

NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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2nd February 2023

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 Gulinidjan Country of the Maar Nation.

We pay our respects to the Gulinidjan 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.



Welcome back to Colac South West for 2023 and a very big welcome to the new families who have joined our school community for the first time.

It was wonderful to see the students walking back through the gates on Monday. It was nice to have a chat to them as they arrived and I enjoyed visiting their classrooms later in the morning.

All year levels have settled in well including our new Prep students. The school is running like we haven't even been away!

They were all excited to back at school catching up with their friends.

This year we welcome a number of new students and families and I trust you will enjoy being a part of the Colac South West Primary School community. Our current enrolment stands at 127 students.

On the first day of the school year all staff completed an update for their First Aid training and spent time organising their classrooms. Our teachers were well prepared which greatly assisted the smooth start to the year for all students.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2023!

Steve Barry
Principal

Our 2022 Christmas Raffle winners were:

1st – Mrs Umland

2nd – Oliver Hill

3rd – Jax Connley

SCHOOL TIMES

8.45 am.	Playground supervision commences
8.55 am.	Soft Start. Children are allowed into their rooms to set up for the day
9.00 am.	School program starts
11.00—11.30 am.	Recess - Children eat their snack in the eating areas after which they get to play outside
1.30pm	Children eat their lunch inside
1.40 — 2.15pm.	Children finish their lunch in the eating areas after which they get to play outside
3.15 pm.	Children leave rooms
3.15 — 3.30pm.	Yard Duty teacher supervise children front and rear of school while waiting for parents
3.25 pm.	Children not collected are brought to the office

Reminders:

- ◆ **Please make sure children arrive at school on time.**
- ◆ **Please make sure you pick up your children by 3.15pm. If you are going to be late please contact the office.**

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are an important channel of communication between the school and parents. Our school newsletter is published every week on a Thursday afternoon. An electronic version is posted on Compass and Dojo, however families can request a hard copy to be sent home with their eldest child. All editions are also available on our school's website.

The newsletter is jam-packed with all the wonderful things happening across the school, key updates from the Principal and teachers, dates to remember, news from our classrooms and Specialists along with other community information e.g. sport registration days and community events. It's your go-to for everything happening at CSW.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our school assembly takes place Friday afternoons at 2:30pm. Assemblies take place in our school's Multi-Purpose Room and form an important role in embedding our school values. The weekly school assembly also provides opportunities to bring our students together to recognise and celebrate achievements, promote positive behaviours and publicise information to our school community. It would be great to see more families join us for assembly and please accept this as an invitation to come along.

MEET AND GREET INTERVIEWS

The 'Meet the Teacher' interviews are being held on **Thursday 23rd February**. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher and share information to ensure a productive start to the school year. Further details and information about booking times will be sent out next week.

MEDICATIONS and ACTION PLANS



An urgent reminder to parents that students with medical conditions are required to provide new ASCIA Action Plans and medication to the Office. All Action Plans must be reviewed and signed off by your doctor and have a clear, current photo of the student.

They are a legal requirement, and it is our school policy that they be updated every 12 months.

Having all plans with photos, and medication correctly labelled ensures we comply with the regulations and supports us to always administer the correct medication. Your support with this is very important.

If you have any queries, please contact your classroom teacher or the Office.

For copies of ASCIA and Asthma Plans please contact the school office.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will be back again next week and will be running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our Breakfast Club is coordinated by Anne Finn and Richard Van Niekerk, two of our wonderful Teacher Aides. The breakfast menu consists of cereal, toast and fruit which is provided to students and served by our staff who are rostered on. This is a terrific support for our students and helps to ensure they are ready to learn when arriving for class. So, come and visit the BER kitchen between 8:20am – 8:50am on Tuesday and Wednesday to have some breakfast and get your brain ready for learning!

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR 2023

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's Privacy Policy and collection notice, found on our website: <http://www.colac-sw-ps.vic.edu.au> For more information about privacy, refer to:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

This information is also available in ten community languages:

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| * Amharic | * Arabic | * Dari | * Gujarati | * Mandarin |
| * Somali | * Sudanese | * Turkish | * Urdu | * Vietnamese. |

MOBILE PHONES

You will be aware that as a result of a Ministerial Order, mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as a smart watch, must not be used at Colac South West Primary School once on school premises, unless an exception has been granted by the school principal.

Mobile phones owned by students at Colac South West Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Colac South West Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so.

At Colac South West Primary School students who bring phones to school are required to hand them in to the school office before 9am to be placed in a lockable cupboard. Students can pick up their mobile phones from the school office once dismissed from class at 3.15pm. Classroom teachers will assist in ensuring this policy is enforced.

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Colac South West Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SUN HATS

A reminder to parents that the school's SunSmart policy requires students to wear hats in Terms 1 and 4, despite any inclement weather. Students are required to wear their broad brimmed/bucket school hats when outdoors. Our newest style is reversible with our school colour of blue on one side and a House Colour (red, yellow, green or blue)



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces back in the art room today and I look forward to seeing more tomorrow. This term, students in Prep - 6 will be working on developing their painting and drawing skills. It would be great if students could **please return their art smocks to school next week**. Students new to the school as well as our Prep students are encouraged to bring a named art smock to school as soon as possible to protect their school uniform. Art smocks can be purchased from shops but an old shirt works just as well.

Thank you,

Mrs Allan



Call for interested NETBALLERS.

Forms have been sent out today. If you are interested in playing, please return your forms asap.

Here are some of our Preps settling in – and with smiles on their faces!



School Canteen will resume Friday 17th February
Canteen is only available on Fridays

Canteen Price List 2023

Available Fridays

Please have your order in the Qkr! online ordering system by **9am**

Please check your child details and order date before placing order

Prices in effect as of the 1st Feb 2023

Pie	\$4.80
Pastie	\$4.80
Party Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.80
Egg and Bacon Pie	\$5.50
Chicken Pie	\$5.50
Vegetarian Roll	\$4.00
Tomato Sauce	.50
Chicken or Ham Salad Roll	\$6.80

Muffin (blueberry, choc-chip)	\$2.20
Iced Donut	\$2.60
Fresh Fruit	1.00
Juice Box (apple, orange)	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk (chocolate, strawberry)	\$2.50

Your Canteen service is proudly provided by

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