CURRICULUM DAY MONDAY 29th FEBRUARY- NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

OSHP
We would like to welcome everyone to the Outside School Hours Program for 2016. We are looking forward to meeting all the new students and parents. I am happy to announce, we have received approval for more spaces so everyone has a place and there is still availability for casuals and emergencies. Thank you everyone for your patience with your bookings. Our staff for this year are: Kerryn Cilia Coordinator, Luke Morrow, Alison Billington, Nikki Davis, Rochelle Rajapakse, Thomas Osborne, Alana McQueen, Asefeh Zamani and Sarah Alihos. All children using the program MUST have a hat. The program must be notified if there is any change of plans and your child will not be attending the program on their booked day. This can be done via email cilia.kerryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au or by phone 9354 9989. If there are any changes to the enrolment forms such as phone numbers, persons permitted to pick up children etc. the program must be notified.

CURRICULUM DAY
The school will be closed on Monday 29th February; OSHP will be running a Curriculum Day program. The cost is $60 for the day. We will open from 7am-6pm. Bookings are essential. The program will provide lunch and afternoon snacks. Some parents have enquired about paying their accounts. A statement will be sent out fortnightly via email and can be paid at the program using cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Unfortunately we are unable to offer direct debit. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you Kerryn Cilia

CSEF
As mentioned in last weeks newsletter applications for the 2016 CSEF has commenced. Forms for parents to claim CSEF (Camps, Sport, Excursion Fund) will be sent home with students on Monday 15th Feb. If you are eligible and wish to apply please fill in the forms and present it to the school office together with your Centrelink Card before Monday 29th Feb.2016. Parents must re-apply each year. Forms can also be picked up from the school office.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM STALL
On Monday 15th February from 8.45 to 9.45am (with a break for assembly), a secondhand uniform stall will be held in the hall. All items $2. You can donate any clean used items of uniform by leaving them in the office.
ANAPHYLAXIS
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction when a person is exposed to an allergen. The most common allergens in children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, certain insect stings and medications. Anaphylaxis is a serious health issue for a percentage of the population and the school recognises the key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction by a student is knowledge, awareness and planning.

The last couple of years at Coburg North Primary we have had a sharp increase in students who suffer from Anaphylaxis, previously we had one child. There has been much discussion at staff and school council level on this. The DEECD Legal unit was contacted for advice on this. Below is an excerpt from the advice we received:

*The guidelines state that it is not recommended that schools ban food or other products known to cause anaphylaxis because:*

- *It can create complacency amongst staff and students*
- *It does not eliminate the presence of hidden allergens*
- *It is difficult to 'ban' all triggers: all triggers are not limited to peanuts and nuts.*

*It is preferable that the school raise awareness about anaphylaxis in the school community so that there is an increased understanding of the condition. The school may also wish to help parents/carers to identify more suitable food options for their children.*

I would like to make the community aware of the grades that these students/teachers are in and what they have a reaction to.

**Foundation: Nuts**

**Grade 1: Nuts**

**Grade 2: Nuts, Eggs & Dairy**

**Grade 3/4: Nil**

**Grade 5/6: Nuts & Kiwi Fruit**
PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting of the year on Monday. It was particularly great to see some new faces, especially the brand new Prep parents who attended.

This term we have some fundraising events on the calendar for which we will need volunteers to help make them a success. We’ll be sending home notices soon asking for your help with these events, as well as seeking interest in future events. Even just a spare hour or two would be greatly appreciated.

If you are wondering whether or not to help out, it might be helpful to know that without Parents & Friends, the school would not have been able to refurbish the music room and kitchen. This year, we are hoping to make a significant financial contribution to the refurbishment of the amphitheatre area.

Some of the forthcoming events for this term for which we will need help are:

**Thursday, February 25**, End of month cultural lunch – Chinese New Year. We will need help preparing the food for the lunch during school hours. Michelle (Nina and Isla’s mum) runs the lunches so speak to her in the schoolyard or email shell_bell_72@hotmail.com for more information.

**Friday, February 26**, End of month cultural lunch – Chinese New Year. We’ll need help serving and selling the food for this event during school hours, especially for the lunch rush. As above.

**Wednesday, March 4**, Parent social event, Harmony Park, from 5pm – No help required for this one but P&F would just love you to come along and meet other parents while the kids play. Bring a picnic rug and something for the barbecue.

**Wednesday March 23**, Twilight Sports (the school’s annual and much loved sporting event) – P&F runs a barbecue at this event and we will need volunteers to help prepare food and set up the barbecue stall during the day and then staff the barbecue during the event. Notices will be sent home soon seeking help with this. Kalissa (Frank and Dan’s mum) is running this event so have a chat to her in the schoolyard if you have any questions or email k.alexeyeff@unimelb.edu.au.

**March ongoing** – watch this space for the craft group to kick into action again. The group makes all the gorgeous items sold at our mother’s day, father’s day and Christmas stalls. They hold after school and evening crafting sessions, or you can make things at home if you prefer.

**Note:**
Volunteers for the Farmer’s Market are sourced on a class-by-class basis and you will receive a sign-up sheet a fortnight or so before it is your child’s class turn to provide volunteers. The market is the school’s most significant fundraiser so we always hope to have as many helpers as possible. Don’t forget to come along to do your shopping on market days also – you might be surprised at the bargains that can be found – cheaper than the supermarkets in many cases, and better quality.

Foundation Parents – you can register your interest to help in the classrooms at next week’s meet & greet sessions. Email cnps_pf@hotmail.com or speak to Tamara (Ada and Camille’s mum) or Jackie (Charlie’s mum) if you have any questions.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 7 after assembly – meet us at the picnic tables near the amphitheatre.
Italiano a CNPS

Signora Jackie in Italia

Durante la vacanza sono andata in Italia!

In January, I went to Italy as part of a Languages Teaching Scholarship In-Country Course programme, an initiative of the Victorian Government funded by the Department of Education and Training (DET). I stayed near Treviso, in the north of Italy and attended Italian language classes.

I visited the towns of Vicenza, Verona, Venezia (Venice) and Milano. In Milano I caught up with our old language assistant - Giulia! Giulia is currently working in Como and she asked me to say “Ciao” to all of the students, families and teachers at CNPS.

One of the highlights of my trip was my visit to the La Scala where I saw the opera “Rigoletto” – che meravigliosa!

Che tempo fa in Italia? Adesso in Italia è l’inverno e fa freddo!
Andiamo al mercato!

Last week our Italian activity for Grade 1/2 Golden Time was – “Il mercato” (the market). We dressed up and practised buying and selling il frutto and la verdura from il mercato. At markets in Italy you can buy lots of different things, such as clothing and food. At our market you could buy un animale from our pet stall and have un caffè (coffee) and una brioche (pastry) while shopping.

For more details and pictures see: “Questa Settimana” on the Italiano@CNPS website: http://cnpsitaliano.weebly.com/

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Coburg North Primary
Sing, Sing, Sing!

Sydney Rd Street Party
Brunswick Mechanics Institute
Sydney Rd Brunswick 6th March 12.30pm

In this concert entitled “Sing, Sing, Sing” three choirs from Coburg North Primary School will present a range of choral music from different times and places. Our Junior Choir featuring our youngest singers, the Performance Choir featuring the older children and the acclaimed parent choir, “composed,” will surprise and delight.

THE MORELAND SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the March/April 2016 School Holiday Program from Friday 19 February 2016, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 4 March 2016.

Forms are available from:

- Local Primary Schools in the municipality;
- Council’s website and;
- Citizens Services Centres – Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.
  - Coburg Offices, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
  - Brunswick Offices, 233 Sydney Road, and
  - Glenroy, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy

If you have difficulty accessing the information and enrolment forms or general queries, please contact Council on Ph: 9240 1111.
Was YOUR fitness last on the list in 2015?

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Join us for a Trial Week NOW!