



Newsletter Coburg Special Developmental School

6th November to 17th November 2023

Principal's Report

Hello Community!

What is with this weather? One day warm, four days cool... and so on! Let's hope we'll start to see some consistent temperatures in the next few weeks.

The Smile Squad has finally arrived at the school and have begun the important work of dental checks and any follow up work with our students.

They have had a slight break at the end of this week, however, will continue into next week.

All of the students participated in the first of four tennis clinic sessions on Tuesday. These sessions are being delivered by Elite Tennis, based in Coburg, who always present a wonderful inclusive experience for our kids. It was fabulous seeing everyone joining in and having a go.

The sessions with Polyglot, in preparation for our end of year celebration experience, BLOOM, are also working nicely in each of the rooms. The students are loving engaging with the Polyglot artists and using a range of different materials and experiences to form the basis of the final show.

Thank you to those community members who completed the google form about our vision and values. There was an overwhelming acceptance of our current values of Building Independence, Building Relationships and Building Communication. Staff and families felt these three values still resonated with our community and the ethos of the school. We also felt that the vision only required a small 'tweak' to highlight COMMUNITY as an important feature of our culture.

Our School Vision

At Coburg SDS, we strive to provide all students with the skills necessary to meet their full potential through our child centred learning approach. Students are empowered to be active members of the school and wider community by building independence, communication and relationships. We foster a strong community whilst working together as a team to provide a positive, safe, engaging and innovative learning environment where student voice, and readiness for life after school, are at the centre of our teaching and learning.

Regards
Warren Tofts

Coburg SDS

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Friday 15th December
Polyglot Theatre Company

Wednesday 20 December
Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal

Tuesday 30 January 2024
Students Start

Principal's Report Cont...

This will now become part of our new Strategic Plan and continue to drive our school improvement over the next four year.

The new school buildings are developing at a cracking pace. These are the works that have been completed since the last newsletter:

Works Complete

▣ North Building

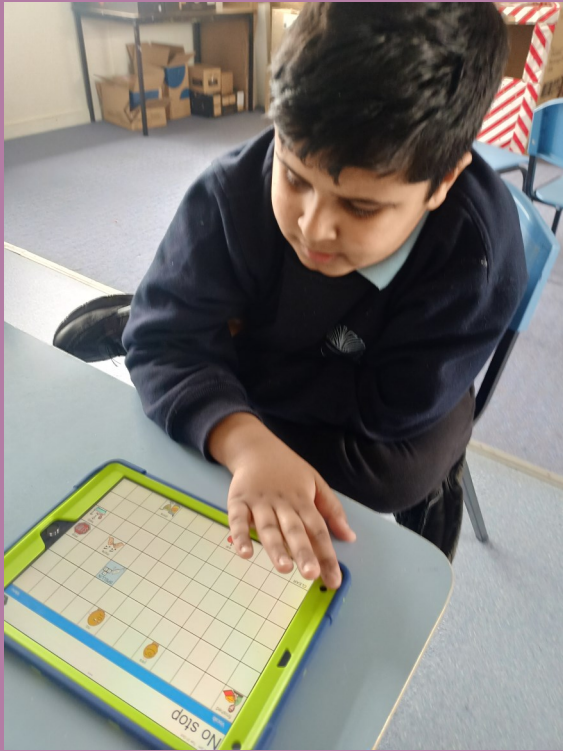
- Screeding and vinyl to Wet areas underway.
- Completed wall framing/soffits around structural steel to balconies.
- Prep for external paving complete.
- Completed storm water/sewer connections.
- Installed main distribution board roughed in mains.
- Final coats to walls completed.

▣ South Building

- Completed sheeting/stopping walls.
- Completed window/door frames ongoing with glazing.



Tutoring on Tuesdays



Students have continued to work on their symbolic communication skills, using their devices and PODDS, exchanging visuals, key word signs and verbalising to accept and reject items. It's been wonderful to see their understanding and accuracy develop.



Music By Efe



At school when we have music Humudeh plays the big trumpet.

Star sings with the microphone.

Daren plays the piano and Efe is the singer.

We are like an orchestra!





Lunch Order Form

Student Name: _____

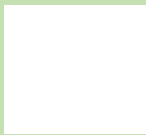
Classroom Teacher: _____ Room No: _____

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

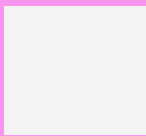


4 x cucumber Sticks, 4 x carrot sticks
Cheese squares, Homemade hummus
Crackers or Flat bread Triangles, (SELECT ONE)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Boiled Egg
Apple, Banana, Orange (SELECT ONE)
Sweet treat

NOW AVAILABLE
Halal sausage rolls and
Egg Free sausage rolls!



LUNCH BOX B:
\$5.00

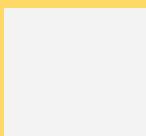


Sausage Roll with tomato sauce OR Spinach and Cheese
Pinwheel (Halal or Egg Free) **(PLEASE SELECT ONE ONLY)**

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



LUNCH BOX D:
\$5.00



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

Happy Birthday

Levi - 11 November

Ezy - 14 November

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Term Dates for 2023

Term Four: 2nd October – 20th December

Friday 15/12 School Performance



Wednesday 20/12 Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal

Monday 29/1 Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 30/1/2024 Student Start Back





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HEALTH CARE SERVICES

24/7
CONSULTATION

WE TAKE CARE OF
YOUR NEEDS

- SUPPORT CO ORDINATION
- ASSIST WITH TRAVEL & TRANSPORT
- ASSIST WITH HOUSEHOLD CHORES
- ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY TASKS / ACTIVITIES



- ACCOMODATION & TENANCY
- PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
- PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
- GROUP CENTRE BASED ACTIVITIES


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Last Chance to book your child

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 10th 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>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our club.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Your Club President
John Smith

