



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 27th October 2023

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
OCTOBER		
Monday 30 th	Grades 6F & 6R Excursion	ACMI
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 1 st	Grade 6A Excursion	ACMI
	Prep 2024 - Session 2	9.15am – 10.30am
Wednesday 1 st	Grade 1 Water Excursion	Edwards Lake Park
Monday 6 th	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 7 th	Melbourne Cup	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 8 th	Grades Prep and 4 Excursion	Botanical Gardens
Monday 13 th	Grade 4 Incursion	Science
Wednesday 15 th	Italian Extension Excursion	Lygon St Carlton
Thursday 16 th	Prep 2024 - Session 3	9.15am – 10.30am
Monday 20 th	Grade 2 Bush Day	8am to 6pm
Monday 27 th	Grade Prep Excursion	Werribee Open Range Zoo
DECEMBER		
Monday 4 th	Grade 3	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 and 4	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	11.45am – 1.15pm
Monday 18 th	Grade 6	Graduation Ceremony
Tuesday 19 th	Grade 5 Excursion	Windy Hill Fitness Centre
Wednesday 20 th	Last Day of Term 4	1:30pm Dismissal

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

Dear School Community,

Over the last fortnight it was lovely to welcome our 2024 Prep students into our classrooms, as they began their Transition Program. While we do have many existing families in the group, it was wonderful to welcome so many new families into our school community.

PLANNING FOR 2024

As I reported in the last newsletter, we are currently working through the numerous 2024 planning processes. We are still finding that our enrolment numbers are changing from week to week, yet we are continuing to look at class sizes, grade structures, staffing requirements and student placements.

I know that many parents make contact at this time of year with various requests. I do ask that any parents with particular requests they would like us to consider when allocating their child to a class next year, please write the details of your request in an email to coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au attention it to Dan Copping and myself. While we will consider every request made, we do not guarantee that requests can be met.

The process of allocating a child to a class is complex, with many factors considered including academic, social and behavioural needs. We look over combinations of students and how these will work in with other combinations. While we can never guarantee that a class is perfect, we strive to make the best arrangements possible with the prior knowledge we have.

WORKS ACROSS OUR GROUNDS

As many of you have noticed, we have had a lot of work happening across our school grounds already this term. I am sure you will agree that the landscaping and new outdoor settings outside the Prep and Grade 1 classrooms look wonderful. Not only will they provide excellent extensions to the learning spaces of the classrooms, but also a great space to play during recess and lunch breaks.

Work is also progressing on the outdoor learning space, with the posts in place for the shade structure and the paving for the base ready to be poured this weekend. It is pleasing to see that our students are respecting these workspaces and being safe around them.

It has been disappointing however that we have had to remove the large tree which stood over the gazebo. In preparation for the shade structure going in the arborists came to inspect the trees to organise the pruning back so that they did not interfere with the shade structure, but while doing so it was discovered that the tree had a large split down the main trunk. This proved to be a high risk of danger, one which we cannot have in our school yard. As such it was removed immediately.

In the coming weeks, there will also be works done to save and protect our Friendship Tree in the Canteen courtyard, as well as another tree in the front garden.

I am also pleased to advise that the works to reinstate our main staff toilets will commence next week.

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the last few assemblies, it has been wonderful to see and hear about students from CWPS achieving recognition for their work by external organisations. We heard (see article later in this edition) about Will and Lucas achieving amazing results for their submission for the Maths Talent Quest, both at a State and National level. Then we also had groups of students awarded for their presentations for the Science Talent Quest, while Nicole S shared her achievements at the Taekwondo National Championships in WA.

This was all topped off today with positive feedback from the swimming centre the grade 6 students have been attending this past week, about how respectful and well-mannered our students are. We have a lot to be proud of.

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.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



CWPS IS A SUNSMART SCHOOL

DON'T FORGET – “NO HAT, NO PLAY”

Bring your hat to school and wear it at all times while outdoors.



CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
Prep L	Reuben	We Are Learners	Jett & Archie	We Are Learners	Mrs Lebon
Prep S	Mason	We Are Learners	Issy	We Are Learners	Ms Zschunke
Prep Y	Mina	We Are Learners	Arabella & Indra	We Are Learners	Ms. Youla
1D	Fletcher Kit Addie	We Are Learners	Elif	We Care	Mr Peric
1E	Travis	We Are Learners	Ottavia Felix	We Are Learners We Are Respectful	Ms Esposito
2C	Fraser	We Are Safe	Ava	We Care	Ms Cavoli
2F	Anais	We Are Safe	Scout	We Are Learners	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N	Jack	We Are Respectful	Aurora	We Are Learners	Mr Niciak
3B	George	We Are Learners	Royi	We Are Learners	Ms. Blackman
3R	Scott	We Care	Ollie & Lux	We Are Learners	Mr Robinson
3S	Zara	We Are Respectful	Siena	We Are Respectful	Mrs Spiteri/Mrs Pavich
4K	Noah	We Care	Audrey & Maggie	We Are Learners	Mr Krauss
4M	Hannah & Amber	We Care	Audrey	We Are Learners	Ms McKenzie/Ms Corn
4P	Lydia & Sofia	We Are Learners	Jude	We Care	Ms Preston
5R	Hugo	We Are Learners			Ms Taylor
5T	Phoebe Mariah Isabella	We Are Learners	Lucas	We Are Respectful	Mr Torpey
6A	Vera	We Are Learners	Xavier	We Are Learners	Mr Aitken
6F	Angelique	We Are Learners	Sabine	We Are Learners	Ms Franco
6R	Will & Jake	We Care	Kristina & Dimi	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.

	20 th October	27 th October
Green House	Ava 2C	Matilda PL
Red House	Daniel 4M	Christian 2N
Gold House	Henry PS	Felix 5R
Blue House	Seb 2F	Alexandra PL

Coburg West representing Victoria at the National Maths Talent Quest!

As some of you might already know, last week William (4K) and Lucas (3R) attended the Victorian Maths Talent Quest awards ceremony at RMIT University. These two amazing students were selected to attend this event because their project was awarded a High Distinction. The project looked into investigating the potential financial savings for Coburg West if our school were to change our current lights to a more cost efficient product. The project used high school level algebra including the creation of linear functions displaying cost over time, and the solving of a simultaneous equation to find the cost break even point in time. Will and Lucas were rewarded for all their efforts with a few surprises on the day!

- Firstly their project was **selected as the Victorian Grade 4 winners of the Financial Literacy in Practice Challenge.**
- Secondly, this meant the boys' project represented the state of Victoria in the **National competition**, where they received a **Highly Commended award.**

The school is hugely proud of their amazing achievement as over 400 schools and countless talented mathematicians entered the competition.



Both Lucas and Will took the time to reflect on their amazing experience.

During the Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) and Financial Literacy In Practise (FLIP) Challenge I learnt a lot, for while making our project we had to do sums over decimals, how maths can help the environment and most importantly how to use algebra. On the awards day it was exciting to be there and to see what everyone else did. There were some very interesting topics including, starting a business and baking food and the expenses.

- Lucas (3R)



During the Maths Talent Quest, I learnt some extraordinary things. Some of them include making an excel spreadsheet on changing lights at our school, working with algebraic functions about the costs of lights and energy, and exploring the energy consumptions of lights.

At the awards ceremony, I was fascinated by all the other projects and they gave me inspiration for what to do next year.

- Will (4K)



OCT

CWPS Community Group News

Big Hamper Raffle Winners

Congratulations to all our Big Raffle Prize Winners and thank you again for all the fabulous donations – the raffle raised over \$2k!

Sweet Treats – **Effie Voulamanous** – *Sports & Outdoors* – **Mel Bathgate**

Toys & Games – **Tracey Butcher** – *Movies & Entertainment* – **Annette Barnes**

Pamper & Wellness – **Kathy Koulis** – *Home* – **Jo Young**

Gourmet Food – **Sarah Britten**

Special thanks to **Liz Donaldson** and **Jo Scott** for coordinating these wonderful prizes!



Big Night Out

Huge congratulations to **Kate West** and team (special mention to **DJ Dave and Jacques** and our MC **Alit Groenewald**). It was wonderful to see so many people out enjoying themselves, dressed in their sparkle!!



Silent Auction

The online auction was also a HUGE success with over 200 bids placed on our 15 items!! Thank you to everyone who placed a bid and to the eventual winners! Please see all the sponsors on the following page! Big shout out to **Kate Thompson** for working tirelessly behind the scenes coordinating all the prizes and comms!

NOVEMBER

- **13th Nov – Gnoccheria Drive** – orders open for 3 weeks and will be delivered to school first week in December
- **End of November (TBC)** – Scholastic, Crazy Camel delivery.

Dates for the Diary
Community Meetings

November TBC

Get involved

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[Facebook group](#)

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MUKA PORTRAITS

TWO FRANKS
NEIGHBOURHOOD CAFE & GENERAL STORE

**Nelson
Alexander**

Aliki K Art

Miss Preston

Adina
apartment hotels

THE MEDISPA

MOSSMAN

REBECCA THOMPSON

Big Night Out ☆

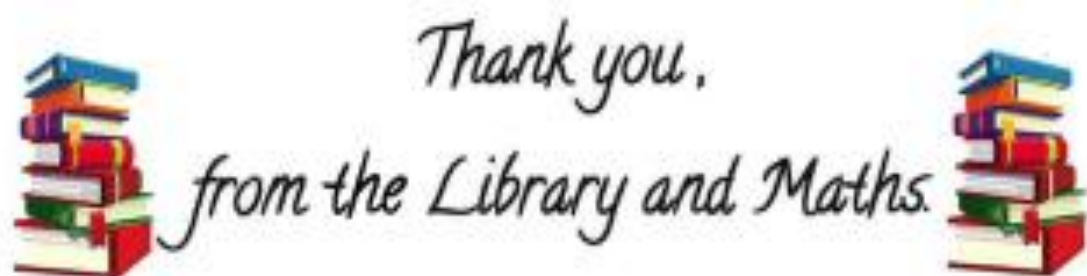
COBURG WEST PS

Save the Date: *Wednesday December
6th from 5.30pm
2023 End of Year Concert and Picnic
(held on the outside sports courts)*

*Come, relax and celebrate a fabulous 2023, as your
children perform a dance with their class, starting
with Prep and proceeding to Grade 6.
Rock Band to finish the evening with a short set also!*

**more details to follow
including provisions
for rainy weather*





On behalf of the students and Staff, we would like to thank all the families who have contributed to the library fund.

We have been able to purchase many new books.

Our focus was to update the Non Fiction books and Maths resources to assist students with researching and investigating topics they are learning about in class.



MERCY COLLEGE

ABSTRACT EXPLOSION

ART PROGRAM

FOR FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 4 TO 6



An exciting four week art program where students will be creating an abstract painting as a way of understanding various painting techniques.

WHEN

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER AND
THURSDAY 2, 9, 16 NOVEMBER 2023
4.00PM - 5.00PM

WHERE

MERCY COLLEGE
760 SYDNEY ROAD COBURG 3058
ENTRY VIA GATE 1

COST

\$20.00



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