



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As Term 3 begins, we warmly welcome back Mr Dean after taking leave. We were very fortunate to have Mrs Miller working with our Grade 3 & 4 class in his absence. Kerry's warm, kind and caring nature made her an instant favourite amongst the students. It was wonderful having Mrs Miller back working with us. We sincerely thank Kerry for her dedication and commitment to running the classroom so smoothly.



Term 3 looks like being another busy term for all. Miss Terry and Trish have lots of wonderful activities organised for Thursday's 100 days of learning for the Grade Prep/ 1 class. As you can see from the list below there are many activities organised for the term. Events like these do not happen automatically and so I would like to thank the teachers for all the time and efforts they have put in over the holiday break to make these things possible.

August

12-14th Billabong Ranch Camp, Echuca
13th Western Bulldogs football clinic
17th Moorabool Kid's Day out - Shire Hall
27th Book Parade

28th Summer Sports Years 4/5/6
31st Ecolinc - Girls in STEM program

September

2nd Father's day stall
2nd Father's Day BBQ breakfast
8th School Council meeting 7:00pm

Curriculum Day

A pupil free day has been arranged for Monday the 3rd of August. Staff will be revising our school's maths program and assessment schedule on this day.



Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Parents and Friends will be running the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday the 2nd August. This is a major fundraising event for our school as the money raised is from people outside our school community and therefore is not taxing on our hip pocket.

To make the day run smoothly we need a minimum of 16 people. A google survey will be sent out today requesting volunteers. Please volunteer helping so that the event is a successful day.

Tasks that need completing on are:

- collecting, organising and packing all the equipment needed in the days leading up to Sunday's BBQ.
- Packing the equipment in cars on Friday afternoon.
- Collecting the shopping from Foodworks at 7:30am. A ute or large wagon is needed to collect the bread trays.
- Setting up the BBQ from 8:00am.
- Serving customers
- Manning the BBQ to cook the sausages and onions
- cleaning up / packing up
- returning all equipment to school, cleaning the equipment and putting it all away before the school commences on Monday.

WHY COMING TO SCHOOL EACH DAY MATTERS

When students come to school regularly, they have more opportunities to make friends and build positive relationships with their teachers. These connections are important for developing confidence, social skills, and a sense of belonging. When children feel included and supported, they are more likely to enjoy learning and take part in class activities. Missing school often can make it harder for students to stay connected. They may miss important learning as well as chances to play, collaborate, and build friendships. Over time, this can lead to feeling left out or less confident, which can impact both learning and wellbeing. Attending school regularly also supports academic progress. Students who are at school each day can keep up with lessons, practise new skills, and build their understanding step by step. This helps set them up for success both now and in the future. At our school, we believe that every day counts. Regular attendance helps children feel connected, confident, and ready to learn.

WHY COMING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY MATTERS!

Being at school each day is about much more than just being present. It helps children learn, grow, and feel part of their school community. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or staff at the office. We are here to help.

Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Families are reminded that our school policy states that formal school supervision begins each day at 8:45am and concludes at 3:45pm. Before and after these times, teachers plan and prepare learning programs and meet together to discuss school matters. Please respect this as important time for teachers in their professional practice; and ensure that you drop off your child/children between 8:45-9:00am each morning and collect them before 3:45pm. Students may arrive after 8:30am if prearranged with the principal. All students on site at school between 8:30 and 8:45am must remain in the sand pit area and not play in the wider school yard.

On Breakfast Club days (Wednesday) students can be dropped off from 8:30am.

Grade 2 & 3 camp to Billiabong Ranch, Echuca

The Grade 2 and 3 camp is fast approaching, and final preparations are now underway. Packing lists and medical forms will be sent home today.

Please note that both medical forms must be completed and returned, even if your child does not take any medication.

The treatment consent form is required so that staff can provide appropriate care in the event of an emergency or if a minor medical issue arises during camp, such as the need for paracetamol.

I ask that all families return the permission and medical forms as soon as possible so that final planning and arrangements can be completed.

Families are welcome to begin making payments for the camp in weekly or fortnightly instalments if this better suits their circumstances.

Meet Pip

Pip is Trish's 1 year old Kelpie. Pip is currently being trained to become our new wellbeing dog. As part of her training Pip has had visits to school so that she can become familiar with the classrooms and school grounds. In the coming weeks Trish will slowly introduce Pip to the school community.



Important dates

July

- 13th Term 3 commences
- 15th SSG meetings for Gr 4/5/6 students
- 16th 100 days of school for Gr Prep/1 class
- 21st School Council meeting 7:00pm
- 22nd SSG meetings for Grade Prep/1 students
- 29th SSG meetings for Gr Gr ¾ students

August

- Sunday 2nd - Bunnings BBQ
- 3rd Curriculum Day - Pupil free day
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- 8th School Council meeting 7:00pm
- 18th School dismissed 2:30 for Term 3 holidays

October

- 5th Term 3 begins
- 19th - 21st Melbourne Camp
- 27th School Council meeting 7:00pm
- 28th School Photo Day

November

- 11th Remembrance Day
- 13th Pony Poo BBQ

December

- 3rd- 4th Gr Prep - 1 camp
- 8th School Council meeting 7:00pm
- 15th School Concert - Shire Hall
- 17th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- 18th Last day of the school year



Principal's Awards

Arthur - For the wonderful efforts he put into his "Lorax" cause and effect poster.

Benji - For putting a great effort into his swimming lessons.

Jackson T - For creating a great information booklet about stick insects.

Orla - For showing respect towards her swimming teacher.

Noah - For showing growth in his PAT Maths testing.

Blake - For achieving excellent results in her PAT Maths testing.

Arya - for being an excellent role model for her classmates to aspire to.

Ellie - For being a 'quick' maths star!

Memphis - For his focus and effort in completing his 'Door' narrative.

Hollie - for the positive change in her focus and attitude towards her learning.



READING NIGHTS AWARD

25 Nights Reading

Hollie, Vida

50 Nights Reading

Leo

75 Nights Reading

Bailey, Ben T

100 Nights Reading

Jack K

125 Nights Reading

150 Nights Reading

Iris, Genevieve, Mark

175 Nights Reading

Juliet

Lucy, Eden B, Watton
Evie, Ava, Harper, Jackson G

***From all at Coimadaí, we hope
you have a special day
celebrating with famil and
friends.***



🐾 Preparing for Our Next Wellbeing Dog 🐾

I am excited to share that we are beginning the preparation process for welcoming our next wellbeing dog into our school community through the Dogs Connect program.

As part of this process, it is important that we continue to practise and follow our wellbeing dog expectations. These expectations help ensure our school remains a safe, calm and positive environment for both students and our future wellbeing dog. Over the coming weeks, classes will revisit these expectations and continue building their understanding of how we respectfully interact with a wellbeing dog at school.

I would also like to introduce our Dogs Connect Core Group, who will support and guide this journey:

- Moira Ross
- Trish Beardsley
- Anne Ewings
- Renae Williamson
- Adam Dean
- Kymm Madden

If families have any questions regarding the Dogs Connect program, please contact myself or Trish Beardsley.

We look forward to sharing more updates with our school community as we continue this exciting journey. 🐾



Essential Learnings

Do

Don't

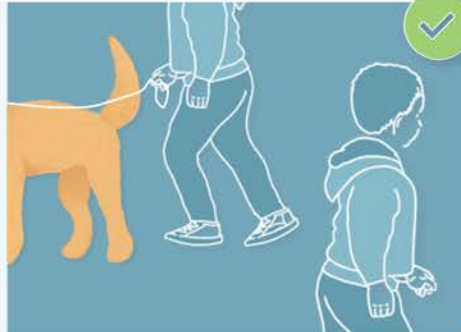
The 3 Expectations

Remember to:

Say hello to the person, not the dog!

Give lots of space when we pass the dog!

Keep moving! (Don't stand and stare at the dog)



Personal / Safe Spaces

Dogs need to have a 'safe' place to relax. We need to leave them alone when they are on their bed/mat or in their crate and give them space when they are walking.

Make sure that your dog can exit a situation and isn't surrounded.



Awareness - Reading Your Dog's Body Language

We need to be aware of what our dog is trying to tell us. Is Jack rolling over because he feels happy and wants a pat OR is Jack being surrounded and trying to tell us he doesn't feel comfortable and rolling over being submissive? Keep being aware and always attempt to understand what your dog is trying to tell us with their body language!



How To Safely Wake Your Wellbeing Dog

If we need to wake a sleeping dog, always get their attention gently from a distance (by saying their name or tapping on the ground gently) before asking them to come to you when they are awake.



How To Correctly Approach Your Wellbeing Dog

We should always approach our dog calmly from the front where they can see us and then call them to us to interact. If they move away, they don't want to play!





DOGS CONNECT
RESTORING BALANCE



🌸 Meet Pip – Our New Coimadai Primary School Wellbeing Dog! 🌸

Woof! My name is Pip! 🐾

I am a **14-month-old Kelpie**, and I'm so excited to be joining the **Coimadai Primary School** community through the **Dogs Connect** program. I've been part of **Trish's family** since I was just **9 weeks old**, and I've spent lots of time learning how to be calm, friendly and ready for my important wellbeing role.

☀️ A Few Fun Facts About Me

🐾 **Breed:** Kelpie

🎂 **Age:** 14 months

🚗 **Favourite adventure:** Going for drives with my family.

👋 **I love:** Meeting new people and making new friends.

🔗 **Favourite game:** Fetch! I could chase a ball all day.

🏃 **Best buddy:** My big brother, Ned. We love playing chasey together.

🛋️ **Favourite place to relax:** Snuggled up on the couch for cuddles.

🏠 **Special visit:** I had so much fun visiting Coimadai Primary School during the holidays and meeting some of the Wellbeing Dog Core Group!

I can't wait to get to know everyone at Coimadai Primary School. I'll be learning alongside you, helping students feel calm, confident and supported, and sharing lots of smiles (and maybe a few waggy tails too!).

Remember, I'm still learning, so please help me by following our **Wellbeing Dog Expectations** whenever we're together.

I can't wait to meet you all!

Love,
🐾 Pip

Can't wait to meet everyone!

