An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Coburg North Primary

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Monday 23rd February 2015.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 10th March 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. 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 2015

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 and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**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.**
JSC REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2015

We are glad to introduce you to the Junior School Representatives for 2015. Congratulations to the following students:

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<td>Aaron (Gr 5) Oliver (Grade 6)</td>
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School Captains: Sayo and Jack

The Junior School Council representatives will work closely with Sarah and Courtney. Students meet on a fortnightly basis, during lunchtimes, to discuss issues of importance to the children of our school, including school fundraising events, activities and day to day procedures at our school. In previous years we have held a number of very successful fundraisers and events, as well as running collection drives for the Salvation Army and the Lost Dogs Home.

Children in the JSC also learn about how meetings are conducted, discussing issues and the process of voting to make a collective decision. Members of our JSC wear a badge which informs every one of the important role they hold in our school.

Congratulations to the students above! We look forward to working with you this year.

Courtney Jory and Sarah Jackson
(Junior School Council Coordinators)
REMINDERS
I would like to highlight some sections of our Parent handbook that was distributed to all new families and is available on the website. Car parking is an issue for everyone at Coburg North as our school grows. Parents have been using the Bishop Street staff car park in the morning and consequently some staff have to park in the street. Before and after school parents are using the visitor car park at the front of the school whilst other families are walking through it. Please refrain from using this car park.

Now is also the time to see your child’s teacher if you wish to be involved or help in some way at the school.

Carpark
Children are NOT permitted to enter the staff car parks at any time unless supervised by an appropriate adult. If balls are hit/thrown/kicked into the staff car park, a staff member must be notified to retrieve the equipment or supervise a student doing so. Parents are not permitted to park and or drop students off in the staff car park located off Bishop Street. The Visitor’s Carpark located at the front of the school off O’Hea Street is for visitors only. Parents with disabled car parking rights may use this car park as needed, but parents dropping off and collecting students before and after school may not use this car park. There is no pedestrian access, pedestrians and cyclists must use the gate located next to the car park. Parents should check the signage regarding parking restrictions around the school as the Council does enforce these restrictions.

Parental Involvement
We welcome parent involvement. The skills, talent and energy brought to the school by parents is a vital and valued resource for the school. Being involved is an enjoyable and rewarding way to enrich your child’s educational experience and build friendships in our friendly and welcoming school community.

There are a variety of ways in which parents can be involved in the school including:

- Join the Parents and Friends Group (email cnps_pf@hotmail.com)
- Volunteer for the fortnightly Farmers Market (email lizpye@hotmail.co.uk)
- School Council membership (see School Council section)
- School Council Subcommittee membership (see School Council section)
- Parent helpers in the classroom and PMP/FMP (speak to your classroom teacher)
- Golden Time volunteers (for Grade 1 and 2; speak to your classroom teacher)
- Working bees (look out for notices in the newsletter, then just turn up)
- Guest Speakers (speak to your classroom teacher)

Parents should feel welcome in the school and understand the important role they play in their child’s education, and how they can help their child with their learning both at school and at home. Parent’s entering the school during class time MUST enter via the office, sign the visitor’s book and obtain a visitor’s pass from a member of staff. All parents working within the school must obtain a working with children police check. Forms are available at any Post Office, and once your card arrives you must take it to the office for registration.
SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT
Firstly a welcome back to all for first term 2015. Hope everyone had a relaxing break. School council met for the first time this year on Tuesday, the last meeting on the 2014/15 calendar before our AGM next month. Here is the meeting at a glance:

1) Back 2 School Fitness – gave a presentation to the council about their fitness program that is run at 2 to 3 other schools in the Moreland area. They are seeking to run a similar program at our school, which would involve 3 sessions on weekdays for parents, and a Saturday session for parents and kids. Please speak to Helen or one of the councillors for further details if you are interested. This is a positive program that will improve the community aspect of our great school.

2) Outside School Hours Program (OSHP) – you may be already aware that this program is fully subscribed for 2015. Therefore it is important that parents notify the centre if their child is unable to attend. Please keep an eye on the school newsletter for a policy update regarding cancellations and eligibility for fee refunds. The school is seeking to increase the capacity of this program but this is a little way off, and until then we need to manage attendance and cancellations to ensure maximum availability to parents and students who need this important service.

3) School Strategic Plan – Benjy provided another progress update. Stay tuned over the coming weeks when our draft version will be made available to the school community for comment.

4) O’Hea Street Application for Planning Permit – some parents may already be aware of the planning permit for 30 apartment dwellings adjacent to, and including the O’Heas Bakery site. School Council is focused on ensuring that we represent the interests of the school community during the planning application process and do our utmost to ensure that any development does not compromise the safety and other important aspects of our school environment. We have already been in contact with Moreland City Council on this proposal. We therefore encourage interested or concerned parents to discuss this and provide any views and input to our councillor Benjy Lee (Benjy.lee@jemena.com.au) who is coordinating our School’s response. Please feel free to approach councillors and teachers also. Please be quick as responses to the planning application are due by February 18th (the consultation process being conducted at this time of year and being over a short period is far from ideal so we will be requesting an extension to the submission deadline to ensure we capture as much feedback from the school community as possible).


Finally, I will not be renominating for another term this year. After serving two, two year terms, with one year as president, I am regrettfully stepping down. This is due to changed circumstances with my work. I would like to sincerely thank all councillors and parents for their support over the last 4 years, and look forward to an active, continued involvement with the school. See you at the Farmers Market this Saturday!

Blair Hocking. School Council President

THANK YOU
We would like to thank the Furness family for chook sitting over the school holidays. Our three girls have returned to us healthy and happy. We plan to increase our family of chooks this year to increase our egg supply.
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
Our new playground equipment has been installed and we have some very excited students eager to try it out. Thank you again to our Parents and Friends group for their fundraising efforts to purchase this equipment.

ROCKS
The school has received several loads of rocks from the new supermarket site on Gaffney Street. We have commenced the placement of these rocks in the garden and in the playground. Our aim is to make our play space a more interesting and creative place for our children. We will trial how the rocks are used for play and the safety aspects of this.
MISSING SCOOTERS

Two scooters have gone missing from the bike shed since school has commenced. Veronica in grade 3 has lost a silver Razor scooter with purple trim and Thomas in grade 3 has lost a Madd Gear VX5. These students and their families are very upset and disappointed that something like this has happened at Coburg North. The school is also very disappointed that we are unable to feel safe and comfortable about our possessions. It would be appreciated if these scooters were returned to the bike shed so these students can continue with their active travel to school.

**Missing Scooter**

A bright green Madd Gear VX5 team edition scooter went missing from the bike shed sometime between 6th Feb and 10th Feb, leaving its owner feeling very sad.

If you see this scooter it would be greatly appreciated if you could put it back in the shed or hand it in to the school office – no questions asked!

GRADE STRUCTURE

I have had some questions this term about the grade structure of the school this year and the reasons for it. We have straight Foundation grades this year and the remainder of the grades are composite. The structure of our school changes each year according to the numbers that we have at each level and the profile of each grade level. The school is committed to keeping class numbers in the low twenties and as even as possible. The composite grades have allowed us to do both of these things.

**Research about multi-stage classes**

Research shows it makes no difference to performance whether students are in a straight year group or in a multi-age class – it's the teacher who makes the difference. Mixing students of different ages is academically and socially advantageous. Research findings on the effects of multi-age classes and best teaching practices are available at:


Two findings stand out in the research:

- it makes no difference to performance whether students are in a straight year group or in a multi-age class. The most important factors in determining how well a student does are the quality of the teacher and his or her teaching
- multi-age classes may benefit students both socially and emotionally.
PARENT PAYMENT REMINDER
Parent Payments are now due, please see the office staff for payment or more information.

OSHP
Just a reminder that today 13th February was the cut off day for all outstanding enrolment fees. There are still many families who have not paid; this could mean your place may be given to someone else.
Kerryn

PARENT FLAG MONITOR
We are looking for a responsible parent who would like to raise the Australian flag on the flagpole outside the office on Monday mornings and lower it on Friday afternoon each school week. Anyone interested please see the office staff.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM STALL
On Monday 16th Feb from 8.45 to 9.30 am (with a break for assembly), a second hand uniform stall will be held in the hall. All items $2.

You can donate any clean used items of uniform by taking them to the office.

Ciao a tutti! Bentornati! (welcome back).

This term in Grade 1/2 we have started doing an italiano activity for Golden Time. Last week we set up un mercato (a market) and practised buying and selling fruit and vegetables.

For details and photos see the “Questa Settimana” section of our Italiano@CNPS website: http://cnpsitaliano.weebly.com/questa-settimana.html

Italiano@CNPS is a new website for the students, teachers and families of Coburg North Primary School. Here you'll find: the songs, video clips, online games, activities and websites we are using in our lessons. Students can use the site to revisit things we have been doing in class and extend on and practise their italiano at home. The “Questa Settimana” section of the site includes a weekly article about our Italian activities at Coburg North Primary School.

Visit: http://cnpsitaliano.weebly.com/

Grazie,

A presto,
signora Jackie
Parents & Friends

Volunteers & Helpers:

Information regarding how the Parent’s & Friend’s Group works went home in your child’s bag last week. Thank you to everyone who has returned the form so far. We would love forms back by Friday 20th February. Either hand it in at the office personally or ask your child to give it to their teacher. Replacement copies can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Meeting:

The first Parents & Friends meeting this year will be held in the After-Care room at school at 7:30pm on Wednesday 25th February. We will be setting some goals for this year so would love as many people as possible to attend.

Social Night at Harmony Park

We will be having a social evening at Harmony Park on Friday 20th February. Be there with a picnic (or things to BBQ) from 5:30pm. It will be a great way to meet new parents, or catch up with people you may not have seen since last year.
**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

Name:________________________________________________________________________

Child/children & their grades:  __________________________________________________________________________________________
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Phone:_______________________________________________________________________

Email Address:_________________________________________________________________

Please tick the activities you would like to be involved in or more info about:

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**Note:**

Volunteers for the Farmer’s Market are sourced on a class by class basis and you will receive a sign-up sheet a week or so before it is your child’s class turn to provide volunteers. Each class’s allocated dates can be found on the attached calendar of events.

Prep Parents – The teachers organise classroom volunteers, i.e. people to help with reading, PMP and library and you can register your interest at the upcoming parent/teacher interviews.
WE WANT YOU IN 2015!

In 2014, we established a wonderful and dedicated sustainability committee consisting of passionate parents and teachers. They have played a vital role in the wildlife corridor, the planting and maintenance of our beautiful gardens, conducting audits for biodiversity and organising and distributing sustainability show-bags to all families within the school. Together, we have worked hard to embed more sustainable practices into everyday school life and encourage students to become more environmentally aware and actively involved in sustainable activities.

With help from our student Green Team and our sustainability committee, in 2014, we were able to successfully complete the Core Module and achieve Star Certification. This year, we are looking to undertake the actions of our next module at CNPS, which will focus on waste management and reduction.

We are looking for interested parents who would like to become a part of our adult action team in 2015. The committee will work closely together to raise awareness within the school community, to drive our sustainability program in the right direction and to complete the required actions of the ‘Waste’ module.

We can’t wait to reduce our schools impact, help make the Earth a better place and contribute to a more sustainable future for all. Now all we need is you! If you are interested and share our sustainability vision, please express your interest to either Sarah or Courtney as soon as possible, no later than the end of Week 3 (Friday the 13th). We will be looking to announce any additional members to our committee in the newsletter and hold our first meeting in Week 4.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Courtney and Sarah

(Sustainability Coordinators)
## RESPONSIBLE STUDENT AWARDS

**WEEK 2 ENDING: 6/2/15**

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<td>assisting others with their spelling, without teacher prompting</td>
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<td>Dilan</td>
<td>1/2D</td>
<td>Personally responsible - as much work as possible</td>
<td>trying his hardest when writing on dotted thirds for the first time</td>
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<td>Pascal</td>
<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Feeling safe &amp; comfortable</td>
<td>Quietly reading with his buddy on her first day of school.</td>
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<td>Jai, Caden, Ruby</td>
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<td>Personally Responsible as much work as possible</td>
<td>Donating a new softball glove to the school</td>
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<td>Aria</td>
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<td>Personally responsible - As much work as possible.</td>
<td>Settling into his new class really well.</td>
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<td>Personally responsible - As much work as possible.</td>
<td>Being great art room cleaners.</td>
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<td>Max P</td>
<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Personally responsible - As much work as possible.</td>
<td>Being a wonderful art room helper.</td>
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<td>Prep C</td>
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<td>Matheo</td>
<td>Prep C</td>
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<td>Mahammed</td>
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<td>Personally responsible - safe and comfortable</td>
<td>his enthusiastic and positive start to school this year.</td>
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<td>Eva</td>
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**Fancy Dance**

Coburg North Primary- Wed & Thurs Evenings

Learn Jazz, Contemporary, Tap & Theatrical Dance close to home!
Places available for children 3yrs +

Join the fun now! For an enrolment package, contact Stacy Jory (principal).

Phone: 0418 590 185
Email: stacy@fancydance.com.au
Bringing Up Great Kids
Term 1 2015

A free parenting group for parents of children 0 – 10 years
• Enhance your understanding of child development
• Gain insights into your child's feelings and behaviour
• Develop skills in using mindfulness to enhance family relationships
• Learn strategies to manage parenting stress and build your child's resilience
• Get to know other parents in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere

WHEN: Mondays, 10am to 12pm
16th February to 23rd March 2015 (5 sessions)*
*No session on Monday 9th March due to a public holiday
WHERE: Pascoe Vale Neighborhood Facility
7 Prospect Street, Pascoe Vale 3044
Bookings essential. We regret that child-care cannot be provided.

Parentzone Northern is the regional parenting service in the North funded by the Victorian Department of Early Education and Childhood Development (DEECD) and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Julie Graney on 0458 550 071

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WOMEN’S ART GROUP

Duration: 1.5 hours/ Weekly
Saturdays 1:30- 3pm
7 February to 21 March

This women-only art group is a weekly session during school term. The course is designed to foster creativity and enhance confidence in existing creativity of women who want to focus on learning new techniques.

In this women’s art group, we provide a supportive though stimulating environment to learn some new methods of making art as well as polish existing skills. No formal training is required to join the group. If you need to focus on learning something new or just want to use that set of paints sitting in the bottom shelf for a while now, you can certainly join the group.

Sometimes we share gossip over a nice cup of tea!

Here are some of the things we will be doing in the sessions:
Collage, Ink drawings, Meditative drawing,
Books to draw in, write in and collect in.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Cost: $200 per term

For booking call or email Nusra on:
0402566473
nusraq@yahoo.com

Most material provided.

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