

NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

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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 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.



School Calendar

T E R M 1	
FEBRUARY	
Monday 21st February 1.30pm	Parent coffee and chat with the Review Panel
Tuesday 22 nd February	9.00am Interview bookings close
Thursday 23 rd February	Meet and Greet Interviews
MARCH	
Thursday 9 th March	Welcome BBQ 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 15 th March	School Council Finance – 6.00pm AGM – 6.30pm School Council Meeting – 7.00pm

Dear Parents

At the beginning of the year, it is a good time to reinforce our school's Values and Philosophy. The Statement of Values and School Philosophy document can be found on the school's website. Alternatively click on the following link: [Values and Philosophy](#)

This document was reviewed in 2022 and is closely linked to our work as a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school. Our school has been embedding this framework into the workings of our school over several years. All staff have committed to this framework and in recent discussions we felt that we needed to reinforce with our community the REACH values.

To support these values our school has a 'Behaviour Matrix' which is used in all classrooms and reinforces the information below. We continue to revise this, and an updated copy will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. We hope that this is a useful reminder for our community as to what we expect of everyone at Colac South West.

Respect **E**ngage **A**chieve **C**are **H**onesty

As part of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support we have developed a set of values to develop a school climate in which appropriate behavior is expected and is the norm for all students. These values are based on the acronym R.E.A.C.H.

R – Respect E – Engage A – Achieve C – Care H – Honesty

RESPECT – Always and everywhere.

At Colac South West Primary School our students will:

- Use good manners – say thank you, please, sorry and put their hands up in class
- Talk nicely, smile and sit nicely
- Work quietly in their classroom and when moving around the school
- Look after the school and yard
- Not 'put down' other students, teachers and anyone working in our school.
- Welcome and include new students to our school
- Represent Colac South West Primary School with pride.

ENGAGE – Do your best.

At Colac South West Primary School our students will:

- Ask and answer questions on a given topic
- Investigate
- Collaborate with other students and their teachers
- Stay safe and keep others safe
- Play in designated areas.
- In their community they may look to:
 - Be a volunteer
 - Help to make the community better.

ACHIEVE – Strive for Excellence.

At Colac South West Primary School our students will:

- Have high expectations to achieve
- Develop problem solving strategies
- Work responsibly and use time productively
- Play safely
- Include others.
- Share their learning with their parents
- Be their best.

CARE – Look after others.

At Colac South West Primary School our students will:

- Encourage, support and help others.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Use facilities and equipment properly.

- Play safe games.
- Include others.
- Look after our school environment – put rubbish in the bin, look after our trees and garden areas.
- Make your community better.

HONESTY – Do the right thing.

At Colac South West Primary School our students will:

- Follow school rules and values.
- Be responsible for their actions.
- Be trustworthy.
- Keep promises.
- Follow teacher's directions.
- Respect the property of others.
- Wear school uniform with pride.

Have a great week!

Steve Barry

Principal

SCHOOL REVIEW

Today the School Review Panel met for the first of 4 days to analyse our school's performance over the last 4 years. The School Review Team consists of Dr John Hunter (School Reviewer), Brendan Bush (Senior Education Improvement Leader), Kate Gorman (School Council President), Rachael Buck (Principal of Newcomb PS), Vicki Angus (Principal of Camperdown College) Erin Baulch (Assistant Principal), Susan Boyle (Year 3-6 PLC Leader), Amy Ellis (Prep – 2 PLC Leader / Learning Specialist) and myself.

This first day provided strong affirmation of the work that we have completed and provided a strong indication where our focus will be for the next Strategic Plan. In addition to the analysis and discussion around data the team also visited each of the classrooms. A real highlight of the day was to have a chat to a group of student representatives. These students gave the panel a clear understanding of how they think our school is performing and what opportunities they would like to see our school provide in the future. The next two days will be held on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd February. This will be an opportunity for the panel to talk further with students, staff and parents. The final Panel day will be on Monday 27th February.

I would like to invite any parents or carers to a coffee and chat session on Monday 21st February at 1.30pm. We have a coffee van onsite at this time and would really like the opportunity to meet with families in a relaxed and informal way. **The coffees are on us!** So if you are available it would be great to see you. If this doesn't suit and you would like to share your experiences, what you think we do well and what you think we could do better, please let me know and I'll organise a time for you to meet with one of the panel members.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Forms have recently been sent home requesting all families to please ensure that you have up to date contact details on Compass. This includes current address, phone numbers, emergency contact details, active or current court orders etc. Also, any students who have a medical condition must have current medical records at the office. **Of most importance is to ensure Asthma, Diabetes, and Anaphylaxis management plans are up to date.** These **need to be signed off by your local doctor** and are required to be updated annually.

MEET AND GREET INTERVIEWS

The 'Meet and Greet' 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.

Bookings for interviews are currently open on Compass and instructions on how to make a booking was sent home last week. Interviews are for 10 minutes and bookings will close at 9.00am on Tuesday 21st February.

Miss Baulch will contact families in relation to Student Support Group interviews.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNERS RISK - REMINDER

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore, bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school is discouraged.

Please note that the Department has a statewide policy on mobile phone use in Victorian schools. Students are required to turn their phones off during school times and hand their phone to the school office for safekeeping. At the end of the day students will come back to the office and their phones will be returned to them.

FAMILY LAW COURTS & INTERVENTION ORDERS

Families that have Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders are requested to provide a copy to the school so that the school can act in accordance with any orders. Family Law Court Orders stipulate the rights of both parties and enable us to act appropriately and lawfully. It is also appropriate that the school is in possession of the most recent Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders.

TERM 1 BBQ – KEEP THE DATE FREE

This year's Open Classroom BBQ and Picnic will be held on **Thursday 9th March from 5.30p.m. to 7.00p.m.** The Term 1 BBQ is an opportunity for students to show and share with their families their classroom and possibly some work that they have completed so far this year. The Open Classrooms will be from 5.30pm – 6.00pm and will be followed immediately after by the BBQ/sausage sizzle. School Council funds this event, and as such, there is no cost to families.

Please keep this date free and we look forward to seeing as many families there as possible. Further details and a note will be sent out closer to the event. This is a great opportunity for families to come together and get to know each other.

A big **thank you** to the **Colac Otway Shire** for the recent curbing works which brings our disabled car parking space to completion.

Parents, please note that this is a disabled car parking space only.



ACTIVE SPORTING SCHOOLS SURVEY

Parents and carers,

Your child is invited to take part in an online survey about how supported they feel to be physically active at school. Synergistiq, an independent research company, is collecting this information as part of an evaluation of the Active Schools initiative funded by the Department of Education. The Active Schools initiative supports schools to promote physical activity and provide more opportunities for students to be active during the school day.

Feedback from students is important to make sure programs like these can best support students to be active and learn well.

The survey is for students from years 5 to 12 (or equivalent) and will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. It is voluntary and no identifying information will be collected.

You and your child will be asked to provide consent at the start of the survey. Please read the information sheet provided and discuss the survey with your child. By following the survey link below you will find everything you need for your child to take part. If you are happy for your child to participate, please complete the survey as soon as possible.

Student survey: https://synergistiq.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cOVxAAj6x5KnWDk



ART ROOM NEWS

The art room is currently seeking donations of clear plastic soft drink and water bottles for an upcoming project. All donations will be gratefully accepted and there will be lots of house points given out. Thank you kindly for all the bottles already donated.


SAVE THE DATE


The theme for the 2023 Colac Kana Festival is 'Circus' and will be held on Saturday 18th of March. This year our students will have the opportunity to dress up and take part in the street parade. If this sounds like something your child/children would like to do, mark your calendar and get ready to join the circus! More details to come in next week's newsletter.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Our wonderful Stars of the Week are:

<p>Year Prep Mrs Ellis</p>	<p>Lilah Parsons Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty WOW! What a wonderful start to Colac South West Lilah has had. Lilah is showing Respect at all times and makes sure she is listening during floor sessions with her whole body. Lilah has made lots of new friends and shows Care when playing alongside them. She works hard at all of her tasks and takes her time to complete fantastic work. Well done Lilah on a great start to Grade Prep!</p> 
<p>Room 3 Miss Rollnik</p>	<p>Tyler Russell ★ Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve and Care Tyler has made a wonderful start to the year in Room 3. He has shown fantastic listening skills to the teachers and students and has been willing to have a go at all of the work tasks ensuring he tried his best. He has shown that he takes Care in his book work and keeps his tub clean and organised. Well done on an excellent week in Room 3 and keep up the great work.</p>
<p>Room 4 Miss Watts</p>	<p>Sonny Currer ★ Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care & Honesty Wow! Sonny has settled into our school with such ease and it is like he has been here forever! He walks into the classroom with a determination to get his work completed. Sonny works hard to complete all his work to the best of his ability and the work he</p>

	produces is to a high standard. It has been wonderful to see him make so many new friends in such a short space of time, showing Care to those around him. Well done on a great first 2 weeks of school Sonny! Keep up the good work!	
Room 6 Miss Rodgers	Arliyah Howland ★ Engage and Achieve Arliyah should be exceptionally proud of the start she has made to her year in Room 6. It has been delightful to see her fun and cheeky side throughout the day and how she compliments this with the attention to detail she shows in her work ethic. Arliyah has enjoyed getting to know new students to our school, and also rekindle old friendships from students from her Prep year. She should be proud of the way she has taken on feedback and contributed to class discussions. It has been fantastic to see her think about her learning choices and voice her thoughts when comfortable. Keep up the great work Arliyah and I am looking forward to a lovely year together!	
Room 5 Miss Harris	Walker Howland ★ Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage and Achieve Walker has had a wonderful week in Room 5. He has focused hard on his learning and has demonstrated his commitment to being a Respectful learner. Walker brought some great ideas to the table when writing our Junior School Council (JSC) speeches. He followed the set structure and wrote a very persuasive speech. Walker has also been listening intently when learning about different graphs in maths. He has been answering questions when asked and gets straight to the task when asked to work independently. He took pride in his work by using his ruler to make sure his graphs are neat. He also made sure to show an adult his graph to make sure he had done it correctly. Well done on a tremendous week Walker, keep it up!	
Room 8 Mrs Boyle	Kaydence Calder Kaydence has had a sensational start to the year. She is always Engaged in every activity and always offers insightful opinions, ideas and answers to class discussions. Kaydence's understanding of our REACH values is exemplary. She sets the standard in Room 8 and expects others to follow her lead. Kaydence has shown enormous resilience this week with our new random seating arrangements and has just taken it all in her stride. Keep being the amazing you that you are Kaydence.... You are a star! ★	
ART Mrs Allan	Kade Garcia For a fabulous start to the year in Art. Kade has been an Engaged and productive participant in our sessions making excellent choices in the classroom. He has successfully chosen Elements and Principles of Art to decorate his 'arm cut-out' for our whole school display. Congratulations Kade!	
Music Catherine Trewavas	Arliyah Howland Congratulations Arliyah, you are the Star of the Week in music. Arliyah has had a wonderful week in music. It was so pleasing to see her Engage with the lesson and try her best in each activity. She demonstrated Respect and Care for the instruments during our exploration of sound and made some very enthusiastic discoveries when playing percussion. Arliyah is approaching her learning with curiosity and enthusiasm. She is trying hard to have a go at everything, even when she is unsure. ★	
Physical Education Mrs Turner	Sadie Harrowfield – year 3 / 4 ★ ★ Connor Wolfe – year 1 / 2	

ALL ABOUT ROOM 6

Rylee

The people in my family are Mum, Dad, Alana, Kai, Zayden, Nan and me.



Arliyah

My favourite teacher is Miss Watts!



Zake

My favourite food is fish and chips.



Rhylan

I support the cats and my favourite player is

Joel Selwood.



Ally

My favourite song is "This Girl is on Fire" by Alicia Keys.

Evie

My favourite number is 9.



Ariah

My favourite animal is my cat Nala!



Layah

My favourite thing to do at home is ride a horse.



Lilly

There are 4 girls and 1 boy in my family.

Harry

My favourite song is "Mustang Sally" because I like cars.





ALL ABOUT ROOM 6

During the first two weeks of school, Room 6 have enjoyed creating books which celebrate who we are and the things that make us similar and unique.

Ava
My name
is Ava!



Ryder
My friends
are Levi,
Ace and
Rhylan!



Sadie
I have one pet
named Danger
and he is
a dog!



Madelyn
I have 18 letters
in my full name,
Madelyn Rose
Edwards!

Mitchell
My hobby is
playing with my
toys.



Lincoln
When I grow up
I want to be
a doctor!



Prezlee
My favourite
colour
is purple.



Mahli
A fun fact about
me is that
I eat chocolate!

