



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 7th February 2025

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
February		
Tuesday 18 th	Coburg District Swimming Trials	Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 20 th	Meet the Teacher 2pm – 7pm (In the Gym)	1:30pm Dismissal
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
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
August		
Wed 6 th to Fri 8 th	Mt Evelyn Camp	Grade 4
Wednesday 20 th (TBC)	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
November		
Monday 3 rd	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	School Closed

VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2025

	STARTS	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Wednesday 29 th January	Friday 4 th April	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 4 th July	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 21 st July	Friday 19 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 6 th October	Friday 19 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

I wish to begin by welcoming you all to the 2025 school year, particularly the many new families joining our school community. It has been a wonderful start, with all students settling in quickly ready for a good year of learning and growth ahead.

Staffing Updates

With the commencement of this school year, we welcome back Ms Fonte DeVos who returns from a year of leave. We also welcome Ms Koklanis and Mr Flynn who join our team of Specialist teachers for 2025. Please join us in making them feel welcome as they settle into our school community.

Our staffing arrangements for this year are as follows:

Prep D	Ms Zschunke	4P	Ms Preston
Prep L	Ms Lebon/Ms Amerena	4R	Mr Robinson/Ms Lontos
1Y	Ms Youla	5/6C	Ms Corn
1P	Ms Parker	5/6T	Mr Torpey
1/2E	Ms Esposito	5/6M	Ms McKenzie/Mr Niciak
2F	Ms Fonte DeVos	5/6F	Ms Franco
2S	Ms Spiteri/Ms Pavich	5/6R	Ms Rigby
3P	Mr Peric		
3A	Mr Aitken		

Literacy Leader/TLI	Ms Amerena
Numeracy Leader/TLI	Ms Currie
P.E.	Mr Harvey
Performing Arts	Mr Flynn
Visual Arts	Ms Kyrkilis, Ms DiVincenzo
Italian	Ms DiVincenzo, Ms Petersen
Greek	Ms Koklanis
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Ms Kingsley
Disability Inclusion	Mr Niciak

Integration Supports	Giselle, Rachael, Jennie, Sonia, Ned
Administration Staff	Franca, Denise, Sonia, Anna
School Nurse	Sue
Canteen Manager	Lisa
Grounds Keeper	Tony

Student Leaders for 2025

Our students completed an election process late last year, to nominate and elect our 2025 School Captains and Student Leaders. This group is made up of year six students who have demonstrated our school values and were voted for by their peers from grades Prep to six.

Please join me in congratulating our 2025 School Captains; William and Maggie, along with our Student Leaders; Juni, Teddy T, Damian, Maddie, Ollie, Iggy, Teddy D and Amber.



Communicating With Staff

If for any reason you need to contact your child's teacher or any other staff member, you can:

- Call 9386 1286 and leave a message
- Email coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au with attention to the relevant staff member

While families across the school will also have the benefit of utilising the SeeSaw App to communicate with their class teachers.

Regardless of how you make contact, please be reminded that any responses from staff will only be made within their working hours.

Important Policy Reminders

Each year at this time, we like to remind everyone of some important policies which assist in ensuring we maintain a safe and inclusive space for everyone to learn and work at CWPS. All policies can be found [HERE](#) on our school website. If you should have any feedback or questions relating to any policy, please contact the office.

However, there are some policies that are very important to our school community. As such, I ask that you please click on the following policies to read the full document.

- [Privacy Policy](#)

- [Mobile Phone and Communication Device Policy](#)
- [Respect for School Staff Policy](#)

Voluntary Contribution Payments

I wish to remind everyone that your Voluntary Contributions can now 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 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 Compass emails and Newsfeed for more information or go direct to Qkr to make payments.

Smile Squad Return

In the coming days your child will bring home a pack containing more information regarding Smile Squads visit to CWPS. This free dental service has been attending our school and providing free dental checks to our students for the last few years. For your child to benefit from this free service, you must provide consent and register. Please see the link in the Newsfeed post on COMPASS or the information pack that will be coming home with your child.

Local MP Praises CWPS

I wish to thank Mr Anthony Cianflone MP, for attending our grade six Graduation last year. As a past student of CWPS, our local Member of State Parliament Mr Cianflone, made a speech and presented awards to our graduating students, and most recently made mention of this in a speech to Parliament. He also acknowledged our School Captains, recipients of the awards, members of staff, our School Council President and our families. On behalf of our school community, I wish to thank Mr Cianflone for his ongoing support of our school. You can view his speech [HERE on YouTube](#).

Thank You Donald and the Team of Volunteers



As you may be aware, late last year we had several large trees removed and we were permitted to keep the resulting large mound of mulch. I wish to thank the team of parents, led by our School Council President Donald Parton, who gave up their time to help spread the mulch around the Gaga Pit and garden beds across the back yard.



Reminders

- Meet the Teacher **Thursday 20th February** - Dismissal at 1:30pm – Meetings held between 2pm and 6:50pm in the Gym. Bookings open Tuesday.
- School Council Elections will open in coming weeks. Stay tuned for more information.
- Please refer to the calendar above to note upcoming dates for school holidays, public holidays and curriculum days, along with other school events.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Presented by
00D			Ms. Zschunke
00L			Ms. Lebon & Ms. Amerena
1/2E	Fleur	We Care	Ms. Esposito
1P	Ingrid	We Care	Ms. Parker
1Y	Hamish	We Care	Ms. Youla
2F	Ned	We Are Safe	Ms. Fonte De Vos
2S	Digby	We Are Safe	Ms. Spiteri & Ms. Pavich
3A	Allerga	We Are Respectful	Mr. Aitken
3P	Audrey	We Care	Mr. Peric
4P	Aurora	We Are Safe	Ms. Preston
4R	Ella	We Care	Mr. Robinson
5/6C	Rosina Lux	We Are Safe We Care	Ms. Corn
5/6F	Kaan	We Care	Ms. Franco
5/6M	Amber	We Care	Ms. Mckenzie & Mr. Niciak
5/6R	Hannah K.	We Are Safe	Ms. Rigby
5/6T			Mr. Torpey
Visual Arts			Ms. DiVincenzo & Ms. Kyrkillis
P.E.			Mr. Harvey
Italian			Ms. Petterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Performing Arts			Mr. Flynn



**JUST
KIDDING**

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST KIDS MAG!

Soon your child will come home with a copy of a Just Kidding Junior (3 – 6 years old) or Just Kidding (for 7-12 year old) magazine. This is a free magazine offered to school children and it is one of Australia's highest circulating kids magazines packed full of features for kids to explore including the very latest competitions, puzzles, celebrity interviews, games, toys, books, sports, music, movies and much more.

With hard copy magazines, newspapers and catalogues appearing less frequently in homes due to digital media, exposure to a magazine targeted to kids is great. Children will be exposed to a wide variety of text types and lots of interactive content. From stories, poems, and action rhymes to nonfiction, crafts, puzzles and games. Kids' magazines can offer an abundance of high interest content to support and encourage children to read. This magazine, which is published 8 times a year will give your child some additional reading materials to explore at home. Enjoy!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

Staff Wellbeing Curriculum Day - Building a Supportive Learning Environment



Our recent Staff Wellbeing Curriculum Day was a powerful opportunity for professional growth, collaboration, and reflection. With a focus on mental health awareness, disability inclusion, and tiered systems of support, the day was designed to equip our educators with the knowledge and strategies needed to foster a truly inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Workshops on mental health awareness provided valuable insights into identifying and addressing student wellbeing concerns, ensuring that staff feel confident in supporting students' emotional and psychological needs. Sessions on disability inclusion reinforced the importance of creating accessible learning spaces where all students, regardless of ability, can thrive. Additionally, discussions around tiered systems of support highlighted structured approaches to intervention, helping teachers provide targeted assistance at varying levels of need.



Beyond professional learning, the day featured engaging team-building activities designed to mirror best practices for classroom setup. These hands-on exercises demonstrated ways to establish a positive, collaborative, and structured learning space from day one. By experiencing these activities firsthand, staff gained practical strategies to implement within their own classrooms, ensuring students feel safe, supported, and motivated to learn.

This curriculum day reinforced our collective commitment to student success and wellbeing, setting the stage for a productive and inclusive school year ahead.

Kind Regards
Wellbeing Team



Let's be SunSmart

The Coburg West Primary School SunSmart Policy states: Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school daily and reapply throughout the day during sun protection hours (11am – 3pm) as suggested by Sun Smart Victoria. We encourage families to apply sunscreen before coming to school and to supply sunscreen for their child/ children to reapply during the day.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>

SLOP ON SUNSCREEN

SUNSMART

SLIP

30
SLOP

SLAP

SEEK

SLIDE

WAIT!

Before you go outside...

Have you **SLOPPED** on SPF30 (or higher) sunscreen?

Don't forget your face, neck and ears.

And the parts of your arms and legs not covered with clothing.

If you can see your skin, UV can reach it.

sunsmart.com.au

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COBURG WEST PS COMMUNITY GROUP

2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

Welcome back to our wonderful school community, and a big HELLO to all the families joining us for the first time in 2025.

As we ease back into school routines, we're excited to share the incredible success of your fundraising efforts in 2024.

Your contributions last year helped upgrade the music program equipment, support the sustainability group with bin covers, and set aside significant funds for new play and collaboration spaces at the front of the school (more to come on this).

A special thank you to all the parents, students, staff, and local businesses who participated in and supported our fundraising events in 2024. Your commitment and enthusiasm continue to make a difference in our children's school experience!

\$40,000

The total amount raised by our amazing community

14

The number of events, food drives, and engagement opportunities run by the CWPS Community Group.

9

The number of times the committee met to plan activities and build a small but mighty network of volunteers.

GET INVOLVED IN 2025



We're looking for volunteers to help organise our fundraising events! Whether you'd like to take the lead or team up with friends, this is a great way to get involved and support our school community.

No experience? No problem! We're keen to train new people to run our existing events, so grab a few friends and sign up together!

Interested? Complete the form via QR Code or reach out to us at cwpscg@gmail.com.au and let's make these events a success! 🎉



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SOCIAL GIRLS SOCCER

Girls Social Soccer & gender diverse kids is back for Term 1 - 2025!

We are looking forward to supporting your child grow and develop their soccer skills in a supportive, fun & social setting. The program is suitable for beginners, and those who are looking for a challenge. We group the players by age, technical development & social connections.

Saturday 1 February to Saturday 29 March

10am - 11am

Dunstan Reserve, Brunswick West



**SOCIAL
GIRLS
SOCCER
SATURDAYS
AGES 5-13**



Register for Girls

Social Soccer online:

<https://form.jotform.com/240198708939875>

Register for Go Soccer Mums

online:

<https://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Brunswick-City-SC>

For more information contact: Caroline 0477 118 773 or
info@brunswickcitysc.com.au



GO SOCCER MUMS

Go Soccer Mums & gender diverse people is back for Term 1 - 2025!

This amazing program is suitable for beginners, and those that are returning to the game. Our participants love it, so much fun! Come join us, make new friends, connect with the community, learn new skills and get fit at the same time! Take some time out for yourself or bring a friend.

Program runs during school terms, choose between:

Tuesday 5:45pm - 6:45pm

Saturday 10am - 11am

Brunswick City SC, Dunstan Reserve, Brunswick West



Register online:

<https://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Brunswick-City-SC>

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