



Newsletter

Coburg Special Developmental School

23th October to 3rd November 2023

Principal's Report

Hello Community!

A HUGE thank you to those members of our community who completed the Google Form reflecting on our Values and Vision. There was a resounding YES to our current values of Building Independence, Building Relationships and Building Communication as they continue to focus on our community's sense of what's important to us all! I feel they have certainly been ingrained in our culture here at Coburg SDS. This opinion was also held by the staff who also thought that, in line with the new strategic plan, Building Community should be incorporated into our ethos as a broadening of Building Relationships. More thinking will be done as to where best to highlight that thinking which may point to our Vision Statement review. In reference to the Vision Statement, again, the current one appears still valid for where we see our school developing. A little bit of tweaking can be made to improve this, but the general structure remains. I will keep you apprised of any changes once I have synthesised all of the information that I've gathered.

We ran our final emergency evacuation drill for the year on Thursday. This was our Shelter in Place drill, which has all of our kids, staff and any visitors moving to the gallery. It is always amazing to see how quickly these drills are completed which ensures safety is always foremost in our minds! In relation to the Emergency Management Plan and the new school site, the new maps and evacuation paths have been developed and are currently with the VRQA (Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority) for approval and final registration.

Last week, we had our bi-yearly financial audit and received a very good report on our processes. Margaret, our business manager, does a great job of keeping all of this on track and I very much appreciate her efforts.

Please make maximum benefit of the four-day weekend, with no pupils required at school on Monday. I think the rest comes at a great time, leading into the final weeks of the year (which are always a busy time).

Regards

Warren Tofts

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Monday 6 November
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 7 November
Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday

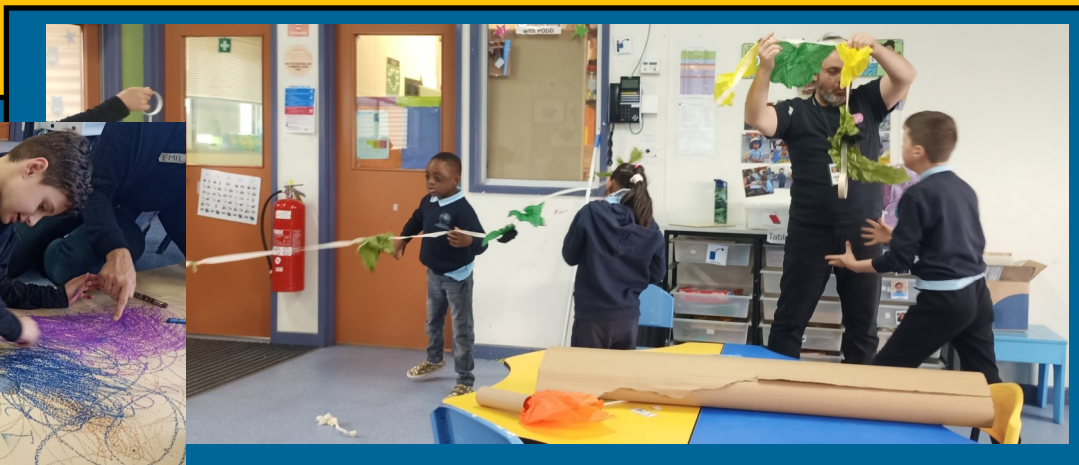
Friday 15th December
Polyglot Theatre Company

Wednesday 20 December
Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal

Bloom Paper Explorations by Nadia



DURING ART CLASSES, THE STUDENTS HAVE HAD A GREAT TIME CREATING WITH THE WONDERFUL POLYGLOT TEAM, USING PAPER, MASKING TAPE, AND OIL PASTELS.



Bloom Sound Explorations by Nadia Cont...



DURING ART CLASSES, THE POLYGLOT ARTISTS BOUGHT IN SPECIAL MICROPHONES AND SOUND RECORDINGS THAT THE STUDENTS ENJOYED HEARING. IT WAS WONDERFUL EXPLORING SOUND AND VIBRATIONS. ROOM 2 AND 3 STUDENTS ENJOYED A PERCUSSION JAM SESSION TOGETHER.





Physical Education



We've been thoroughly enjoying engaging in various net and wall games, including catch ball, tennis, and down ball. Throughout these games, we've been practising and performing a variety of movement sequences and skills, such as hitting a ball with control and accuracy in a game situation.

In another recent session, students have been practising their coordination and balancing skills through engaging in various obstacle courses.





Lunch Order Form

Student Name: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____ Room No: _____

Select the lunch box and return form with money to school on
Monday morning. Lunch order will be delivered on Tuesday.

(Please cross out anything not required from the lunchbox chosen!)

Sweet Treats will be one of the following (rotating): Mini Muffins (Apple or Blueberry),
chocolate balls, lemon slice, peppermint slice.

LUNCH BOX A:

\$5.00

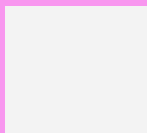


4 x cucumber Sticks, 4 x carrot sticks
Cheese squares, Homemade hummus
Crackers or Flat bread Triangles, (SELECT ONE)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Boiled Egg
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)
Sweet treat



LUNCH BOX B:

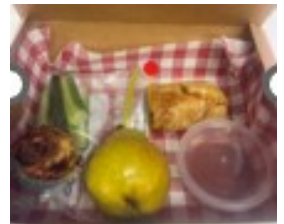
\$5.00



Sausage Roll with tomato sauce OR Spinach and Cheese Pinwheel
(Halal or Egg Free) **(PLEASE SELECT ONE ONLY)**

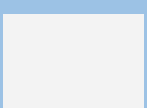
Carrot OR Cucumber sticks (SELECT ONE)
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)
Sweet treat

NOW AVAILABLE
Halal sausage rolls and
Egg Free sausage rolls!



LUNCH BOX C:

\$5.00

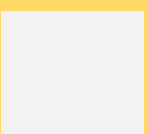


Vegetable Frittata (GF) (contains egg, gf flour, cheese, onion, zucchini, capsicum, broccoli, tomato, carrot, roasted pumpkin, feta)
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)
Sweet Treat



LUNCH BOX D:

\$5.00



Sandwich - Fresh or toasted (Circle option)
Cheese and Vegemite OR
ham, cheese, tomato, spinach (select one sandwich)
Cheese, tomato, spinach
Carrot or cucumber sticks (SELECT ONE)
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)
Sweet Treat



LUNCH BOX

\$5.00



Pasta with choice of Napolitana or Alfredo Sauce and
grated cheese
Carrot or Cucumber Sticks
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)
Sweet Treat





Coburg Special Developmental School Café Coburg



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
<p>I am Building Independence</p> <p>I will try to:</p>	<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
<p>I am Building Relationships</p> <p>I will try to:</p>	<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
<p>I am Building Communication</p> <p>I will try to:</p>	<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

Sara H - 21 October

Ruvby - 30 October

David - 2 November



Term Dates for 2023

Term Four:

2nd October – 20th December

Monday 6/11	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 7/11	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
Friday 15/12	School Performance
Wednesday 20/12	Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal



Pupil Free Dates for 2023

Term 4	Monday 6 th November	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

Assistive Tech Expo



Join us for our exciting, fully accessible event showcasing the latest in assistive technology, including:

- Assistive technology partner stands
- Talks by assistive technology experts
- Network with industry leaders
- Light refreshments available



When Wednesday 25th October 2023

Time 3pm – 6pm

Where 123 Andersons Creek Road
Doncaster East

Cost FREE!

RSVP Reserve your FREE ticket using
the QR code

Book your
FREE ticket



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Smile Squad is coming to this school

Dear Coburg Special Development School families,

The Smile Squad team from Merri Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form before Friday the 10th of November.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Merri Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

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

Wills/Power of Attorney/Guardianship

- ◇ [Protecting Vulnerable Beneficiaries | Moores](#)
- ◇ [Services Australia](#)
- ◇ [Wills & Power of Attorney Services - State Trustees VIC](#)
- ◇ [Home - Association for Children with Disability \(acd.org.au\)](#)
- ◇ [Guardians and administrators | VCAT](#)

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

