



## Diary Dates—2023

### DECEMBER

- 19 Movie & Casual Clothes Day (Preps—Grade 5)
- 20 Final Assembly 12.15pm  
Last Day of Term 4  
(1.00pm finish)

### JANUARY 2024

- 29 Curriculum Day (pupil free day)
- 30 Curriculum Day (pupil free day)
- 31 Term 1 Commences

# The Communicator

## Principal's Report

### 2023 Wrapped

2023 has been a busy and rewarding journey for our primary school community. Our collective efforts have fostered a positive and nurturing environment, contributing to the holistic development of our students. This has been the most 'normal' year we have had for some time, due to the uncertainty and complexities of the COVID years. One of the key attributes of 2023 has been the 'everything everywhere all at once' cut and thrust of the year as we have all launched back into life at full pace. This rapid pace was equally exciting as it was exhausting and we really noticed the deteriorating emotional stamina of the students and parents alike, as each term progressed. This played out in many different ways, however, as a school we were well equipped to deal with any situations that arose due to several key factors:

- High quality staff that are dedicated to ensuring that the needs of the students are at the centre of each and every decision that is made.
- A strong leadership team that work collaboratively to meet the needs of the whole community whilst driving schoolwide improvement in line with our AIP and SSP.
- An excellent administrative team that meet and greet visitors with a smile and genuine care, whilst managing the chaotic and unpredictable environment of working in school office.
- A very well-run school that plans, predicts and prepares for different situations and accounts for different outcomes and pathways to cater for the diverse needs of parents and students alike.
- A highly supportive and progressive School Council that ensures that the governance and regulatory requirements are met and exceeded, yet also provide a high level of quality consultation that leads to outcomes that meet the needs of families.

As we continue to improve our academic achievements whilst continuing to focus on the wellbeing of the students and their families we persist in delivering the school mission:

*To nurture the educational journey of all within the school community, so that we "Aspire Higher" through engaging and relevant inquiry-based curriculum that empowers us to be internationally-minded lifelong learners.*

Through the IB evaluation, AIP review process and through our internal review and monitoring processes, it is evident that the school mission is still relevant and driving the work we do every day.

## Farewells

This year we are saying farewell to a number of staff including Emily McGiffin, Isabelle Harper, Elinor Richardson, Josh Miller, Jess Evans, Angela McIntyre and Rebecca Parish. Our long time Music teacher Christine Rainford is retiring and a long career enriching the lives of students and bringing them the joy of music. We would love you to come along to the final assembly next Wednesday to say thank you for the music. Of course we will also be farewelling our graduating class of 2023 who are moving off the secondary school in 2024. What a unique and amazing group of students they have been and I am sure that they will be successful in whatever pathways they take in the future.

## 2024

As we look ahead to 2024 we are continuing to work on our SSP in its last year as we move into review in 2025. Next year we will continue to refine practice and are focussing on bringing more consistency across the school in the way in which teaching and learning occurs to ensure that we are data driven, evidence based and accounting for the voice and choice of our students.

Micheal Jones  
Principal



# 2024 Staffing

We are pleased to announce our teaching teams for 2024:

## Leadership

Michael Jones (Principal), Kirsty Page (Assistant Principal), Sonya Branca (Assistant Principal), Jen Jakobi (Literacy Leader), Megan Macfarlane (STEAM Leader), Georgie Curtis (PYP Leader)

## Prep - Julie Daniel—[Teaching & Learning Leader](#)

Daniella Byron/ Emily Shelton, Sam Venn, Emily Harkin (new), Tania Watts, Gayle Morrish/ Lauren Borg

## Grade 1 - Emma Chaplin - [Teaching & Learning Leader](#)

Alison Kokkinos, Bec Pearson, Maxine Gallo (new)

## Grade 2 – Rowan Henshaw - [Teaching & Learning Leader](#)

Candice Lourensz, Harriet Foulkes / Maddy Prosser, Caroline East, Jess Elliott

## Grade 3 - Sarah Heaton-Harris- [Teaching & Learning Leader](#)

Kirsten Lester, Emily Thomson, Damian Cripps, Sophie Tanner (new)

## Grade 4 – Matt Cameron - [Teaching & Learning Leader](#)

Erika Browne, Julie Pendlebury, Adam Tonkin, Emily Kennedy (new)

## Grade 5 – Melissa Binding- [Teaching & Learning Leader](#)

Michelle Martin, David Quinn, Seona Preiss, Brett Clarke (new)

## Grade 6 – Dakota Thomson - [Teaching & Learning Leader](#)

Sophie Bedford, Jarrad Camilleri, Mike Watters

## SPECIALISTS 2023

<a href="#">MUSIC/DRAMA</a>	Kelly Macdonald	Aoife Gavin
<a href="#">LOTE</a>	Galina Georgios	Bethany Oakes
<a href="#">PE/SPORT</a>	Nick Richards ( <a href="#">T&amp;L</a> )	Leah Taylor      Hannah Henshaw
<a href="#">VISUAL ART</a>	Suzanne Webb	Bronte Hughes

## Intervention

Mel Trakal, Julia Bugeja, Pippa Cunningham, Lauren Borg

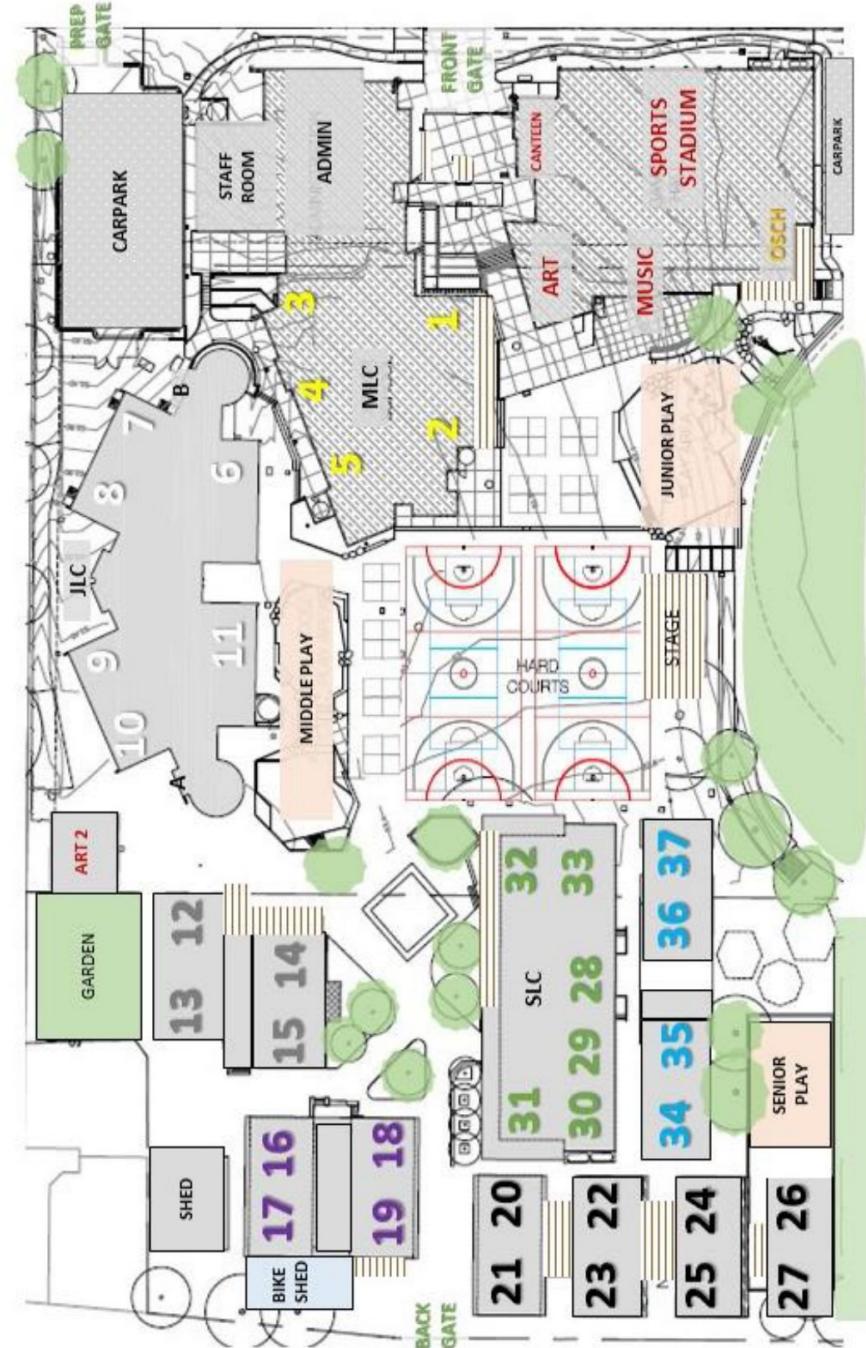
## Additional Support Team

Emily Shelton (Prep), Tania Bonanno (Grade 1, 3 and 5) , Maddy Prosser (Grade 2) , Alison Bates (Grade 4), Hannah Henshaw / Emily Shelton (Grade 6)

## Education Support Staff

Jamie Mason (Library), Nick Beattie (IT), George Asmar (IT), Selena Packham, Tully Foot, Kym Pike, Marissa Nicols, Lisa Durkin, Jack Heppel, Kaitlyn Anderson, Carolyn Blackwell, Alzira Redfern, Kelly Brentwood, Charlie Magee-Wood, Mei-Lin Loh, Hana Imazawa (new), Helina He, Matilda Cameron (Disability Inclusion), Fiona Delahunty, Brigitte O'Leary, Mathew Ashman (Maintenance/ Gardening), Pam Oaten (Canteen), Alison Dind (Canteen)

# 2024 Classroom Plan



	Room	Grade	Room	Grade
PREP	6	PSV	9	PEH
	7	PDB	10	PID
	8	PTW	11	PGM
<b>GR 1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1AK</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1MG</b>
<b>GR 2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2CE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2RH</b>
	19	2CL	20	2FP
	21	2JE		
<b>GR 3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3KL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3DC</b>
	3	3SH	4	3ET
	5	3ST		
<b>GR 4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4MC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4EK</b>
	14	4AT	15	4EB
	37	4JP		
<b>GR 5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5DQ</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5SP</b>
	32	5MM	33	5BC
	36	5MB		
<b>GR 6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6SB</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6DT</b>
	30	6MW	31	6JC
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>16</b>	Spare	<b>34</b>	French
	35	Music		

# Student Leaders 2024

We are very proud to announce the 2024 Student Leadership team for Coatesville Primary School. We would like to commend each of the applicants for all of the hard work they put into their applications.

The Student Leaders for 2024 are:

## House Captains

Marriott: Amelie Lanch and Dylan Boyle

Mackie: Isaac Nicklos and Louella Waddell

Gould: Archer McLaughlan and Willow Truong (absent from photo)

Coates: Emma Janson and Taylor Woodford

## Captains

Music: Atticus Nikou and Lucas Wang

Art: Marcus Nguyen and Sophia Jawadi

French: Lauren Dunkley and Luca Caneschi-Ilorca

The Student Leaders will be formally recognised and acknowledged in front of the whole school community at the Final School Assembly on Wednesday 20th December, 12.15pm.

A round of applause to the 2024 Student Leaders taking on these new roles. We wish you all the very best and a rewarding year ahead.



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## School States Victoria Golf Finals

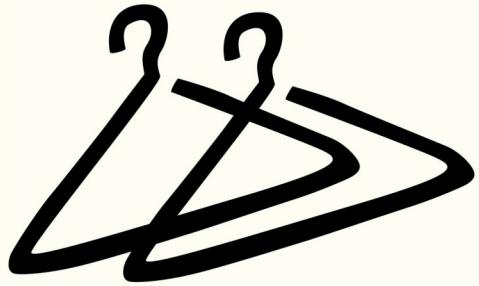
We would like to congratulate Bohan G and Bond H who both competed in the School States Victoria Golf Primary Boys Finals this week. The finals consisted of 18 holes and players who participate were in grades 3-6. Remarkable play by Bohan who was equal first in a 3-way tie with a -4 and Bond who came seventh overall with a -1. Par-fectly played to both students, you're both swinging to success.



## Students Vs Teachers—Netball

Last week the students and teachers played a spectacular netball match despite the extreme heat and windy conditions. Well done to the teachers who ended up winning this small tournament and great effort to the students for trying their hardest!





# Movie & Casual Clothes Day!

Tues 19 Dec

Prep - Gr5

Come to school in casual clothing, ready to watch a movie and celebrate the end of the school year!

Please ensure you wear appropriate sun smart clothing (including a hat) and closed toe shoes

Organised by the SRC Team



# ASPIRE HIGHER



This week a group of 20 students from Gr4 & 5 participated in the Unleashing Personal Potential 'Leading from the Front' workshop.

Students learnt about the qualities of strong leaders and how to effectively work as a team to complete a series of team games and challenges.



They unpacked the ASPIRE leadership framework, outlined below, which is a great fit with our school motto - 'Aspire Higher'!

## A.S.P.I.R.E

- A**- take ACTION, have a go
- S**- SERVE, be kind and give others a go
- P**- PERSIST through struggles and setbacks
- I**- INFLUENCE others and set the example
- R**- RESPECT for people, group and equipment
- E**- ENCOURAGE others

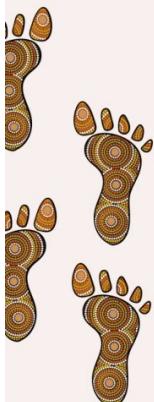


# Where We Are in Place & Time



Across the school, from Prep to Grade 6, Coatesville students have been inquiring into the transdisciplinary theme 'Where We Are in Place and Time'.

'Where We Are in Place and Time' is an inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives



## Our Central Ideas

Prep - Different factors influence homes

Gr1 - The way people live has changed over time

Gr 2 - Exploring places allows us to understand our history

Gr 3 - Discovery and innovation fulfil the needs of a community

Gr4 - Exploration leads to change

Gr5 - Migration is influenced by many factors

Gr 6 - Significant historical events influence groups of people





# Where We Are in Place & Time





## STATE TEAM TRIALS 2024

School Sport Victoria conducts State team trials for the sports listed (below) along with other sports that can be found on their website; Cricket, Basketball, AFL, Netball & Soccer. Nominations opened on December 1st and will close on March 1st. There will not be District trials, instead elite & outstanding performers in each specific sport only can apply via the School Sport Victoria website if they have been **approved by their school Physical Education teacher and Principal**. The expectation is that students nominating would have won at least a Best & Fairest or MVP in their chosen sport at the highest level of competition offered at their club, preferably finished high in League voting, along with being very fit, most likely in Cross Country and Athletics teams as well as being outstanding players in our Interschool Sports Program. **Any parent considering nominating should consult Mr Richards prior** to paying the nomination fee to assess the student's suitability. To ensure your child's participation, applications are closing for initial school (not SSV) nominations on **Friday 2nd February**.

Should your child ultimately be successful, there may be multiple days of trials & camps requiring parents to transport/attend with their child in order to be involved. There are also significant monies required if selected. Parents must be committed to the entire process and understand this is not a come and try activity. Sending students without the necessary skills/talent could not only undermine their confidence but will also increase numbers at the trial making the selector's job a lot more difficult. **If there are more than 3 students nominated in a chosen sport a school-based trial may be required**. Generally, these trials are for Year 6 students or exceptional Year 5's (Top 3 in League B&F standard).

Consideration and consultation with Mr Richards is required before online registration is completed for State Team selection trials. Parents can then Google School Sport Victoria or go to <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic> for more information and should monitor this website for closing dates and relevant information as it is updated. There is also a link to the SSV home page on our Bentleigh District web page.

12 Years and Under Sports include but are not limited to:

Australian Football (Boys / Mixed & Girls), Softball, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Touch Football and Cricket (see SSV site for more details).

Tennis is done via a Bentleigh District trial where students playing a very high level of competitive tennis (section 1, 2 or 3) can nominate by emailing [nicholas.richards@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:nicholas.richards@education.vic.gov.au) by **Monday 11th December**. Please include the current competition level and applicable ranking.

Check the website for all other sports noting some years **State Swimming and Athletic teams can be** chosen via external competitions rather than through school-based District / Division/ Region/State Competitions, Cross Country is usually done via Bentleigh District Carnivals and beyond. When nominating your child for more than one sport you should also note that trials for AFL, Soccer, Netball, Cricket & Basketball may be on the same day eliminating the possibility of going through for more than one mainstream sport.

**Nick Richards**  
PE & Sport Coordinator

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