Welcome to Coburg North Primary School  
2017 Newsletter 1 3rd February

Dear Subscribers Name,

Welcome to the Coburg North Primary School’s Newsletter, we hope you find it an interesting and informative read. Below you will find all of the newsletter’s articles; you can do a quick read or click through to read the full article.

Each newsletter article is posted as a ‘Recent News’ article on the website and can be read at any time. Newsletters in pdf form can be downloaded from the school app and under the Newsletter ‘Quick Link’ on the front page of the website.

You’ll also find the ‘Event Quick View’, on the front page righthand side of the website, useful for reminders about upcoming events. If you have any feedback or suggestions about what you’d like to read in the newsletter, please contact us at coburg.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Welcome back!

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This year is shaping up to be a full and exciting year. Last year a Master Plan was developed for a new Coburg North Primary. Presently we are waiting to see if funding to build our new school will be included in the 2017 State Budget. Information has been sent through to families via email and the school app explaining how this works. We are always working to improve what we do at Coburg North, particularly how we communicate between all stakeholders in our community.

This year the newsletter will be produced on a fortnightly rather than a weekly basis.

New staff

We have five new teachers at Coburg North Primary this year. There is a new teacher in each teaching team and they have all fitted in very well with these existing teams.

Hi my name is Laura Mackinnon and I will be teaching Foundation this year. I am originally from Canberra and am very excited to start the school year. I am in my fourth year of teaching and have a strong passion for sharing my love of reading with students. If you see
"Hi there! My name is Nick and I am very excited to be teaching Grade 1D this year at Coburg North. This will be my first year as a full-time teacher after graduating from the Masters of Teaching at Melbourne University last year. Thank you to everyone in the school community I have met so far, providing such warm welcomes and many words of encouragement! Please feel free to come by the 1D classroom and introduce yourself!

Hello, my name is Ms Georgia, and I am the new 2A teacher at Coburg North PS. This is my first year teaching full time after graduating from the Masters of Teaching at Melbourne University last year. I'm looking forward to being a part of the school community, and meeting more of the students and parents as the year progresses. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself and say hi!

Hi, my name is Bridget and I am teaching grade 3/4 his year. I began my teaching in New Zealand, where I am from, and then lived in the UK for 6 years where I taught in a few different primary schools. I travelled a lot during this time. I have lived in Melbourne for 3 years now and am happy to call it home. A few of my interests include reading, knitting, hiking and running. I am very excited to be joining the Coburg North community.

Hello, my name is Zoe Billing but the kids like to call me Miss B. I've come from Plenty Parklands Primary School where I taught grade 2. I'm an avid traveller and have focussed my travels on South East Asia over the last few years, spending this summer in Laos. In my downtime I love to play volleyball and tap dance (and brunch, of course!) I'm really looking forward to being part of the community at Coburg North

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**LEADERSHIP**

**Principal**  
Helen Zull  
**Assistant Principal**  
Kyla Mamic  
**Foundation Leader**  
Zoe Polkinghorne  
**Grade 1 Team Leader**  
Anna Lam  
**Grade 2 team leader**  
Courtney Jory  
**3/4 team Leader**  
Sarah Jackson  
**5/6 Team Leader**  
Tim Prendergast  

**Room**

Principal Office  
AP Office  
Room 9  
Room 8  
Room 3  
Room 16  
Library
### GRADE STRUCTURE

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### IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM OR CONCERN

There will be times when parents need to talk to somebody about their child. The school has a process that parents need to follow in these situations. The first person you need to see is the classroom teacher. If a solution is not found to your concern the team leader is then involved following that the Assistant Principal Kyla Mamic or the Principal Helen Zull.

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**NEW**
School assembly now on Fridays at 3pm
Our whole school assembly will now be at 3:00pm on a Friday afternoon. We have decided to do this as we feel that valuable learning time is taken up with a Monday assembly when the students are fresh. After the Friday assembly the grades will return to their rooms to collect their bags and will be dismissed by their teacher.

School Council 2017
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Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. If there are more nominations that vacancies an election will be held.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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School Council Elections – Information for Parents
School Council Elections 2017

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself
How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:
- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do I need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

Remember
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information

Watering and chook roster
We would also like to thank the families who were part of the watering and chook roster during the school holidays. All of our plants and chooks are still alive and looking very healthy.

SunSmart
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But we need your help. As a school we will be implementing strategies that help to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors. Please help support our initiative by:
- Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use at school
Talking to your child about the importance of sunscreen use

- Ensuring your child knows how to apply sunscreen independently and has had some practice so that they can apply it safely at school
- Being a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

For more information about being SunSmart please visit www.sunsmart.com.au

School lunch orders in 2017 - commencing Monday 6th February

In 2017 CNPS school lunches will be sourced through a local business called D1UNO. The first school lunch order day is Monday February 6th and the lunch orders will be ordered on Qkr!. Qkr! is the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) information 2017

This Victorian Government initiative helps ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

See details about the CSEF fund and how to apply. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a CSEF application form to their child’s school. Download the CSEF application form here or get a copy from the office. CSEF applications for 2017 open from term one 2017.

Coburg Farmers' Market - 4th February 2017

Who’s at the Coburg Farmers’ Market this Saturday?

SUMMER PRODUCE: berries, free range eggs, wine, sweet corn, zucchini, beetroot, spinach, potatoes, pies, mussels, stone fruit, garlic and more!

MARKET FEED: Shop for stone fruit with Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens! Mix your favourite veg from Day's Walk Farm, Little Feet Farm, Peninsula Fresh Organics and The Mushroom Shed with Inverloch Free Range Eggs, Milawa Cheese and Gamze Smokehouse meats for an easy Summer quiche.

Keep well fed with market news: www.facebook.com/CoburgFarmersMarket
Fit in all in! - B2S fitness at Coburg North Primary School
B2S fitness is group fitness for parents & friends and this week they start classes at Coburg North PS. Check out the brochure here.

As busy parents B2S know it can be hard to fit it all in that's why they've developed a fitness program for you and your family. In their sessions you can:

1. Make friends in your local community
2. Spend active time with your kids
3. Reach your fitness goals with programs tailored to you
4. Fundraise for better facilities for our kids' schools

Check out more at https://www.facebook.com/back2schoolfitness/

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