



# Coburg West Primary School

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
<b>TERM 1</b>		
<b>March</b>		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN testing	Grade 3 & 5 Students
<b>April</b>		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 1	2:30pm Dismissal
<b>TERM 2</b>		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday Public Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Term 2	Students return 9am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	School Closed
<b>May</b>		
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Gundiwindi Camp	Grade 5
<b>July</b>		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2	2:30pm Dismissal
<b>TERM 3</b>		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	First Day of Term 3	Students return 9am
<b>August</b>		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mt Evelyn Camp	Grade 4
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> (TBC)	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
<b>September</b>		
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> , Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program	Grades 5 & 6
Friday September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 3	2:30pm Dismissal
<b>TERM 4</b>		
<b>October</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 4	Students return 9am
<b>November</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	School Closed
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Program	Grades 1 & 2
<b>December</b>		
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program	Grades 3 & 4
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program	Foundation
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 4	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

In this last fortnight, I had the pleasure of joining our grade six students on camp in Portsea. I must commend them on their behaviour and efforts while on camp. It was wonderful to see our students supporting one another and working cooperatively to complete all their activities. A big shout out to our

staff Ms Franco, Mr Torpey, Ms Corn, Mr Niciak, Ms Amerena and Mr Robinson who organised and attended, to ensure our students were safe and always engaged. These amazing camps and activities could not occur without these teachers giving up their personal time away from their loved ones.

## **Safety**

I wish to remind everyone of a few safety matters which are causing risks particularly during drop off and pick up time.

- Drivers should ensure they obey the speed limit of 40km in our school zone
- Obey parking signs to avoid fines and ensure everyone's safety
- Obey traffic signals or supervisor signage as you approach or use our school crossings
- Do not use staff car parks for drop off or pick up
- Students riding bikes or scooters to school must wear helmets and obey road safety rules
- Bikes and scooters are to be walked on school grounds between gates and bike cages
- Any person under 16 years of age is not permitted to ride an e-scooter in Victoria

## **Annual Implementation Plan 2025**

Every government school across Victoria works towards achieving goals and targets set in their School Strategic Plan (SSP) which is set for a four-year cycle and within each year, it is unpacked further with an Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). During term 2 this year, we will be undergoing a Review process in which an external panel will evaluate our progress in achieving the goals and meeting the targets set in our 2020 to 2024 SSP. As part of this Review process, we will also work on setting our next SSP for 2024 to 2028.

As such, we are working on a short-term AIP to guide us through until our new SSP is set, after which we will create a new AIP to align with the new SSP. The current AIP has been approved by our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) and endorsed by School Council. You can view this document [HERE](#) on our school website.

## **School Council Elections for 2025**

The School Council Elections for 2025 are now complete. With four parent vacancies, we have three returning members Tom Morris, Tanya Tribuzio and Jon Hurford. Joining them we have one new member, Joel Berry joining School Council. While I thank each of them for their commitment and willingness to support our school, I ask you to join me in thanking departing member Sonia Hegarty who has also led our Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability Sub-committee for several years. Her dedication and support has been greatly appreciated.

## **Parent Rep Program Sign Up**

As you may have already noted in COMPASS and See Saw posts, sign up for our Parent Rep program is now digital. You will find the flyer in this edition of our Newsletter, and you can use the QR Code, or the web link provided to sign up.

## **NAPLAN for Grades Three and Five**

As we move into this coming week, our students in grades three and five will be undertaking the annual NAPLAN testing. Spread across the week, students will be completing National assessments in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Maths. While our teachers have been supporting our students in their preparation for these assessments, we encourage families to assist by ensuring

students have enough sleep, a good breakfast and are punctual each day for school. Students are encouraged to remain calm and understand that these assessments are just a captured moment in their year of learning.

### **Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community**

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [[read HERE](#)], describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

### **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 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.

### **Enrolment Tours**

March has seen an increase in requests for enrolment tours. If you have friends, family or neighbours who are looking to enrol their first child in school for 2026, please encourage them to call the office and book in for their personalised enrolment tour.

Alternatively, if you have a child ready to start school in 2026, enrolments open in term 2 and please feel free to collect your enrolment pack from the front office.

**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	Albert M	We Are Learners			Ms. Eve
00L					Ms. Lebon & Ms. Amerena
1/2E	Taylan	We Are Safe	Amos	We Care	Ms. Esposito
1P	Owen	We Are Safe	Dion	We Care	Ms. Parker
1Y	Max	We Are Safe	Ransh	We Care	Ms. Youla
2F	Ava	We Are Learners	Indra	We Are Respectful	Ms. Fonte De Vos
2S	Eve	We Are Learners	Archie	We Are Learners	Ms. Spiteri & Ms. Pavich
3A	Flora	We Are Learners	Isaac	We Are Learners	Mr. Aitken
3P	Mei	We Are Learners	Elif	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
4P	Ted G. Fraser	We Care We Care	Andre	We Care	Ms. Preston
4R	Zoe Mason	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Hugh	We Are Learners	Mr. Blackman
5/6C			Royi	We Are Learners	Ms. Corn
5/6F			Josie	We Are Learners	Ms. Franco
5/6M	Amelia B.	We Are Learners	Samuel	We Are Learners	Ms. McKenzie & Mr. Niciak
5/6R	Immy	We Are Learners			Ms. Rigby
5/6T					Mr. Torpey
Vis. Arts	Ruzica 5T	We Are Learners	Gianni 4P	We Care	Ms. Kyrkillis & Ms. DiVincenzo
P.E.	Lucas B. 5T	We Are Safe	Massimo G	We Are Safe	Mr. Harvey
Italian	Bonnie D. 1/2E	We Are Safe	Kunjan H William H	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Ms. Petterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Perf. Arts	Jack O.	We Are Learners	Christian S	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.

	28 <sup>th</sup> February	7 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Green House</b>	Fergus PL	Seth 5/6C
<b>Red House</b>	Digby 2S	Milo PL
<b>Gold House</b>	Evie 5/6M	Harper 4R
<b>Blue House</b>	Max 4R	Owen 1P



## 2025 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

I hope that everyone received their Premier's Reading Challenge login details and instructions of how to login, they were distributed as hard copies during the past week. If your child/ren's login details have been misplaced between school and home, please email the school at [coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and address the email to me (Patricia Amerena) and I will forward you those details or message your child's classroom teacher via seesaw.

In the meantime, please encourage your child/ren to participate, we would love to have maximum participation. Although the challenge starts in March, there is no restriction to when your child/ren can start the challenge, join in whenever you please. The important date is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**, this is when all books must be entered in order to be counted in the total books read during the challenge period.

So, please start reading and adding those books to the site. Thank you and Happy Reading!

Patricia Amerena  
English Leading Teacher

# **SIGN-UP**

..... **To** .....

# **CLASS CONTACT LISTS**

**STAY CONNECTED WITH  
YOUR CHILD'S CLASS.**

**BE PART OF SOCIAL  
GATHERINGS / PLAYDATES & BE KEPT  
UP-TO-DATE WITH IMPORTANT  
SCHOOL NEWS / EVENTS**

**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP, OR VISIT  
[FORM.JOTFORM.COM/COBURGWESTPS/CLASS\\_LIST](https://form.jotform.com/coburgwestps/class_list)**



Use the QR Code or this link [https://form.jotform.com/coburgwestps/class\\_list](https://form.jotform.com/coburgwestps/class_list) to sign up.

## 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](mailto: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



# 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>

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## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

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



# GIVE FOOTY A GO WITH THE GIANTS

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**75**  
YEARS  
1950-2025

# OPEN DAY

*Grow, learn, lead*

## AT MARCELLIN COLLEGE



**SUNDAY, 16 MARCH | 11am - 2pm**

Principal's Address 11:30am and 12:30pm

**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE**

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Now accepting **Year 7 2027 enrolments** | Applications close 15 August 2025  
Secure your place today [marcellin.vic.edu.au](https://marcellin.vic.edu.au)

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CONTACT THE REGISTRAR TO FIND OUT MORE  
INFO@SCCMELB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

# Be a SIMONDS BOY

Simonds Catholic College is a small school with big opportunities in the heart of the city. Our teachers are **experts in teaching the way boys learn best.**

We are committed to small class sizes to ensure your son will receive the attention he requires to achieve his personal best. We invite you to consider Simonds Catholic College for your son.



# YEAR 7 2026 & 2027 APPLICATIONS OPEN

## BOOK A TOUR TO SEE OUR PROGRAMS FOR BOYS IN ACTION

You and your son are invited to attend a Talk and Tour with our **Principal, Robert Anastasio.**

Tours provide prospective families with a great opportunity to view the school in operation.

You will have the chance to discover all that Simonds Catholic College has to offer and ask any questions you may have.

**Tours commence at 9.30am. Bookings are essential.** Contact the Registrar on 9321 9200 or book online.



# TALK AND TOUR

**SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
*Educating boys*  
*In the heart of the city*



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