



## Welcome to Coburg North Primary School

### 2017 Newsletter 3 3rd March

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](mailto:coburg.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).



### Principal's News

In this Principal's News find out about the school council election results and retiring school councilors and the next phase of the planning process for our new school.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS & RETIRING SCHOOL COUNCILORS

Congratulations and welcome to our six new parent school councilors:

Sarah Ryan, Paul Sutton, Emma Hopkins, Kirrily Noonan, Kate Copping and Tristram Jones. Paul is a return school councilor who has been our Treasurer for two years and the other five parents are first time school councilors at Coburg North Primary. I will ask them to introduce themselves to you in a future newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our exiting school councilors for the time and effort they have put into their roles as well as the support they have given me in my role. 2016 was a demanding year for school council with a strong focus on Master Planning. Exiting School Council President Jo Harrison and councilor Owen West were two key parent participants in this process – Jo using her lobbying and interpersonal skills to promote the needs of the school while Owen utilized his architectural expertise to ensure the school had the best design that we could. Amanda Tabone and Owen West were also on our OSHP sub-committee assisting Kerryn with the growing needs of a fast expanding program. David Joyner has used his broad experience to bring many perspectives to our school council discussions and decision making. Kerrie Thomson has worked relentlessly towards improving our communication processes across the school. I would also like to thank Carla Bruce-Lee who has supported school council by taking minutes at our meetings. This has allowed school council to run more efficiently.

## SCHEMATIC PLANNING PROCESS

The school is now engaged in the next phase of planning for a new school. We will still have to wait until the State Budget is announced in May to see if we have funding to commence construction. A planning team consisting of school staff, regional staff and parents has been formed to work with the architect to go into finer details of planning including interior layouts of buildings. The meetings will be on 9/3, 23/3, 6/4 and 20/4 during school hours. Please see Helen Zull if you are interested.

At the AGM on the 29<sup>th</sup> March the architect will be there to share some draft plans and to get feedback and further ideas from interested school community members.



### **Acknowledgement of PACER funding that supports our recent Year 5/6 Canberra Camp**

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting this cost, the Australian Government contributed \$30 per student.

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs that focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

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This rebate, along with fundraising activities conducted throughout the later part of 2016, have resulted in a reduction of \$73.35 per student, for what was a fantastic camp. On behalf of the Year 5/6 team of students and teachers, I thank the entire school community and the Australian Government for their support.



### **Parent Helpers Information Session**

If you are interested in helping around the school, during school hours, you are required to attend the information session. The sessions will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the hall at 9.05am or Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the hall at 2.15pm.

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Returning parent helpers, who have previously attended the session, are not required to attend these sessions.



### **Suspected cases of Chicken Pox are All Clear**

Please note that the suspected cases of Chicken Pox we alerted you to last week were found not to be Chicken Pox. We do remind you to be vigilant in these situations and if your child is displaying symptoms, or suspected of having Chicken Pox, to notify the school immediately and keep them at home.

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#### **Grade 1:**

Thomas, Hildie, Vera, Jude, Archie, Esme, Per and Lara

#### **Grade 2:**

Dan, Charlotte, Sophia, Jackson, Kaitlin and Blake

#### **Grade 3/4:**

Celia P, Sadie, Annabelle, Tyler, Benny, Juliet, Ruby and Edvin

#### **Grade 5/6:**

Jude, Rhianna, Clara, Emma, Oliver and Eden

The Junior School Council team will be involved in various roles to represent their grades and discuss matters of importance within the school. They will lead fundraising events and work together to improve the school environment, which they will then report back to their grades and inform their class members about future events. Congratulations to the elected team and we look forward to working with you.

Stephanie and Laura.



### **Grade 3/4 Camp**

From February 15th - 17th, the Grade 3/4s went on camp to Camp Iluka, in Shoreham.

From February 15th - 17th, the Grade 3/4s went on camp to Camp Iluka, in Shoreham. We arrived there just before 11am in the morning, after a kind of long bus ride. We were all super excited and ready to go! We couldn't wait to find out who we were in cabins with and who we were doing activities with.

We had a walk around the site on our first day, participating in team work activities and encouraged each other to have a go and do our best. Dinner on Wednesday night was pasta, followed by a movie before bedtime.

On Thursday, we were rearing to go – our first full day of activities. We made damper (which was delicious); met with an Indigenous leader Lionel, who told us about native bush tucker and showed us how to throw a spear; we did a low ropes course; and finally we did some tree climbing. Some of us were really brave and climbed to the top of the tree. Others at least had a go at going as high as they could.

Dinner on Thursday night was a BBQ, which was this time followed by a talent show. Oscar S did some really cool drumming, Liam, Anabelle and Hasti told some very funny jokes and Naomi did some impressive dancing. We went to bed extremely tired that night! Our last morning was spent at the beach, looking in rockpools for sea life and playing beach games. We saw a few hermit crabs under the rocks.

We arrived home on Friday, exhausted and full of stories and memories of our camp. We are sure that we have told you all about them as soon as we got home.

Thanks to Alan and Tom for coming, and to the teachers for organising it.



### **Music News!**

A fortnightly round up of all things musical at CNPS.

**Child's Play!** The first exciting performance for 2017 happens on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm when, as part of the Sydney Rd Street Party three bands from Coburg North Primary School perform together. The concert called "Child's Play!" will feature the Junior Band, the Senior Band and the new Orchestra. There will also be opportunities for soloists. Have a look at the website:

<http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/arts-and-festivals/community-festivals/sydney-road-street-party-in-moreland.html>

**Choirs performing at Brunswick Library** Both the Performance Choir (4-6) and the Junior Choir (F-3) will perform at "Live at the Library" on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Don't miss our talented choristers as they sing up a storm!

**Parent Choir** Our parent choir, "composed." is planning to release it's first CD at the end of the year with some of our student choirs featuring as well. We are looking for assistance with the making of the CD and would be keen to hear from any parents with the skills needed to make it a reality. Call or text me on 0401881423 for more info.

Stephen



### **Sustainability Committee meeting**

Do you have a green thumb? Are you inspired by the natural environment? If your answer is yes and yes, then come and join the CNPS sustainability committee to ensure Coburg North pursues its environmental focus for a greener world.

Our first sustainability committee meeting for 2017 will be on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March at 3:45pm in Room 4 (Michael's room).

We have been on a ResourceSmart journey since 2014 and have completed modules on increasing our biodiversity and reducing waste. In this meeting, we will explore what goals we have for 2017 and hear what fresh ideas we have from our new members. Our school has come a long way and we look forward to continuing this journey with your support.

Hope to see you there,  
Lewis, Michael and Carmel



### Parents and Friends Blog

Parents and Friends keeps the school updated on its activities and events via a blog. You can subscribe to get our latest news delivered straight to your inbox.

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Featuring snappy posts and photos from our resident wordsmith Mike Bruce, the blog is P&F's way of acknowledging our many wonderful volunteers and keeping the school community updated on our fundraising efforts, including the farmer's market, craft stalls and end of term lunches.

The blog can be found at <https://coburnorthprimaryschool.wordpress.com/> or there is a link down the bottom of the school website.

Make sure to leave a comment so we know you have been reading!

And thank you to all those who attended our first meeting of the year last week, it was great to have you.



### Coburg Farmers' Market Craft Fair Seeking Stallholders

We are currently seeking stallholders for the Coburg Farmers' Market Craft Fair being held on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm.

Coburg Farmers' Market is having Craft Fair on Mother's Day weekend. We are currently seeking stallholders.

It will run at the same time as the farmers market, 8am - 1pm on Saturday May 13th.

Please click on the link below to apply or e-mail [erikavella@gmail.com](mailto:erikavella@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Stall fee is \$40 and includes public and product liability insurance. This is a fundraising event and all monies go to Coburg North Primary School.

<https://form.jotform.co/erikavella/cfmcraftfairstallapplication>



### Community News

Our Community News page is being updated constantly so check back regularly to see what's happening in our community.

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1) Coburg community houses - [Activities for school children Term 1](#)

2) "[Fancy Dance](#)" provides a fun environment for students to explore a range of dance disciplines. Our focus is encouragement, confidence and enjoyment. Join the fun now!

For an enrolment package, contact: Stacy Jory (Principal / Owner) Ph: 0418 590

185 Email: [stacy@fancydance.com.au](mailto:stacy@fancydance.com.au)

Classes are at Coburg North Primary on Wednesday & Thursday evenings. Places available for 3 years and over.

3) The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the April 2017 School Holiday Program from Friday 17th February 2017, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 3 March 2017.

Families are able to make a casual booking via our [online booking system](#) by visiting council's website from Friday 17 February 2017, 5pm. Or at a local school or council office.

4) Host a [High School Exchange Student](#) in 2017. Request your free information pack at [wep.org.au/host](http://wep.org.au/host)

5) **RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS**

PASCOE VALE UNITING BOYS CLUB

COME JUMP, TUMBLE AND PLAY!

6) The Giants want you! North Brunswick Junior football Club are recruiting boys and girls for 2017.

[Details here.](#)

7) For any interested Grade 5/6 families, Thornbury High School is having an Open Night on Thursday 16th March at 7pm. Check out <http://www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au/> for more information.

8) Coburg Football Club are having a community event 19th March.

9) [Blue Light Disco](#)

17th March 2017

Preston Town Hall

6.30pm - 9.30pm

8-14 year olds

10) Coburg Tennis Club is holding an open day on Sunday March 19th and would like to [extend an invitation](#) to the families at your school.



### **Qkr! is also on PC!**

Did you know that our new payment method Qkr! is not only available on your mobile devices but also on your notebook or PC. Check out the [website here](#).



### **Communications Newsletter 2017**

Last week we handed each student a hard copy of our [Communications Newsletter](#). This note aims to ensure everyone in the school community understands how we communicate, you can download a copy from 'Notice Corner' on the website Quick Links or 'Notices' on the app.



## **Coburg Farmers' Market - 25th February**

Thanks to all the parents of 1B – and others – who answered the call for the school stall at last Saturday's Farmers' Market.

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The Parents & Friends group would like to thank Miss Carmel with partner Brett who helped on the barbecue, Travis, Troy with son Archie, Jasmin with daughter Nieva, Amanda with Jock and a big thank you to Colleen who brought along her husband their three kids before heading away for the weekend. Thanks to the parents from other grades who filled the shortfall - Kate (1D), Tamara and Paul with Ada (3/4A), Alan (2C) and Matt with Charlotte and Jack (2C, Foundation A).

Your help is, as always, much appreciated.

The next school stall will take place on March 11th, when Grade 1C is up.

For the latest on the activities of the Parents & Friends group, visit the [Parents & Friends](#) blog.



## **Camps, Sports and Excursion 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.