



# Coburg West Primary School

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Italian Fashion Parade	Grades 3 & 4
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Dinosaur Expo	Grades 1 & 2
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming	Grades 3 & 4
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dinosaur Incursion	Grades 1 & 2
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Luna Park Excursion	Grade 6
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Shore Reserve Picnic	Prep
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher	Whole School
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation	Grade 6
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM 4	1:30pm Dismissal

## VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2025

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

### Dear School Community,

It may almost be the end of the school year, but CWPS is a hive of activity. Between finalising student reports, planning for next year, showcasing student learning and preparing for end of year celebrations, there is a lot going on.

### Staffing Updates

As we do draw closer to the end of year, it is with sadness that we will be bidding farewell to some of our amazing teaching staff: Mr Krauss (6K), Ms Winzar-Taylor (2W), Mr Munari (2M) and Ms Jones (Performing Arts). While sadly after four years with us, Mr Krauss will be returning to his state of origin (WA) to be closer to his family, everyone else will be staying closer to CWPS, as they take on new roles in other schools. I am certain you will all join me in thanking each of them for all that they have contributed to our school community in their time at CWPS and we wish them every success.

In addition to this, Ms Blackman (4B) will be taking a years leave, returning to our classrooms in 2026.

Once we step into the new school year, we will be welcoming both Ms Fonte DeVos and Ms Lontos (nee Alihos) back from their respective periods of leave. Also joining us in the new year will be Mr Flynn who will be taking on the delivery of our Performing Arts program. While last week we welcomed Ms Koklanis as our new Greek Language teacher. I am certain you will all join us in making them all feel welcomed.

I also wish to advise that I will be taking leave for the final week of this school year to travel overseas. In my absence I am leaving the school in the capable hands of Mr Copping, as I am certain you will all support him and our staff as we finish out this school year.

### **SCHOOL REVIEW IN 2025**

The 2025 school year also see us moving into a year of Review. As this year closes, we reach the end of our four-year School Strategic Plan (SSP). This plan contains Goals and Targets which have driven all the work we have been doing across our school since 2020. The Review process will consist of a panel who assess our progress and then make recommendations which will assist in setting the next SSP. As part of this review process, we are seeking parent feedback and input. As such, you will soon receive an email via COMPASS inviting you to complete a Google Form. This form will allow you to identify our highlights, comment on what is working well and where you feel we could make improvements. Please take the time to make your contribution and help shape the future of our school.

### **SWIMMING IN 2025**

In the new school year, we will be aiming to implement a whole school program promoting water safety and learning to swim. The Department of Education are committed to ensuring every Victorian student has the opportunity to learn to swim and be safe around water, as such they provide funding to every school to support such programs. Therefore, families will find that the costs of these programs will be well subsidised by this funding.

### **SAFE TREES**

As part of the Victorian School Building Authorities, Safe Trees Program, we have had arborists visit our school to complete an audit of the trees across our school grounds. This government funded program was a very thorough process and as a result, works will begin on Monday 9 December to trim, shape, remove and clear trees across our grounds. While this is mainly done to keep the trees healthy and our students safe, it is also necessary to keep our facilities in good condition. Hence the need to remove some trees which are causing damage to our pathways, while also compromising the foundations of our historic school building. The work will take several days to complete, and we may need to close off some access points, redirecting movement around our school grounds to ensure everyone's safety.

You can read more about this in a message from our Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability subcommittee later in this newsletter.

### **IS YOUR CHILD MOVING ON IN 2025?**

I urge any families of students (other than grade 6s) who may be moving on from our school next year to notify the school office in writing as early as possible at [coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:coburg.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au) . The earlier we can be notified, the better, as this greatly assists with internal planning and allows adequate time for the office to manage the transfer of your child's information to their new school.

Well done to all our students who have been keeping active and enthusiastically engaging with the Jump Rope for Heart fund raiser. While it has been wonderful seeing our students trying hard to improve their skills and keeping active, they also contributed to raising a total of \$14,577 for this good cause. We should all be proud of their amazing efforts.

**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
PL	Rayhaan	We Are Learners	Zara	We Are Learners	Ms Lebon & Ms Amerena
PD	Townes	We Are Learners	Ellis	We Are Learners	Ms Zschunke
PY	Holly	We Are Learners	Jack	We Are Learners	Ms Youla
1D	Taylan	We Are Learners	Leon Zoe	We Are Respectful We Are Respectful	Mr. Peric
1P	Matilda	We Are Safe	Hendrick Louis	We Are Learners We Are Respectful	Ms Parker
1/2E	Jett	We Are Learners	Elliot	We Are Learners	Ms. Esposito
2M	Atticus	We Are Learners			Mr. Munari
2W	Max	We Are Learners			Ms. Winzar-Taylor
3A	Seb Mila V.	We Are Respectful We Are Learners	Chris	We Are Learners	Mr. Aitken
3N	Scout	We Are Respectful	Logan	We Are Learners	Mr Niciak & Ms Currie
3/4S	Royi Aston	We Are Respectful We Are Respectful	Vivian	We Care	Ms.Spiteri & Ms.Pavich
4B	Remy	We Care	Georgia	We Are Learners	Mr. Blackman
4P	Milana Keira	We Are Respectful We Care			Ms. Preston All of 4P
5C	Kunjan	We Are Learners	Grace	We Care	Ms. Corn
5R	Patrick	We Are Respectful	William C.	We Care	Mr. Robinson
5T	Rylee	We Are Respectful	Damian V.	We Care	Mr. Torpey
6F	Emily Violet Matilda	We Care We Care We Care	Santina F. Niko	We Are Learners We Are Respectful	Ms. Franco
6K	Stephanie	We Care	Natasha	We Are Respectful	Mr. Krauss
6R	Alex S.	We Care	Lani H.	We Care	Ms. Rigby
Vis. Arts	Alexander C. Christopher (3N)	We Are Learners We Are Learners			Ms. McGregor & Ms. Kyrkillis
P.E.			Fletcher K.	We Are Safe	Mr. Harvey
Italian	Emily	We Care	Emily W.	We Care	Ms. Petterson & Ms. DiVincenzo
Perf. Arts					Ms. Wositzky-Jones

## 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.

	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	29 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Green House</b>	Townes Prep D	Holly Prep Y
<b>Red House</b>	Daniel 5C	Gemma 6R
<b>Gold House</b>	Sandy 3N	Toby 3A
<b>Blue House</b>	Vivian 1P	Kaylin 2M



Thank you to ALL the students who got involved with Jump Rope for Heart!

A huge thank you for the effort skipping and fundraising for the Jump Rope for Heart program this term. Together we raised an incredible **\$14,577** and this money will all go towards vital heart research and education programs. Student fundraising prizes will be delivered in the next few weeks.

We've loved seeing so many smiling faces skipping on the playground and in sports lessons. Our Jump Off Day was a huge success and thank you to the parents/ caregivers who came and supported.



Keep up the skipping and thanks again for the hard work!

Chris Harvey  
Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator.



A Message from the

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS + SUSTAINABILITY Subcommittee

## Upcoming tree removals

Dear School Community,

Unfortunately, we have to remove some well-established and much-loved trees from the front of the school.

After advice from the school's arborist, the tree in the middle of the fairy garden (mushroom park) will be removed. It has caused a lot of damage over the years, especially to the asphalt path, making it uneven and a trip hazard. A WorkSafe order calls for the school to take action to even out the path. There is little point in fixing the path and not removing the cause of the issues. Therefore, we've had to make the decision to cut down the tree and remove the tree roots.

The arborist advised that this type of tree is unsuitable for a school yard and should never have been planted in the first place. You might have noticed over the years, that after every storm, tree limbs fall and become a safety issue. This has caused a lot of disruption and costs to the school.

The other trees that will also be removed include near the building, opposite the monkey bars and along the Reynard Street fence. The roots of the tree close to the building are starting to impact the foundations. We must remove it to prevent further damage which could become very costly to fix.

But with every setback comes opportunity. With the removal of these trees, more natural light will penetrate the classrooms on that side of the school and the garden. And it opens the area adjacent to the school building for redevelopment. We are also able to get funding to replace these trees with more suitable, native species.

School council has approved that funds raised by the community group will go towards turning the concreted area opposite the monkey bars into a sensory and imaginative play area for our kids.

We are now looking for some volunteers who can help with the redevelopment of this area. If you are interested (no experience or particular skills required), please email [cwpsbuilding@gmail.com](mailto:cwpsbuilding@gmail.com).

Thank you.

Kind regards  
Sonia

**FREE**

# CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT



**Date:** Thursday 5th Dec

**Time:** 6pm - 8pm

## Details

Mini golf, Kids Disco, Animal Farm, Sausage Sizzle, Christmas Craft, Face painting, Popcorn & light refreshments.

Santa is visiting so **BOOK ONLINE** to secure your entry.

Join us in the Timber Yard for a family festive event.

- BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL -

**Book your spot today, limited spaces**



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# IS YOUR CHILD STRUGGLING WITH ANXIETY, FOCUS, OR BIG EMOTIONS?

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

**As a parent**, watching your child struggle with feelings of anxiety, difficulty focusing, or overwhelming emotions can be difficult. At **Creative Healing**, we offer specialised art therapy, counselling to help children just like yours confidently navigate these challenges.



## COMMON CHALLENGES WE HELP WITH

- Social anxiety or trouble making/keeping friends
- Focus and concentration struggles in the classroom
- Emotional outbursts or difficulty regulating feelings
- Transitioning to high school or new environments
- ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and managing big emotions

## WHY PARENTS CHOOSE CREATIVE HEALING

We combine psychological support with art therapy strategies, offering a safe space for children to express themselves and work through their challenges in ways that feel comfortable and empowering. Our focus includes ADHD, ASD, emotional regulation, and life transitions.

## THE BENEFITS OF OUR THERAPY

- Develop better focus and coping strategies for the classroom
- Build social skills and navigate friendships with more confidence
- Manage big emotions and reduce meltdowns
- Equip your child with tools to handle the transition to high school
- Receive personalised support for ADHD or ASD-related challenges

## AFFORDABLE CARE WITH MEDICARE REBATES

Access up to 10 Medicare-rebated therapy sessions through the Mental Health Care Plan, making essential support more affordable and accessible for your family. We also support students who have NDIS funding.

## IS YOUR CHILD WORRIED ABOUT GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

We offer counselling, psychological support and art therapy to help children build confidence, manage stress, and develop the skills they need to thrive during this important transition.

## DON'T WAIT—GET YOUR CHILD THE SUPPORT THEY NEED!

We know it's hard to see your child struggle, but it's never too late to make a difference. With the right support, your child can develop the tools they need to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

**Reach out today to learn more or book an initial consultation!**

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