

NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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Vision Statement: *At Colac South West Primary School we will provide opportunities for all students to achieve to a high standard in a supportive, challenging and engaging environment where all members proudly display the values of **Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty** in order to equip them with the necessary skills and values to prepare them for the future.*

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

PROTECT



Colac South West Primary School is committed to the **child safe standards**.

These standards are in place at our school to prevent and respond to allegations of child abuse.

Should you need further advice or wish to report a concern regarding child abuse you can contact:

- Colac South West Primary School Principal - Mr. Stephen Barry on 5232 1170
- DHHS Child protection on 131278
- Colac Police on 5232 8200 or call 000

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY



Colac South West Primary School is located in Gulinjan Country of the Maar Nation.

We pay our respects to the Gulinjan people - past, present and emerging, as the traditional custodians of the land and waters on which we live, work and play.

STUDENT PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

The school offers yard supervision from 8.45am & after school until 3.30pm. Parents are reminded that there is no teacher supervision outside of these times. Children are invited to attend Breakfast Club on Tuesday and Wednesday between 8:20am and 8:50am.

All staff have a Briefing from 8.30- to 8.45am each Friday.



School Calendar

T E R M 2	
APRIL	
Thursday 27 th April	Colac School's ANZAC Service
MAY	
Tuesday 2 nd May	House Sports Day
3 rd -5 th May	5/6 Urban Camp
15th - 19th May	
Monday 15 th May	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free
Wednesday 17 th May	Finance Meeting - 6.00pm School Council - 6.30pm
Thursday 18 th May	School Photos Prep 2023 Open Morning 9.15am-11.00am
Friday 26 th May	Staff Professional Practice Day - Report Writing - Students not required at school on this day



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. It has been a slightly different start with the second day of term being a public holiday. I think several families took advantage of the nice weather and extended their holidays as our numbers were quite small on Monday. It was a positive return to school and to see the students excited and enthusiastic to be back at school was great. Term 2 is a 9-week term which will certainly make the term fly by!

ANZAC commemoration services were held across the nation on Tuesday. Anzac Day is a time to reflect, think about and thank those tens of thousands of women and men who gave significantly to our country, many with their lives in foreign lands.



On Tuesday our School Captains Willow Gorman and Brock Finn accompanied Miss Rodgers and myself for the Colac RSL ANZAC Day march and wreath laying services. They both looked very smart in our official school jackets. Also attending were CSW students representing the Colac Scouts which included Raphael Murch who was a Flag Bearer, Emily Clark and Levi Baulch. Thank you to these students and Miss Rodgers for giving up part of their day to commemorate ANZAC Day. Willow and Brock also presented a wreath on behalf of our school community, and I thank them for carrying out their roles as School Captains for this important occasion.



Today our students participated in the 8th Colac Schools ANZAC Service of Commemoration which was held at the Memorial Square. Once again, our School Captains Willow and Brock presented the wreath on behalf of our school community. All students attending demonstrated the highest levels of respect by listening and joining in when appropriate. This service provided an opportunity for our students to reflect and gain a greater understanding of the significance Anzac Day. The Grade 6 students walked back to school via the Colac Cemetery to see the Australian Flag display on all graves of those who served in war. This was many have served their country in theatres of war.

*At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget*



Have a great week!
Steve Barry
Principal

COLAC OTWAY ARTS TRAIL



Once again, our school submitted an entry into this year's Colac Arts Trail. Under the guidance and support of our Art Teacher Mrs. Allan, students helped to create a mural depicting the commemoration of ANZAC Day. The mural is proudly displayed on our front fence beside last year's entry. It looks fantastic!! Well done and thank you to Mrs. Allan and the team of students who completed this project.

PREP 2024 SCHOOL TOURS AND OPEN MORNING



If you, or someone you know is enrolling a child to start school next year you are warmly invited to come along and have a tour of our great school. Details of school tours during Education Week are listed below however personal tours with me can be made by contacting the school. I would really welcome the opportunity to show you around our wonderful school so that you can learn more about what we have to offer your child and family.

Thursday 18th May 2023: 9.15am-11.00am

Come along and see our school in action, we would love to share it with you.

School Tours will start from 10.00am.

"WELCOME SHIRLEY" - OUR NEW WILSON ST. CROSSING SUPERVISOR



I would like to welcome Shirley, our new School Crossing Supervisor, to our school community. Shirley had been filling in this year and she informed me on Monday that she had been given an ongoing appointment for our Wilson Street school crossing. Congratulations Shirley and we look forward to a long association with our school.

CURRICULUM DAY – Monday 15th May



A School Council approved Curriculum Day will be held on Monday 15th May. **Students are not required to attend school on this day.**

Staff will use this day to participate in an 'Understanding Poverty' professional learning program. Our teachers will join teachers from other Colac and District schools for this combined professional learning activity. This is the first time since I have been at CSW where educators from all Colac Schools will come together to participate in this highly acclaimed program. Participating with our other Colac colleagues is well overdue.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY – Report Writing – Friday 26th May



As part of the new Industrial Agreement teachers have 2 Professional Practice Days, one of which is a combined day where all teachers have the same day. The second day is determined by the individual teacher.

Teachers have elected to use the combined day for Report Writing. **This day will be on Friday 26th May. Students are not required to attend school on this day.** Staff will use this day to write and proofread reports.

FUNDRAISER: Raising Awareness for Autism



At the end of Term 1 we held a casual dress day for 'Walk for Autism'. Our school raised \$218.
Thank you so much for bringing along your small change.
Junior School Council

Happy Birthday to these students who have celebrated a birthday over the last couple of weeks.

Kaydence Calder
Bluebell Gorman
Phoenix Aurisch
Mahli Retallick
Koirannah Retallick



Season starts Fri 12th May



U/10 & U/12 FOOTBALL

Training starts
Thursday 4th May at 4pm
Western Oval
New players welcome

Contact Carl Winchcomb for more
information on 0409 510 943