



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 21st February 2025

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 1		
February		
Wed 26 th to Fri 28 th	Portsea Camp	Grade 6
March		
Wednesday 5 th	Math Incursion	Grades 3 & 4
Monday 10 th	Labour Day Public Holiday	School Closed
April		
Friday 4 th	Last Day of Term 1	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2		
Monday 21 st	Easter Monday Public Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 22 nd	First Day of Term 2	Students return 9am
Friday 25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	School Closed
May		
Wed 14 th to Fri 16 th	Gundiwindi Camp	Grade 5
July		
Friday 4 th	Last Day of Term 2	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3		
Monday 21 st	First Day of Term 3	Students return 9am
August		
Wed 6 th to Fri 8 th	Mt Evelyn Camp	Grade 4
Wednesday 20 th (TBC)	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
September		
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 return 9am
November		
Monday 3 rd	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	School Closed
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,

It has been a great start to the 2025 school year, with everyone settling in well. It was great to see so many families at our Meet the Teacher afternoon/evening last Thursday.

Maintaining Our School Buildings and Grounds

During the summer holidays our student toilets were re-painted, some new taps were installed, and decorative artwork was added by local artists. The students are loving the bright new look of the toilets, and we thank Tanya from School Council for leading this project. We aim to bring you more information about this project in a coming edition of our Newsletter.

We also had repairs to sections of concrete paths and new line marking on our rear play yard completed. This week sees maintenance of our turf taking place.

During the holidays, I was also advised of a large scope of works that has been compiled by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA). As part of the Planned Maintenance Project, we will see a great deal of work taking place across our school this year. Some of it relates to window, roof, floor and structural works to our historic building, other works will include roof repairs on the southern building, repairs to sewer and storm water lines across the school, and repairs to the path around the front corner at the entrance of the school. Along with these works, Emergency Maintenance Project funding will also see screening being installed along the balconies and bridges between our two buildings. Of course, this will require some disruption to movement or access to parts of the school, but it is required work, and we look forward to having it all completed across this year.

House Captains Elected

Following on from the election and appointment of our School Captains and Senior Student Leaders, students have recently elected our House Captains for 2025. Please join me in congratulating the following grade 5 students:

Green House Captains	Sasha 5/6T & Hugo 5/6R
Red House Captains	Jack 5/6R & Remy 5/6R
Blue House Captains	Jacob 5/6C & Imogen 5/6R
Gold House Captains	Lux 5/6C & Marcus 5/6R

Students across the school are also currently being elected by their peers and classmates to fulfill other important roles such as Student Representative Council, Sustainability Leaders and Wellbeing Leaders.

Free Dental Checks with Smile Squad

As of Monday, the team from Smile Squad will be back onsite to provide free dental checks to your children. To benefit from this opportunity, parents must register and provide consent for their child having a check-up. Please see the link in the Newsfeed post on COMPASS or the information pack that came home with your child in recent weeks.

Camps and Swimming Programs

Please take note of the dates listed in the Calendar at the start of this newsletter. With each edition, we endeavour to update it and provide the dates of upcoming events for your information. It is important that families take note of what relates to their child as often payments or consent are required in advance. This year you will notice that our Swimming Program has been expanded and will be offered to every child from grades Prep to six. While once again, our students in grades four, five and six have the opportunity to attend a two night/three-day camp, with the grade six students taking off for Portsea Camp this coming Wednesday.

Voluntary Contribution Payments

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

These payments help our school cover the costs of providing all the 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 supply 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 Library Fund and Building 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 Compass emails and Newsfeed for more information or go direct to Qkr to make payments.

Hot Weather

This year has seen a heatwave strike across several school days. While we are fortunate that our school grounds provide ample shade and most classrooms have some form of cooling, it has not been ideal. While departmental policy does not permit schools to close during periods of extreme heat, we do make every effort to make accommodations to keep everyone cool and safe. We have modified lessons to reduce exertion and movement, had classes work in other spaces which are cooler or have better ventilation and we have also had Hot Day timetables keeping students indoors during lunch or recess breaks to avoid them running around in the peak of the heat.

We do appreciate your support in ensuring your child has a hat to wear when outdoors, a water bottle they can re-fill as required throughout the day and sunscreen they can apply themselves if they are going outside.

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			Xeno	We Care	Ms. Zschunke
00L			Maeve	We Care	Ms. Lebon & Ms. Amerena
1/2E	Chloe	We Are Respectful	Astrid	We Are Learners	Ms. Esposito
1P	Penny	We Are Respectful	Ingrid Rupert Archer	We Care We Care We Are Learners	Ms. Parker
1Y	Tilda	We Are Respectful	Xanthe	We Are Learners	Ms. Youla
2F	Alistair	We Are Respectful	Dorothy	We Care	Ms. Fonte De Vos
2S	Arabella	We Are Respectful	Sonny	We Are Learners	Ms. Spiteri & Ms. Pavich
3A	Kit H.	We Are Learners	Felix	We Care	Mr. Aitken
3P	Fletcher	We Are Learners	Iver Henry	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
4P	Jaxon	We Are Respectful			Ms. Preston
4R	Olivia	We Are Respectful	Toby	We Are Learners	Mr. Blackman
5/6C	Eleni	We Are Learners	Jesse	We Are Learners	Ms. Corn
5/6F	Hudson	We Care	Alex M.	We Care	Ms. Franco
5/6M	Dimitri	We Are Learners	Peter	We Are Respectful	Ms. McKenzie & Mr. Niciak
5/6R	Pepe	We Are Respectful	Beadie C.	We Care	Ms. Rigby
5/6T	Jameel Ruzica	We Are Safe We Are Respectful	Connie	We Are Learners	Mr. Torpey
Vis. Arts	Scott H. 5M	We Care	Alice S. 1Y	We Care	Ms. Kyrkillis & Ms. DiVincenzo
P.E.	Rylee L.	We Are Safe	Peter O. Rylee L.	We Are Safe We Are Safe	Mr. Harvey
Italian	Jonty S. Edward D. Amber C. Tully	We Care We Are Learners We Are Learners We Care	Hudson C.	We Are Safe	Ms. Petterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Perf. Arts	Harper R.	We Are Respectful			Mr. Flynn

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.

	14 th February	21 st February
Green House	Allegra 3A	Thomas 3A
Red House	Flora 3A	Hana 1Y
Gold House	Alice 1Y	Darius PL
Blue House	Hannah P 5/6M	Charlie 2S

CONGRATULATIONS

Ella!

Last year one of our amazing students, Ella L who is currently in 5/6F commenced a writer's workshop with the Young Writers Studio in Carlton. The weekly after school creative story writing classes helped inspire Ella's imagination while equipping her with practical writing tools and techniques. She had the opportunity to foster her creativity and engage in discussions with other students and they provided her with exciting competitions to enter and publishing opportunities.

One such opportunity affirmed Ella's wonderful creative writing skills. Ella had her first short story published in the text House of Stories.



The House of Stories features fictional stories written by the young writers attending Story Writing Groups with authors ranging from 7-18 years old. Ella's story can be found in Volume One with the title [War Torn](#). Ella and her family kindly donated a copy of this text to our school library. Students will have the opportunity to read and view this text when they next visit the school library.

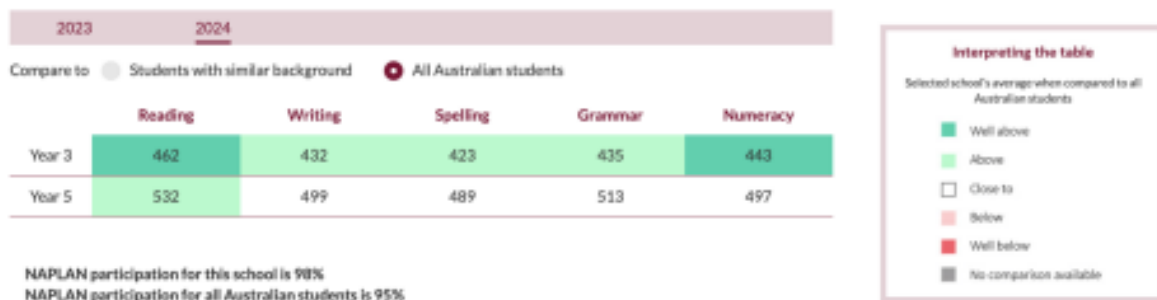
Ella chose to write about the topic of war as this was a specific interest of hers at the time. She states that she wanted to share her knowledge of what she had learned about World War II with a young audience. She definitely succeeded, congratulations Ella! We are very proud of you and we are sure you have inspired many other students to follow their passion and dreams and achieve their goals.

We can't wait to read what you write next!

Foundation to Grade 2 Mandatory Phonics Teaching

In June 2024 the Minister for Education, Ben Carroll announced that all students from Prep to Year 2 will be taught using a systematic synthetic phonics approach as part of their reading programs, with a minimum of 25 minutes daily explicit teaching of phonics.

At CWPS we want to reassure the community that we have always taught our students phonics, this is not new to our school, teachers or teaching practices. We have always taught our students in an engaged and contextualised format and we have a consistent whole school approach. This enables our students to retain more of what is being taught as their connection to the content is stronger. As a result of this balanced approach, our reading results have been strong and well maintained as evidenced through our school's NAPLAN results (see below).



As a school we are working on our plans to best align the content of the new phonics scope and sequence that has been directed by the Department of Education and aligning it to the new Victorian Curriculum 2.0. We have two years until the full implementation (2027) is required. We want to find the right balance of what is mandated and what practices we use that work well for our students. We are engaging in professional learning and as teams unpacking what has been provided to us. Please be patient as we adjust to the new structure.

If you would like more information about the new Phonics Program, please go to the following link to understand this change directly from the Minister for Education and the Department of Education: [UNDERSTANDING THE TEACHING OF PHONICS IN VICTORIAN SCHOOL](#)

In the interim, rest assured that what is best for your children is what is at the forefront of our teaching practices.

Thank you

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS INFORMATION SESSION

A session has been organised to explore with parents/carers (volunteers and visitors) how they can help at Coburg West Primary School. Information about the following and much more will be shared:

- Where can I help?
- Signing In & Signing Out
- Classroom Helper Guidelines
- What you may see in the classrooms
- How you can best help the students and teachers
- Confidentiality
- Child Safe Standards

Following this presentation, information about how you can help your child at home with a particular focus on Literacy will also be presented.

If you have the opportunity to attend the session, it would be beneficial. This session is open to any member of the community who is interested in finding out more about the expectations of how you can help your child and at our school. If you are unavailable to attend, a link to the presentation and documents will be made available on our website following the face-to-face session.

Date: *Tuesday 11th March*

Time: 9:15am – 10:00am

Venue: TBC

Please note that we require a minimum of 10 participants for the session to go ahead.

If you wish to attend, please click on the link [CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE](#) and book your place.

After the closing date of Thursday 6th March, I will contact all participants to confirm the session and where in the school the session will take place.

Kind regards

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



COBURG DISTRICT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

The Coburg District Swimming Championships were held on Tuesday, 18th of February, at the Brunswick Elite Swimming Pool. We are thrilled to congratulate the following students for their outstanding participation and efforts:

Hannah P, Daniel W, Mila T, Alexander C, Anna P, Milana P, Izayah S, Goldie W, Flora W, Alessandra S

All team members performed exceptionally well and represented the school in an amazing way. A special mention goes to Daniel W (Butterfly) and Alexander C (Breaststroke) who will be advancing to the Inner North Merri-Bek Division Swimming Championship on Tuesday the 13th of March.

Also progressing to the next stage is Anna P, who will represent the school in both the Backstroke event and as part of the 10-year-old girls freestyle relay team alongside Goldie W, Milana P, and Mila T. We wish them all the best in their upcoming competitions!

A big thank you to all the parents who helped arrange transport and supported the students, giving them the opportunity to compete in this exciting event.

Well done!

Chris Harvey
Sports Coordinator
Coburg West Primary School

Keeping our kids in safe hands – Support our school nurse

In 2024, our dedicated school nurse, Sue, has already helped students **8,406 times**, with **May being the busiest month at 990 visits**.

From playground tumbles to ongoing health support, Sue provides expert care, first aid, and comfort when our kids need it most. However, did you know that the school funds Sue's position through the **School Nurse Donation Contribution** via the **QKR app**? While the suggested amount is **\$95, any contribution helps**, even \$20, to ensure Sue remains a vital part of our school.

For my family, this service is invaluable—since 2019, my son Orlando has visited Sue **once a week or more** and knowing she's there when he's hurt or unwell brings us peace of mind. If your child has ever needed Sue's care, consider making a contribution to help keep this essential service available for all our students. ❤️





MEET LISA

Volunteer
today!



About Lisa

Lisa is our canteen manager with over 20+ years experience in canteen management. Before joining us 18 months ago, Lisa had her own cafe in Campbellfield and prior to that worked as canteen manager at Viewbank Secondary and Sacre Couer Girls School.

Fun Facts

- She has a gorgeous Cavoodle called Ella
- Lisa has two daughters; One just graduated with her Masters in Psychology and the other is a Head Pastry chef in South Yarra
- She loves to read, cook, meet people and have a yarn in the canteen with you!

Never volunteered? No worries - it's easy!

A typical day in the canteen might include: making sandwiches, decorating cookies or cupcakes, labelling food and/or drinks, topping pizzas, slicing hot dog rolls! And you won't be asked to do all of this - usually just one job! Lisa is happy for any time you can volunteer; whether it be an hour or more - she will make it work and would love to see more people get involved! Plus your kid gets a free treat at lunch time when you volunteer!

Get in touch with Lisa: lisa.rizzo@education.vic.gov.au
or 0418 782 599

MOONLIGHT CINEMA



Lock it in your diaries
Moonlight Cinema is back!!

**FRIDAY
28TH
MARCH**

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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FEB

COBURG RSL

7.30PM

Community Group MEETING

Come and meet some new parents of Coburg West at our monthly Community Group Meeting. Would love to hear new ideas/suggestions about how you'd like to fundraise!

All Welcome!



CONTACT US

cwpsc@gmail.com or via
our FB Group!

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students

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The Application Form can be found at this link:

<https://content.sdp.education.vic.gov.au/media/csef-application-form-2879>

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB

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4 - 5:30 PM

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- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



**THREE DAY
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY SPORTS
CAMPS!**

LOCATIONS

- State Netball and Hockey Centre, Parkville - 7, 8, 9 April 2025
- Maribyrnong Sports College, Maribyrnong - 14, 15, 16 April 2025
- Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie West - 7, 8, 9 April 2025



It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

Contact Us:
1300 914 368

admin@australiansportscamps.com.au

More Information:

australiansportscamps.com.au



MERCY COLLEGE ABSTRACT EXPLOSION ART PROGRAM 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

WEDNESDAY 5, 12, 19, 26 MARCH 2025, 4.00PM - 5.00PM

WHERE

MERCY COLLEGE
760 SYDNEY ROAD COBURG 3058 (ENTRY VIA GATE 1)

COST

\$20.00

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WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TRAINING



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WHERE: McAlister Oval, Parkville

TIME: 6-7ish pm

BRING: water bottle, runners/footy boots

PT: Jewel station (upfield line): tram stop (route 19)

ALL WELCOME

women@brunswickmudlarks.com

[@mudlarks.womens.footy](https://www.instagram.com/mudlarks.womens.footy)

Say Hi: Peita 0424 317 716



St. Paul's/ St Oliver's
Catholic Church
Sunday School Program

***The Time for Enrolment
for the School Year
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**A Program to prepare children
attending State/Local Schools
to receive the Sacraments of:**

- ❖ **(First) Reconciliation**
- ❖ **First Holy Communion**
- ❖ **Confirmation**

Classes begin 2nd March 2025

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Every Sunday

(Except Term breaks)

**At St. Paul's Primary School,
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**Requirements for enrolment:
new enrollees must be at least
in Grade 3 or be 9 years of age.**

The Child's Baptismal Certificate is required.

There is a small enrolment fee.

**For further information please contact the
parish office on 9354 1564 or email
coburg@cam.org.au**