STRUCTURES 2014
We have finalised our grade structures for 2014 and are currently dividing students into grades. The structure is as follows:

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Staffing of grades is yet to be finalised as we are interviewing for two new teachers. Rhona Chapman is unfortunately leaving us for the year to further her career in the private system. We wish Rhona well and will certainly miss her around Coburg North. We also require another teacher as our large prep numbers have been confirmed as compared to a small grade 6 group leaving. Staffing should be finalised by the last week ready for a fresh start in 2014. The children will be informed of their grade placement in the final week and spend time with their new grade and teacher if this is possible.

ITALIAN TEACHER 2014
We have appointed an Italian teacher for 2014. Jacqueline Robertson was the successful applicant chosen by the panel. Thank you to Angela Minuzzo from Regional Office and Rikki Bundgaard-Nielson (mum of Loke and Rune) for their valuable contributions to our selection process. It was invaluable to have some expert help on this panel.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
We had our final school council get together last night on the form of a school council dinner to thank our school councillors for their work in 2013. I would like to thank our parent school councillors: Ray Madden, Blair Hocking, Megan Eddie, Jo Harrison, Olympia Tzanoudanis, Darren Beasey, Paul Sutton and Owen West for their support and significant contributions during 2013. I would also like to thank the teacher representatives on school council Kyla Mamic and Alyce Testaz who have put in many hours above and beyond what they are paid for. There are not many jobs where you go back for evening meetings 8 times a year.
The school council has once again had a very productive year and is an important part of our school machine.
School Councils elections for 2014 will be held in February next year.

FARMER'S MARKET
We still need volunteers ideally from grade 5/6 for the market on the 14th December. In particular we need people early in the day (the latter shifts are full). If you are available at any point between 7:30am and 11:30am I would love to hear from you: 0400 197 732 or lizpye@hotmail.co.uk.
BUNNINGS BBQ

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out with the Bunnings BBQ next Saturday the 14th of December. An email will be sent out early next week with more details and to confirm your shift time.

We still require more people to help on the day. Parents, friends, grandparents, aunties and uncles all welcome. Due to food handling requirements children are unable to participate in any way on the day. The following times are still available;

10:00 - 12:00
2:00 - 4:00
4:00 – 6:00

If you are able to help out please see Diana Furness (Hamish grade 2), Kirsty West (Imogen grade prep) or email Kirsty on owest@bigpond.net.au.

If you are not free on the 14th you can still contribute by donating any of the following items; Tomato sauce, BBQ sauce, mustard, serviettes, cans of soft drink (no cola or water, we already have heaps). Please contact Diana or Kirsty to let us know what you would like to donate.

READING PARTY

Miss Testaz and I were lucky enough to attend a Reading Recovery Graduation Party last Monday. Donning our sunhats after school on Monday we headed towards Harmony Park. We had been invited by Bianca Luminato who had graduated from the program earlier in the year Bianca had invited some other children who had been on the program and a student who had been her role model. Cup cakes, watermelon and icy-poles were enjoyed by all. There was also a group reading of the book Bianca had been awarded when she graduated. It was the best reading party I have ever been to.
The 2013 Swimming Program was very well attended and it was great to see so many improvements in the students’ skills and confidence throughout the program. The two week program offered by Elite was again very well organised and the students adjusted to the routine quickly. I would like to thank all the teaching and ES staff who attended the program as well as the staff who remained at school. Thank-you also to the following parents who assisted with walking and dressing, your help was greatly appreciated. They were: Annabelle (Fionn & Piper), Ben (Veronica), Con (Jordan), Tariq (Haaris & Yayha), Kerrie (Jessie), Katherine (Tilda), Susan (Noah), Simone (Ruby.N), Marco (Emilio), Karen (Rose), Mitzi (Romany) and Patricia (Juliet).

A very special thank-you to Debb and Stephanie, in the office, for all their hard work in collecting money, collating, keeping check of all medical forms and class numbers and all the other administration tasks involved. Finally, thank you to everyone for being understanding and cooperative during the two week swimming timetable. I also believe it would be extremely beneficial for your child to continue developing their water safety and swimming skills throughout summer.

If you would like an explanation for Elite’s swimming levels please pick up a copy from the school office.

Thanks again,

Lyn Evans

Cancer Awareness Week at Coburg North P.S

Coburg North P.S Cancer Awareness Week provides an opportunity for us all to focus on cancer and its impact on those affected by the disease in our community.

Handmade cancer ribbons that represent various types of cancer will be available to purchase at the Junior School council stall at the front of the office at 8:45am Monday to Friday. Ribbons will be sold for $1 dollar.

All funds raised will be donated to the Peter Mac Cancer Foundation.

“Australia’s only public hospital solely dedicated to cancer treatment, research and education.

At Peter Mac we treat more cancer patients each year than any other hospital in Australia and our highly skilled medical, nursing and allied health team is backed by the largest cancer research group in the country.” -Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

So bring your gold coin donation and get colourful, while supporting a good cause.
OSHP

The prep transition is in full swing with many enquiries about care for next year. Could parents of existing children using the program please indicate whether care will be required for next year. We have to look at our staff ratio.

ALL fees must be paid in full by December 18th. Thank you

COBURG JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

It is pleasing to report that the Master Planning for Coburg Junior is progressing well. We are on target to have building design and curriculum development in sufficient shape to share at the next CJHS Tour ~ which will be on Tuesday December 10 at 6pm.

The evening will commence at 6pm with a free BBQ outside our cafe (Bytes Cafâ©). Sausages, (we only ever use halal meat,) veggie burgers and salad will be provided. Bytes Cafâ© will be selling coffee and other drinks during this time. This event will run for approximately 90 mins during which time we will be sharing information on curriculum and organisational elements, facilities development and invite discussion around elements such as uniform, language, technology and sustainability.

Please register your attendance at: Coburg Junior HS Tour

RESPONSIBLE STUDENT AWARD

Week Ending: 29/11/13

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PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 25 Coburg North Students who will be receiving their PRC Certificates of Achievement next week.

They are Ela Adiguzel-Bekir, Eva Chopin, Daisy Copping, Polly Darrington, Jonah Day, Logan Dimsey, Hamish furness, Emma Giles, Emma Hodzic, Oliver Leslie-Collyer, Aliyah McIntosh, Daniel McIntosh, Ruby Negrin, Liam Pompeani, Jude Roberts, Liam Roberts, Juliet Ryan-Seignior, Sophie Ryan-Seignior, Ella Sinclair, Jasmine Spence, Kai Spence, Claudio Todaro, Nikoletta Vokolos, Aimee Wee and Jordan Zelante.

They should all be proud of the great job they have done.

Let’s see if we can beat this number next year.
COBURG NORTH PRIMARY PRESCHOOL STORY TIME 2013

Every Thursday morning from 9:00am until 10:00am in the Community Room. Come along and join in with stories, music, dance, play and craft activities. Meet other parents and children in your local area. This session is free and is run by our prep teacher.

**THE FINAL DAY OF STORYTIME FOR 2013 WILL BE THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

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| 13       | G 3-6 Transition / Sports Day John Fawkner SC  
           | G 2 Tennis Centre Excursion |
| 14       | Coburg North Farmer’s Market – Grade 5/6A  
           | Bunnings BBQ  |
| 18       | Grade 6 Graduation  |
| 20       | Last day of term 4 1:30 dismissal  |
| 22 SUNDAY| EXTRA COBURG FARMERS MARKET |
Carols Night at Coburg North Primary
On the Junior School Deck
Wednesday 11th December

Come and join us for this end of year celebration.
Bring a picnic tea, folding chairs or a rug.

❖ 5:30 - The grounds are open for families to bring and eat their picnic tea
❖ 6:45 - Students meet teachers in their classrooms and then are seated ready for the show (children must have eaten)
❖ 7:00 - Concert starts and goes for one hour. Students must stay with their teacher and grade for this hour.
❖ Children are to wear casual clothes with a bit of Christmas.
COME & TRY
SOCCER DAY
DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB

Sunday December 15th
Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston
10am-11.30am

Darebin Falcons will run programs for girls aged 4 to Under 14's in the 2014 season.

Get active, make friends, have fun....try soccer!

New Under 14s team in 2014
falcons.org.au

For more information contact
soccer@falcons.org.au