



## COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	PFA FETE MEETING	7.30PM STAFF ROOM
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Students attend school for their allocated meeting time
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Grade 6 Camp	Portsea
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	LABOUR DAY Public Holiday	<b>School Closed</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>h</sup> March	SCHOOL FETE	Commencing at 2pm to 8pm
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>	<b>Students dismissed at 2:30pm</b>

### Dear School Community,

While the holidays seem like a distant blur already, I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday filled with many opportunities to relax and spend quality time with your family and friends.

I would like to welcome everyone back to school, especially all the new families joining our community, for what will be a very exciting year for everyone connected to Coburg West Primary School. This year our school celebrates its Centenary Year. There are many exciting events being planned to celebrate 100 years of quality education at CWPS.

### Start of school

We should all be proud of the way our 504 students have settled in the 21 classes across our school this year, especially the 86 Foundation students, who have so eagerly begun their school life with us at CWPS. They are all so keen and ready to learn, as are all students throughout the school. As I wander through the corridors, in and out of classrooms, it is pleasing to see our students engaged in their learning.

### School Council Elections

Here at Coburg West Primary School the community have an important role in making our school what it is. There are many ways community members can become involved and one of those is to become a school council member. The school council play an important part in the governance of our school. Each school council member is appointed for a set tenure and each year a number of members reach the end of their tenure. As such this provides the opportunity for members to retire, renominate or for new members to nominate for a vacancy.

This year, we have four parent vacancies.

We welcome any members of our parent community who feel they would like to nominate themselves or another member of our community for such an important role in our school, to collect a nomination form from the office. Nominations open today, Friday 10th February and completed Nomination Forms must be delivered to the office by 4pm on Friday 17th February. If we receive more nominations than there are vacancies, then a ballot will be held where we will ask every family to vote.

The timeline for this school council election process is as follows;

Friday 10th February	- Call for nominations
Friday 17th February	- Nominations close
Wednesday 22nd February	- Date by which the list of candidates and nominators posted <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distribute ballot papers (if required)</li></ul>
Friday 3rd March	- Close of Ballot
Thursday 9th March	- Declaration of the Ballot
Wednesday 22nd March	- First meeting of the new School Council

### **Reminders**

As the school year begins, I must take this opportunity to remind all parents of the following;

#### **Pick up and Drop off**

I ask everyone to be mindful of the parking restrictions around our school. Also, the Drop off Zones are clearly that, a place to drop off or Pick Up your children and drive away. I have had complaints about people parking in the Drop Off Zones and walking into the school grounds.

There is also a concern about the amount of parents and students entering the school grounds through the staff carparks. These entry points are clearly marked and are not safe for pedestrians.

#### **Uniform**

Given that we are just starting the school year, it is an expectation that all students are in full school uniform. Blue jeans, denim shorts, short shorts, thongs and sandals are not part of our school uniform. Please ensure that your children are wearing the appropriate items. You can check our policy and uniform list at the following link to our website:

<http://www.cobw.vic.edu.au/community/policies/uniform>

Or to see the pictures on our supplier's website:

<https://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au/>

#### **SunSmart**

As a SunSmart school, all children are required to wear a wide brimmed hat at all times when outdoors during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate hat to wear and that it is clearly labelled with their name.

### **School Term Dates**

Please note the Term Dates for 2017

Term 1	Feb 1 to March 31
Term 2	April 18 to June 30
Term 3	July 17 to September 22
Term 4	October 9 to December 22

### **Holiday works**

Through the holidays we had electricians from Cherry Energy Solutions in the school converting our lighting to LED. This conversion will have a positive impact on our energy bills and also benefit the environment. Thank you to Sean Powell and members of the Sustainability Group who worked on this project.

### **Birdcage**

At the end of last year we put out a call for volunteers to care for our birds. I wish to thank Elvira who has taken on this responsibility. If there are any other parents/families that would like to assist, please contact the office.

### **AFL Schools**

Yesterday some of our students from Grades 1/2 and 5/6 had the pleasure of meeting and developing their football skills with players from the Carlton Football Club. As part of the AFL Players Appearance Program, 6 players answered questions from the students and gave them tips and pointers to improve their handball and kicking skills. See the photos that follow. On behalf of many very excited students (and many more staff members) we thank Mr Harvey and Mrs Osman for planning and facilitating this footy clinic.

I wish you all a wonderful fortnight until the next Newsletter.

**Kind regards,  
Mark Colagrande  
Principal**



**PFA – FETE**

**IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR A STALL OR COMMUNITY INTEREST GROUP  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PFA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS**

# PFA News

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

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

We hope everyone has had a great start to the year, and welcome to our new prep parents. We are hitting the ground running this year with Fete preparations in full swing.

## Autumn Harvest Fete - Saturday 25 March, 2pm-8pm

How can you help?



### Donations

- Do you have unwanted Christmas presents? Bring them in for our Gifts Galore stall.
- Our second hand clothes and book stalls are looking for good quality clean clothing and kids dress ups and books (please no encyclopaedias, text books or semi completed colouring books)
- We need packing boxes to display books and clothes.
- All donations can be left at in the Community Room.
- Are you interested in making jams or chutneys? We also need some cupcakes - email [cwpsdfa@hotmail.com](mailto:cwpsdfa@hotmail.com) if you can help.
- Do you want some a sewing, craft or quilting project, or want to donate something to the craft stall - contact [crellin.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:crellin.rachel@gmail.com)

### Volunteers on the day

- We will be looking for volunteers to run the Fete. You can volunteer for just an hour or two, or take on a bigger job.
- A volunteer spot will be set up closer to the date or come along to the next meeting to find out more.

### PFA FETE MEETINGS

**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30pm – Staff Room

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.00am - Staff Room (for those who cannot attend on the 16<sup>th</sup> February) moving forward every Friday at 9.00am- STAFF ROOM

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February** -7.30pm ART ROOM

**RESPECT HONESTY ENDEAVOUR FRIENDLINESS RESPONSIBILITY**  
**CO OPERATION SUPPORT INTEGRITY**

NAME	GRADE	VALUE
MATILDA I	5/6R	RESPECT
SEAMUS MC	5/6R	RESPECT
HENRY S	1/2Y	ENDEAVOUR
DIONNE C	1/2Y	ENDEAVOUR

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

OPERATING HOURS

THURSDAY- 8.45AM TO 9.30AM

## CSEF- CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

If you are eligible for the CSEF fund please complete a form as soon as possible.

Forms are available from the school office



# COMPASS

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

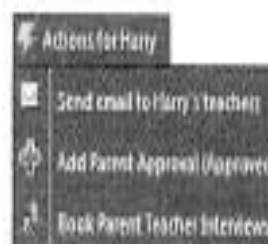
If your child is absent you will need to go into compass and record and approve the absence. It is preferred that this is done in the morning prior to school commencing. If you are going on holidays you are also required to note these absences via Compass and notify your child's class teacher.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### Attendance: Entering a Parent Approval

1

From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the 'Actions for' button for your child and select the 'Add Parent Approval' item.



2

From the pop-up window,

- Select the reason,
- Enter a brief description of the absence,
- Select the start and finish time
- Click the 'Save' button

A screenshot of the 'Parent Approval Editor' form. It has two main sections: 'Approval Details' and 'Affected Sessions'.  
**Approval Details:**  
- Reason: Harry Potter  
- Reason: Parent Choice  
- Details/Comment: Family holiday  
**Affected Sessions:**  
A table with columns: Activity, Start, End, and a checkbox.  
- Activity: LUNCH, Start: 11:00, End: 01:00 PM, checkbox: [x]  
- Activity: BREAK, Start: 11:00, End: 01:00 PM, checkbox: [x]  
- Activity: BREAK, Start: 11:00, End: 01:00 PM, checkbox: [x]  
- Activity: BREAK, Start: 11:00, End: 01:00 PM, checkbox: [x]  
- Activity: BREAK, Start: 11:00, End: 01:00 PM, checkbox: [x]  
- Activity: BREAK, Start: 11:00, End: 01:00 PM, checkbox: [x]  
At the bottom, there are fields for Start and End times with dropdown menus for selecting the time.



## "WHAT ARE YOU SAVING FOR? SOMETHING SPECIAL?!!"

It's a new year and a great start to setting goals.

Banking will be starting the 7th of March 2017.

My name is Sia and I am the new banking representative.

I have a child who attends Coburg West Primary School.

I am excited to be able to help in this very important program for our children.

So let's get excited to save those dollars to win great Dollarmites prizes.

I will be speaking to each class with all the new and exciting news to come, and introduce myself.

Banking day will be every Tuesday. Please ensure all details are completed and money is checked.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Any questions please pass on to the office and I will answer as soon as I am able.

Regards and Happy Banking

**Sia**

# Steps to Sustainability returns in 2017!

Steps to Sustainability will showcase ResourceSmart Schools and early learning centres that are demonstrating sustainability leadership to help them embed sustainability and climate change in everything they do.

Now in its third year, the conference is moving to a new location – the Melbourne Zoo!

If you are a teacher, business manager, principal, sustainability educator or passionate parent, please come along!

Steps to Sustainability is brought to you by Julie Wynne, Sustainability Coordinator at St. Louis de Montfort's school and Karen Jones, Education Manager at Port Phillip Ecocentre.

**Date and time:** Friday, March 24 2017  
8.45 AM – 3.30 PM AEDT

**Cost:** \$65 inc. GST and booking fee  
(includes morning tea, lunch and entry to Melbourne Zoo)

**Bookings:** [www.eventbrite.com/e/steps-to-sustainability-conference-2017-tickets-30072170672](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/steps-to-sustainability-conference-2017-tickets-30072170672)

**Location:** Leopard Lodge, Melbourne Zoo, Royal Park, Parkville, Victoria



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Make sure you dress appropriately for the outdoors. This is a waste wise event and attendees are asked to use sustainable modes of transport where possible (parking options are limited and fees apply).