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COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

21st September 2018

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
FRIDAY 21ST September	END OF TERM 3	2.30PM DISMISSAL
MONDAY 8th October	START TERM 4	9:00AM START
Tuesday 16th November	Prep 2019 Transition Orientation 1	2:15pm to 3:15pm
Tuesday 6th November	Melbourne Cup Day	Public Holiday (School Closed)
FRIDAY 21ST December	END OF TERM 4	TBC

Dear School Community,

We have reached the end of yet another school term. Term 3 has been jam packed with not just learning, but special celebrations, whole school events, camps and fundraisers. It is definitely time for a holiday.

2019 Enrolments

The 2019 school year is fast approaching and enrolment numbers are increasing. We still have some places remaining in Prep for families within our zone. So, if you or someone you know is yet to enrol your child for Prep next year, please contact the office and do so as quickly as possible.

Alternatively, if your child will not be returning to our school next year, please notify the school in writing as soon as possible.

2019 Planning

This is also the time of year where we plan our curriculum programs for the coming year. Not only are enrolment numbers important to assist in determining staffing needs for the new school year, but also the curriculum programs we will be implementing in the new school year. All these decisions around staffing and curriculum programs must be managed within the annual budget allocation we receive from the Government. As such, it is fair to say it is a numbers game and a matter of balancing what is needed to best support all our students and provide them with the best possible education.

As a school, we have been discussing our future direction. We have identified the need to improve our Science and Digital Technologies programs across the school. As such, as of 2019, we will be employing a Learning Specialist teacher in each of these areas. Their roles will be to work with all staff in developing these curriculum areas and assist in enhancing the teaching and learning of Science and Digital Technologies across Prep to Grade 6.

Part of this planning process has also meant that we have had to evaluate existing programs. One aspect we have been examining is that we offer two languages. As a school, we have a long history of strongly supported language programs; unfortunately, this is no longer the case for the Greek program. While for many years, it was purely a Mother Tongue program (meaning only children of

Greek heritage took part), in more recent years it has become a program of choice. As many of you will remember, upon enrolling at CWPS, you had the option of choosing between Italian and Greek. Over the years, numbers have varied with some years having as few as 6 students choosing Greek. We currently have only 21% of our total enrolments enrolled in the Greek program. That is less than a quarter of our total student population.

While a definitive decision has not yet been made, it has become evident that it is no longer a viable program for us to keep running. It has become clear that these resources (financial, physical, staff etc) could be better directed to programs that benefit all students of CWPS.

This is not a decision we are making lightly, as we understand the strong history the Greek program has had in our school. In fact, having started my teaching career as a language teacher at this school, I am a firm believer of the benefits of language learning for all students. As such, we are investigating other options to try to keep our current students involved in a Greek language program outside of regular school time.

I felt it important to share this with the community as a whole, as you need to be aware of why such decisions are made. As mentioned, we are investigating other options and I will keep you informed as to the progress of this process.

Disruption to Water Supply

On Tuesday morning, we found ourselves without water due to a mains burst in Gordon Street. After placing a call to Yarra Valley Water, we were fortunate that our supply was temporarily returned to get us through recess. We were then supplied with a tanker which pumped water into our school for the remainder of the day. I was informed that in these circumstances, schools and hospitals are priorities. We are fortunate that we did not need to shut the school down. The children and teachers were kept informed of the status of our water supply throughout the day. I wish to thank Yarra Valley Water for looking after our school during this disruption.

Vale Barry Shackleton

It is with great sadness, that I wish to inform you all of the passing of our oldest living past student Barry Shackleton. Last week, Barry passed peacefully, surrounded by his family. He was aged 96, just two months short of his 97th birthday. Many of you would remember Barry from our Centenary Celebration Day last year, where he was invited to ring the old school bell, cut the birthday cake and unveil the commemorative plaques at our front entrance. He was very fond of his old primary school and in the few hours we spent with him, many of us became very fond of him. RIP Barry.

Term 4

Please be reminded that **Term 4 starts at 9am on Monday 8th October**. With the warmer weather and sunnier days ahead, it is a requirement that **all** students wear a wide brimmed hat while outdoors. Please take the time over these holidays to ensure that your child's hat is clean and clearly labelled with your child's name.

I wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in Term 4.

Kind regards
Mark Colagrande
Principal

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NAME	GRADE	VALUE	AWARDED BY
Maddie K	Prep D	Endeavour	Miss Dunn
Dylan R	Prep D	Co operation	Miss Dunn
Natasha W	Prep S	Friendliness	Miss Siciliano
Nicole S	Prep S	Co operation	Miss Siciliano
Nicola M	Prep LM	Friendliness	Mr McLean/Mrs Lebon
Thomas R	Prep LM	Co operation	Mrs McLean/Mrs Lebon
Panos A	Prep K	Friendliness	Miss Kennon
Stefan A	Prep K	Friendliness	Miss Kennon
Oliver R	1/2A	Friendliness	Ms Alderuccio
Rory P	1/2A	Friendliness	Mrs Osman & Liv
Alexander P	1/2A	Friendliness	Ms Alderuccio
Kristian S	1/2A	Friendliness	Ms Alderuccio
Roah R	1/2A	Friendliness	Ms Alderuccio
Xavier R	1/2B	Friendliness	Ms Blackman
Grace P	1/2B	Endeavour	Mrs Barling/Ms Stewart
Oliver B	1/2E	Support	Ms. Esposito
Eric C	1/2E	Friendliness	Ms Esposito
Leo P	1/2L	Friendliness	Ms Blackman
Antonio R	1/2M	Endeavour	Miss Mardesic
Jake P	1/2Z	Respect	Ms. Zampatti
Nicholas C	1/2Z	Friendliness	Lily Zampatti
Grade 2's	Gr 2	What a star	1/2 Teachers
Arlo M	3/4A	Co operation	Miss Amerena
Bries J	3/4A	Co operation	Miss Amerena
Stephanie W	3/4C	Support/resilience	Ms Currie/Ms Spiteri
Kaan T	3/4B	Support	A Pavich/S Preston
Lucca P	3/4B	Endeavour	S Preston/A Pavich
Quinn Mc	3/4R	Endeavour	Kay Roberts
Christopher K	5/6B	Endeavour	Ms A Blatti
Neve O	5/6A	Friendliness	Jo Rigby
Harrison W	5/6H	Endeavour	S. Meagher

LOST GLASSES>>>

If you or your child has lost a pair of glasses, please visit the school office and take a look through our collection. Could any of these belong to you or someone in your family?



President's Report

School Council Meeting 19 September 2019

School Councillors were treated to something pretty special at the last meeting. The meeting opened with the very first presentation by our Student Representative Councillors providing feedback from a survey of students about the canteen. This is an opportunity for building student voice and agency at the school, and for two grade 5 students to see how the School Council operates.

It was a tremendous success and all Councillors were impressed by the professional, well thought through and fun presentation from Oscar S and Gianluca D.

The boys shared student likes and dislikes about canteen options, what they would like to see more of (fresh fruit and extended hours rated very highly – with one student mentioning broccoli!) and some of their least favourite foods. It was enlightening and generated a lively set of questions, which the boys answered with aplomb.

So we start this report with a big thank you to the SRC and the teachers involved for spearheading this student engagement initiative and we hope to make the Coburg West School canteen even better than it is today.

Governance

As you all know, the Council has invested considerable time and effort in getting the governance structure right this year. We are pleased to let the School Community know that we now passed Standing Orders to govern the operation and conduct of the Council and Terms of Reference for the Policy Sub-Committee and Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability Sub-Committees. These foundation documents will prove invaluable into the future and for guiding performance. Many thanks for Melissa Gangemi, Heather McGiddy, Elliot Scott, Robyn Oxley and Justin Boots for your time in developing these documents.

The next cab off the rank is the Communications Policy, and from there a Communication Plan, for the school. We hope to have this in place for term 4.

BGS Sub-Committee

We are already seeing other sub-committees flourishing. The Building, Grounds and Sustainability subcommittee has been championing the replacement of the gate infrastructure recently undertaken at the school. They are also now looking into other issues such as management of waste at the school and considering promoting nude food. There will also be a working bee early in term 4 so please look out for the notice in the School Newsletter – many hands make light work.

School Community

Our tireless School Community has delivered several events over the last few months including the Father's Day stall, Trivia Night and the Interschool Football Match, and positive feedback is flowing in from a range of sources.

Interestingly, the Interschool Football Match has been nominated in the [Moreland Awards \(Community Event of the Year and Community Partnership of the Year\)](#). Let's hope that we win the award and well done again to Heather McGiddy and her team for organising this event.

The Council also very much wishes to acknowledge the continuing hard work of the School Community in raising funds for the school, headed by Karen Antrim. Also, at this meeting

we confirmed Louise Harrison as the new School Community Vice President. Thank you for your commitment to this role.

There has been significant development around the school this year, funded in part by the Community Group's efforts. This includes new AV equipment in the big hall, bike shed installation, new sports equipment, new school infrastructure such as new solar panelling and shortly there will be replacement of the sun shades at the front of the school.

Up coming School Community events include the Bunning BBQ Fundraiser, Mango Fundraiser, CWPS Cookbook, Family Portrait day and managing stalls at the State Election in November (Coburg West will once again be a great place to vote). Watch out for further announcements in the [newsletter](#) and [Community Facebook](#) page.

GET INVOLVED!

We will let you all now in on a little secret. When the School Community terms of reference were established, we made you all members by default. The School Community is only as strong as its membership. So reach out in term 4 and see how you can help, particularly with the fundraising events above.

TERM 4

We are three quarters of the way through 2018 and planning has well and truly begun for 2019. The School Council and Finance Sub-Committee will be supporting school budgeting for the coming year. Funds in public schools are limited and so the School tries hard to maximise expenditure on program delivery. The hope is to have the budget in place by November, so that we are ahead of the curve for 2019.

Staffing

We thought it would be useful to pass on some comments from our Principal on staffing movements.

This Term, Hannah McKenzie re-joined our staff to provide support. This will release Mrs Rigby to work on whole school student wellbeing and Ms Amerena to work further in Leading Literacy across the school.

Early in Term 4, Stefanie Alderuccio will be starting her maternity leave (congratulations) and the school is currently in the process confirming her replacement.

The School is also about to start a recruitment plan to fill the vacancies across our school for 2019. Over the coming months, it will be recruiting for a permanent Performing Arts Teacher, an Assistant Principal, various Classroom Teachers, Leading Teachers in Numeracy and Literacy, as well as Learning Specialists in Science and Digital Technologies.

These Learning Specialists are new roles arising from the new teaching Enterprise Agreement, and which we are required to have in place by 2019. It is fantastic that we are building the School's capacity in Science and Digital Technologies across our school.

So this brings us to the end of the report and all that is left to do is to wish you all the very best for the school break and look forward to seeing you all in term 4.

Best wishes

Ian Drew

School Council President

Sandy Vouch

School Council Vice President



google: "Coburg West School Community"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/343163175722450/>

Email: cwpspfa@hotmail.com

From the President

Well it's almost the end of third term and we have had another event packed time. A big thank you to the organising committee of the Trivia Night, what a huge effort 22 tables of parents, friends and teachers came together, with buzzers and a decent amount of competition to make a fantastic night.

I know from my own experience that being part of these school events is very important for our children and enhances the school community connectedness. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved listed below.

Best wishes for a safe holiday period
Karen

Next Meeting for 2018

Monday 15th October, 9.30am (straight after assembly) in the Community Lounge

Everyone is welcome and we would love to especially meet the new parents to our School community. You will learn what the School Community is organising, have your own input, meet other member of our community and importantly have an opportunity to contribute. This contribution may be in assisting a fundraising event or even taking on the challenge (with the amazing reward and satisfaction) of running one. You can volunteer as little as two hours of your time to make our school a better place for our kids. Don't be daunted as we are here to help.

The community room is just down the hallway from the school office. It is open during the school day for all members of the school community to meet or sit and have a cup of tea or coffee.

We'd love to see you there!

Monthly Book Offer in conjunction with Black Inc. Books

September found this new opportunity well received by the friends of Coburg West Primary School. We are going to continue to bring you NEW offers each month. Not only do you get to purchase specially selected books at a discount, \$5 from each sale will be donated to the school. The books are: Buddhism for the Unbelievably Busy Meshel Laurie \$23 (save \$5) and The Art of Time Travel: Historians and Their Craft Tom Griffiths \$20 (save \$5). Offer available until Friday, 2 November. Order online at: blackincbooks.com.au/cwps

See the flyer attached for more details

If you are interested in potentially joining a physical book club, or attending an event where the authors can come and speak with us, please register your interest by emailing cwpspfa@hotmail.com

Brain Buzzer Trivia Night - Over 15k Raised!

The Trivia Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated, sourced donations, Greg for his fantastic graphic designs, Jo for amazing hamper wrapping, those who came to set up and assisted on the night, Ronin and Hugo our wonderful student volunteers, host Carl and his bag of corny jokes and everyone who attended on the night. We can't wait to announce the full amount of funds raised that goes directly back to our great school!

The Trivia Committee

(Meg Breese, Melissa Pagliaro, Kimberley Palay, Ellie Palmarella, Zuska Keelart, Louise Rinaldi)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS - EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bunnings BBQ - Sunday 7th October - VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Our annual Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is on Sunday 7th October. This is an important day in our fundraising calendar and it's a great opportunity for parents to get involved.

Thank you to everyone that has already signed on to the Bunnings sausage sizzle ! Great to see lots of people getting involved...We need a few more volunteers to fill spots in the afternoon... please sign up using the link below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2419335/true#/invitation>

If you have any questions please email them through to cwpspfa@hotmail.com. For everyone that has signed up we will be in touch to let you know further details of the event soon.

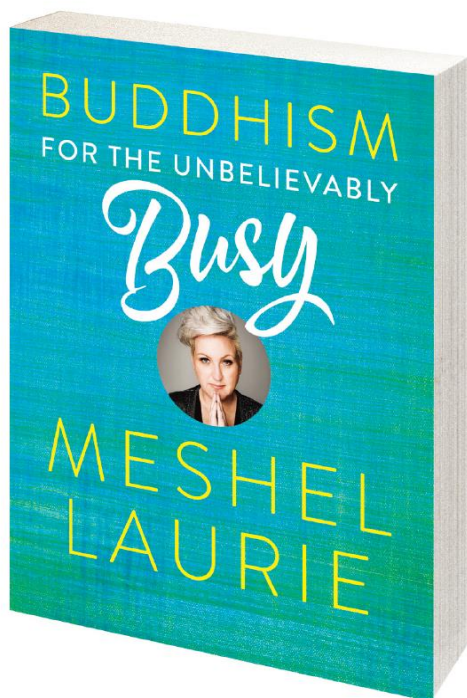
Please come along and support our Bunnings BBQ on the last Sunday of the school holidays.

CWPS Cookbook - RECIPES NEEDED BY FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER

We're looking for your favourite recipes that celebrate food, family and our vibrant community - and we want you to be a part of it! It's easy to contribute: pick up a recipe submission pack from the Community Room (next to the art room), email cwpscookbook@gmail.com or download the pack at www.sattastudio.com/cookbook.zip. Recipes are required by Friday 12th October, so this is a perfect school holiday activity, and can involve grandparents and family members.

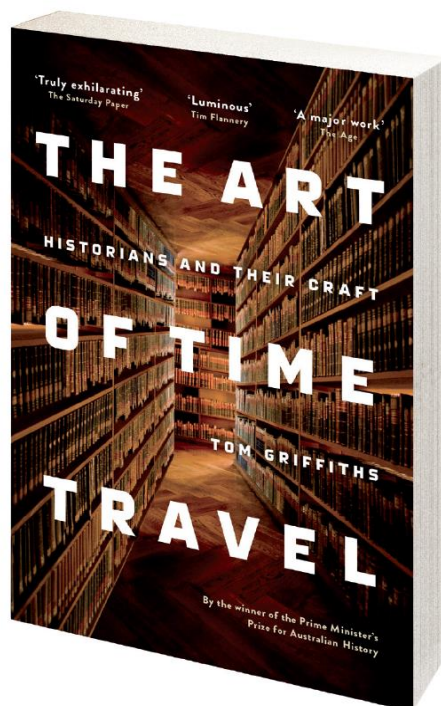
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For Further information contact: Sarah at sarahtucket01@gmail.com or 0407117522

Money raised will be used to: continue CWSC ongoing projects.

PICTURES AND PAGES



Hey Coburg West Primary School Community...

Thank you so much for inviting Pictures and Pages to your lovely school for Book Week.

Parents, staff and students bought \$4444 worth of books!

Congratulations on your school community's great effort!!

**In addition to the donated books the school now has a
\$670**

voucher to spend on more books.

**Warm Regards
Sharon & Lee-Ann**

Students are right into the finals fever here at Coburg West!



After Bailey's training we felt more confident in our marking.

She gave us lots of support and cheered us on.

She was an amazing umpire.

We would love to join the Coburg West Girls Footy Team.

Bailey inspired us to be better football players!

By Ruby, Lily and Olivia from 3/4KR



The grade 1/2 students worked on using the correct technique to handball and drop punt. Bailey played some games that allowed them to practise these skills in a fun environment.



Can Iskender-Osman
Physical Education Teacher

Coburg West Primary

Book Week

On Monday the 20th of August the students dressed as their favourite book characters. There were people dressed as princesses, Harry Potter, pirates, astronauts, superheros, wizards and witches and even librarians. It was so cool seeing so many people dressed up including the teachers.

The next day we read under the friendship tree during lunch time. Some of us bigger kids read to the younger ones. It was good to gather and hang out with our friends and read some cool books.

As Grade 3/4's we were also lucky to have an author visit us. Coral Vass who wrote books like 'Sorry Day', 'Good Night Possum' and 'The Don Bradman Story' gave us writing tips on how to start a story. We also got to act out a book while she read to us, which was lots of fun.

One of the last activities during book week was the 'Read Around The School'. Each teacher rotated around to most classes for about five minutes and they read their favourite book to us. Some of those books were 'The Rainbow Fish', 'The Day The Crayons Quit' and 'The Giving Tree'.

It was such a fun week. We can't wait until next year.

By Annabelle M. and Luke P. 3/4A



STAFF PIZZA DAY



On the 22nd of August we had a pizza day for the staff of Coburg West Primary School. All the students from the extension Italian class had learned challenging vocabulary and had practised it. We spent our lunchtimes learning the language.

It was a very fun experience for all the members (Julie C, Charlie L, Scarlett H, Liberty R, Elle C, Maya B, Ashleigh B, Nell A, Veronica M, Tara K and we had one student from grade 4 Olivia A). We got to serve and welcome teachers as

if we were actual waiters and we even got to dress up. We got to decorate the community room as if it was a real restaurant.

We had to make posters and write for the teachers their vocabulary and sentences to converse in Italian with us. We also had to write our own vocabulary and expressions to communicate in Italian. All the hard work had paid off and we had a great time in the end.



Darebin Women's Sports Club

Darebin Falcons are looking for players aged 9-11 for our inaugural Under 11 All Girls Cricket Team. Learn some new skills and have fun! Training will be at A.H Capp Reserve, Halwyn Crescent, Preston on Sundays 10-11am. Training starts 23rd September. Games are Wednesday nights from mid October. Come along and give cricket a go in a relaxed and friendly environment. Please contact info@falcons.org.au for further information.

Jasmine Hirst

Vice President

Grade 3 /4 AFL Girls Victorian Championship.



On Friday the 14th of September, the grade 3 /4 girls Football teams went to Jacana Reserve for the Victorian girls Football Gala Day Challenge. We played five great matches throughout the day. The three teams that represented Coburg West Primary School were red, green and blue. The weather was great and it was an amazing day. We had so much fun and we hope we get the opportunity again next year.



By Ayda and Olivia.

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