

NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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23rd 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.



School Calendar

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| FEBRUARY | |
| 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 Colac South West Primary School we acknowledge that students play an important role in their own learning and should have the opportunity to actively shape their own education.

Student Voice is where students actively participate in their school's decision making processes and have the opportunity to put forward their views, concerns and ideas. Student Voice at CSW is reflective of our school's REACH values which expect students to show RESPECT, to ENGAGE in their learning, to ACHIEVE to the highest, to CARE for others and to display HONESTY in all that they say and do.

Our school provides a variety of opportunities for students to have a 'voice' and I really enjoy the weekly "chat" that I have with the 'Stars of the Week' to find out about what our students are thinking.

Another way that student voice is actively promoted is through our 'Student Leadership Program'. We have just completed the process of electing the school's Junior School Council (JSC), House Captains and House Vice-Captains who were presented with their badges at our Assembly last Friday. I am pleased to announce the following student leadership positions:

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Jupiter

Captains: Kiarah Beckett Hay and Jandah Graham-Farrell

Vice Captains: Magenta Morrow and Koirannah Retallick

Mercury

Captains: Kaydence Calder and Noah Goulter

Vice Captains: Max Meek and Luke Quilty

Neptune

Captains: Zoey Lloyd and Jyrah Kent

Vice Captains: Jimmy Lake and Kyrone Cook

Saturn

Captains: Ayen Atem and Oscar Harrowfield

Vice Captains: Ella Chappell and Leo Gao

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Led by **School Captains:** Willow Gorman and Brock Finn

Room 3: Rubi Turner 4, Ahliyah Ross and Dexter Proctor

Room 5: Walker Howland, Harriett Elliot and Lily Stephens

Room 8: Jay Newell, Kade Garcia and Peyton Lubke

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who attended the Presentation Assembly last week. We hope the students are happy with their new badges and that they will do well in the leadership roles given to them. I look forward to working with our student leaders throughout the 2023 school year.



Have a great week!







Steve Barry




Principal

STARS OF THE WEEK

Here are our wonderful Stars of the Week!

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| Year Prep Mrs Ellis | Foster Elliot Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty Foster has certainly made a great impression on his teachers and classmates since beginning school. He is showing lovely Respect during whole class discussions and tries his very best to complete his work at all times. This week Foster has learned about shapes during Maths time. He is describing and naming all 2D shapes. |  |
| Room 3 Miss Gappa | Aweng Atem Has demonstrated: RESPECT, ENGAGE, ACHIEVE, CARE and HONESTY Aweng is the quiet Achiever of Room 3! |  |

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| | <p>She starts each day with a positive attitude and friendly smile towards all our class activities. She is always organised and ready to approach each task, giving her personal best. This week I have really enjoyed seeing Aweng become more confident with sharing her thoughts with the class, even an embarrassing story! Aweng you set a wonderful example for others. You are a star!</p> |
| <p>Room 4 Miss Watts</p> | <p>Harper Trindall  Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty Harper has had an amazing couple of weeks. She has shown she is willing to give things a go and try her best in everything she does. This week it has been wonderful to see her take on the responsibility of being a Grade 2 student, helping the other students in the class. She has shown Care towards the members of our classroom, ensuring that they feel happy and checking in with them why they are feeling upset. Harper has also worked really hard to remember the things that she knows about Shape during our maths lessons. Throughout Sounds Write she participates and follows along with the “teacher” as the other students build words. Well done on a great week Harper! Keep being a Star!</p> |
| <p>Room 6 Miss Rodgers</p> | <p>Mahli Retallick  Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honest Mahli always tries her best and it is lovely to see her smile when she Achieves success. She has enjoyed raising her hand during class discussions and politely sharing her ideas. Mahli has been a beautiful friend to others and has liked working with different children in the class. It has been delightful to hear her read during Reading Rotations and see her concentrate during Maths to accurately draw 2D shapes. Mahli should be exceptionally proud of the effort she puts in during Sounds Write and Writing tasks where it is lovely to see her attempt to spell new words and ensure her letters are correctly placed and formed. Keep up the great work Mahli and enjoy learning!</p> |
| <p>Room 5 Miss Harris</p> | <p>Jorja Kelly  Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty Jorja has had a tremendous week in Room 5. She has demonstrated Respect this week by always listening to her teacher, especially when another adult in the room is teaching her new topics. She has worked incredibly hard with her maths this week and has demonstrated amazing knowledge in odd and even numbers. Working closely with Mrs Uwland and some other students she has succeeded in her knowledge in identifying what makes a number odd and even. Jorja always demonstrates the REACH values every day and is a valuable member of the classroom. Keep up the great work Jorja!</p> |
| <p>Room 8 Mrs Boyle</p> | <p>Jimmy Lake  Jimmy has had a sensational week. He has turned his attitude around and put past issues behind him. Jimmy has demonstrated he is someone we can trust, and we believe in him and his leadership abilities. He has shown he is a positive member of Room 8 and has been co-operative and Respectful to visiting teachers this week. Jimmy, we love seeing this positive and Engaging young man, keep it up. You are a star!!!!</p> |
| <p>ART  Mrs Allan</p> | <p>Sasha May  Sasha receives this award for demonstrating our school values of Respect, Engage, Achieve and Care. Sasha has been amazing in Art. She is a fantastic role model – so polite, kind, respectful and helpful! Congratulations on a wonderful start Sasha.</p> |

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| <p>Music Catherine Trewavas</p>  | <p>Dante James Congratulations Dante, you are the star of the week in music. Dante is receiving this  award for the wonderful ways in which he shows respect during music classes each week. Dante is mindful of others and demonstrates this by speaking in kind ways, listening when necessary and making choices that enable and support the learning of everyone in the room. He is always on task and looking for new experiences to help him build his musical knowledge and develop new skills. I look forward to seeing all he accomplishes through his determination and curiosity! Congratulations, Dante.</p> |
| <p>Physical Education Mrs Turner</p> | <p>Jandah Graham-Farrell – Year 5 / 6</p>  |

SCHOOL REVIEW

Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers that attended focus groups on our Fieldwork Days on Monday and Tuesday this week. Both days provided a wonderful opportunity for our review panel to hear from a wide range of stakeholders to inform the final day (Panel Day) on the 27th of February. We look forward to sharing our new goals and targets for the next Strategic Plan, which will outline the Key Improvement Strategies for the next four years at Colac South West PS.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

The Department of Education and Training (DET) Primary School Nursing Program offers a free health assessment to children in their first year of primary school. The aim of the program is to promote child health and wellbeing and to assist in the early identification of children with potential health related learning difficulties.

Karen Pole is the Primary School Nurse for our school. Karen is a registered nurse who has expertise in child health and development and understand the needs and concerns of families and school communities. The program provides parents/carers, teachers and nurses an opportunity to work together for the health and wellbeing of children and their educational progress.

Forms were recently sent home with each Prep students and I would like to thank the parents who have returned the forms. We thank you for supporting this valuable program. Screening will commence on Wednesday 8th March.

Referrals are also available for students in Grades 1 through to Grade 6. Should families have any health concerns that they would like to discuss or have assessed, including visual or hearing assessments please contact Miss Baulch at the school.

For more information about the Primary School Nursing Program including details about privacy see: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/health/psnbrochure.pdf>

SCHOOL COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING

Last week we had our first school council meeting for the 2023 school year. The following were the key discussion points:

- Finance, Principal, Buildings and Grounds, Education and Policy, and Community Partnerships and Fundraising Reports
- Discussion:
 - Grade 5/6 Urban Camp and ‘Positive Start’ funding
- Presentation of information of the following items
 - Child Safe Requirements – Overview of Standards 1 - 11
- The following financial statements were approved:
 - 2022 Financial Reports.
 - 2023 Finance Operations Reports and Policies
 - Current Budget Management Report

- General Business included the following items:
 - School Review Update and process through to the Final (Panel) Day on February 27th.
 - School Philosophy and Values policy to be reviewed considering the new Strategic Plan.
 - Presentation of the 2022 School Performance Report
- The next meeting of School Council is on Wednesday 15th March. This meeting will commence with the AGM and presentation of the 2022 Annual Report. The new 2023/2024 Council will have its first meeting following this.

MEET AND GREET INTERVIEWS

The 'Meet and Greet' interviews are being held today. If you haven't booked a time to meet with your child's teacher and would like to, please contact the office and your child's teacher will contact you about arranging a mutually convenient time. Alternatively, you can contact the teacher via Dojo.

TERM 1 BBQ – KEEP THE DATE FREE

This year's Open Classroom BBQ and Picnic will be held on **Thursday 9th March from 5.30pm to 7.00pm**. 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 5.30 – 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.

Mother's Day stall

It would be much appreciated if we could have some helpers to prepare gifts for the Mother's Day Stall.

If you can assist, please join our fundraising group Friday 10th March at 9.00am in the BER.

THANK YOU.



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.



Look how many of our students have had birthdays already this year!

Skye Ellis
Isabell Fenton
Sadie Harrowfield
Isaac Hill
Lincoln Hill
Shelby Kent
Rylee Campbell
Ella Chappell
Ally Chirgwin
Emily Clark
Seth Curren
Max Lloyd
London Lofts
Evie Meeks
Harry Meeks

We hope you all had wonderful birthdays and ate lots of cake!



**Roll up, Roll up, to the
Colac South West Primary School
Kana float!**

We look forward to revealing more details about our colourful Kana float over the coming weeks but for now, please put the following details on your calendar:

When: Saturday 18th March

Time: 12.30pm

Costumes: Anything Circus related
(more ideas to come)



JOIN THE FUN!

Colac & Surrounds All Girls Auskick

Central Reserve, Colac

Friday 3rd March - Friday 31st March

4:30pm- 5:30pm

Contact Taylah Hassett
tayah.hassett@afl.com.au

Scan the QR Code to register!




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