



Newsletter

Coburg Special Developmental School

4th December to 20th December 2023

Principal's Report

Hello Community!

What a busy and exciting term we have just had. I was lucky enough to read all the students' reports, and the growth and development that we have seen in our students is wonderful.

During the term we:

- ♦ Had a school wide inquiry into Healthy and Respectful Relationships
- ♦ Held our annual Book Fair
- ♦ Held moderation meetings in each area of the school to look at student progress
- ♦ Had a very successful graduation ceremony for eight of our students
- ♦ Had an average student absenteeism rate of 15%. Sadly we have not had one day this year when all our students attended school.
- ♦ Had an 81% turn out for our Student Support Group (SSG) meetings where goals were discussed for all our students
- ♦ Had our first Whole School Story Writing Day
- ♦ Sent home semester 2 reports in December
- ♦ Held our annual school community end of year Barbecue
- ♦ Participated in our end of year Arts Festival with Polyglot Theatre Company

Throughout the year we had many students do their work experience in Café Coburg. It has been exciting to see the growth and development of our students as they take on all the roles offered in this experience. The latest skill was learning to use the Eftpos machine. Staff, families and visitors have all enjoyed their visits to Café Coburg. Well done to everyone who works in our café.

2023 has been an exciting year, especially as we have been watching our new school being built. There have been many excursions to the site so our students could watch the progress.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday,

Sally

Coburg SDS

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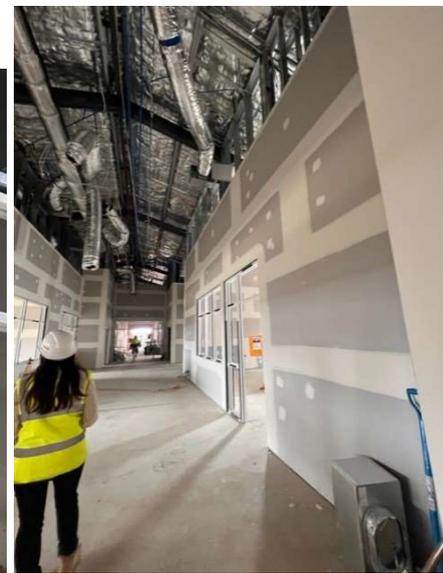
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Tuesday 30 January 2024
Students Start



Physical Education



We are excited to share the thrilling experience our students had during the recent tennis incursion that took place on our school grounds. The tennis incursion proved to be an engaging and enriching experience for our students, providing them with valuable insights into the world of tennis, its techniques, and the importance of physical activity. Under the guidance of skilled tennis instructors, our students honed their tennis skills and developed a deeper appreciation for teamwork, sportsmanship, and overall well-being.



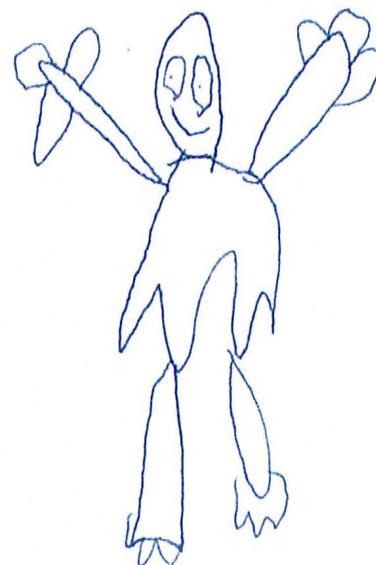
Tutoring by Sue

AMR

My favourite activity to do at school is dancing.

I like to dance at assembly.

I like to draw and write too.



TUTOR GROUP

Hi Everyone

This week we had one of our last tutor sessions for the year. It is sad to see two of the stars of the group Efe and Star leave the group as both of them graduated.

We wish them all the best for the future and I hope that they use some of the reading and writing skills they have practised over the last two years'

In our tutor sessions this week the students talked about what they most enjoyed at school this year. I then asked them to write about it and draw a picture.

STAR

One of the best things about school this year was café.
I go to café on Tuesday and Thursday and help Jen.
I liked writing to Chiyo she picks me up from school.
I liked music I sing with the microphone.
The music I like is Chris Brown, Beyonce and Destiny's Child.



EFE

One of the best things about school this year was graduation.
I got a gold medal award. I had it around my neck all night.
My medal is now hanging in the living room.
Mum and dad and all my sisters were at graduation.
Everyone clapped very hard when I won the medal.
My medal is the very best thing.



DAREN

One of the best things about school this year is café.
I go to Coles with Jen and buy things for the café.
I buy cheese, milk, bread, tomato and eggs.
At school I put them in Jen's fridge.
I like the laptop because I can look at planes.
I love planes



This is me and Jen coming back from Coles. It is raining.

Tutoring by Sue

JOHN R

One of the best things about school is the library.

I like all the books.

My favourite books are Thomas the Tank Engine books.

My favourite story is Thomas and the Christmas tree.

THOMAS



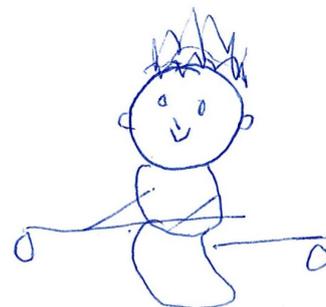
SHAHEER

My favourite school activity is bikes.

I like the blue bike and pink helmet.

I ride around the driveway at playtime.

I like to stop at the fence and look at all the big trucks and buses on the road. I like the big Coles truck.



XANDER

My favourite school activity is bikes.

I have a helmet and I ride around the playground.

I like to draw and cut and paste

My favourite thing to draw is dinosaurs.



JOHN T

One of the best things about school is café.

I wear a uniform a black apron and a hairnet.

I make coffee and help with the money.



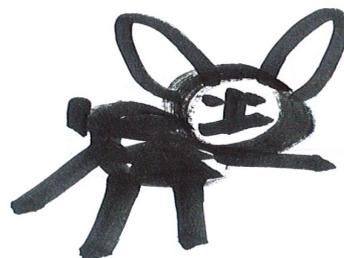
KHUSHI

My favourite school activity this year was making a book about Bella Ella. She is my pet rabbit.

She is white and cute.

Bella Ella lives in a cage.

I like to pat her.



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

Michael - 11 December

Truth - 18 December

Riley - 27 December



Term Dates for 2023

Term Four:

2nd October – 20th December



Wednesday 20/12 Students Finish - 1.00pm dismissal

Monday 29/1 Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 30/1/2024 Student Start Back

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

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



Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.

