



Coburg West Primary School

Friday 16th October

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TERM 4		
October		
Tuesday 20 th	Prep 2027 Buddy Play	Prep 2027 9:15am - 10:15am
	Doris Blackburn Visit	Grade 5 Sports Leaders
Wednesday 21 st	Museum Excursion	Grades 1 & 2
Thursday 22 nd	Peace Pole Unveiling	Whole School Assembly, 2:30pm at the front of the school
Wednesday 28 th	Transition Session #1	Prep 2027 9:15am – 10:30am
Friday 30 th	Merri-bek Open Streets	Devon Ave Closure 8:15am - 9:15am & 3:00pm - 4:00pm
November		
Monday 2 nd	Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
Tuesday 3 rd	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday	School Closed
Wednesday 4 th	Bush Day	Grade 2 Extended Day 8:30am - 6:30pm
	Game On Incursion	Grades 3 & 4
Friday 6 th	Doris Blackburn Visit	
	Merri-bek Open Streets	Devon Ave Closure 8:15am - 9:15am & 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Monday 9 th – Tuesday 10 th	Grade 3	Camp – Sovereign Hill
Tuesday 10 th	Melbourne Zoo Excursion	Prep
Thursday 12 th	Transition Session # 2	Prep 2027 9:15am – 10:30am
Friday 13 th	Merri-bek Open Streets	Devon Ave Closure 8:15am - 9:15am & 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Swimming	Grades 3 & 4
Thursday 26 th	Transition Session # 3	Prep 2027 9:15am – 10:30am
	Celebration of Learning	Whole School Open Classrooms 2:45pm - 4:45pm
December		
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th	Swimming	Grades 1 & 2
Friday 11 th	Luna Park	Grade 6
Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th	Swimming	Prep
Wednesday 16 th	Graduation Ceremony	Grade 6
Friday 18 th	Last Day of Term 4	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

We have now entered the final term for this school year. While our grade six students prepare for their graduation, our prep students are excited to be playing in the back playground and our grade five students are campaigning for a position on the 2027 Student Leadership Team.

Important Reminders:

Hats

- As a Sun Smart school and with the weather warming up, students must be wearing a broad rimmed hat when outdoors. Whether it is for a PE lesson, play break or an excursion, students **MUST** be wearing their hat. If your child does not have one, please check Lost Property OR new hats can be purchased from the front office.

Helmets

- While may be Biketober, I remind all that for their own safety, students riding a bike or scooter to school should be wearing a helmet. Furthermore, a reminder that bikes and scooters should be walked between the school gates and the bike cages.

Before/After School Supervision

- Students should not be on school grounds without parental supervision before 8:45am or after 3:45pm. The yard is supervised by staff from 8:45am, until 3:45pm. Outside these times, children should be with a family member or booked in to OSHC.

Student Lunches

- We are noticing a growing number of students attending the office seeking more food to eat or claiming to have not received a lunch order. The office can identify who has a lunch order each day, but we are unable to see what items have been ordered. Staff may need to call families to follow up.

Peace Pole Ceremony

Next Thursday 22 October, our whole school will assemble in the front courtyard for a special assembly. This Peace Pole Ceremony will commence at approximately 2:40pm and will be attended by some special guests. The Peace Pole Project is a worldwide Rotary project to promote peace. The pole has been placed in a special garden bed in our front garden and will be officially unveiled during this ceremony. We invite families to attend and support this wonderful project.

Open Streets

With the success of Biketober, we are also preparing to celebrate our first Open Streets events. In partnership with Merri Bek City Council, the CWPS opening event will be held on Friday 30 October, when Devon Avenue will be closed off to cars from 8:15am to 9:15am and again from 3pm to 4pm. During the street closure, our school community are invited to meet out on the street and take part in fun activities as arranged by our Student Sustainability Leaders and parent volunteers. This will be repeated on both Friday 6th and Friday 13th of November. We invite you all to come along and join in on the fun.

Celebration of Learning

Please mark your calendars with our Celebration of Learning on Thursday 26 November from 2:45pm to 4:45pm. During this time, families are invited to visit their child's classroom and have their child share their work and celebrate their learning achievements.

Planning for 2027

We are now planning for the 2027 school year.

For those families who currently have children in Grade Prep to Five, if you should decide to move your child to another school next year, we would appreciate you advising us in writing as soon as you can. This information will assist us greatly with planning for 2027.

Kind regards,
Mark Colagrande
Principal



Focus on Ability Film Festival 2026

Earlier this year a wonderful group of students worked with Ms Corn to create a film that highlighted what inclusion looks like in our school. We submitted the film to the Focus on Ability Film Festival and received the wonderful news that our film had been shortlisted.

This Sunday between 1 - 5pm is the awards ceremony in Sydney. Our film 'Just Another School Day' will be shown as part of the awards. Being shortlisted is an amazing honour and we will find out on Sunday if we were successful in winning a prize.

There will be a live stream of the event if you would like to watch it <https://focusonability.com.au/red-carpet?utm=mailout> . If you would like to watch our film please click here <https://focusonability.com.au/films/2026/just-another-school-day-12246>

And in the words of the judges '*Just Another School Day, from Coburg West P.S. (Australia, 2026), gently examines everyday school life through student voices to show how small adjustments — fast passes, quieter spaces and patience with different ways of communicating — help peers with sensory sensitivities and diverse communication styles feel included. The film adopts a practical, matter-of-fact tone that highlights noticing and supporting others rather than dramatism, making its perspective accessible to students, teachers and families. By modelling simple, respectful responses and classroom practices, it offers clear, usable prompts for discussion about inclusion and support. A concise, school-centred piece well suited to the Focus on Ability festival programme.*

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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

Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
00D	Ari	We Are Learners	Lily	We Are Learners	Ms. Zschunke
00L	Lachie A.	We Are Respectful	Arlo	We Are Respectful	Ms. Lebon/Mr. Robinson
1C	Marcella	We Are Respectful	Felix	We Are Learners	Ms. Corn
1S	Willow	We Are Learners	Edie	We Are Learners	Ms. Saville/Ms. Sztrajt
2S	Archer G.	We Are Respectful	Audrey I.	We Are Learners	Ms. Spiteri/ Ms. Amerena
2P			Jack G. Poppy	We Are Respectful We Care	Ms. Preston All of 2P
3M	Callum Leon Ivy	We Are Learners We Are Respectful We Care	Christian S. Sam	We Are Respectful We Are Learners	Ms. McKenzie/Ms. Franco
3P	Alistair	We Are Learners	Sonny L.	We Are Learners	Mr. Peric
4A	Aria	We Are Learners	Alistair	We Are Respectful	Mr. Aitken
4F	Ivy	We Care	Declan Raffy	We Are Learners We Are Learners	Ms. Fonte De Vos All of 4F
5E	Hazel H.	We Are Learners	Shia	We Are Learners	Ms. Esposito
5T			Harper R.	We Are Learners	Mr. Torpey
6O	Vivian R. Oscar P.	We Are Respectful We Are Respectful	Sebastian G.	We Are Respectful	Mr Oberbichler/6O
6R	Romarios Andrew S.	We Care We Care	Olivia N. Jesse M.	We Care We Are Respectful	Ms. Rigby
P.E.	Kit H.	We Care	Vivian R.	We Care	Mr. Harvey
V. Arts /Italian	Harvey W.	We Are Learners	Eve 3P Charlotte D.	We Care We Care	Ms. DiVincenzo/Ms. Peterson
P. Arts			Evie S.	We Are Learners	Ms. Sommer
STEM	Ted 1S	We Are Respectful			Mr. Robinson

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.

	9 th October	16 th October
Green House	Mila B 5T	Peter S. 6O
Red House	Aldous PL	Billy PL
Blue House	Harry 1S	Rae PL
Gold House	Caoimhe 5E	Ediz PL

Let's Ride & Stride to our Open Street

Join our Open Streets on

*Friday 30th October, Friday 6th
November and Friday 13th November*

Turn over for full details ➔



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Open Streets in action!

Date

We are holding
Open Streets
events on

*Friday 30th October, Friday 6th
November and Friday 13th November*

Session times

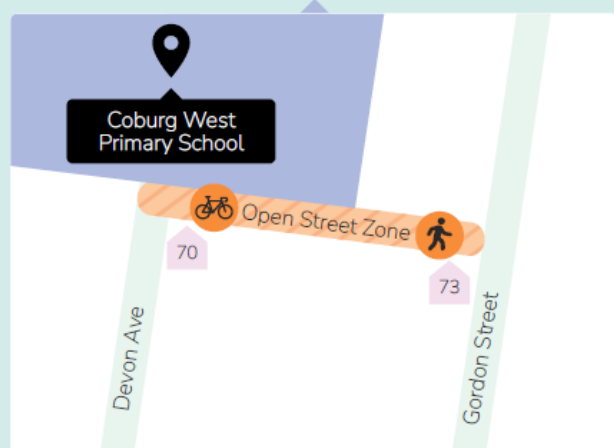
8:15 - 9:15am

and

3:00 - 4:00pm

Location

A short section of Devon Avenue will be open to children walking and riding. Car traffic will be restricted in this area during these times.



You're invited to Open Streets!

An Open Street is a temporary car-free street near the school gates, open to children walking and riding to school.

60% of families at Coburg West Primary walk or ride to school each day – Open Streets creates a safer arrival space for these children and supports families who usually drive short trips to make the switch.

Through Council's Ride & Stride program, we are working with families to encourage safer, healthier trips. When more parents can leave their cars at home or park further from the school gates, it creates safer streets for our children and calmer streets for local residents.

On the days of Open Streets, join us for a coffee and plan to walk or ride with your kids to school.

If you do need to drive on these days, we ask you to please park a few blocks away and walk the rest of the journey to keep the other streets around the school safe.

We can't wait to have you join our Open Streets!

For more information, call **03 9350 8791**
or email zerocarbon@merri-bek.vic.gov.au



Coburg West
Primary School



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The Great Aussie Bird Count

Get outdoors, look up and start counting!



Rainbow lorikeet



Australian magpie



Superb fairy-wren

A fun, free activity for families to enjoy outside of school! Head to your backyard or a local park and discover the birds sharing our neighbourhood. BirdLife Australia invites everyone to join in - no bird expertise needed.

Join in with 3 simple steps

1

Find a spot

Choose an outdoor place. Stay in one spot for your count.

2

Count for 20 minutes

Watch and record the birds you see. The app can help you identify them.

3

Submit your count

Use the free Aussie Bird Count app or the website. Every count helps!

Our Green Team is joining in!

Week 3

We will head outdoors to do our bit by counting birds at school.

Your family can help build a national picture of our birds while children practise observing, asking questions and connecting with nature.

Bring your curiosity. Every bird counts!

Find out more: aussiebirdcount.org.au

From Primary to Secondary: A New Beginning



Merri-bek
City Council

Do you have a child starting secondary school in 2027? Join us for an informative session designed to help families prepare for the transition to high school.

This session will provide families with practical advice about preparing their child for year 7 and supporting them through this significant transition.

We will explore ways to build confidence, independence, organisation and a sense of connection before the school year begins. Families will also receive guidance on helping their child manage the changes, expectations and emotions associated with starting secondary school so they can begin feeling prepared, supported and ready to thrive.

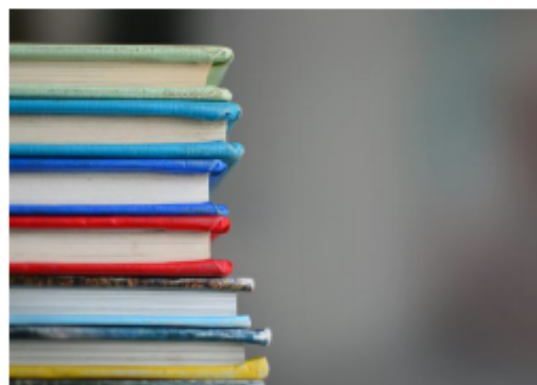
Families will hear directly from students about their experiences of transitioning to high school, including what helped them settle in, the challenges they encountered and the advice they would offer future students and their families.

We are pleased to welcome a diverse panel of voices who bring valuable perspectives on student transition, inclusion, and wellbeing.

The Panel:

- A group of students who will share their firsthand experiences of secondary school life,
- A Year 7 Leader and Transition Leader, who support students as they navigate the move into secondary education
- An Assistant Principal of Disability and Inclusion, who leads initiatives that ensure every student is supported to thrive and belong.

Together, the panel will provide insights into the transition journey, the supports available to students, and what helps create a positive and inclusive school experience for all.



Key Details

Date: Tuesday 17 November 2026

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue

Coburg Civic Centre
90 Bell Street Coburg (enter via Urquhart St)

Cost: Free

Bookings

Bookings are essential as places are limited to 100 participants

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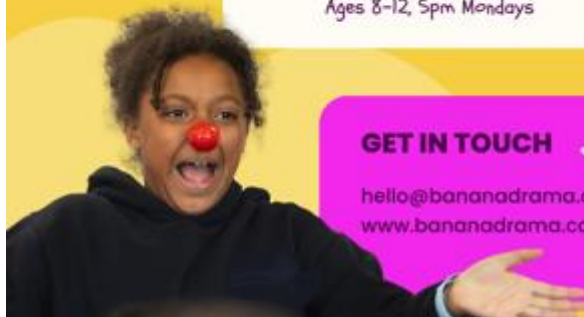
Ages 5-7, 4pm Mondays

Ages 8-12, 5pm Mondays

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📍 A G Gillon Oval

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