



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Parents & Friends – Bunnings BBQ Volunteers Needed

Our Parents & Friends Committee does an amazing job raising funds to support our students and school. Thanks to their hard work this year, the money raised has:

- Covered the transportation costs for our swimming program, allowing all students to participate free of charge.
- Purchased 10 new laptops to add to our school's computer bank, providing additional technology for student learning.

Our next major fundraising event is the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday, 2 August. This is one of our most successful fundraisers because it raises money from the wider community, helping to support our school without placing additional financial pressure on our families.

To make the day a success, we need at least 16 volunteers. A Google Form will be sent home today seeking volunteers. Whether you can help for a short time or a longer shift, your support would be greatly appreciated.

There are a variety of tasks available, including:

- Collecting, organising and packing equipment in the days leading up to the BBQ.
- Loading equipment into vehicles on Friday afternoon.
- Collecting supplies from FoodWorks at 7:30 am (a ute or large wagon is required to transport the bread trays).
- Setting up the BBQ from 8:00 am.
- Serving customers.
- Cooking sausages and onions on the BBQ.
- Packing up and cleaning the site at the end of the day.
- Returning equipment to school, cleaning it and packing everything away before school resumes on Monday.



If you are able to lend a hand, even for a small part of the day, it will make a significant difference. Events like this are only possible because of the generosity of our volunteers, and every hour contributed helps raise valuable funds that directly benefit our students.

Thank you for supporting our Parents & Friends Committee and helping make this event another great success.

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.

Industrial Action

The Australian Education Union has called on its members to take strike action on Thursday 23 July 2026.

Based upon the information provided to me, many of our teaching staff will be taking part in the strike action. As a consequence:

- Students are not required to attend on this day.

If this will cause you difficulties, in particular if you are a critical services worker, please get in touch as soon as possible. Students who need to attend on this day will have a modified program. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Moir Ross

Medical Authorisation Forms

The Department of Education has released new Medical Authorisation Forms.

If your child is required to take medication at school, a new form must be completed. This applies to all medications administered at school, including those taken on a regular basis as well as medication prescribed for short-term use, such as antibiotics.

New Medical Authorisation Forms will be sent home to families whose children currently have medication administered at school. We ask that these forms are completed and returned to the school as soon as possible to ensure we can continue to safely support your child's medical needs. Examples of the new medical forms can be found included in this newsletter.

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.

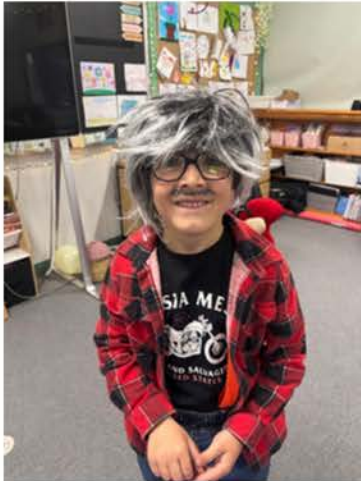
The treatment consent form is required so that staff can provide appropriate care in the event of an emergency or if a minor medical issue arises during camp, such as the need for paracetamol.

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.

100 days of school

Am I seeing double of Mrs E. and Sue?
Who were the tall students in the Library?
Lots of fun was had by all on Thursday!



Important dates

July

21st School Council meeting 7:00pm
22nd SSG meetings for Grade Prep/1 students
29th

August

Sunday 2nd - Bunnings BBQ
3rd Curriculum Day - Pupil free day
11th SSG meetings for Gr Gr ¾ students
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
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

Arya - For responsibly managing her medication every day.

Kaylee - For doing her best to focus during our novel study.

Mark - For showing great resilience after receiving an injury in the play ground.

Noah - For his 'can do' attitude in Maths this week.

Lucy - for her insightful questions during Kitchen/Garden program.

Hollie - For her positive attitude towards her learning.

Rivenlea - For making a fantastic start to the term by following expectations.

Henry - For settling back into school routines with a positive start.





READING NIGHTS AWARD

25 Nights Reading

Rhyder, Kyden and Danny

50 Nights Reading

Robert

75 Nights Reading

Ivy, Billie Mc

Olympiada, Bodie

100 Nights Reading

Hope, Isabella

125 Nights Reading

Billee C, Eden, Lincoln D,
Oakley

150 Nights Reading

Amelia, Kyden, Pippa,
Benji

175 Nights Reading

Mark

200 Nights Reading

Juliet, Hayley

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





Medication Authority Form

Student name:		Student date of birth:	
Name of medication:			
What is this medication for?			
Start date:		End date:	
How much to give (dose)?	When to give (time)?	How is it given (route)?	Supervision instructions
[Example: no. of tablets; sachets; mL liquid]	[Example: recess; lunch; midday; as-needed if X]	[Example: by mouth; left/right ear; injection]	☐ Staff will give to student ☐ Staff will watch and help student ☐ Staff will remind student ☐ Student approved to self-administer
How to give medication?		[Example: mix in mL water; more supervision instructions; student is learning to ...]	
How to store medication?		[Example: in fridge; student approved by principal/delegate to carry their own in bag ...]	
Type of medication?	☐ Prescribed	☐ Controlled	☐ Over-the-counter
Name of medication:			
What is this medication for?			
Start date:		End date:	
How much to give (dose)?	When to give (time)?	How is it given (route)?	Supervision instructions
			☐ Staff will give to student ☐ Staff will watch and help student ☐ Staff will remind student ☐ Student approved to self-administer
How to give medication?			
How to store medication?			
Type of medication?	☐ Prescribed	☐ Controlled	☐ Over-the-counter
Who collects unused meds? [Example: name of person who will collect from school staff each term ...]			
Authority to give medication at school (parent/carer to tick)			
☐ I consent for this medication to be given to the student during school or school-related activities, as per the instructions above.			
☐ I authorise the school to contact the pharmacist or prescriber on the pharmacy label or this form to check how to safely give this medicine.			
☐ I confirm that my child has had this medicine before. This is not the first time my child has taken this medicine.			
☐ I understand that we collect personal and health information to plan for and support the health care needs of our students which will be handled in accordance with the Privacy notice in this form.			
REQUIRED – Parent/carer name:		Parent/carer signature:	Contact number:
			Date signed:

Medication Authority Form – Parent/Carers

This form is not needed for anaphylaxis, asthma or emergency epilepsy medicine. Please give school a copy of your child's action or management plan.

This form is needed for all other medicine, including medicine:

- that does not need a prescription (over-the-counter), like paracetamol, ibuprofen or hay fever medicine
- given only when your child needs it.

This form makes sure staff know:

- why a medicine is needed
- the right way to give it
- how to give back unused medicine to you.

When you fill in this form, you give written consent for school staff to:

- give a medicine to your child
- call you if there are any questions about giving medicine
- call the pharmacist or doctor if there are any questions about giving medicine
- hold this health information to help your child, following law and the department's Privacy policy
- if appropriate, allow your child to carry and take their own medication.

If you can, give your child medicine **OUTSIDE** school hours. For example, medicine needed 3 times a day can be given before school, after school, and before bed.

For ALL medicine, please check:

- ☐ your child has taken this medicine before
- ☐ medicine(s) is in original package or box – speak with your pharmacist or doctor if you need other options
- ☐ medicine(s) is clearly labelled with your child's name and date of birth, like a pharmacy label
- ☐ medicine(s) is not out of date

For prescription medicine, the school needs to know that it is approved by a doctor, nurse practitioner or other health professional who can prescribe medicine. You must provide one of the following:

- ☐ pharmacy label on package or box, **OR**
- ☐ pharmacy label checked and photocopied by school staff, **OR**
- ☐ doctor, nurse practitioner or other health professional has signed form, **OR**
- ☐ a letter, action or management plan signed by a health professional.

If a child lives between separate homes, it is the parent or carers' responsibility to make sure there is medicine at home. These arrangements must be made **OUTSIDE** of school.

If the student wants to independently carry and take their own medicine at school, they must have Principal approval. Please contact Moira Ross.

Students cannot carry or take their own controlled medication, or any benzodiazepine, without staff supervision.

- A controlled medication is labelled "CONTROLLED DRUG" on the package or box.
- You can check with your pharmacist or call 1300 MEDICINE (1300 633 424, Monday to Friday 9 AM to 5 PM).

If you have questions or need help with this form, speak with our school on 53672097.

Privacy notice

The form will be collecting the information about your child's medication and how and when it should be taken. All this information will be used to ensure that your child is given medication correctly. If not all the information is provided on the form, it may affect our ability to provide medication to your child.

Information provided in the form will be stored securely in the department's systems, with access restricted to those providing your child with medication, those that need access as outlined in this form, staff that need to provide required technical system assistance to access the information and also any staff that need to know in accordance with the department's privacy policy.

All information will be handled in accordance with the Privacy notice provided in this form and Victorian privacy laws and the department's policies regarding privacy and records.

For further information on this Notice, or to request access and correction of personal information, please email coimada.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Essential Learnings

Do

Don't

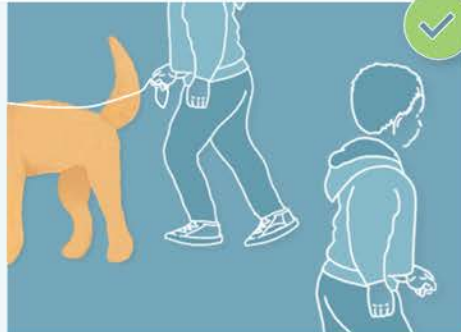
The 3 Expectations

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!

