

100 YEARS

1917 - 2017

COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

25th May 2018

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1	Wednesday 31 st January – Thursday 29 th March
Term 2	Monday 16 th April – Friday 29 th June
Term 3	Monday 16 th July – Friday 21 st September
Term 4	Monday 8 th October – Friday 21 st December

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Friday 25 th May	Student Disco	6pm to 7.00pm Preps to Grade 2 7.30 to 9pm Grades 3 to 6
Friday 1 st June	Grade 3/4 Excursion <i>Science Works</i>	9.00am to 3.00pm
Tuesday 5 th June	School Photos	Staff & Students
Wednesday 6 th June	School Colour Fun Run	Grades P-2 (9:30 to 11:00) Grades 3-6 (11:30 to 1:00)
Monday 11th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 27 th June	Parent, Teacher & Student Meetings	Scheduled meetings from 1pm to 7pm (Bookings open 15 th June)
Friday 29th June	END OF TERM 2	2.30PM DISMISSAL (Out of School Hours Program 2.30PM- 5.55PM)
Saturday 8 th September	Parent Trivia Night	School Gym

Dear School Community,

The winter weather has truly set in and with it comes cold and flu season. Already, many of our students and staff (myself included) have succumb to such illness. Please note, a sick child in a classroom is not going to achieve much more than passing on germs, so I ask that you allow your child time at home to recuperate if they do fall ill.

NAPLAN

Well done to all our students in grades 3 and 5, who last week sat four separate tests, over three days, as part of the NAPLAN program. They are to be commended on their efforts. I would also like to thank the team of grade 3 to 6 teachers who have supported and calmly guided the students through NAPLAN. A special mention must go to Mr Copping who coordinated the week, from timetable changes, to distribution and collation of test papers. It is a big task, which is bound by strict guidelines. This year, we were randomly selected to be observed by an independent assessor, who was impressed by the manner in which we followed procedures and complied with regulations.

Thanking the CWSC Team

As many of you may now be aware, the Coburg West School Community Group recently held their AGM and have had a changing of the guard. With Nina, Margie, Heather and Kimberley all stepping down from their respective roles as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, I would like you all to join me in thanking them all for their hard work over the past year/s. I know that over the last year, Nina and the team have worked hard on building the CWSC group and developing processes to align with School Council requirements. Not to mention the wonderful events held and run by so many volunteers.

I would also like to welcome and congratulate the newly appointed leaders;

President – Karen Antrim

Vice President – Susie Pearson

Treasurer – Bec Henry

I am certain that with the Team, the CWSC will continue to grow and evolve. I look forward to working with you all and seeing more parents volunteering in any way they can to help the CWSC support our school.

Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the AGM for the 2017 Report will be held on Wednesday 20th June at 6pm. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Maintenance Works

I am currently working across several projects, meeting with various tradesmen, architects and builders for works that will be taking place in the coming weeks and months. New bike and scooter racks will be installed in the bike cage, along with an extension of the concrete paving leading in through the gates. Some of the gates are being repaired and/or replaced around the grounds. While the major works will involve repairs to the roof of the South Building (Grade 1/2 and library). These roof works are funded by a Planned Maintenance Program grant from DET and will take some time. While all OH&S provisions will be followed, I ask that everyone show caution once the works begin.

I look forward to welcoming many of your children to the Student DISCO tonight. Please be reminded that **mobile phones are not permitted in the disco.**

Kind regards,
Mr Colagrande
Principal



School Council President's May Report

I am writing to provide a report on the most recent meeting of the School Council, held 6:30pm on 16 May 2018. There was a relatively full agenda at the meeting, but there were a number of exciting developments which I would like to share with you.

Sub-Committees

One of the key developments at this last meeting was to formalise the sub-committee structure for the School Council. We have two new important sub-committees and this is your chance to get involved.

The first is a School Policy Committee. This Committee will have wide responsibilities to review school policies, together with the teaching staff, on a range of subject matter. It is a committee which will look at existing school policies and set up a framework for regular review of those policies, in addition to developing new policies as required. This is important work as the policies define the school's position on a range of critical issues which affect the education and safety of our children.

The second is the new Buildings and Grounds/Sustainability Committee. As you would appreciate, dealing with maintenance issues is a distraction for our staff and this committee will assist in managing maintenance projects. It will also look to further the good work of the Sustainability Group started by our past president Sean Powell – such work led to the installation of LED lighting, solar panels and the new bike shed.

I have set out the School Council Sub-Committee structure and responsible School Council Members below.

- Coburg West School Community
 - Community Member – Karen Antrim
- Finance
 - Treasurer – Elliot Scott
- School Canteen
 - Parent Member - Louise Harrison
- Out of School Hours Care
 - Community Member – Scott Burchell (Co-opted Community Member)
- Policy
 - Parent Member – Robyn Oxley
- Buildings and Grounds/Sustainability
 - Parent Member – Justin Boots

Please do engage with our new Sub-Committee representatives if you are interested in being involved in any of these Committees. Rest assured that we will be seeking volunteers shortly.

Building and Library Fund(s)

As you all know, the Building and Library Funds were established as a way to give back to the School Community by affording voluntary contributions tax-deductible status. Now we have an opportunity to spend the funds raised.

The School Council has moved firstly to support the installation of Bike Racks in the new Bike Shed at a cost of \$4,334 and for this to be paid out of the Building Fund. Many thanks to Kimberly Palay for organising and reviewing the quotes for the installation.

Also, Patricia Amerena and Dan Copping tabled an idea to build classroom libraries which had come out of training which Patricia has recently been undertaking at the Bastow Institute. The classroom libraries project has begun and it will seek to have up to 500 books in each of the 22 classrooms at

Coburg West. The School Council unanimously voted in favour of exhausting the Library Fund to support the project and contributed \$4,886.97 toward purchasing books.

SRC Visitor Chairs

As some of you may know, the School underwent a year of review last year and established a four year plan. One of the key objectives in the implementation of that plan is to encourage students to have their own voice and develop leadership skills.

The School Council is in full support of developing student leadership and, accordingly, it took the decision to create a permanent Visitor's Chair at each meeting for members of the Student Representative Council in years 5 and 6 to come and present on matters which the SRC is considering. I am sure that you will all agree with the potential benefits of encouraging students to be involved with the School Council.

Coburg West School Community

Just as a final note, I congratulate the new office bearers of the Community Group, Karen Antrim (President), Susie Pearson (Vice President) and Bec Henry (Treasurer).

I understand that the group is still looking for a permanent Secretary, so please do consider volunteering.

All the best for the coming week.

Ian Drew

School Council President

Coburg High School for Year 7 2019

The closing date for the CHS Scholarship is coming up soon. Closing date for applications is 22 June

Coburg High School, with the support of Nelson Alexander Coburg, are proud to offer an academic scholarship for an **incoming 2019 Year 7 student** to fund the purchase of a new MacBook Air computer, valued at \$1500. Would you be able to forward this on to interested students and/or place it in your newsletter? If you require hard copies, please let us know and we would be more than happy to drop some off to you.

Regards.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/343163175722450/>

[Email: cwpspfa@hotmail.com](mailto:cwpspfa@hotmail.com)

Next meeting: Monday 4th June, 9.30am

Changing of the Guard - Welcome to the new Office Bearers!

At the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 14th May, elections were held to appoint new office bearers. We are pleased to announce that three fine, brave and highly capable women have been elected:

- ☐ Karen Antrim – President
- ☐ Susie Pearson – Vice President
- ☐ Bec Henry - Treasurer

Hand-over meetings have been held between the outgoing and incoming office bearers to ensure a smooth transition.

We would like to thank you for your support, the laughs and the enthusiasm you have given us in our time as office bears, we ask that you equally support the new team as they lead the CWSC in 2018 and beyond.

Warm regards,

Nina, Kimberley & Heather

Parents Footy Match:

Training is underway for the parents' footy match & we're looking sharp. If you'd like to play, join the Facebook group <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1997740583876508> or contact us through cwpspfa@hotmail.com.

Entertainment Books:

Individual letters to outstanding households have been generated and will be distributed this week.

Trivia Night – Saturday 8th September:

Save the date!

We are excited to announce the date for our Parent's Trivia Night to be held at the school! This is our **major fundraising event** for the year and organising is underway. We are asking the school community to donate items for: live auction, silent auction and prizes on the night. We'll be in touch with more information, but you can start donating now – we can't make this happen without the generous contributions of our parent community.

Stay tuned for events coming up next term and how you can get involved

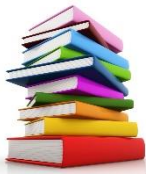
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Name	Grade	Value	Awarded By
Keanu B	5/6M	Respect	Ms Meagher
Will T	3/4V	Respect	Mrs Pavich/Miss Preston
Kaan S	5/6R	Respect	Mrs Rigby
Julie C	5/6B	Respect	Ms Blatti
Fatima S	5/6Q	Endeavour	Mrs Quigley
Rory M	/4F	Respect	Ms Franco
Sekovi Mc	3/4R	Co-operation	Ms Roberts
Anthony B	1/2M	Superstar	1/2 Teachers
Noah T	1/2M	Respect	Ms Mardesic
Henry M	3/4C	Respect	Ms Currie/Mrs Spiteri
Jemma P	3/4C	Respect	Ms Currie/Mrs Spiteri
Eamon H	3/4A	Respect	Miss Amerena
Niamh Mc	1/2B	Respect	Mrs Barling
Anna S	3/4P	Friendliness	Miss Acciarito
Maudie			
Clarissa L	PK	Respect	Miss Kennon
Lucas C	PD	Respect	Miss Dunn
Joel S	PS	Respect	Miss Siciliano
Lani H	PLM	respect	Miss McLean/Mrs Lebon



LOCAL WALKING NOTICE

A note has been posted on COMPASS explaining the local excursion permission. Please refer and complete it as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Thank you.



CLASSROOM LIBRARIES AT COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

As always, the students at Coburg West have been working hard in reading. We have also been discussing the importance of choosing and reading a wide variety of books. To encourage and promote this philosophy, the school is currently in the process of developing 'classroom libraries'.

What are classroom libraries?

Think of a classroom library as a cosy, welcoming space where students can read quietly or browse through a rich collection of texts. However, they are much more than this!

1. Classroom Libraries Support Literacy Instruction

The first function of a classroom library is to support reading and writing instruction both in school and out. The materials included relate to science, health, mathematics, history, music, art, spelling, literature and so many other topics. There is a broad range of fiction and non-fiction materials at enough different levels to accommodate the many interests and abilities of students.

2. Classroom Libraries Help Students Learn About Books

A classroom library also provides a place for teachers to teach and students to learn about books and book selection. Students can learn effective strategies for selecting relevant, interesting, and appropriate reading materials. You can also use the classroom library to teach students how to take care of books.

3. Classroom Libraries Provide Opportunities for Independent Reading

A classroom library is a resource for independent reading, personal exploration, project research, an individual assessment. The classroom library is typically the resource that supports student's daily independent reading of self-selected books that meet their personal reading interests. Further, an in-class library offers a setting for students to quietly read aloud and discuss a book with a peer or the teacher. This provides an ideal opportunity for teachers to conduct assessment of each student's reading. This helps to plan individualized instruction and set individual learning goals, giving students voice and agency in their learning.



4. Classroom Libraries Serve as a Place for Students to Talk About and Interact With Books

They function as a gathering spot where students and teachers can express their lives as readers. A place makes books exciting.

Currently, our classrooms have a good selection of books but there just are not enough. We aim to have a range from 200 to 500 books in every single classroom for your children to explore, enjoy and practice their reading skills and strategies. I am currently in the process of ordering and sourcing some new books for the students across the school. I am able to do this due to the support of our school community. School Council has authorized the use of the Library Fund that so many of you have contributed to, to purchase a wide range of books. As a school, we are very grateful for this support and excited about the process ahead.

How else can you help? When you are going through your child's bookshelves and come across books that are no longer age appropriate, do not forget us! If the book is in good condition, we will find a home for it! Your child's beloved books will become someone else's new favourite. When you have books ready to be dropped off, please bring them to the office where a box has been set up.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you
Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

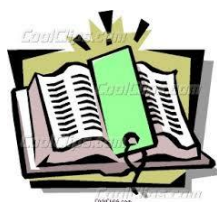


'Helping your child with reading at home'

Last term it was our intention to have a Grade 3 - 6 Parent Information evening about 'helping your child with reading at home'. Unfortunately, we did not get the numbers required to make that evening viable. Since then, I have compiled some information for you to read through. It is important to note that on each occasion that you do read with/to your child or listen to them read to you, that you do not focus on every aspect listed. Perhaps focus on questioning for one week or making predictions on another. The key is to make this a special time between you and your child and to develop a love of reading.

Happy Reading!

Patricia Amerena



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

**Register for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and receive
a FREE BOOKMARK with your password**

A message was posted on Compass this week about registering students for the Coburg West Premiers' Reading Challenge.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 24th May.

Well done to our fantastic cross country team on their magnificent effort competing at the Coburg District Championships. It was held at the Coburg athletics track and surrounding parkland and conditions were perfect for running. All team members completed the 2km and 3 km courses in great style.

Our team included: Jay P, Adem Y, Oliver A, Felix M, Roman G, Tex S, Deniz A, Brion G, Luca P, Carla D, Brook M, Maya B, Olivia P, Liberty R, Ashleigh B, Layla A-W, Lexi K, Joanne F, Oscar S, Finn P, Max T A, Ilija V, Harrison W, Eddie C, Samuel L, Jack M, Ethan A, Fatima S, Inez W, Charlie L, Ruby V, Chiora A, Ella J, Julie C Tara K, Helen D, Jessie L, Gianluca D, Elli K, Alex R, Alexander G, William M, Sekovi M, Adele T, Ava S, Mia M, Milly H, Eloise B Olivia A, Harper C, Sienna B

Congratulations also to the following children who finished top ten in their events and qualifying to compete at the Inner North, Moreland Division Championships. Jay P, Oscar S, Max T A, Inez W, Jessie L, Gianluca D, Teli K Adele T and Mia M.



Awesome effort team!

Chris Harvey

Sports Coordinator

Coburg West Primary School



Moreland City Library Free Events



Registrations essential online at moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more or
phone 9353 4000

Seniors' law

5 pm, Thursday 24 May
Coburg Library



Specific legal issues can arise or become more pressing as a person ages. Protecting assets whilst helping family financially, later life legal planning, granny flat issues, grandparent issues and avoiding scams are just some of the legal matters that may arise. A Northern Community Legal Centre lawyer will talk through these issues and answer questions you may have.

The library: a catalogue of wonders
7 pm, Wednesday 30 May
Coburg Library



What exactly are libraries for? Stuart Kells, one of Australia's most passionate and knowledgeable bibliophiles and an authority on rare books, has travelled the world to write about libraries and find the answer to this question. Stuart will discuss the fascinating world of libraries as places of beauty and wonder.

The tattooist of Auschwitz
7.45 pm, Thursday 31 May
Brunswick Library



An incredible story of the Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist and the woman he loved. These two Slovakian Jews survived the horrors of the Holocaust, a death march and separation. They eventually married and lived happily in Melbourne for 58 years. Heather Morris, in conversation with Claire Halliday, will discuss her moving novel based on the true story of Lale and Gita Sokolov. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Australian Poetry Slam heat
7.30 pm, Thursday 14th June
Brunswick Library



The search is on for Australia's 2018 poetry slam champion! Perform your original poem in a Victorian heat of the Australian Poetry Slam at Brunswick Library, an electric live event where the audience is the judge and there are prizes to be won. Performers are invited to register from 7 pm. For more information go to australianpoetryslam.com.

Come for a Shocking Night Out!



Family Science Show

Lightning: So Frightening

*Friday November 4, 2016
7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.*



Upper Swan Primary School

For Keen Science Students (Primary and Secondary) and Parents/Guardians

Increase your Interest and Enjoyment in Learning

- What is the difference between volts and amps? Which one is deadly? Does a lightning flash travel upwards or downwards? Why shouldn't you lie down on the ground when there is a thunder storm around? Why do so many people die unnecessarily after an electrical accident or being struck by lightning? And more.

Highly Visual and Entertaining

- See the long sparks from a one-half-million-volt Tesla coil, the effect of electricity on your muscles (ouch!), how lightning caused an Italian church to explode, what happens when lightning strikes a car, and more, and hear some fascinating stories involving lightning.

Examine Interesting Phenomena Using Equipment That is Not Readily Available

- Study different types of lightning strikes to people and other animals, ways to protect yourself from being struck by lightning, why lightning can affect different types of trees in different ways, and more.

Cost: \$12 per person.

Presenter: Dr Peter H. Eastwell

Director, Science Time Education (www.ScienceTime.com.au)

As numbers are limited, places need to be filled on a first-in basis.

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To Book

To book, please email the name(s) of those in your group wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to swan@sciencetime.com.au by November 2. If places are still available, you will receive a subsequent message containing payment information. Booking is important to ensure that the show is not overbooked or that you are alerted in the event that bookings are insufficient to support the show.

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