



100 YEARS

1917 - 2017

COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

March 2nd, 2018

2018 TERM DATES

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
Wednesday 28 th February to 2 nd March	Grade 6 Portsea Camp	Arrival at school by 9.00am SHARP
Monday 12th March	LABOUR DAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13 th March	Curriculum Day	The Out of School Hours Program will be running a full day program
Wednesday 28 th March	School Council AGM	Annual General Meeting
Thursday 29 th March	LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Dismissal 2.30pm Out of School Hours Program 2.30 to 5.55pm

Dear School Community,

On behalf of all the staff and students of Coburg West Primary, I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding over the last few weeks. The loss of a staff member is difficult for all to deal with but even more difficult when that person is so loved and respected by all. Mr Triantafillou was a big part of CWPS for over 20 years. Despite his quiet and reserved nature, Mr T had such a positive influence on the lives of so many students over the past two decades.

As a staff, we appreciate and have been comforted by the kind messages of support, the flowers, cards and food that you have offered. Grieving is not a process that ends after a given period of time, but we endeavour to continue on and keep things as normal as possible for the children.

I would also ask you to join me in thanking the following schools from our Network, for their support in sending staff across to cover classes, allowing our staff to attend the funeral last week; Pascoe Vale North PS, Pascoe Vale PS, Westbreen PS, Moreland PS, Newbury PS, Brunswick South PS and Coburg PS. We must also thank staff from Regional Office for the support provided in counselling our students and staff through this time.

Early in Term 2, the school will be holding an event for the whole CWPS community to celebrate and remember Mr T. It will be outside of school hours so as to provide an opportunity for past and present students and families to come together. We will notify you as soon as the date is confirmed.

School Council Ballot

This week, each family should have received a ballot paper regarding School Council Elections. This provides each family an opportunity to vote for the candidates that they would like to have as their

parent representatives on School Council for the next two years. There are 5 parent vacancies and we have 14 nominees, so please only vote for the 5 parents you would like to have representing you.

The **Ballot closes at 4pm on Friday 9th March**, by which all papers must be submitted to the school office for collection.

Grade 6 Camp – Portsea

Yesterday I took the time to visit and spend the day with 51 of our grade 6 students on camp. They are all enjoying their time at Portsea Camp, taking part in a range of activities such as high ropes, orienteering, snorkelling and kayaking. They even had an open-air disco planned for last night. The students are to be commended on their good behaviour and the positive way they are representing our school. I would also like you to join me in thanking the staff who have given their time away from their own families to be there with your children. In particular Mrs Rigby for all the organising and planning, Ms Blatti, Mr Ellis, Ms Meagher and Mr Copping and Ms Amerena who stepped in at the last minute to support the camp.

Roller Shoes Are Not School Uniform

It has been noted that an increasing number of students are wearing Roller Shoes to school. These shoes are not part of our school uniform and for health and safety requirements should not be worn to school. These roller shoes are banned from being worn to school.

I remind you that **the appropriate footwear should be closed toed schools shoes, sandals or runners**.

Furthermore, I remind you that the Labour Day Public Holiday is Monday 12th March and Tuesday 13th March is a Curriculum Day, so the children should not be attending school on these days.

Kind regards,

Mr Colagrande
Principal

GRADE 6 PORTSEA CAMP 2018



RESPECT HONESTY ENDEAVOUR FRIENDLINESS RESPONSIBILITY

CO OPERATION SUPPORT INTEGRITY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
ARIELLE B	CO OPERATION	3/4C
AYDA O	CO OPERATION	3/4F
RUBY C	ENDEAVOUR	5/6B
VIOLET W	ENDEAVOUR	1/2M
BELINDA H	ENDEAVOUR	1/2Y
JOSH MC	ENDEAVOUR	1/2B
EDDIE C	ENDEAVOUR	5/6Q
HELIN T	KINDNESS & SUPPORT	5/6R
WILL M	CO OPERATION	3/4R
LUKE P	CO OPERATION	3/4A
LUCINDA C	ENDEAVOUR	5/6M
ELLIOTT F	ENDEAVOUR	1/2A
JARVIS S	ENDEAVOUR	1/2E
PENELOPE	ENDEAVOUR	1/2L

Digital Technologies Update – Term 1, 2018

Your students have had some important revision of ways that they can stay safe when working online and how to be Cybersmart

Grade 1/2s have been Learning 4 rules: Don't talk to strangers online, be polite, don't share personal info – keep it secret and tell someone if you feel unsafe.

3/4s were discussing how your YAPPY should be protected! were discussing how your **YAPPY** should be protected! Your full name, **A**ddress, **P**ersonal information, **P**asswords and **Y**our plans.

In 5/6 Classes we have been talking about the concept of a Digital Footprint and how what they post online will be stored forever on servers or can be screen shot and shared without your permission so it is so important to “do the right thing” online.

I found an excellent resource from the **Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner**:



Get in the know
– research the
'terms of use' and age
requirements on social
media services and
explain them to
your child.



Keep it private
– show your child how
to use privacy settings
to control what
others can see.



Play nice
– encourage your child
to respect others
online and to always
think before
posting.

Should my child be on social media?

Parents can sometimes feel the pressure of peer power to allow their children on social media, even if they don't feel comfortable doing so.

While these services are a fun way to stay connected with others, there can be downsides like cyberbullying, risks to privacy and contact from strangers.

If you allow your child to sign up to a social media service, consider these handy tips.



Report
– show your child
how to report
inappropriate content,
especially
cyberbullying.



Beware of bad eggs
– teach your child that
not everyone they meet
online can be trusted,
even if they seem
nice or friendly.



Join in
– create an account
yourself and find out
what your child is
likely to
encounter.



Talk
– maintain open
communication with
your child so
they feel safe talking
to you about any
concerns.



Learn more
– keep up to date with
popular social media
sites at
[esafety.gov.au/
quickguide](https://esafety.gov.au/quickguide)



google: "Coburg West School Community"

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

Email: cwpspfa@hotmail.com

First Meeting for 2018 – Monday 5th March @ 9:30 am

Thanks for your patience with us needing to delay our first meeting for the year but we are rearing to go in our new community room space! The agenda and minutes are on the Facebook Page (under files) and have been sent by email to our distribution list.

Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the morning tea & wrote in the e-card last Friday to show our support for the teachers and staff of Coburg West Primary School. It was beautiful to see the generous response, especially considering the short notice.

News flash...

Community Room Makeover!!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of our awesome community we have been able to get started on our community room make over! This area is the space near the art room & staff toilets. It is a space for us to hold our meetings & let the planning magic happen – all in the comfort of our expertly assembled IKEA couches.

We plan to install some of the masterpieces produced during art class in frames on the blank walls. You are welcome to use this space, particularly during bad weather, waiting for a meeting etc. We ask that you assist in keeping it clean and tidy.

Huge thanks to Nina, David and Heather who made this come together.



Coming up...

Grill & Chill - Community BBQ – Friday 23rd March 3:30 – 6pm

The school's annual Community BBQ will be held in the courtyard around the friendship tree. We will send more information shortly & will be calling for volunteers who are experts at sausage turning, bread distribution and crowd management.

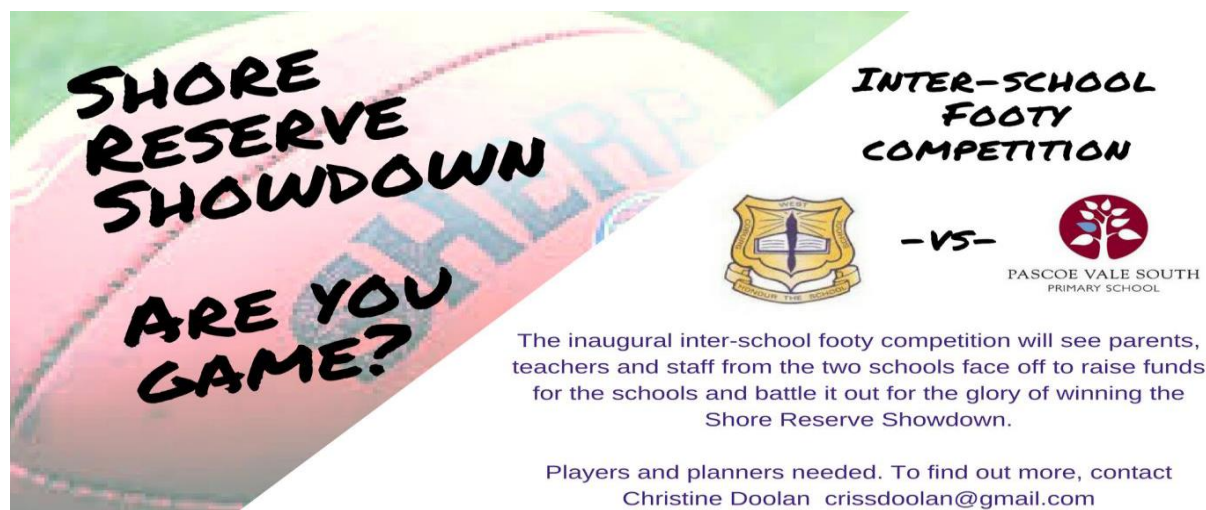
Inter-School Footy Match

Planning for the inaugural Shore Reserve Show Down (inter-school footy match) is under way (pending final approval from the School Council).

This unique event will see parents, teachers and staff of Coburg West Primary School battle it out at West Coburg Footy Ground against Pascoe Vale South Primary School to raise funds. The match date is to be confirmed but will be between May & July this year.

Can you see it now? You're there on the field, decked in purple and gold, your heart pounding, your brain giving you mixed messages: yeah, let's do this!!/what the hell am I doing?!?!? You turn to see your kid bouncing excitedly, their face bursting with pride and the whistle blows....



Want to make this a reality? We do too – but we need way more people to get on board with organising and of course we need players – mums, dads, teachers and staff are all welcome! If you want to get involved, contact Christine, or send us an email @cwpspsfa@hotmail.com or reply to our Facebook post.



SHORE RESERVE SHOWDOWN

ARE YOU GAME?

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTY COMPETITION

 **-VS-** 
PASCOE VALE SOUTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The inaugural inter-school footy competition will see parents, teachers and staff from the two schools face off to raise funds for the schools and battle it out for the glory of winning the Shore Reserve Showdown.

Players and planners needed. To find out more, contact Christine Doolan crissdoolan@gmail.com

Don't forget...

Official Stuff

The CWSC has four office bearers (official volunteer positions): President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Annual General Meeting will be coming up soon where all members can nominate for these positions. If you'd like to know more about what this entails, just drop us a line or ask one of the crew (Nina, Kimberley, Heather).

The World-Famous Autumn Harvest Fete

OK, so maybe it's not world famous but it's highly regarded in Moreland & we need to get planning for the 2019 Fete. Have you got a flair for all things festive, foodie & fun? Have you been itching to let your organisational skills go wild on a community event? Well we want to know you. Get in touch by Facebook, email, come to our next meeting or just grab us in the school yard ☺

CWPS Facebook Page

We have had so many people wanting to join the Coburg West School Community Facebook page with over 300 members! If you know someone who wants to join, let them know that they just need to answer a few questions before we can approve their membership request: What is your connection to the school? Do you agree to follow the guidelines in the "About" section of the group?

If we don't have answers to these questions, we can't approve the requests.



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