



Newsletter

Coburg Special Developmental School

6th February to 17th February

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Carers

You've got to love Melbourne weather!!!

I'm not sure if I'm being facetious or factual, but hasn't the weather been jumping around all over the place?! The Rocks area and water pump has been getting a good workout this week. It is important, particularly in the recent spate of hot weather, that everyone keeps well hydrated. It's great to see so many kids using their water bottles and having them available at all times.

School Council Elections

Thank you to those parents who nominated for the 2023 School Council. As there were two nominations for two positions at the close of period last Friday, there is no need for a voting process and those two nominees have been duly elected for the next two years. Congratulations to Kate Lambert and Rachel McDonnell.

Your school council representatives are:

Vance Duke, Carlo Cirone, Rachel McDonnell, Kate Lambert, Danny Smith, Jen Trevan and Warren Tofts.

I would just like to formally thank all members of the School Council for all your efforts and support in making our school the best it can be.

Coburg SDS

6th February to 17th 2023

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Monday 13 March

Labour Day - Public holiday

Wednesday 5 April

Term 1 - School ends at 2.00 pm

Thursday 6 April

Pupil Free Day

Friday 7 April

Good Friday - Public Holiday

Monday 24 April

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 26 April

Term 2 - School Starts

Meet The Teacher Evening

The Meet the Teacher Evening was well attended and offered us a great opportunity to gather, meet staff and each other and learn about the programs that are happening across the year. We finished the evening with a fantastic spread of food; thanks to Jen and the café crew for preparing this. It was a shame that we had the huge rain event come through just before the evening began as it affected some people's ability to attend. Look out for further opportunities to get together.

Student Support Group Meetings

Make sure you have taken the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and talk through the goals that are being set for this semester.

Café Coburg

Café Coburg is up and running with a fantastic group of workers! It is amazing to enjoy the food that they have prepared, but also to see their increasing skills in serving, cleaning up, using the register and money handling. It's truly 'Service with a Smile'. Don't forget that community members are welcome to attend café on a Thursday. Times of sessions are 10:30-11:30 and 12:30-1:30pm.

The other exciting news is that lunch orders are now offered to all students on Tuesdays. You will have received the information about this and we invite you to involve your child in choosing the pack they would like to have.

Carinya 70th Year celebration

Sally and I were invited to the Carinya 70th 'birthday' celebration last week. It was especially significant as Coburg SDS began as the school age group of Carinya, operating as Coburg Helping Hand Association, prior to the education department taking over their education. Carinya Society offers adult training and support services and is a post school option for our students.

Keep cool!

Regards
Warren Tofts

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

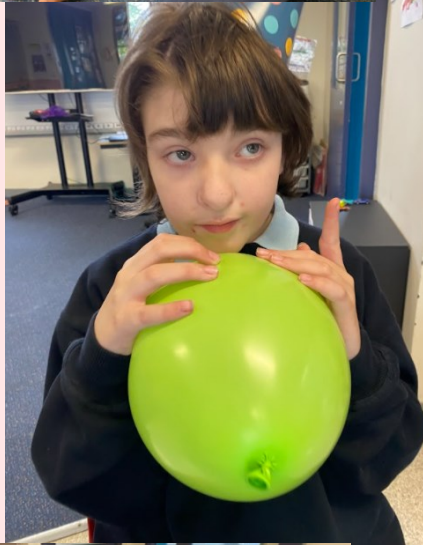
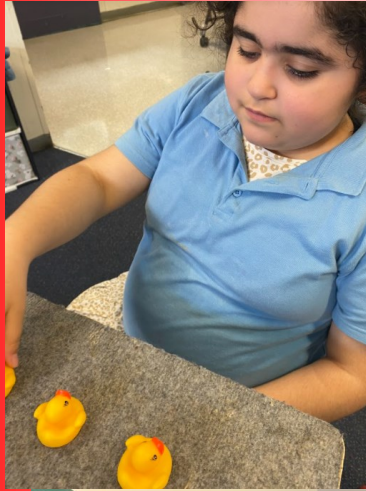
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Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website www.coburgsds.vic.edu.au. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese

Room 6 - News

Students in Room 6 have had a great start to the year. They have settled into their classroom routines and have enjoyed getting to know their environment. Room 6 students have been eager to engage in different activities including; cooking, art, shared reading and numeracy session. One of our favourite activities so far has been using our senses to explore during science.



Room 6 - News Cont...



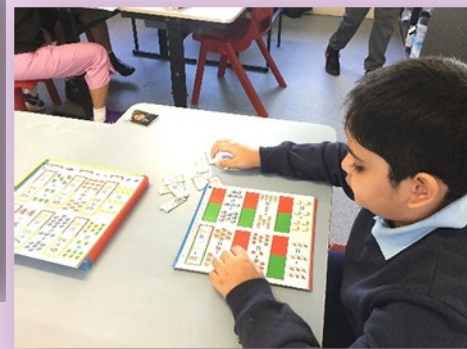
Room 7 - Middle Years News



3 weeks into the term, students are settling in well, getting used to new routines and are enthusiastic about their activities. They undertake daily routine and organisational tasks with minimal prompts.

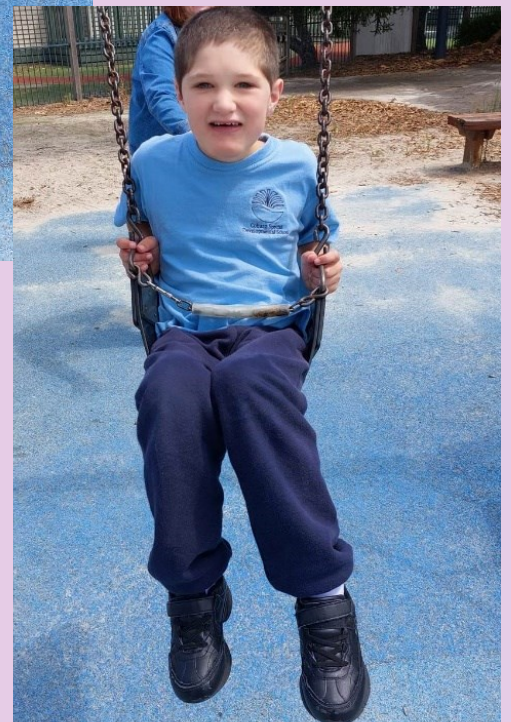
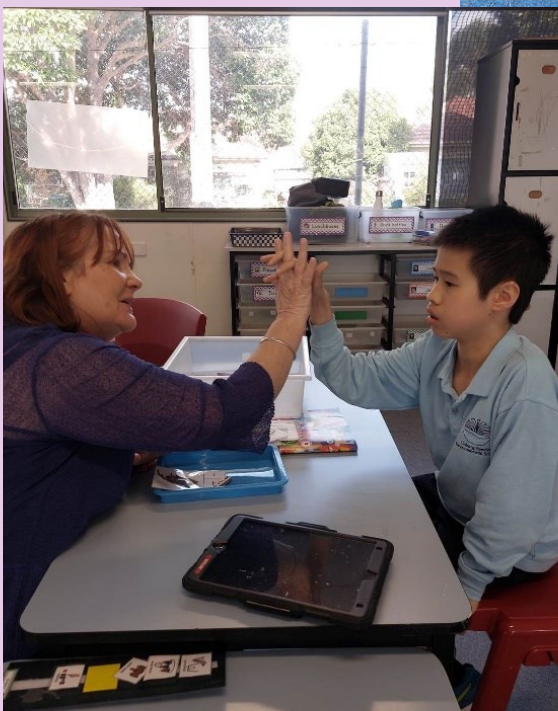
Students are participating in a range of engaging activities, such as Electives, shopping at Coles for the Cooking Program, going for community walks and visiting Harmony Park.

Nina and I are looking forward to a productive school year.



Room 8 - Visits to the Community

Room 8 have had a great start to the year! We have enjoyed some visits to Harmony Park, walking to Coles to purchase ingredients for our cooking program, and lots of other activities like our morning literacy and numeracy sessions. The students are all happy to be back at school and are enjoying getting to know one another!

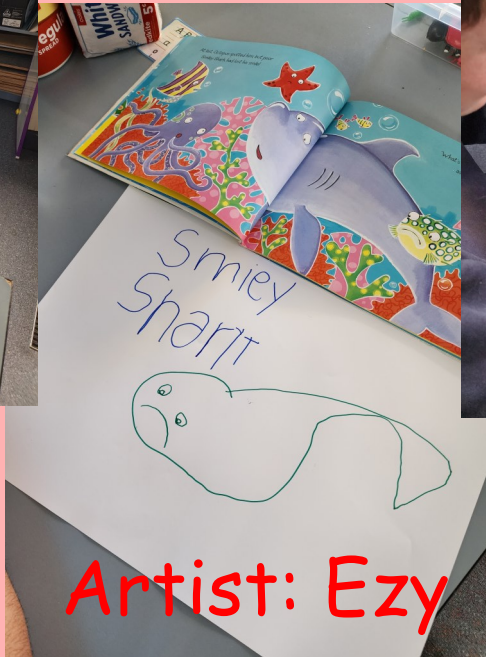
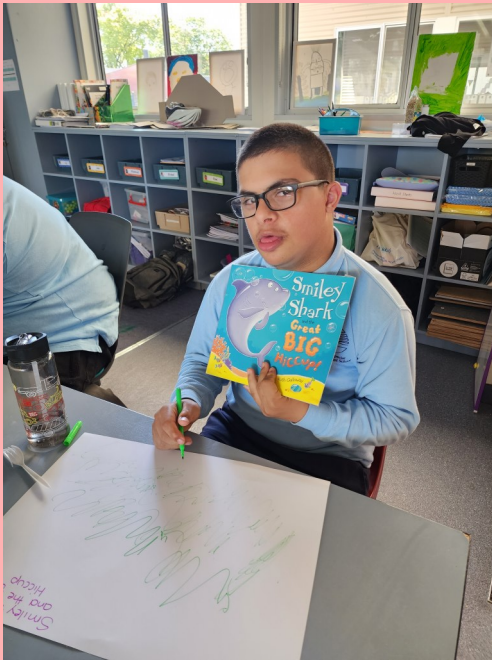


Breakfast Club

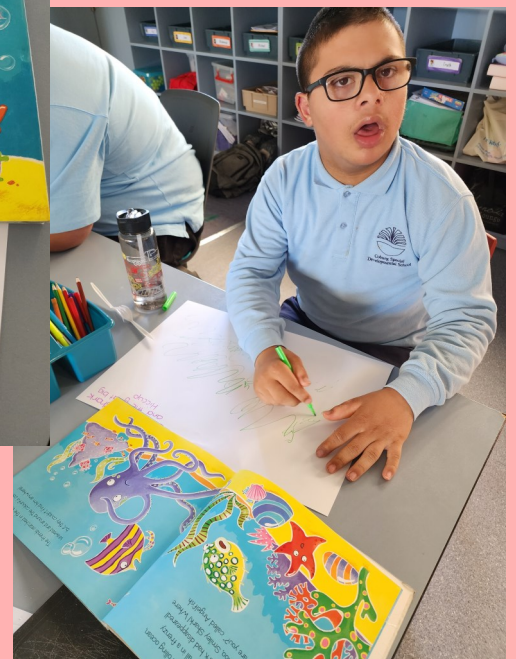
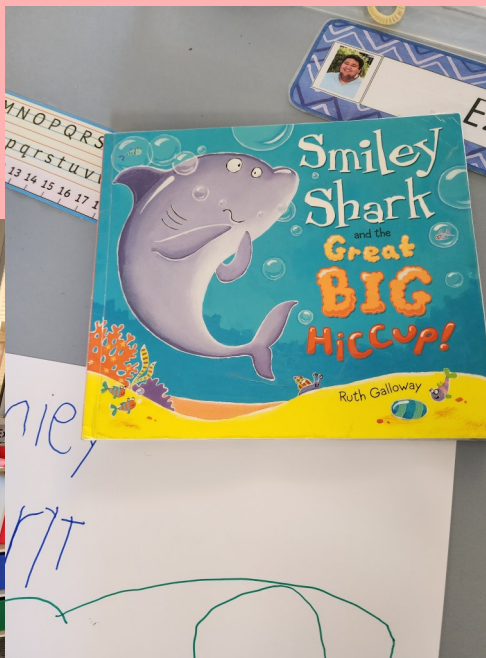
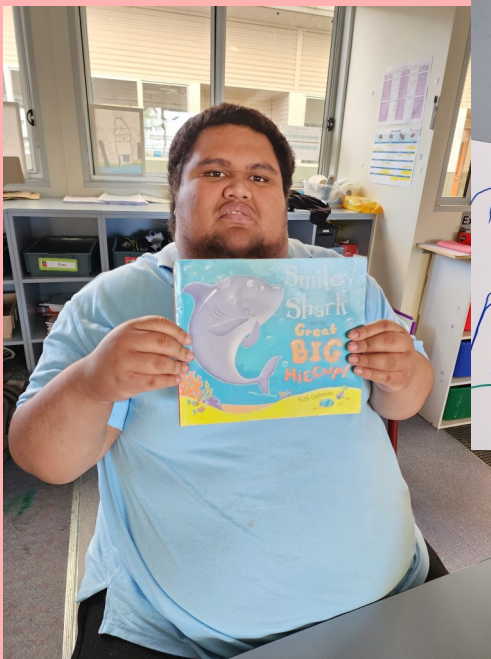
We have new supplies of honey, vegemite, milk, weetbix, fruit and other goodies. If you want something please let me know and I will send it home with your child. Regards Angelina



Transition Tuesday



Transition's Tuesday afternoon library group...students are John, Ezy and Mahmoud and run by Jo





Coburg Special Developmental School Café Coburg



Hello! Here at Coburg SDS we run an amazing Café program for our later years students to do work experience. We are excited to announce that we will be starting Student Lunch Orders on Tuesday 21st February.

Student Lunch orders available on Tuesdays!

Our later years work experience team from Café Coburg will be making the lunch orders. Please return your form with money by the Monday morning each week and the lunch order will be prepared for the Tuesday.

The attached sheet has the lunch boxes that will be available to order, just pop the money in the envelope provided and return to school on MONDAY for lunch on Tuesday!

Here are some of the yummy options available...



Spinach & Cheese
Pinwheel



Sausage Roll



Vegetable Fritatta



Ham Salad Sandwich
(on multigrain bread)



Toasted Sandwich
(on white bread)

SW-PBIS


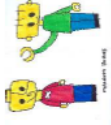

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Use of Matrix for 'real life' activities at home.



Coburg Special Developmental School SW-PBIS Teaching Matrix



	Classroom	Playground	Bathroom	Community
 I am Building Independence I will try to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feed myself • pack up • recognize and name my emotions • play an activity by myself • follow class rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help pack away • take responsibility for my belongings • play safely with others • play nicely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wash my hands after meals and toileting • go to the toilet by myself • clean my face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • put my seat belt on and sit on the bus • walk on the footpath • stop at the curb and wait
 I am Building Relationships I will try to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keep my hands and feet to myself • wait for my turn • participate in group activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • play with someone • share with others • say stop when I need personal space • give personal space • take turns and wait for my turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wait until the bathroom is free • respect my own and other's privacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respect others • personal space in the community • walk safely • follow road safety skills • recognize people I know
 I am Building Communication I will try to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • listen to others • ask for things I want • communicate when I don't want/like something • ask for help • say hello/goodbye to people I know 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make choices • share games and equipment • use supportive words with my friends "great catch!" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask to go to the toilet • follow my toileting schedule • seek support when I need it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stay with the group and follow visuals • follow adult instructions. • speak nicely to members of the public

Happy Birthday

Alexander - 10 Feb

Amr - 12 Feb

Abdur - 13 Feb



Happy Birthday!

Term Dates for 2023

Term One:

27th January – 6th April

Friday 27/1	Teachers return - School Organisation Day
Monday 30/1	Students Resume (Preps start 4 days a week)
Monday 27/2	Preps start 5 days a week
Monday 13/3	Public Holiday - Labour Day
Wednesday 5/4	Term 1 ends – 2.00pm dismissal
Thursday 6/4	Pupil Free Day

Term Two:

24th April – 23rd June

Monday 24/4	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 25/4	Anzac Day - Public Holiday
Wednesday 26/4	Students Resume
Monday 12/6	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
Friday 23/6	Term 2 ends – 2.00pm dismissal

Term Three:

10th July – 15th September

Monday 10/7	Staff and students resume
Monday 14/8	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 15/8	Curriculum Day
Friday 15/9	Term 3 ends – 2.00pm dismissal

Term Four:

2nd October – 20th December

Monday 2/10	Staff and students resume
Monday 6/11	Pupil Free Day – School Closed
Tuesday 7/11	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 20/12	Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal

Pupil Free Dates for 2023

Term 1	Friday 27 th January Monday 13 th March Thursday 6 th April Friday 7 th April	School Organisation Day Labour Day Pupil Free Day Good Friday
Term 2	Monday 24 th April Tuesday 25 th April	Curriculum Day Anzac Day
Term 3	Monday 14 th August Tuesday 15 th August	Curriculum Day Curriculum Day
Term 4	Monday 6 th November Tuesday 7 th November	Pupil Free Day – School closed Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

Camp/Sport & Excursion Fund 2023

Dear Parents & Caregivers

CSEF Forms were handed out to students at the beginning of 2023, if you did not receive a form we will have some at reception for you to pick up or give us a call and we can put in your child's school bag.

To be eligible for the fund a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government or non government Victorian primary or secondary School. Must hold a Centrelink health care card, or Pensioner concession card or be a veterans affairs gold card holder.

For Special consideration applications (Asylum seekers/refugee families or students over 16 with their own health care card or supporting documentation can receive CSEF funding.

Payment Amounts:

Primary school student rate: \$125 per year

Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year

Regards
Margaret

Smile Squad

General Information - They won't be visiting CSDS till Term 2 next year

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will provide Victorian public primary and secondary school students with a free, high quality annual dental health examination and free follow up treatment as needed.

What is included?

At the first appointment (the check-up), Smile Squad will check your child's teeth.

Then, depending on your child's needs, services may include:

- x-rays
- fluoride varnish
- scale and clean
- fissure sealants
- a free dental pack: a toothbrush, toothpaste and information
- advice about dental health and diet



If a child needs more treatment, like a filling, Smile Squad will contact parents/guardians and make a second appointment. These extra treatments are also **completely free**.

The program does not include cosmetic procedures.

What will Smile Squad do?

First, Smile Squad will visit your child's school to check your child's teeth and provide preventive care. This takes about 15 minutes.

If your child doesn't need any extra treatment, Smile Squad will see your child again in 12 months.

If your child needs extra treatment, Smile Squad will send home an individual care plan for you to read. Then, Smile Squad will call you to talk about what your child needs and ask for your consent to the extra treatment. Smile Squad will make a new appointment for your child for the treatment. Usually, this appointment will also be at the school. This treatment is also free.

Students will also receive a free dental pack and education on teeth brushing and healthy eating.

More information on the services provided can be found on the [general information page](#) of this site.

If you have a dental emergency

If you have a dental emergency or require oral health advice, please contact the Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne on [9341 1000](tel:93411000) (outside Melbourne metro call: [1800 833 039](tel:1800833039)) or use the [online community dental clinics search](#) for a list of dental clinics in your area. You may also visit www.dhsv.org.au if you require any further information.

To keep your teeth strong and healthy, eat well, drink tap water, and brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.

CSDS will be in touch with Parents when the Smile Squad are going to be at the school.

Information

Forms Available:

Is your child turning 16? Call Centrelink at least 3 months before to get the paperwork for the Pension. Make sure your child has a TAX file number (from the age of 5 years old).

- Is your child in nappies or pull-ups? Make sure you include it in your NDIS plan.
⇒ Taxi - Doctor submits it online.
- Forms are available from the office:
⇒ Companion Card ⇔ We Care ⇔ Disability Parking Permit etc

NDIS - When your child turns 18 years old, you will need a Plan Nominee Form (available from the NDIS office) to speak on your child's behalf.

Emergency Care Plan: Each student should have an Emergency Care Plan in case something happens that carers and other family members can refer to. Extra copies available at the office. **Contact: Angelina on 9354 4366.**

CSDS to join Ritchie's Loyalty Card Program - Help US

Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our organisation, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our club.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below – or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Your Club President
John Smith
14 November to 25 November 2022

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