



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 21st March 2025

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 1		
April		
Friday 4 th	World's Greatest Shave Fundraiser Last Day of Term 1	Crazy Hair gold coin donation 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		
Thursday 8 th	CWPS Info Sessions for 2026	9:30am or 6:30pm - Small Hall
Monday 12 th	Education Week	Open Classroom - Afternoon
Tuesday 13 th	Education Week	Open Classroom - Morning
Wed 14 th to Fri 16 th	Gundiwindi Camp	Grade 5
June		
Monday 9 th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday	School Closed
Thursday 12 th	Campbell Turnbull Library Visit	Prep
Friday 13 th	Campbell Turnbull Library Visit	Prep
Monday 16 th	Traffic School Excursion	Prep
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
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	Book Week	Whole School
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,

With only two weeks left of this first term, we are all working towards a terrific end of term.

CWPS Showing our Support

With the sad loss of Ms Zschunke's young son, we would like to share with you all that we will be joining her and her family in raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation in honour of her son Si. While Ms Zschunke herself is completing the *Run the Rock* this weekend ([donate here](#)), as a school we have signed up for the *World's Greatest Shave*. Our Team is known as *CWPS 4 Si*, and we will be holding our event during this term's final whole school assembly on Friday 4th March from 2pm. The Student Leaders and SRC are planning and promoting this special day, where students will be invited to wear crazy or coloured hair with casual colourful clothes to school and make a gold coin donation. Also leading up to the day, raffle tickets will be sold, with the winner having the honour of shaving my hair off during this final assembly. Yes, I have made the commitment to have all the hair on my head shaved off for this good cause. Stay tuned, as we hope to announce other staff members shortly that will be joining me on team *CWPS 4 Si*, to have their hair shaved, cut or coloured on the day. If you would like to show your support and donate, you can do so [HERE](#). Thank you to those who have already donated and to those who have also reached out to share their support.

Open Air Cinema Night @ CWPS

Next Friday night (28th March) our first major social event for this year arrives on our school grounds. The CWPS Community Group will be hosting Moonlight Cinema with a screening of *Kung Fu Panda 4*. If you have not yet done so, be sure to get your tickets via Qkr and read the flyer following in this newsletter for more information. Also, please note the *Save The Date* page for other upcoming events which you may be able to assist with or simply support.

NAPLAN Complete

Well done to our students in grades 3 and 5, who have now completed the NAPLAN testing for this year. It was nice to see them all taking it in their stride and working through each test in a calm and mature manner. We were also very fortunate that your voluntary contributions assist us in ensuring we have the devices and systems in place to support the completion of these tests online. Thank you to Mr Copping for coordinating the testing period and the relevant classroom teachers and Educational Support staff for supporting our students through these assessments.

MP Visits SMILE SQUAD @ CWPS

With most of our students having already undergone their initial examinations, please join me in thanking the SMILE SQUAD team for their dedication and care for our student's oral health. These free dental checks raised the interest of our local State MP, Anthony Cianflone who recently visited CWPS to learn more about what the team offer and how they work within our school to deliver free dental care. He was very impressed, and I know that many of you are also grateful for the opportunity to have these visits in the familiar surrounds of our school too. The SMILE SQUAD van will be with us for another week or so, as they complete the final follow up procedures for our students.

Respect for School Staff

I wish to remind all families of our school's Respect for School Staff Policy which you can read [HERE](#) or go to our website. This policy is also supported by the Department of Education to protect our staff in their workplace.

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.

Open Day for New Enrolments

Over the last few weeks, I have taken many enrolment tours with families who are very keen to join our school community. 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.

Also to note (as per the flyer later in this Newsletter), we will be holding our Open Day for new families looking to enrol, on Thursday 8th May, with sessions at 9:30am or 6:30pm. Families can register for these sessions which include an information briefing followed by a school 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.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Moonlight Cinema night next Friday.

**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	Dixie D	We Are Safe	Will R.	We Are Learners	Ms. Jones
00L	William H.	We Are Respectful	Ella	We Are Learners	Ms. Lebon & Ms. Amerena
1/2E	Olivia	We Are Safe	Finlo	We Are Learners	Ms. Esposito
1P	Koby	We Are Safe	Roni	We Are Learners	Ms. Parker
1Y	Hannah	We Are Safe	Ellis	We Are Learners	Ms. Youla
2F	Thomas	We Are Learners	Sonny	We Are Learners	Ms. Fonte De Vos
2S	Matilda	We Are Respectful	Lily	We Are Learners	Ms. Spiteri & Ms. Pavich
3A	Mia	We Are Respectful	Kaylin	We Care	Mr. Aitken
3P	Eleanor	We Are Respectful	Haley Max	We Care We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
4P	Mila V.	We Are Learners	Eda	We Are Learners	Ms. Preston
4R	Grace	We Are Learners	Anna	We Are Learners	Mr. Blackman
5/6C	Lia	We Are Learners	Andrew	We Are Learners	Ms. Corn
5/6F	Izzy F.	We Are Respectful	Maggie	We Are Learners	Ms. Franco
5/6M	Niamh	We Care	Hannah	We Are Learners	Ms. McKenzie & Mr. Niciak
5/6R	Louis P.	We Care	Xanthe R.	We Are Learners	Ms. Rigby
5/6T	James	We Are Learners	Anna P.	We Are Learners	Mr. Torpey
Vis. Arts	Audrey B.	We Are Learners	Edie M. 00L	We Are Learners	Ms. Kyrkillis & Ms. DiVincenzo
P.E.	Oliver G.	We Are Safe	Patrick O.	We Are Safe	Mr. Harvey
Italian	Grace S.	We Are Respectful	Abigail B.G.	We Are Learners	Ms. Petterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Perf. Arts	Evelyn W.	We Are Learners	Alessandra S.	We Are Learners	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 March	21 st March
Green House	Chris 4P	Romarios 5/6T
Red House	Edie PL	Ashar 2S
Gold House	Raffy 1/2E	Iggy 5/6C
Blue House	Isaac 4P	Tiyana 5/6M

WELLBEING UPDATE

At assembly this week, three of our Wellbeing Leaders shared what Circle Time looks like in their classrooms. This is what Rosina, Rosie and Ingrid had to say.

Rosie – In 3A we call our circle time ‘Potato Time’ because we can never make a circle. Mr Aitken asks us a question and we all answer it. Some rules are ‘one voice, one person’ and whole body listening. One of my favourite questions is ‘what did you do on the weekend?’ I think our potato time is important because I get to hear what other people have done.

Rosina – Our circle time is called blob time because we always end up sitting in a blob. Some of our rules are ‘no comments on people sharing’, ‘what is shared in the circle stays in the circle’ and ‘only talking when you have the object’. At the moment we are using a pink axolotl as our object but usually we would switch over fidgets. I think blob time is important because it is time to share what’s been on your mind. It’s a great way to start our day. My favourite question was ‘if you could have any super power, what would it be?’

Ingrid – Our circle time in 1P is on a Monday morning. We sit in a circle and sing a special song called ‘make a circle’. Everyone talks about their weekend. Ms Parker chooses random people to talk. Our rules include ‘one person talks at a time.’ We sometimes use a talking stick. I like it because people having exciting stories. The question I like asking is ‘what’s your favourite game in the Switch?’





On Wednesday the 5th of March, students from Grade Three and Four were fortunate to experience the incursion that is World of Maths!

Over the course of an hour, they engaged in hands-on problem solving activities designed to make mathematics fun and practical. Throughout the session, they worked collaboratively in groups, discussing strategies and sharing ideas to tackle a range of engaging challenges.



They were encouraged to think creatively and explore different solutions to each activity. Students from all classes demonstrated wonderful persistence and adaptability to these challenging tasks!

Thank you to Ms Currie for organising and all the Grade Three and Four teachers for coordinating!



2025 VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Excitedly, the 2025 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is live and active. If you go to the link below or scan the QR code, you and your child/ren will have access to the current full challenge list and this may support you in choosing age appropriate books, it's a great resource and a great starting point:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge-book-lists>



Once again, please continue to encourage your child/ren to participate and join the challenge at anytime. The important date is **Friday 5th September 2025**, this is when all books must be entered, in order, to be counted in the total books read during the challenge period.

Additionally, if you have any concerns, please contact me (Patricia Amerena) via the school's email address coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au or for technical issues contact the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge directly servicedesk@education.vic.gov.au or by phone on (03) 7022 0018.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher



Inner North Merr-Bek and Banyule Swimming Championships 2025

On Thursday the 13th of March, the Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre hosted the Inner North Merr-Bek and Banyule Swimming Championships. Coburg West Primary School had the privilege of being represented by 7 amazing students in the pool!

A huge congratulations to the following swimmers for their outstanding performances:

- Anna P (Backstroke)
- Anna P, Goldie W, Milana P, and Mila T (Under 10 Girls Freestyle Relay)
- Alexander C (Breaststroke)
- Danile W (Butterfly)
- Hannah P (Breaststroke and Backstroke)

All of these students demonstrated exceptional skills and sportsmanship, representing the school values with pride and dedication. We couldn't be prouder of their efforts in this competitive event.

A special thank you to the parents and caregivers who supported the students by transporting them and cheering them on throughout the day. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations again to all participants and well done on your incredible achievements! Keep up the fantastic work, Coburg West! 🏊🏆



Chris Harvey
Sports Coordinator

COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

MOONLIGHT CINEMA

TICKETS - \$40 FAMILY,
\$15 ADULT, \$10 CHILD

KUNG FU
PANDA 4!

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

PRE
PURCHASE
ON QKR!



Entry via back gate on Devon Avenue from 6pm. Movie starts around dusk (after 7.30pm) BYO picnic rugs, chairs, beanbags, picnics, drinks etc.

Confectionery Bar will be OPEN for all your lollies, icecreams, popcorn, soft drinks.

PLEASE NOTE: Kids must be under adult supervision at all times

**COBURG WEST PS
COMMUNITY GROUP**

SAVE THE DATES

**Mothers Day Appreciation Stall
Thursday May 3**

**Mums Day Social Lunch
Friday May 9**

**Gnoccheria Food Drive
June 2**

**Kids Disco
TBC June**

TERM 2

We have an exciting lineup of fundraising and engagement opportunities in Term 2! Want to get involved? You can support by buying event tickets, purchasing gifts or raffle tickets, or volunteering on the day when help is needed.

Every contribution makes a difference! 🎉

COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY
Enrol for 2026

INFORMATION SESSION & TOUR

Thursday 8th May
9:30am or 6:30pm
in the School Hall

Join us for a tour to see our learning
programs in action and visit
our classrooms.



185 - 187 Reynard Street
Coburg Victoria 3058
Phone 9386 1286
www.cobw.vic.edu.au

For bookings
scan or call





Net Set Go with Brunswick Netball Club Term 2 Netball Introduction Program

Weekly sessions to introduce children aged 6–9 to netball in a fun and engaging way.

- Learn new skills
- Make new friends
- Prepare for joining a playing team in Terms 3 and 4

Where

Reaburn Reserve Netball Courts, Brunswick

When

Friday nights 5.15 to 6pm

Contact

netsetgo@brunswicknetballclub.org
to register interest.

Merri-Bek Early Years Management

KINDERGARTEN



OPEN DAYS

ENQUIRE
NOW FOR
2026

Join us at one of our kindergartens and experience the joy of early learning in action!
See how we nurture young minds through play, creativity, and exploration in a warm and welcoming environment.

Pascoe Vale CC Kindergarten

Monday 24th March
9.30am - 11.30am

Lake Park Kindergarten

Thursday 27th March
11.00am - 2.00pm

Newlands Preschool

Tuesday 25th March
9.00am - 12.00pm

Gowanbrae Children's Centre

Thursday 27th March
9.00am - 11.00am

Oak Park Kindergarten

Wednesday 26th March
8.30am - 11.30am

Turner St Kindergarten

Friday 28th March
9.00am - 12.00pm

Moomba Park Kindergarten

Wednesday 26th March
2.00pm - 4.00pm

St Linus Kindergarten

Monday 31st March
9.30am - 11.30am



All Open Days are drop in sessions - no booking required!

Council registrations open 01/04/25 - to register for a place visit www.meym.org.au or email the Enrolment Officer at enrolments@meym.org.au



KINDERGARTEN
Victorian Government Approved



Part of your village

Education and care from nursery to kindergarten

BOOK A TOUR 1800 411 604

 Community Kids Pascoe Vale Early Education Centre

Why you'll love Community Kids Pascoe Vale Early Education Centre

We love inspiring young minds! We embrace the concept that children thrive when they're encouraged to explore the world around them and learn about themselves through interactive play.



Qualified and long serving team offering education and care from nursery to kindergarten



Sustainability philosophy embedded at our centre teaching children to care for the environment



Spacious and natural outdoor areas that encourage exploration and learning through play



Nutritious meals created daily by our in-house cook who caters to all dietary requirements



Regular cultural events reflecting the diversity in our local community



Receive regular photos, videos, learning observations and updates via our parent communication app



Nappies, wipes and bed linen provided for your convenience



Engaging programs in music and movement



BOOK A TOUR

1800 411 604 | 656 Bell Street, Pascoe Vale South

 Open weekdays 6:30am to 6:30pm



Community Kids Pascoe Vale Early Education Centre



Merri-bek
City Council

Teen

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Mon 7 Apr
1-4 pm / Otago

**BAKING BLISS &
BOARD GAMES**



Tue 8 Apr
1-4 pm / Glenroy

**KARAOKE &
BADGEMAKING**



Wed 9 Apr
1-4 pm / Otago

**MARIO KART
MAHEM**



Thur 10 April
1-3 pm / Fawcett

**SOCIAL SPORTZ &
GIRLZONE**



Fri 11 Apr
1-4 pm / Otago

**GAME SHOW
BONANZA**



Mon 14 Apr
1-4 pm / Otago

**CREATIVE
COOKING**



Tue 15 Apr
1-4 pm / Glenroy

**TOTE BAG & TEES
PRINTING (CRICUT)**



Tue 15 Apr
Coburg Ball Centre

**3X3 BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT** *



Wed 16 Apr
Coburg Ball Centre

**3X3 BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**



Wed 16 Apr
1-4 pm / Otago

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Thur 17 Apr
1-3 pm / Fawcett

**SOCIAL SPORTZ &
GIRLZONE**

Register
now
bit.ly/4iGAEDd



School Holidays Term 1

Week 1

Mon Apr 7

Intergenerational
Painting Workshop
10am - 11am
Ages 3+ and their
adult
\$15

Tues Apr 8

Video Games Club
10am - 1pm
Ages 8+
\$15

Wed Apr 9

<u>Jewellery Making</u> 11am - 12pm Ages 6 to 12 \$5	<u>Intergenerational Painting Workshop</u> 2pm - 3pm Ages 3+ and their adult \$15
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Scan to book!



at Sussex Neighbourhood House
7 PROSPECT ST, PASCOE VALE
03 9354 2210

School Holidays Term 1

Week 2

Tues Apr 15

Chess Tournament
10am - 1pm
Ages 8+
\$5

Wed Apr 16

Jewellery Making
11am - 12pm
Ages 6-12
\$5

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at Sussex Neighbourhood House
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED



PLAY

4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

A safe and fun program led by experienced AFL coaches, your child will learn basic footy skills, and enjoy mini-games, all while experiencing NAB AFL Auskick in a supportive environment, leaving with big smiles and a day of Good Clean Fun!



8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!



**COBURG HOLIDAY PROGRAM
TUESDAY, APRIL 8**



MOONEE VALLEY YMCA GYMNASTICS CLUB

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Learn or Develop Existing Skills with Our Gymnastics - Based Holiday Program!

\$50*
a day

*Book before the 28th of March for just \$50 a day saving \$20 a day!

Ages 5 - 12
10 am - 3 pm

April Program Dates:

Mon 7

Tue 8

Thu 10

Fri 11



Scan QR code for more Info

