



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 1st August 2025

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 3		
August		
Tues 5 th	Grandparents Morning	Grades 1 & 2, 9:15am -10:45am in the classroom followed by Morning Tea in the small hall
Wednesday 6 th	ACMI	Grade 5/6C
Wed 6 th to Fri 8 th	Mt Evelyn Camp	Grade 4
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	Book Week	Whole School
Friday 22 nd	Book Week Parade	Whole School 9:15am – 10am in the Gym
Wednesday 20 th	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
September		
Wednesday 3 rd	ACMI	Grade 5/6M
Thursday 4 th	Botanical Gardens Excursion	Prep
Friday 5 th	Bundoora Park Excursion	Grades 1 & 2
	ACMI	5/6F
Monday 8 th	ACMI	5/6T
Thursday 11 th	ACMI	56R
Fri 12 th , Mon 15 th & Thurs 18 th	Swimming Program	Grades 5 & 6
Friday September 19 th	Last Day of Term 3	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4		
October		
Monday 6 th	First Day of Term 4	Students commence at 9am
Tuesday 21 st	Italian Extension Excursion	Italian Extension Students
Wednesday 22 nd	Water Watch – Edward’s Lake	Grades 1 & 2
November		
Monday 3 rd	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	School Closed
Wednesday 5 th	Melbourne Zoo	Prep
Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st	Swimming Program	Grades 1 & 2
December		
Mon 18 th to Fri 12 th	Swimming Program	Grades 3 & 4
Mon 15 th to Thurs 18 th	Swimming Program	Foundation
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 4	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

Welcome to semester two. While it has been a smooth start, term three has begun with a flurry of activity right across our school.

Staffing Updates

As this term opened, we welcomed the following new staff into our school community:

- Ms Dallas Tapper into 1Y
- Mr Edward Oberbichler into 5/6F

- Ms Haylee Sommer into Performing Arts
- Renee Dimofski, Madison Mcfaul and Hannah Hickey into our team of Education Support Staff.

I also take this opportunity to advise you all, that from Tuesday 12th August I will commence a period of Long Service Leave through to the end of this term. I will be heading to Europe to visit with family, explore new locations, delight in the cuisine and the summer sunshine. In my absence, we will have Mr Copping as Acting Principal and Ms Amerena as Acting Assistant Principal to support and guide our school community through to the end of term three and the next holiday period.

NAPLAN & Other Student Achievements

We have much to be proud of here at CWPS. During our end of term assembly, we were treated to fantastic performances from both our **Choir** and **Rock Band**, which had everyone bopping along and cheering throughout the gym.

We also learnt that our students in grades three and five have once again achieved wonderful results in their **NAPLAN** tests. With individual student reports having gone home recently, we can confirm that the percentage of both grade three and five students who have achieved the levels of 'exceeding' or 'strong' is:

- Well above the levels of State, Network and Similar schools in both Reading and Writing
- Above the levels of State and Network schools in both Numeracy, Grammar & Punctuation

Everyone should be very proud of the efforts of our students, the dedication of our teachers and the support from our families which all combine to create these outstanding results.

This week, we have also had our **Prep** students reaching the milestone of their first **one hundred days** of schooling, with a day full of celebrations including a special picnic with their families. While our grade three students visited with the children at Doris Blackburn Kindergarten to work on a little science/craft activity as part of our **Buddy** and **Transition Programs**. Our students did a wonderful job showing care and great support with their **Kinder Buddies**.

Our **CLIP** students from grade five and six also wowed our **School Council** members this week as they presented their latest project. These students unpacked the work they have been doing to understand the impact extremes in temperatures have on student learning. They then went on to share the various solutions they investigated and made their recommendations as to what would be the most cost-effective way to assist in maintaining comfortable temperature levels in our classrooms. Thank you to Mr Robinson for facilitating the CLIP program and well done to this group of students for giving School Council a glimpse of the amazing work our students are doing.



Parent & Teacher Meetings

It was wonderful to see so many of our families take up the opportunity to attend our Parent & Teacher Meetings which were held at the end of last term. As I am sure you will all agree, this is a great opportunity to sit down with your child's teachers and discuss their progress. We see it as a truly valuable experience which aides in strengthening the connection between home and the classroom for every child. Thank you to all those who were able to attend.

Enrolments

While enrolments for 2026 closed on Friday 25th July, as per the Department of Education's timeline, we are still able to take new enrolments especially if we are your local designated school or if you have another child already enrolled here at CWPS. If you have not already done so, please remind friends, family or

neighbours who are looking to enrol their first child in school for 2026, to call or visit the office to arrange their enrolment. Alternatively, if you have a child ready to start school in 2026, please collect your enrolment pack from the front office, complete and return it as soon as possible.

Surveys

In the coming weeks we will be sending out an invitation via COMPASS for all families to complete the annual **Parent Opinion Survey**. This survey is a requirement of the Department of Education and assists them in identifying the needs of Victorian families across government schools, it also assists us in guiding our school as we plan for the years to come. Your feedback and opinions are valued, and we trust that many of you will take the time to complete this survey. Please keep a look out on COMPASS.

Voluntary Contributions

I wish to remind everyone that Voluntary Contributions can be paid using the Qkr App.

These payments help our school cover the costs of providing all materials and resources your children need to engage in their learning. Whether it be pencils, glue, workbooks, paints, sporting equipment, laptops, musical instruments, counters or books to read, payment of the Essential Learning Items helps us replenish these items as required for your children.

Other payments listed assist us in areas such as employing Sue our School Nurse and Tony our Grounds Keeper.

Then there are also the tax-deductible donations families can make to our Building Fund and Library Fund, which help us in replenishing reading sets and stocking the library shelves, while also working towards upgrades such as new carpets in classrooms.

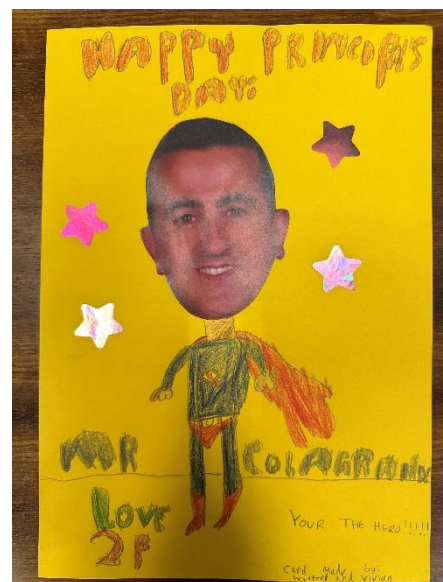
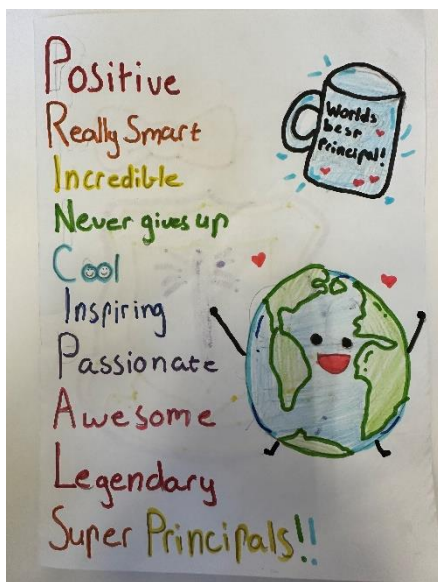
Please see earlier Compass emails and Newsfeed for more information or go direct to Qkr to make payments.

GRADE 4 CAMP

Later this week our grade four students will be heading off to Mt Evelyn for their three days/two nights camp. This adventure provides our students with wonderful outdoor experiences which help build resilience, confidence, independence and trust. I wish our grade four students a safe and fun filled few days away.

I was most surprised to learn that today, Friday 1st August was Principal's Day. The range of messages, cards, posters and cheers I received from students across the school made me feel very special. As I shared with the students, the best part of my job is seeing their smiles throughout the day, as it demonstrates how much they love coming to CWPS. My sincere thanks to all.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL



CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
00D	Arthur	We Are Learners	Billie	We Are Learners	Ms. Zschunke
00L	Marcella	We Are Respectful	Tom	We Are Respectful	Ms. Lebon & Ms. Amerena
1/2E	Dakota	We Are Learners	Raffy	We Are Learners	Ms. Esposito
1P	Roman	We Are Learners	Emmett	We Are Learners	Ms. Parker
1Y	Heidi	We Are Respectful	Sebastian	We Are Learners	Ms. Tapper
2F	Alistair	We Care	Jett	We Are Respectful	Ms. Fonte De Vos
2S	Mason	We Care			Ms. Spiteri & Ms. Pavich
3A	Atticus	We Are Respectful	Doug	We Care	Mr. Aitken
3P	Eliza	We Are Learners	Ellery	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
4P	Hazel	We Care	Hugo	We Are Learners	Ms. Preston
4R	Max	We Are Respectful			Mr. Robinson & Ms. Lontos
5/6C	Seth	We Are Learners	Chloe	We Are Learners	Ms. Corn
5/6F	Damien V. Claude	We Are Respectful We Are Respectful	Ella L.	We Are Learners	Mr. Oberbichler
5/6M	Evie S.	We Care	Lucas	We Are Learners	Ms. McKenzie & Mr. Niciak
5/6R	Patrick	We Are Respectful	Grace B.	We Are Respectful	Ms. Rigby
5/6T	Anna P.	We Are Learners			Mr. Torpey & Mr. Pyke
Vis. Arts			Max A. 3P	We Are Safe	Ms. Kyrkillis & Ms. DiVincenzo
P.E.	Ella	We Are Safe	Hendrick	We Are Respectful	Mr. Harvey
Italian	Christian S.	We Are Learners	Hannah K.	We Care	Ms. Petterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Perf. Arts			Amelia B. 5/6M		Ms. Sommer

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.

	25 th July	1 st August
Green House	Lana PD	Holly 1P
Red House	Zoe 2S	Freddie PL
Gold House	Jack 2S	Mila T. 4P
Blue House	Vivian 2F	Ned 2F

Grade 3 visit to Doris Blackburn Kindergarten



On the 24th and the 29th of July, 3P and 3A went to Doris Blackburn Kindergarten. We walked as a class across Melville Road to Doris Blackburn Kindergarten. We went in and sat on the floor and listened to a story about sunflowers. After we finished the story we split up into groups with our kinder buddies.

Some groups went off to play and read while others made recycled paper seed cards and envelopes. Some people need help to spell their names and others could already write theirs!



With 5 minutes left we went outside to play with our buddies and have a stretch. We helped tidy up the kinder buddies rooms. And with just enough time to walk back to school for recess. We would like to say thank you to the staff at Doris Blackburn, our kinder buddies, Ms. Amerena, Ms. Currie, Mr. Colagrande, Mr. Aitken and Mr. Peric for taking us.

Written by Felix B [redacted] and Kit H [redacted]

2025 VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break! It was so good to see so many students spent some time reading, adding to their challenge list and writing some amazing reviews for everyone to enjoy. Please keep logging every book that you have read to meet the challenge. Below is a reminder for a little more incentive to achieve the most books read for your class. You might be the student who gets the elusive Premier's Reading Challenge pin this year.



Premier's Reading Challenge pin.



Every book must be added by **Friday 6th September.**

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

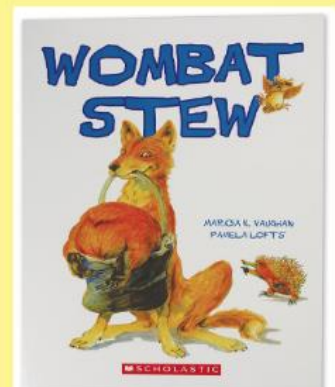


Friday 22nd August

9:15 am - 10 am in the Gym.



Please come dressed up in a costume from a book and there will be a parade showing your awesome costumes!



CWPS Community Group
TERM 3 & 4 Upcoming Events
Save The Dates

Shore Reserve Showdown
Sunday 24 August

Dads Day Appreciation Stall
Wednesday 3 September

Dads Day Social Event
Friday 5 September

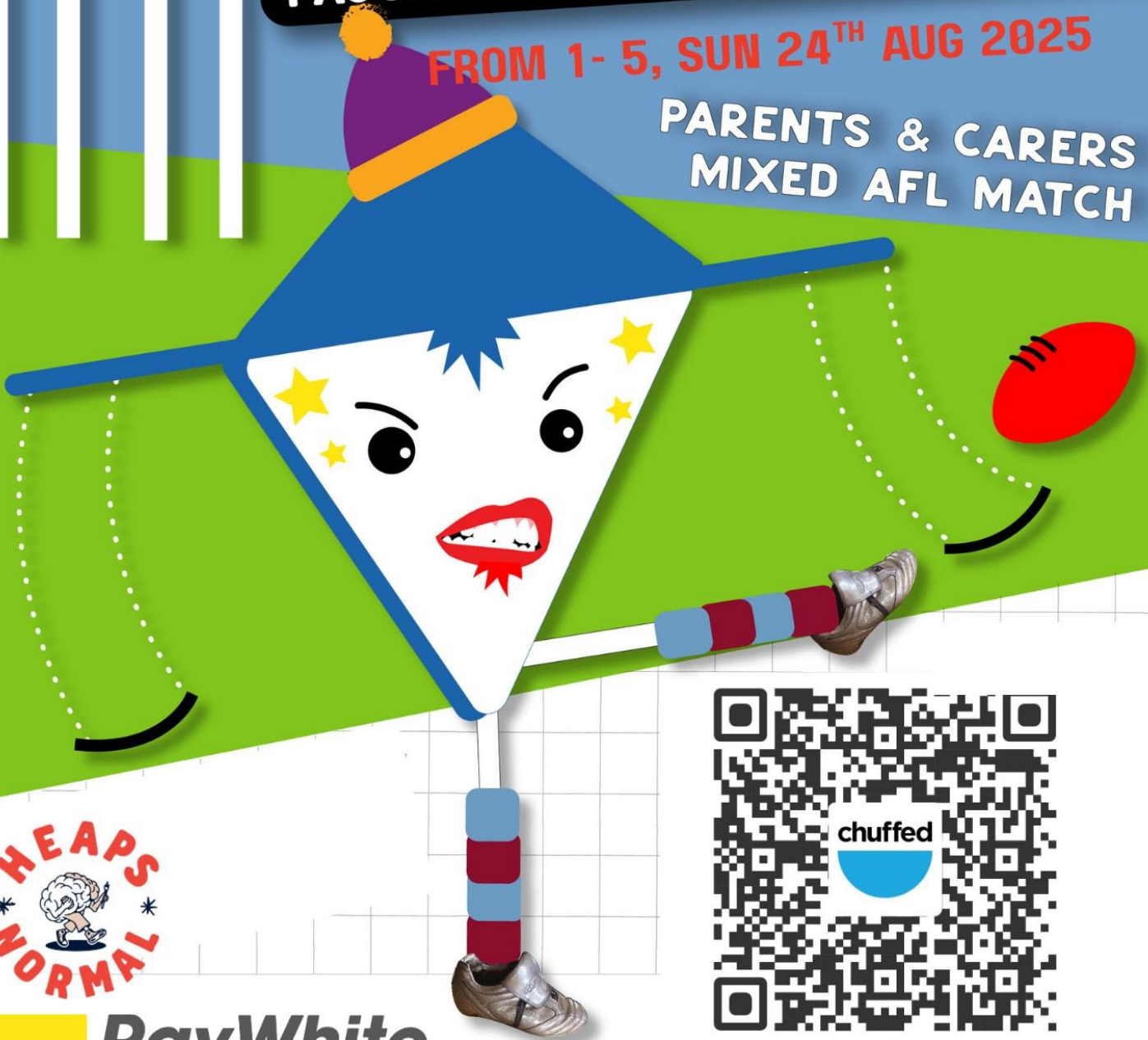
CWPSCG Major Event
Saturday November 8

SHORE RESERVE SHOWDOWN

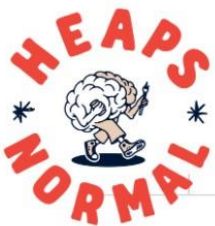
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Get Ready - The Crazy Camel Fundraiser is Coming Soon!



The creative art fundraiser is back!

Our students are busy creating masterpieces for the much-loved Crazy Camel Fundraiser.

In early September, parents will have the opportunity to turn their child's artwork into beautiful, personalised keepsakes — including calendars, greeting cards, notebooks, diaries, tea towels, pillowcases, tote bags, and more! These one-of-a-kind creations make perfect end-of-year gifts for family and friends.

When orders open, we'll share the shopping link via Compass announcements, so be sure to keep an eye out!

Don't miss this chance to celebrate your child's creativity and support the school!



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Sunday 12 October 2025
2.00pm - 5.00pm

Mercy College, McAuley Hall
760 Sydney Road, Coburg 3058
Enter via Gate 3, Convent Court

RSVP by Friday 3 October 2025 via
<https://events.humanitix.com/mercy60>

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MONDAY 28 JULY - FRIDAY 01 AUGUST: 4pm - 7pm
SATURDAY 02 AUGUST: 9am- Noon
SUNDAY 03 AUGUST (Tullamarine & Sunbury only): 9am- Noon

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS:

- See Taekwondo students in action
- Instructor & Facility Q & A's
- Participation optional
- Check out timetables
- Meet our team

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