Dear Coburg SDS Community

I can’t believe the term is over and as always a lot has been happening. On a staffing front Peter Davis has been offered an exciting opportunity to work for the Department of Education and Training (DET) as a Visiting Teacher for the duration of this year. We wish him all the best in his new role. The process of replacing him has begun and will let the community know who his replacement is when we can.

Today was the inaugural ‘Festive Hat Parade Day’ I know the students put a lot of time and effort into designing their hats and accessories, we will put some photos of the day in the first newsletter of term 2. I would like to thank Oliver for coordinating the event and all of the staff that participated in ensuring that the day ran smoothly.

The school had a lovely surprise when four people with bunny ears on their head arrived bearing gifts. It turns out that our local Coles store had arranged some surprise goodies for the students to be given out at our ‘Festive Hat Parade Day.’ I’d like to thank Coles and their community liaison representative Raj for the kind gesture.

You may see some fliers around the community advertising that an Early Intervention play group being run at Coburg SDS. This is a trial initiative to provide families of children 3-4 years of age with a disability an opportunity to participate in a play group at Coburg SDS.

The play group initiative will promote our new strategic direction to the local community and be a great introduction to prospective families of the great programs we are running at Coburg SDS. If you know someone who may have a child that would like to attend please contact us. The places are very limited so we encourage people to get in early. If successful we would like to make it a regular event.

There has been recent dialogue with DET on a number of fronts. We have been allocated an additional $4000 to replace an antiquated change table for our students. The new one to be delivered will ensure that all of our student wellbeing and staff OH&S needs are accommodated. I have also had discussions over the development of a buildings master plan for our current site. There is the potential that we can have all of our current buildings shifted and refurbished to optimise the land we have available on our current site, with play areas also to be redesigned and improved. School Council have indicated that they are interested in the proposal and are looking forward to some more information in the months to come.

Wishing everybody a safe school holiday period!

Take care, Justin
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS BEFORE PHOTO DAY

How to order School Photos

Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value. Order forms and envelopes will come home to you usually 2 weeks in advance of photo day.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:
Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form. Complete details on back of order form if ordering for more than one sibling and have each child hand it to photographer on photo day.

You can complete the pre payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images and CREATE a package to suit. Please tick the 'order later on-line' box on order form and hand to our photographer on photo day. Orders must be placed within 14 days of photo day to avoid postage charges.

If you do not wish to purchase photos, please tick 'not buying photos' under pack selection and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on photo day.

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Room 1 - Star of the week

Leah was our Week 6 STAR for being brave during her first horse ride at RDA.

Aydin was our Week 7 STAR for doing some great work in the classroom and trying new activities.

We read looking for crabs for our under the sea theme.

Predicting the outcome of experiments.
The Pascoe Vale Dental Group visited Room 5 on Friday 11th March. The students were involved in an interactive oral health lesson. The students participated in a healthy eating challenge and learnt the importance of brushing their teeth. All students were able to practise their brushing. Room 5 is looking forward to another visit from the Pascoe Vale Dental Group.