

# The Communicator

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## Principal's Message

### Principal for the day

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, I had the pleasure of having Cayleb and Rhiannon join me in their role as Principal for the day. We had a very busy day beginning with an assembly where the two Principals gave a fantastic speech and delighted the students and staff by cancelling Learning @ Home for the week, this was Cayleb's highlight of the day. After a



few meetings and a school tour the two Principals put on a morning tea of cupcakes and muffins for the whole staff which was Rhiannon's favourite part of the day. After lunch Rhiannon and Cayleb went and read with the Preps and reflected on their day. Thank you to their parents Rohan and Caroline for bidding on this as part of the fundraising efforts during carnival.

### Working Bee

We will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of May from 8am-11am. Working bees are a great way to make new connections within our wonderful school community while helping to improve the school for the benefit of all children. More information will be sent home during week 1 of Term 2.



### THANK YOU

It has been an amazing first term as Principal. I would like to thank all of the students for giving their personal best, the parents for working in partnership with the school for the benefit of all students and the teachers and support staff for working in a collaborative and collegial manner to ensure that we are improving outcomes for all students. I hope that everyone has a happy and safe holidays, I am looking forward to spending some time with my children Harvey and Zoe and giving my wife some well deserved child free time.

**Michael Jones - Principal**

## Coatesville PS Mission Statement

To nurture the educational journey of all within the school community, so that we "aspire higher", through an engaging and relevant inquiry based curriculum that empowers us to be internationally minded, life long learners.

## Whole School Values

Respect Achievement  
Harmony Cooperation  
Responsibility

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**LAST DAY OF  
SCHOOL**

**2:30pm FINISH**



This week we are focusing on the BUILDING COMMUNITIES initiative. Under this initiative, schools build relationships within their broader communities by partnering with organisations in the community sector to make fuller use of existing community resources and capabilities, and to increase the efficacy of services delivered 'inside the school gate'.

At Coatesville Primary School in 2017 we are Building Communities in the following ways:

- Partnering with local sporting organisations such as Auskick and McKinnon Basketball association to help develop healthy and active students
- Collaborating with schools who are leaders in the implementation of Positive Education so that we can apply a best practice model at Coatesville
- Working closely with neighbouring kindergartens to ensure the transition to school is a smooth one
- Developing strong ties to feeder secondary schools to set up our Grade 6 students for success
- Working with the Glen Eira Council Youth Services division to access programs to support student needs and facilitate access to Council services.

**Michael Jones - Principal**

## Assistant Principal Report



### A message about Child Safe Standards

On 26 November 2015, the Victorian Parliament passed the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Bill 2015 to introduce seven child safe standards (the Standards) into law. The Standards apply to all organisations involved in child-related work in Victoria.

The introduction of child safe standards form part of the Victorian Government's response to the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community.

The seven standards strengthen existing approaches to preventing and responding to child abuse, and provide for consistency in how these issues are managed in schools. They promote a culture where protecting children from abuse is part of everyday thinking and practice in organisations. In meeting the standards, schools must be inclusive of the needs of all children, particularly children who are vulnerable due to Indigenous, cultural, or linguistic background.

### March

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Book Fair

31<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term 1  
2.30pm finish

### April

17<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday  
**NO SCHOOL**

18<sup>th</sup> Term 2 begins

20<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 excursion –  
Ginger Bread  
Factory

25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day  
**NO SCHOOL**

26<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 excursion –  
Edendale Farm

### May

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Camp

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Camp

11<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 excursion –  
Melbourne City

16<sup>th</sup> District Cross Country

20<sup>th</sup> Prep Open Morning

At Coatesville P S we are committed to the physical, social and emotional safety of every student. We are dedicated to child safety, participation and empowerment of all students. The school has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

All allegations and safety concerns are treated very seriously and consistently with the schools and DET policies and procedures aligned with the seven Child Safe Standards.

In this edition of the Communicator, I will outline how we have used the framework from Ministerial Order No.870 (under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006) to comply with the first three Child Safe Standards.

***Child Safe Standard 1 - strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements***

Coatesville Primary School is committed to providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment for all students. Student achievement, engagement, inclusion and wellbeing are at the forefront of our learning opportunities for all students. A culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, in any measures to protect them, is embedded in our school and is part of every member of staff's responsibility and practice.

At Coatesville Primary School, as part of my role as Assistant Principal-Student Wellbeing, I liaise with Michael Jones, the Principal and school leaders to maintain the visibility of child safety, including keeping staff, parents and the community updated and informed about the Child Safe Standards.

***Child Safe Standard 2 - requires schools to develop and publicly communicate a Statement of Commitment to child safety or a school Child Safe policy.***

Everyone in society has a moral responsibility to keep children safe and to protect them from harm. A Statement of Commitment to child safety helps raise awareness about the importance of child safety in the school and the community and affirms Coatesville Primary School's commitment to child safety. The Child Safe policy is an overarching document that provides key elements of Coatesville Primary School's approach for child safe environments.

Coatesville Primary School has a *Child Safety Policy*, which was ratified by School Council and is now available is available on the school's website. <http://www.coatesps.vic.edu.au/index.php/parents-info/policies-html/83-child-safe>

***Child Safe Standard 3 - Developing a child safety Code of Conduct***

This Code of Conduct sets out our behavioural expectations of all members in this school community, including the Principal, all school staff, parents, students and visitors. It respects the diversity of individuals in our school community and addresses the shared responsibilities of all members in building a safe and respectful school community.

As all contractors, volunteers and any other members of the school community involved in activities involving our students, enter or leave our school their details are recorded digitally in the school's reception area. Everyone who enters our school is required to read the Code of Conduct, using their signature to acknowledge compliance and understanding.

Coatesville PS has a *Code of Conduct Policy*, which has been ratified by the School Council, is available on the school's website. <http://www.coatesps.vic.edu.au/index.php/parents-info/policies-html/85-child-safety-code-of-conduct>

**Marg Kennedy - Assistant Principal**

## **ICAS**

We would like to clarify the school's position on ICAS testing, due to a misleading standardised letter that has been in the communicator.

At Coatesville PS, we offer ICAS to our families in Grade 3 – 6 for two main reasons:

- Parents like to provide extra opportunities for their children to sit external exams in exam conditions; and
- For parents to use as an extra piece of data evidence when applying for Year 7 scholarships.

We have a thorough assessment schedule that combines standardised testing such as NAPLAN and PAT testing with rich formative and summative assessment tasks that incorporate teacher, peer and self-assessment. This assessment data for the purposes of reporting and more importantly, to understand student needs and next steps in learning.

The School does not use ICAS data to inform our teaching and learning, we do not record this data. Unfortunately the letter supplied by ICAS which is prepopulated by the University of NSW and has been published in our previous school Communicators, is misleading and we apologise for this. ICAS is an extra-curricular activity for those students whose parents want them to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please come and speak to me.

**Kirsty Page - Assistant Principal**

## Parent Classroom Friends

A message from Suzie Taylor-Watts - PCF Convener:

Last week I shared this email among the PCF's, and felt it necessary to share with the wider school community.

Thank you PCF's for the extremely hard work you have put into the beginning of our year, trust me it doesn't usually start this busy, nothing like jumping straight in! Most classes are now up and running with communication flowing beautifully between class PCF's and the parents of your classes, events are also booked for first class catch ups which is great to see.

Facebook groups have been formed as a means of communication between PCF's and the class, in today's tech world it seems the norm to communicate over social media. Whilst the school has no control over what we as parents do over social media for our own children, I feel I need to make you aware of some issues which may arise in using this format in the open forum.

Through social media, pictures of our children are shared and with all good intention, however we need to take into account any children who may be a part of a combined family/ custody/ protection order.

To safeguard our children during school hours, teaching staff are aware of the children who are not to be photographed, this however cannot be monitored over social media.

Whilst our school doesn't condone the use of applications such as Facebook, it cannot be seen to support it either.

Posting any pictures of our children especially in their school uniform in a shared format or page is to be used with caution. Sharing pictures of your child with another child, out of social responsibility, please ask their approval.

## Canteen - Week of 17/4/17 – Term 2

<b>Monday –</b>	Easter Monday
<b>Tuesday –</b>	Wendy Dainty
<b>Wednesday –</b>	Emma D'Agostino / Natalie Le Clerc
<b>Thursday –</b>	Nadia Kyriotis
<b>Friday –</b>	Anna Yaffe / Jackie Blake / Angela Waite

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### Information Evening

Wednesday 19th April, 2017  
7:30pm  
in the Learning Centre

### Applications close

Friday 5th May, 2017

### Selection Test

Saturday 13th May, 2017  
9:00am – 12:00pm in the  
Learning Centre. Cost \$60.00

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## 2017 COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

### Thursday May 4th

### Commencing 7:00pm

Held in the Performing Arts Centre

For further information about our Open Night or to organise a personal tour of the college, conducted by a member of our Leadership Team, please contact the General Office on 9579 1044 or visit our website — [www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au)

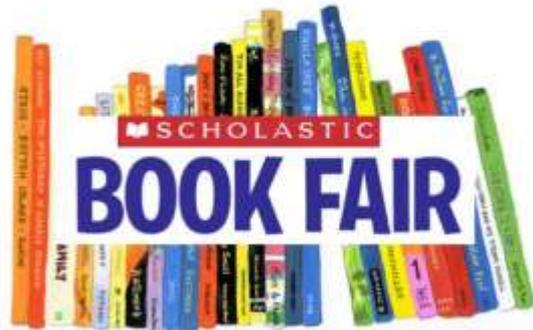
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This term's Book Fair theme is *Australia! Find your story at the Book Fair!*

Students will have access to a range of amazing books that they are able to choose on their own encouraging them to read more and build their reading skills. Reading is vital to every child's success. Classes will have the opportunity to attend Book Fair during their normal scheduled class time.

**Book Fair Previews & Orders** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Sales & Orders** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Book Fair Opening Times:**

Monday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 4:00pm

Tuesday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 4:00pm

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 5:00pm (Late Night Shopping)

Thursday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 4:00pm

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- Investigating powered machines with the motor
- Using plastic sheets for calibration and capturing wind
- Exploring gearing mechanisms with the assorted gear wheels

The 11-week course will begin in term 2, on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, lunchtimes, at a cost of \$165 per student. The course will be held at Coatesville Primary.

For more information please contact

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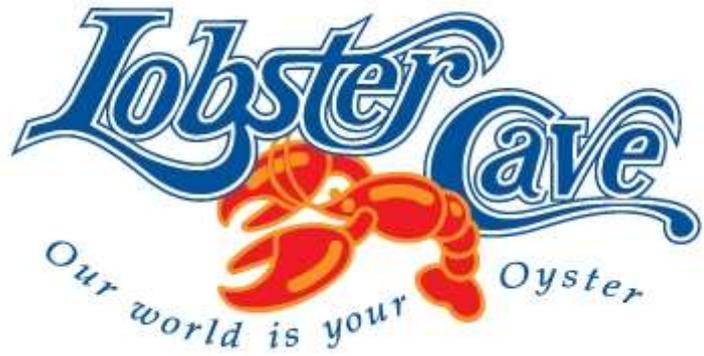
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### **INFORMATION EVENING**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**  
**7:00pm in School Assembly Hall**

### **TOUR DATES**

<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:15am – 10:15am</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:15am – 10:15am</b>