



COBURG NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 20 30th November (pdf)

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 also be downloaded from the school app or website. You'll also find the 'Event Quick View' on the school app and front page righthand side of the website this is 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.

If you would like to read the Community News please go to the [website](#).

Changes to our Communication Processes

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Dear Parents,

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Beginning 2019, Compass will be Coburg North Primary School's only method of communication. All newsletters, notices and payments, as well as event information organised by the Parents and Friends Association, will be made via Compass.

Compass will allow you access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes the ability to:

- View communication (newsletters, mid week news, alerts)
- Receive sick bay notification when your child has attended sick bay
- Enter explanations for absences (or future absences) or lateness
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees
- Download and view your child's Semester reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- View the school calendar
- Update your family contact details

What You Will Need to Do

- Install the Compass app on your phone/computer
- Check notifications
- All payments to be made via Compass – no cash will be expected at the office#

Support Needed?

For any support needed, please visit the school's website and read the Compass Parent Handbook.

Thank you for your patience during this transition. This will prove beneficial for both the school and the school community.

Monika Gruss

Principal

#exceptions can be made for families that do not have access to internet/compass

#exceptions to minor fundraising events. (E.g. \$2 popcorn day)

#CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) for concession card holders can be arranged via the office.

#Lunch Orders will still be made via QKr

Message from the Principal

In this Message from the Principal: Last day of school, school fees, teachers leaving, curriculum days 2019 and Remembrance day.

Message from the Principal

The expression time flies by in a blink of an eye, is often used this time of year. Especially for those parents with their children in grade 6. Where has the time gone? One day you are holding a tiny baby in your arms and the next they're finishing primary school and moving into secondary school. Most of our grade 6 students have been with us since 2012, and within these short 7 years undoubtedly there has been many memories that they will keep for a lifetime. Perhaps it will be about how they crazed for fidget spinners, or trading cards, or how they all wore loom bands, or even how they danced the floss every moment they could when the teacher wasn't looking. Undoubtedly there will be memories to keep, with more memories ahead to look forward to in high school. Enjoy these last few moments as they do fly by so quickly.

A Few Things to Mention

The Last day of school

The last day of school is Friday December 22nd. The final assembly will start at 1.00pm and students will be dismissed at 1:30 in their classroom. Please ensure arrangements are in place for the picking up of your children at the earlier time.

School Fees

The school fees have been finalised by school council and will be ready to receive payment on the 23rd January 2019. The fees support the school in providing resources for the students. We would like to kindly ask all parents to consider paying the full amount as these fees support the school in providing the extra support needed for schools to run effectively. In 2019, our fees will go towards student materials as well as support for a school First Aider, school Technician and support to provide resources for our Building and Library. You will find the Coburg North Parent Payment Policy on the school website. Please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager Debb Davis if you have any questions or wish to set up a payment plan.

Teachers Leaving

At the end of this year we will see a few staff members leaving CNPS for various reasons. We would like to express our gratitude towards these staff members for all their work towards providing an excellent education for the students of CNPS. Michael Hill will be taking a year off to seek adventure over different parts of Australia, we wish him the very best of luck and look forward to his return in 2020. Courtney Jory will be having her own new adventure at home with her new baby that is expected to arrive some time in 2019. We will see Courtney back at school in Term 3, 2019. James Grant will be returning back to the South West coast. He has picked up a position at Warrnambool East Primary School. We wish him the very best of luck at his new school. Jake Mutimer took over Lyn's role in PE half way through the year. We would like to express our gratitude to Jake for taking over this position and wish him all the very best for the future. Robyn Roberts will also be leaving us at the end of the year. Her work at CNPS has been greatly appreciated with her dedication towards providing support to our Foundation teachers and students in the area of IT.

Curriculum Days 2019

School Council have approved our Curriculum Days for 2019. This year we have made an effort to work our curriculum days around public holidays to assist families with planning for RDO and extending their holidays. The curriculum days for 2019 are:

- 29th January (Teachers Start) – Term 1
- 12th March – Term 1
- 23rd April – Term 2
- 24th April – Term 2
- 4th November (Day in Leiu) – Term 4

Remembrance Day

CNPS students and I went to Pascoe Vale Remembrance Memorial to remember the men and women who have served Australia in war. The students represented the school extremely well.



Monika Gruss
Principal

Parents and Friend's News

In this Parents and Friends news: Election victory, Dance haul, Let them bake cake and Bearing fruit.

Election Day stall windfall

The P&F's election-day cake/craft/plant stall was a sweet success, raising \$1400 for the school. Thanks to all volunteers, makers and bakers, but especially to chief organiser Kirrily Noonan and the tireless Liz Pye whose green-fingered propagation skills resulted in a nursery-like array of plants for sale.

Sound cheque

If decibels were any indication, the Foundation-Grade 2 disco was a huge hit. The night raised more than \$2200 for the school, gave the kids a night to remember and left volunteers with a ringing in their ears they haven't had since their 20s. A huge thanks to disco queen Erika Vella who spent countless hours organising the night and particularly to key volunteers Kalissa, Annabelle, DJ Dave, Will, Sid, Kate, Lisa and Joanna, as well as the gaggle of other helpers too numerous to mention here.

Yule be needed

Organisers of the P&F's annual Christmas stall still need more crafts and baking for the stall on Wednesday of term, December 19. Anyone who can make or bake, or who can help on the day, please contact either [Mandy Gordon-Lee](mailto:Mandy.Gordon-Lee@cnps.pf@hotmail.com) or [Kirrily Noonan](mailto:Kirrily.Noonan@cnps.pf@hotmail.com), or email the P&F at cnps_pf@hotmail.com

Mangoes arrival

From Bowen to Coburg, the mangoes are on their way and are scheduled to arrive a little earlier than expected, on Tuesday December 4. A message will go out on Compass to let you know when they land.

Grade 3 and 4 Art Exhibition

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Coburg North Primary School has been asked to showcase our students' art work as part of an exhibition held at the Pepper Tree Place along with other local schools. Grade three and four students were asked to create a piece of art work based theme 'Leaves'. The grade 3's explored the use of frottage and collage to create a simple leaf constructions using patterns. Whereas the grade 4's examined the natural environment within the school, collecting natural materials to inspire them in creating their own botanical drawing. The exhibition will be running from 5th December at Pepper Tree Place, 512 Sydney Road, Coburg.

It would be a great opportunity to support our young artists and visit the Pepper Tree Place to help celebrate your child's contribution to this local exhibition.

Kind Regards,
Margaret Corzo

Mango Arrival

The P&Fs fundraiser for mangoes are almost here. The mangoes are due to arrive next Tuesday December

4. The children will be sent home with their order forms as a receipt for collection in the hall.

2019 Chess Program

Coburg North Primary School is looking at offering an in-school chess program next year. The program would be taken by a chess tutor and lessons would run at lunchtime or afterschool. The school is wanting to gauge the community interest in these chess sessions, here is a [quick survey](#).

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The cost would be \$10 per student per lesson and would be paid upfront on a termly basis. There is a minimum of 8 students per lesson and a maximum of 30.

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<https://www.surveymonky.com/r/5FH6G5Q>

Helpers Morning Tea

To all our wonderful helpers and volunteers we'd like to show our appreciation for the support you have given Coburg North Primary School this year, so we're inviting you to morning tea. Come along to the hall on Thursday December 13 at 11am for tea and cake. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Great Book Swap

Coburg North will once again be participating in The Great Book Swap. Thankyou for all the book donations. Don't forget to bring some gold coins to purchase books from Monday December 3.

Coburg North will once again be participating in The Great Book Swap. This is an initiative of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, and money raised goes towards improving literacy levels in remote communities.

Please donate any unwanted books before the end of this week. You can do this by dropping them off in the donation box provided in the front office.

Students are invited to bring a gold coin and purchase a book next week.

They will attend the swap on the following days:

Monday - Foundation and Grade 1

Tuesday - Grade 2

Wednesday - Grade 3 and 4

Thursday - Grade 5 and 6

Any left over books will be on sale during lunch and after school on Friday.

Thanks for your support.



Ice Cream Fundraiser to support the Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

It's ice cream weather so it's time to eat some ice cream! Buy a Street's Oreo Cornetto on Thursday lunchtime for \$1 or Friday after assembly \$1 each or 4 for \$3 until Friday December 7. Please bring your own bag to carry your goodies home.

Street's Oreo Cornetto Ice-creams

It's on again - this Thursday lunch and after school on Friday (and the following week too). \$1 each or 4 for \$3 (Friday's only)

A huge thank you to everyone for purchasing the Street's Cornetto ice-creams.

Along with a donation from the Coburg Lions Club, we have raised sufficient funds to support 5 families in sending their children to the Year 5/6 Canberra Camp in 2019. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Future funds raised will be set aside to support families with Year 3/4 camps and other costly events.

Meet our Volunteers

This week our feature volunteer is Michelle Lorier, read more about Michelle and the great work she does to support Coburg North Primary School.

Name: Michelle Lorier

Children @ CNPS: Isla (Grade 2) and Nina (Grade 4)

How have you volunteered at CNPS? (Current and past): I've helped mainly in the kitchen over the years and usually coordinate, order the food and then help organise other volunteers for the end-of-term special lunch orders. I made enough pizza dough for 400 slices at Carnevale and helped to make 400 Honeyjoys for footy day. I've helped out with food at other school fundraisers such as stalls and at the Make.Noise festivals.

Why do you volunteer? I am a chef so this is the best way I can contribute, especially when it comes to knowing how much of the ingredients to order and where to source them. When we came up with themes for the lunch orders at Parents and Friends meetings I thought it would be good to showcase food from other cultures. It's a great way to help raise funds for the school and my kids enjoy me being around school and doing this.

Note from editor: Michelle does all of this as well as working 5-6 days each week as a professional chef so her help is really appreciated!



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