



# Newsletter

## Coburg Special Developmental School

9<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Principal's Report

Hello Community!

The Term has begun well with a very positive feel across the school. The students seem extremely settled and engaged in their learning programs and are very happy playing outside, particularly as the weather continues to improve.

### Communication/Emotional Regulation Training

A huge thank you to Joshlyn, Keegan and Drew for the communication and emotional regulation training to parents last Friday morning. The session was well attended, and there was a huge level of engagement from our parents and carers. The timing ensured we also had a good turnout for our parent morning tea. Thank you to Angelina for organising the food and coffees.

### Circus Nexus Excursion

The senior school students attended an excursion to Circus Nexus in Preston, and were involved in activity-based classes incorporating Circus skills. They had a great time, and it is wonderful to see community organisations developing programs that promote inclusion.

### Vision and Values review

As part of the school review process, and leading into the development of the new Strategic Plan, it is a great time to examine our Vision and Values to ascertain whether they are still appropriate in light of the developments we have made across the last four years.

I intend to devise a simple 'survey monkey' for our whole community to have input into this process and to incorporate any ideas for possible change. This will come out in a separate email, so please look for that in the near future and take the time to have your say!!

### Coburg SDS

11<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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**Monday 6 November**  
Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 7 November**  
Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday

**Friday 15th December**  
Polyglot Theatre Company

**Wednesday 20 December**  
Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal

Regards  
**Warren Tofts**

# Principal's Report Cont...

## New School Building

The project is on track to be completed by 9th February 2024.

### ▣ North Building:

- ♦ Joinery installation
- ♦ Painting commenced in the nooks.
- ♦ Ceiling grid installed.
- ♦ ground floor services rough in complete.

### ▣ South Building:

- ♦ Plaster complete.
- ♦ External windows installed.
- ♦ Northern façade brickwork 90% complete.
- ♦ Expected to be 'locked up' in 2 weeks.





# Principal's Report Cont...





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Polyglot theatre starts as artists in residence with us this week. They will be working during art classes on our end of year theatre production, called Bloom.

Bloom will be celebrating our growth and change as we move to a bigger school. Come and experience our creativity on Friday 15th December.



# Circus Nexus Excursion



Later years enjoyed a wonderful circus skill workshop at Circus Nexus in Preston on Tuesday. Everyone had a wonderful time! Circus Nexus is running accessible circus classes on Saturdays. Visit [cicusnexus.com.au](http://cicusnexus.com.au) for details Regards Nadia



# Tutoring Group

Hi

This Term some of the students in the Tutor Group are going to survey staff and/or students about a number of their favourite things. Michael is the first student to complete a survey of all staff on what was their favourite colour. He found that BLUE was the favourite closely followed by GREEN. PURPLE was the next favourite. These are all fairly relaxing colours. Noone chose red or orange and there was one vote for PINK and one vote for YELLOW.

Well done Michael you did a great job of asking and writing down the answers.



We will have another survey ready for the next newsletter.

Sue

# Tutoring Group Cont...

In the Tutor Group some students wrote about their holidays

MY HOLIDAY by JOHN R

In the holidays I built some sea creatures using stickers I had at home. My favourite sea creature is the barracouta.

MY HOLIDAYS BY JOHN T

In the holidays I went to Muellenbach Queensland. I went in a plane with mum, dad and Grace. I went to the beach. I had a swim and I had chocolate ice-cream.

I went to the ice cream shop and some pubs. I went to some restaurants and I had normal food. I went on an aquaduct a car turned into a boat. We went across the Murray. It was a very good holiday.

MY HOLIDAYS BY STAR

On the holidays I saw Chiyo. I went on a plane to Japan. I bought some Japanese chocolates for my friends at school.

MY HOLIDAYS BY EFE

On the holidays I went to the swimming pool. I went to the shops. I went to Coles and bought coke. I ate chicken soup.

MY HOLIDAYS BY DAREN

I went camping on the 25<sup>th</sup> on Monday. I came back on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I went for 3 days. I ate spaghetti and pizza. I slept in cabin number one and I woke up at 8.30. We had a camp fire. I did some climbing and I went to the park with everyone. I went to the BBQ restaurant and I ate mushrooms, onion, tomato, chicken and meat.

MY HOLIDAYS as told by MOHAMMED EL HAWLEY

On the holidays I went to Meadow Heights and played with my bobcat. I went to see Sabrina. Me and Haysim went to Time zone and played the car game.



# Creative Learning Partnership *with Polyglot Theatre*



This Term we will welcome Polyglot Theatre as artists in residence. A team of three Polyglot artists will be working within our art program to create an end of year theatrical performance.

Polyglot will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays, from week 3 until week 11. Students will be presenting and performing their work on Friday the 15th December. I will keep you updated in the newsletter and at assemblies as our project called 'Bloom' comes to life.

Please visit [Polyglot.org.au](http://Polyglot.org.au) to find out all about this wonderful internationally renowned theatre company.

Regards Nadia



## Lunch Order Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

Select the lunch box and return form with money to school on  
**Monday** morning. Lunch order will be delivered on Tuesday.

**(Please cross out anything not required from the lunchbox chosen!)**

Sweet Treats will be one of the following (rotating): Mini Muffins (Apple or Blueberry),  
chocolate balls, lemon slice, peppermint slice.

LUNCH BOX A:

**\$5.00**

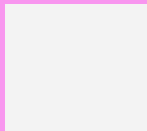


4 x cucumber Sticks, 4 x carrot sticks  
Cheese squares, Homemade hummus  
Crackers or Flat bread Triangles, (SELECT ONE)  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Boiled Egg  
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)  
Sweet treat



LUNCH BOX B:

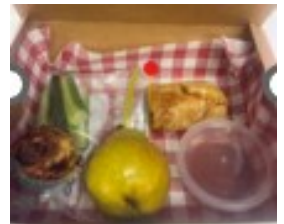
**\$5.00**



Sausage Roll with tomato sauce OR Spinach and Cheese Pinwheel  
(Halal or Egg Free) **(PLEASE SELECT ONE ONLY)**

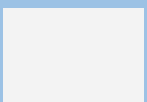
Carrot OR Cucumber sticks (SELECT ONE)  
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)  
Sweet treat

**NOW AVAILABLE**  
Halal sausage rolls and  
Egg Free sausage rolls!



LUNCH BOX C:

**\$5.00**

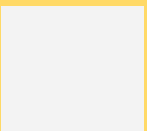


Vegetable Frittata (GF) (contains egg, gf flour, cheese, onion, zucchini, capsicum, broccoli, tomato, carrot, roasted pumpkin, feta)  
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)  
Sweet Treat



LUNCH BOX D:

**\$5.00**



Sandwich - Fresh or toasted (Circle option)  
Cheese and Vegemite OR  
ham, cheese, tomato, spinach (select one sandwich)  
Cheese, tomato, spinach  
Carrot or cucumber sticks (SELECT ONE)  
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)  
Sweet Treat



LUNCH BOX

**\$5.00**



Pasta with choice of Napolitana or Alfredo Sauce and  
grated cheese  
Carrot or Cucumber Sticks  
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)  
Sweet Treat







# Coburg Special Developmental School Café Coburg



# SW-PBIS

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT


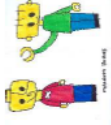
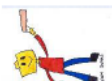
Use of Matrix for 'real life' activities at home.



### Coburg Special Developmental School

#### SW-PBIS Teaching Matrix



	Classroom	Playground	Bathroom	Community
<b>I am Building Independence</b>  <b>I will try to:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>feed myself</li> <li>pack up</li> <li>recognize and name my emotions</li> <li>play an activity by myself</li> <li>follow class rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>help pack away</li> <li>take responsibility for my belongings</li> <li>play safely with others</li> <li>play nicely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>wash my hands after meals and toileting</li> <li>go to the toilet by myself</li> <li>clean my face</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>put my seat belt on and sit on the bus</li> <li>walk on the footpath</li> <li>stop at the curb and wait</li> </ul>
<b>I am Building Relationships</b>  <b>I will try to:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>keep my hands and feet to myself</li> <li>wait for my turn</li> <li>participate in group activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>play with someone</li> <li>share with others</li> <li>say stop when I need personal space</li> <li>give personal space</li> <li>take turns and wait for my turn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>wait until the bathroom is free</li> <li>respect my own and other's privacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>respect others</li> <li>personal space in the community</li> <li>walk safely</li> <li>follow road safety skills</li> <li>recognize people I know</li> </ul>
<b>I am Building Communication</b>  <b>I will try to:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>listen to others</li> <li>ask for things I want</li> <li>communicate when I don't want/like something</li> <li>ask for help</li> <li>say hello/goodbye to people I know</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make choices</li> <li>share games and equipment</li> <li>use supportive words with my friends "great catch!"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ask to go to the toilet</li> <li>follow my toileting schedule</li> <li>seek support when I need it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>stay with the group and follow visuals</li> <li>follow adult instructions.</li> <li>speak nicely to members of the public</li> </ul>

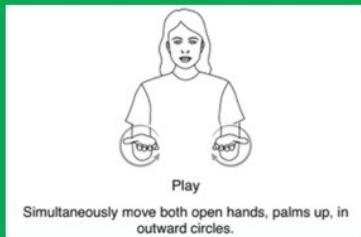


# Communication at Coburg SDS

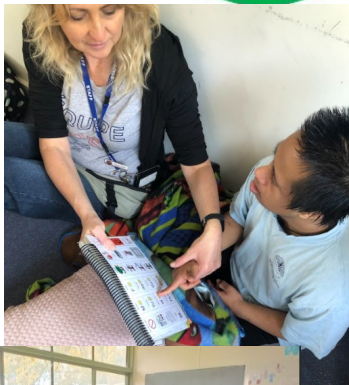
It has been great to see our staff and students practicing using a variety of different types of communication over the past few weeks. It was also great to see parents, careers and family members attend the communication, emotional regulation and mental health workshop.

Sign of the week –

Play



Sarah. R received a communication award at assembly in week 2. Well done Sarah!



I am building ownership of my communication system

This award goes to:

Sarah Rajamanthri

For:

Referencing adults when engaging in activities by making eye contact and using her body language



Talk with me, use my AAC!



Happy Birthday

**John R - 8 October**

**Aydin's 18th - 13 October**



**Daren - 15 October**

**Luca - 17 October**





# Term Dates for 2023

**Term Four:**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Monday 2/10	Staff and students resume
Monday 6/11	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 7/11	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
Friday 15/12	Polyglot Theatre Company
Wednesday 20/12	Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal



## Pupil Free Dates for 2023

<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

# Assistive Tech Expo



Join us for our exciting, fully accessible event showcasing the latest in assistive technology, including:

- Assistive technology partner stands
- Talks by assistive technology experts
- Network with industry leaders
- Light refreshments available



**When** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Time** 3pm – 6pm

**Where** 123 Andersons Creek Road  
Doncaster East

**Cost** FREE!

**RSVP** Reserve your FREE ticket using  
the QR code

Book your  
**FREE** ticket



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### Smile Squad is coming to this school

Dear Coburg Special Development School families,

The Smile Squad team from Merri Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### **How to access free dental care**

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form before Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### **Smile Squad dental packs**

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

### **Standard strength toothpaste**

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Merri Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.



# Information

## Forms Available:

Is your child turning 16? Call Centrelink at least 3 months before to get the paperwork for the Pension. Make sure your child has a TAX file number (from the age of 5 years old).

- Is your child in nappies or pull-ups? Make sure you include it in your NDIS plan.  
⇒ Taxi - Doctor submits it online.
- Forms are available from the office:  
⇒ Companion Card ⇔ We Care ⇔ Disability Parking Permit etc

## Wills/Power of Attorney/Guardianship

- ◇ [Protecting Vulnerable Beneficiaries | Moores](#)
- ◇ [Services Australia](#)
- ◇ [Wills & Power of Attorney Services - State Trustees VIC](#)
- ◇ [Home - Association for Children with Disability \(acd.org.au\)](#)
- ◇ [Guardians and administrators | VCAT](#)

**NDIS** - When your child turns 18 years old, you will need a **Plan Nominee Form** (available from the NDIS office) to speak on your child's behalf.

**Emergency Care Plan:** Each student should have an Emergency Care Plan in case something happens that carers and other family members can refer to. Extra copies available at the office. **Contact: Angelina on 9354 4366.**

## CSDS to join Ritchie's Loyalty Card Program - Help US

### Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our organisation, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%\* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

\*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

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