COMUNE DI TRECATE»

A partire da settembre, la prof.ssa Nora Migliaccio ha sostituito la collega Daniela Rossi nel ruolo di dirigente scolastica dell'I-

«Per Don Milani e Colodi

Photographs from Dr Petersen's visit to Don Milani, our Sister School in Italy



School Holiday Program January 2024 Brunswick South West

South Daly Street, Brunswick West (enter via Jordan Street) Ph: 0417128337 (only operational during program)



For more information check out website

<https://www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/community-health/children-and-families/primary-school-holiday-program/>

COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

On Friday we had Rose and Lili wrap-up the last of our 2023 Colour Run fundraiser with a presentation at Assembly.

They mentioned how our story of having raised over \$10,000 was now public on the Alannah & Madeline Foundation website, Instagram and Facebook! Here are the links to all three:

<https://www.alannahandmadeline.org.au/news/how-coburg-west-primary-students-raised-over-10-000-for-vulnerable-children>

https://www.instagram.com/p/CzKOI90MbxM/?img_index=1

<https://www.facebook.com/AlannahMadelineFoundation>

On Friday, we also had Mel visit from Variety Australia! She had come to collect the prizes we earned from the Australian Fundraiser organisation and explained where they would be going. Rose and Lili, along with Estelle, Marcus and the 2024 Student Leaders, listened to Mel speak about the annual Variety Christmas Party where over 5,000 kids living with disability would be attending. Our prizes would be donated to some of these children and their families to bring joy at this time of year!





To conclude, Rose and Lili also gave one more, big thanks to our wonderful community for all their support, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Peric and Mr. Torpey for their organisation, and Estelle and Marcus for suggesting this wonderful event which has supported so many great causes!

Italian Extension Class Excursion to the Italian Immigration Museum



On Wednesday the 15th of November the Italian Extension Class went on an excursion to the Italian Immigration Museum and an Italian restaurant in Lygon St. Carlton.

We learnt many things about Italian immigration to Australia.

Before we entered the museum, we saw a mural by an Italian artist called "Passenger" about an Italian immigrant coming to Australia for better opportunities.

At our arrival at the museum, we were seated to watch a presentation about what most Italian immigrants contributed to Australia. We also observed their experiences of getting here. For example, we were shown a suitcase that an Italian would have brought on the journey to Australia which included various objects that they brought from their home country (e.g., coffee machines and pasta utensils)

After the session, we were able to wander around the museum where we learnt about Italian immigration history in Australia while looking for answers for our questionnaire and activity sheets.

There was also a small room which contained a screen playing clips from Italian tv shows.



For lunch, we went to an Italian restaurant called Papa Gino's along Lygon St. We could choose either pizza or pasta, but the fun part was that we had to order it in Italian.

Then we caught the tram to arrive back at school. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience, and we learnt a great deal about the Italian immigration story.

Thanks to Mrs Di Vincenzo and Dr Petersen for organising this wonderful excursion for us.

Alice B 6A, Nina T 6A and Maddie R 6A



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