



Coburg West Primary School

Thursday 18th December 2025

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 4		
December		
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 4	Assembly - 1:00pm Dismissal - 1:30pm

VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2026

	STARTS	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Wednesday 28 th January	Thursday 2 nd April	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Monday 20 th April	Friday 26 th June	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 13 th July	Friday 18 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 5 th October	Friday 18 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

Another school year is coming to an end and what an eventful year it has been.

2025 COMES TO A CLOSE

Across these final weeks, we have had so many opportunities to showcase and celebrate our students, highlighting the wonderful community spirit we have here at CWPS. Between our Instrumental Music Concert, performances by our Choir and Rock Band, classrooms open for student Learning Showcases and of course our Grade Six Graduation, there have been so many families sharing in and celebrating their children's learning.

On Wednesday 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 forty families, 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 CWPS community. We have 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.

Sadly, we will also be saying thank you and farewell to some members of staff. I would like you all to join me in thanking Ms Parker (1P), Ms Tapper (1Y) and Lisa (Canteen) who are all moving on to other adventures. We also have Ms Kyrkilis (V. Arts), Ms Pavich (2S) and Ned (ES) who will all be taking extended leave in 2026. We thank them all for their contributions to our school and wish them all well for their future endeavours.

WHAT WILL 2026 LOOK LIKE?

The new school year begins at 9am on Wednesday 28th January 2026, 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 Saville back into our classrooms, while we also welcome Ms Sztrajt into our school community. I am sure you will all help make them feel welcome.

Across this last term, our students and staff have gone through the process of nominating and voting for our 2026 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 2026 are Marcus K and Royi H. Both have already demonstrated that they can fulfil the responsibilities, and they have had wonderful mentors in our exiting School Captains, Maggie and William. On that note, I wish to thank both Maggie and William for their outstanding leadership, along with the entire 2025 Student Leadership Group: Iggy, Amber, Maddie, Juni, Ted T, Ted D, Damian & Ollie. In their place we have a whole new team: Jacob, Jack, Remy, Imogen, Zara, Scott, Hugo and Sacha joining Marcus and Royi to form our 2026 Student Leadership Group. Please join me in congratulating them all.

SMILE SQUAD

SMILE SQUAD will be back at CWPS in 2026. This free dental service provides the opportunity for every child to undergo a full dental check in the comfort of our school. The staff are caring and show great compassion especially to those students who are nervous about such a visit. To take advantage of this great opportunity, please see the information following in this newsletter or go to the COMPASS Newsfeed to read more and complete the CONSENT Form for your child to attend. These must be submitted by February 6, 2026.

School Council Membership Requirements From 2026

From 2026, parents, carers and community members who would like to join the school council need a working with children (WWC) clearance to nominate. If you are considering nominating for school council, and don't already have a WWCC, I encourage you to apply for a volunteer WWC check as soon as possible. This will allow for processing times, which are estimated to be from 3 to 12 weeks.

Please note that if you do not hold a WWC clearance, you will not be able to nominate for school council, so it is vital that you prepare in advance. Obtaining a WWC clearance is free for volunteers, and you can apply online at Service Victoria.

When applying for your volunteer WWC check, please nominate the Department of Education as the organisation you are working for.

If you already hold an employee WWC clearance, you do not need to obtain a volunteer WWC clearance to nominate for school council.

Victorian Institute of Teaching-registered teachers and school students who are interested in joining school council are not required to obtain a WWC clearance.

Current parents and community members of school council do not need to apply for a WWC check immediately. Current members only need a WWC clearance if their term ends and they wish to nominate or be co-opted again. For more information, refer to Ministerial Order 1280 (Constitution of Government School Councils) 2020.

Lunch Orders for 2026

As previously advised, in 2026 we will be moving to an online ordering system with an external provider for our lunch orders. *Classroom Cuisine* are a well-established group who service many schools in our area, and hundreds across Melbourne. Following on in this Newsletter, you will find a sample menu detailing their selection and costings. They are simple to use, and you can visit their website at www.classroomcuisine.com.au for more information about how to register and order through their site.

To start us off, we have three lunch order vouchers (\$10, \$20, \$30) which will be presented as Good Citizens Awards during our final whole school assembly on Friday.

Curriculum Days for 2026

School Council have approved the dates for our 2026 Curriculum Days. Therefore, our four Curriculum Days will be held on:

- Tuesday 27 January
- Tuesday 10 March
- Friday 5 June
- Monday 2 November

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.

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 2026.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our best costumes
on our *Celebrations Dress Up Day*.

Together we raised \$698 for Food Bank.

Thank you to all who supported.



Congratulations &
thank you to our
outgoing 2025 School
Captains & Student
Leaders. It's been a
great year.



Congratulations Ted & Juni,
our Rod Prowse Award
recipients for 2025.



CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
00D	Hannah	We Are Learners	All of Prep D	We Are Respectful	Ms. Zchunke
00L	Harry	We Are Respectful	Patrick Fergus	We Are Respectful We Care	Ms. Lebon & Ms. Amerena
1/2E	Fleur Astrid	We Are Safe We Are Safe	Zoe Gianna	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Ms. Esposito
1P	Amelia Angus	We Care We Are Safe	Giuliana	We Care	Ms. Parker
1Y	Townes	We Are Learners	Ellis	We Care	Ms. Tapper
2F	Issy Vivian	We Care We Are Respectful	Leon	We Care	Ms. Fonte De Vos
2S	Jack	We Are Learners	NJ Zoe	We Are Learners We Are Respectful	Ms. Spiteri & Ms. Pavich
3A	Thomas	We Are Learners	Kit M.	We Are Learners	Mr. Aitken
3P	Scarlett	We Are Learners	Elliot Will	We Are Learners We Are Respectful	Mr. Peric
4P					Ms. Preston
4R			Alex C. Ruth	We Are Learners We Care	Mr. Robinson
5/6C	Seth	We Are Learners			Ms. Corn
5/6F	Chantelle	We Are Learners			Mr. Oberbichler
5/6M		We Are Learners			Ms. McKenzie & Mr. Niciak
5/6R	Tully Sonny M. Charlie	We Are Respectful We Are Learners We Care			Ms. Rigby
5/6T					Mr. Torpey & Mr. Pyke
Vis. Arts	Leo C. 5/6T	We Care			Ms. Kyrkillis & Ms. DiVincenzo
P.E.			Daniel W.	We Are Learners	Mr. Harvey
Italian					Ms. Peterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Perf. Arts	Taylan Leo C. 5/6T	We Are Safe We Care	Ella B.	We Are Respectful	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.

	5 th December	12 th December
Green House	Grace 1/2E	Matilda 2S
Red House	Louis 5/6R	Milo PL
Gold House	Oscar 5/6F	Isabelle 2F
Blue House	Anna 4R	Eve 5/6R

A Message from the Student Wellbeing Committee

Hi everyone!

As the year comes to an end, we just wanted to say a big thank you for being so awesome and supporting everything we organised this year.

We really hope you enjoyed all the fresh fruit we handed out—whether you grabbed it on the go or tried something new for the first time. It was great seeing so many of you getting involved and enjoying the healthy snacks.

Our fundraisers were also a huge success, and that's all because of you. Every time you bought something, donated, or even just showed up, you helped us make our school an even better place.

And of course, the dress-up days were some of our favourite moments! Your costumes were amazing, super creative, and made those days so much fun. The hallways were full of colour, laughter, and some outfits we won't forget!

Thanks again for making this such a great year. We loved planning everything for you, and we hope you enjoyed it just as much. We can't wait to bring you even more fun and wellbeing activities next year.

Have an awesome break!



Making paper pasta in Italian

By Teddy T and Jonty S



In Italian class this week we made our own special pasta creations out of paper! It was great fun because pasta is usually food but ours was made out of different coloured paper cut into shapes like spaghetti and bow ties. We also used different water colour paints to create our pasta plates. Our class could choose from a whole range of different coloured shapes and sizes of pasta. We had a lot of fun while making it and showing each other our creations.

Huge thank you to Mrs Petersen and Mrs Di Vincenzo for organising and hosting this session.



oshc grade 6

We're saying goodbye to our amazing Grade 6 students as they finish their journey with OSHC! It's not just the end of one year—it's the end of seven incredible years together. Thank you for sharing your time, your energy, and your smiles with us. We're so grateful for the memories and the wonderful journey we've had with you. Wishing you all the very best as you take your next big steps!





WE NEED YOU

**CWPS
COMMUNITY
GROUP**

After years of keeping CWPS buzzing with events, our Community Group Office Bearers will finish up at the end of 2025.

Unless new people take on the formal roles (not just help on the day or run single events), all the favourites will stop — Moonlight Cinema, Book Drives, Kids Disco, Shore Reserve activities, School Fete, Parents' Night Out, Food Drives... all of it.

There's a treasure trove of events ready to go, with plans, budgets and an army of experienced volunteers — but they need people to step into the formal positions and represent the Community Group on School Council. You can share a role with a friend, and the outgoing team will hand everything over and support you.

If you've ever thought about getting involved beyond volunteering at events, now's the time. Reach out and we can chat.

EMAIL US FOR MORE INFO CWPSCG@GMAIL.COM

The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school

Dear Coburg West Primary School families,

The Smile Squad team from Holstep Health are coming to our school.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday 6th February 2026.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 30 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

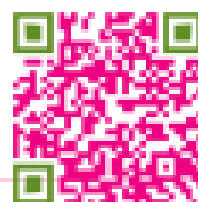
No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Holstep Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Choose a Main Course Item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

Main Course Menu	2 Course	3 Course
BAKERY <i>All items freshly baked this morning!</i>		
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (s)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (s)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'In a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65
PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PUFF PARCELS <i>Served at room temperature!</i>		
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (v)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pizza TWIST (s)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45
Margherita PITA Pizza (s)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (s)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (s)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (s)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (s)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (s)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (s)	\$13.45	\$15.45
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) <i>Soy Sauce (GF) Provided</i>		
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (s)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (s)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (s)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (s, v)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (s, v)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (s, v)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (s, v)	\$11.50	\$13.75
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) <i>(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)</i>		
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (s, s)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (s, v)	\$13.45	\$15.45
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS		
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (LS) (v)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (v)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Soft Shell Chicken Taco with Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (s)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Simple Salad Roll (s)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (s)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (LS)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (s)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (LS)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Sakimi and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap with Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber (s)	\$12.75	\$14.95
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS		
Fresh Fruit Salad – Main Course Size (s, v)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (s)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (s, v)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (s, v)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Mexican Inspired Salad with Corn Chips (s, v)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Tortellini Pasta Salad (s) <i>(Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)</i>	\$12.75	\$14.95
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (s)	\$13.45	\$15.45
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS		
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (LS)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (LS)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Wrap – Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95

Snack/Drink Menu	
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES	
Apple pieces, Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	-\$1.00
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	-\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	-\$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit – Apple	Included
Whole Fruit – Banana	Included
Bag of Grapes	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	-\$1.00
BAKERY – SWEET	
Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Lamington	Included
Not Cross Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (s, s, s, v)	-\$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	-\$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (s)	-\$1.00
Carrot Cup Cake (s, s, s, v)	-\$1.00
SUSHI	
1pc Tuna Sushi (s)	-\$1.00
POPCORN / HARVEST SHAPS	
Popcorn – Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Popcorn – Lightly Salted	Included
Harvest Shaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included
DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES	
Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt, Sultanas	-\$1.00
DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS	
Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$1.00
Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	-\$1.00
YOGHURTS / BOWLS / CUPS	
Raspberry Jelly Cup	Included
Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	-\$1.00
Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	-\$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	-\$1.00
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	-\$1.00
DRINKS	
Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Full Cream Milk	Included



GF = Gluten Free, DF = Dairy Free, H = Halal, V = Vegetarian, Vg = Vegan

Descriptions, dietary and allergen information available on our website.

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1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026



Merri-bek
City Council

BIG SUMMER READ

WIN LEGO!

Keep reading over the holidays
to be in the running for these
brick-tastic LEGO prizes!



Scan the
QR code to
register! *



Public Libraries
Victoria



Scan here for
Merri-bek Libraries info



*Competition open to ages 0-18



Summer Water Safety Reminder for Families

Dear Families,

As we head into summer and the holiday period, children will naturally spend more time around pools, rivers and beaches. This makes water safety especially important.

According to the latest **National Drowning Report**, **357 people drowned in Australia last year**, with many incidents occurring during summer and in open water environments such as rivers and beaches. Many of these tragedies are preventable.

To support families, we're sharing two short water safety blogs from [Surrey Park Swimming](#), a local not-for-profit organisation focused on community water safety:

- [Safety in Inland Waterways](#) blog
- [Safety at the Beach](#) blog

These resources provide practical tips and are great **conversation starters** to help children recognise risks, understand safety rules and make safer decisions around water. We've also included a **"Safety over Summer"** activity booklet for younger children.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe this summer. We wish all families a happy and safe holiday break.