

Coburg Special Developmental School

Friday 20th February



TERM DATES

Term One:

26/02 – Assembly
1:30 – 2:00

27/02 – Clean up
Australia Day

09/03 – **Public holiday**

12/03 - Assembly
1:30 – 2:00

26/03 - Assembly
1:30 – 2:00

02/04 – Last day Term 1
2pm finish for students

If your child is going to be absent from school, please either ring the school (9354 4366) and let us know or log on to XUNO and fill out the absence section.

School Council

Last night we had our first School Council meeting for 2026. During the meeting we discussed the following:

- How staff completed their Child Safe Standards Training on the first day of school. We discussed grooming and how 'hugging' can be seen as a form of grooming. Staff agreed that it is hard when students run and hug them and we discussed that alternatives such as hi-5's and hand shaking was preferred.
- We discussed the updated Child Safe and Wellbeing Policy, Child Safe Code of Conduct and the Anaphylaxis Policy. The Anaphylaxis Policy includes the new treatments – Jext, injector pen, and Neffy, nasal spray. If you would like a copy of any of these policies, they will be on the website next week.
- Our 2026 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) has been endorsed by the Department of Education. At School Council we talked about coming up with ideas to increase parent involvement through Community events and offering parent information sessions. We will discuss this again at our next meeting, if you have any ideas, please contact me.
- We have been contacted by many NDIS therapists who would like to conduct 1:1 sessions at school. This is becoming problematic as we are increasing our student numbers and have only limited space which is suitable for sessions to run. We discussed this last night and will be seeking feedback from our school community next week.
- We agreed that the finishing time for students for the last day of term 1 will be 2pm.

2026 School Council Elections

Our 2026 School Council Elections start today.

We are seeking nominations for the following 2 year positions:

- 3 x Parent Representatives
- 1 x Staff Representative

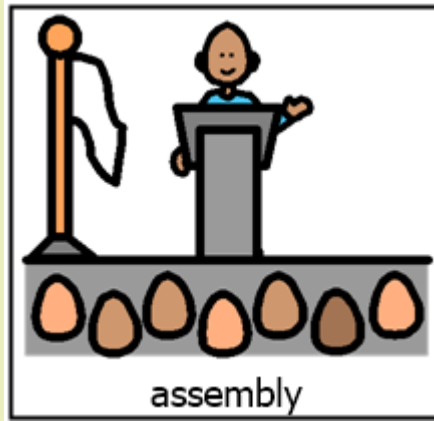
Nomination forms are available at the School Office, or I can email you a form. My email address is nicole.herbert@education.vic.gov.au.

Nominations close next Friday, February 20th at 3pm.

Have an enjoyable week,

Nicole





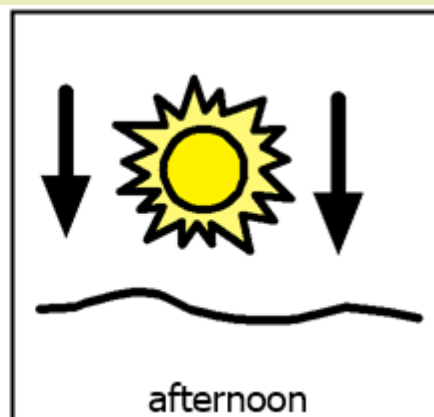
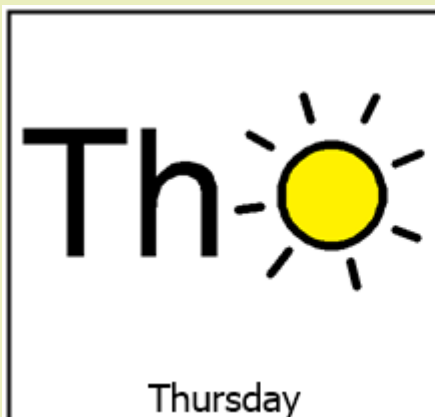
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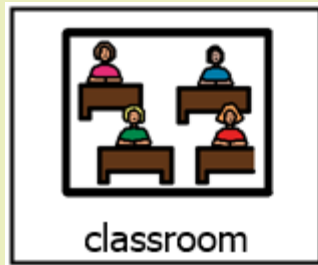
Just a friendly reminder that our assembly day and time have changed.

Our fortnightly assembly will now be held on **Thursdays from 1:30pm – 2:00pm.**

Our next assembly will be on **Thursday, 26th February.**

We look forward to seeing you in person or via Webex!

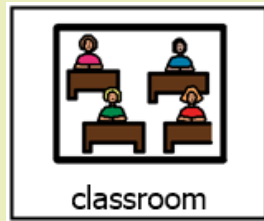




It has been a wonderful start to the year in Room 9. We are settling in well and enjoying a range of activities, including making toast in the mornings, working together to clean our toys, painting, and much more!

The students are becoming comfortable in their classroom spaces and are enjoying visits to other learning areas such as the library and science room. We love listening to music, having a little boogie, and continuing to build confidence and excitement around our new routines.





The students in Room 10 have settled into their new classroom extremely well. We have done so much work already, and it is only week 4!

The students have been working on building relationships with their new teachers, as well as their peers. Routines have been developed and everyone is showing their understanding by following schedules and building their independence.

We have been learning about Chinese New Year and made paper lanterns to celebrate. The students have enjoyed making toast during our Hospitality program where we have been learning about food hygiene and cleaning up our workspace after we cook.

Well done on a great start to 2026. We can't wait to share more of our learning adventures.



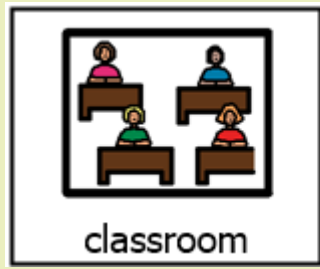


Room 11 has had a great start to 2026. The students have had lots of fun as they settle into their new class. They are building relationships with their teachers and peers and have displayed fantastic teamwork.

In our Work Education sessions, students have been enjoying participating in the Maintenance Program, where we have endeavored to tidy the outdoor space near our classroom and clean the windows.

We have also celebrated Xander's and Amr's birthdays.





Room 12 has had a very busy start to the year! We have two new students in our classroom this year- Terry and Subrin who have settled into Coburg SDS nicely, and it has been lovely to see our students welcome them. The boys have all been enjoying spending time in the library, cooking and engaging in our specialist sessions. Music is definitely a favourite at the moment! We can't wait to share more of our learning adventures.





STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

February Birthdays

Xander 10th, Amr 12th, Adam M 16th, Julius 19th, Uthman 28th



Term 1: 28th January – 2nd April

Term 2: 20th April – 26th June

Term 3: 13th July – 18th September

Term 4: 05th October – 18th December

Key Word Sign

LUNCH

Move open dominant hand, bent at third knuckles, thumb under, across chin.



EAT

Close dominant fingertips onto ball of thumb. Tap formation on chin, twice.



WASH (HANDS)

Make fists with both hands and place together palms facing. Move dominant fist back and forth as if scrubbing. (Can be done on different parts of body or thing).



TOILET

Fingerspell 'T' quickly, twice, dominant index finger on edge or middle of non-dominant hand.

