

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 March 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.



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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
Saturday 18 th March	KANA



Dear Parents

We are committed to ensuring high level and timely communication between school-home and home-school and acknowledge and understand that open and effective communication is vital across and within our school. It strengthens home/school partnerships and contributes to the best learning outcomes for students.

My message today outlines the communication platforms that are vital for parents and carers to connect to, to ensure high level communication between school-home and home-school. It is important that parents read the newsletter and notes that get sent home so that you are aware of what currently is happening and when permission forms or items are required back at school.

The Colac South West Primary School Newsletter is produced each Thursday as a school community newsletter and is distributed to all families electronically via Compass. Hard copies are available and along with other general notices will be sent home with the eldest child of each family.

The newsletter contains a school calendar, notices about school activities and programs, samples of student learning, notices of meetings, general school information, photos and community notices. Please check your child's bag for newsletters and other notes regularly. Our weekly newsletter can also be downloaded from our website or viewed on Class Dojo.

The following sections of the newsletter outline other forms of communication that we use.

Have a great week!

Steve Barry
Principal

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION TOOLS



Our school uses Compass School Manager. Access to the Compass Parent Portal allows parents to:

- Notify the school of student absences
- Book parent teacher interviews
- Access the school newsletter
- Access the school calendar

To access the Compass Parent Portal you first need to login. On your desktop computer you can do this by clicking on the Compass Login button on our school's website or clicking on the Compass Logo above.

You can also download the Compass App for your smartphone. To log in on either your computer or smart phone, you will first require a username and password which will be provided by the school. If you have not received this or have misplaced it please contact the school office.



Our school also uses the free Smartphone App, Class Dojo, to communicate with families. This will require you to sign up with your email address via your child's teacher. Once signed up you can request a code from your child's teacher to access communications. Click on the ClassDojo logo above.

You can see feedback from teachers, hear important announcements and see photos and more! Parents can use any iOS device, Android device, or computer to connect!










Our school has a regularly updated Facebook page which celebrates various happenings at Colac South West Primary School. Some important reminders are also posted. Click on the logo or use the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083365147788>

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our last week's Stars!

<p>Year Prep Mrs Ellis</p>	<p>Jaxon Ellen Jaxon has had a wonderful week in the Prep room. He is showing lovely Respect by listening carefully and trying his best. Jaxon is following directions and asking for help when it's needed. I have loved the way Jaxon Engages in his tasks and wants to achieve them. He wrote some lovely letters today in our sound work and even got to show Mr. Barry! Jaxon has also shown lovely Care with his friends and helped out when needed. Great work Jaxon.</p> 
<p>Room 3 Miss Gappa</p>	<p>Skye Ellis  Has demonstrated: RESPECT, ENGAGE, ACHIEVE, CARE and HONESTY Skye is a great role model who embodies all our school values. She consistently produces her personal best, willingly helps those around her and shows compassion and kindness towards others. Skye approached learning this week with great enthusiasm and commitment. She was particularly Engaged, on task and worked independently when writing her Seagull story. Well done Skye. You are a star!</p>
<p>Room 4 Miss Watts</p>	<p>Willow Ellis Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage and Achieve Willow has had a wonderful week this week. It has been lovely to see her smiling face at school every day this week. Willow has participated with enthusiasm in everything that she has completed and always completes her work to the best of her ability. I was particularly impressed with her writing all week, writing detailed recounts about different events that have happened throughout the week. Willow has also been Engaged in our unit about shape and contributing to discussions and providing ideas to expand others thinking. Thank you for a great week Willow! Keep up the hard work!</p> 
<p>Room 6 Miss Rodgers</p>	<p>Lilly Wilson  Lilly is a delight to have in our class with her beautiful caring and kind nature. It is always lovely to hear her offer to help others and do what she can to ensure they have a great day. Lilly works exceptionally hard in all areas and enjoys sharing her work with her classmates in the hope that it will help them learn too. It was fantastic to see Lilly take on a teaching role on Tuesday and share her knowledge and experiences with the class. She tries her best whenever possible and should be very proud of her efforts during reading groups and whole class discussions. Thank you for a lovely start to the year, Lilly and keep up the absolutely incredible work!</p>
<p>Room 5 Miss Harris</p>	<p>Jyrah Kent Jyrah has had a very engaging week in Room 5! He always demonstrates the five REACH values and is always eager to learn new things. He has shone through this week with his motivation to learn new concepts in maths. Jyrah has been working tremendously hard with a small group on new concepts such as prime numbers, composite numbers, square numbers and triangular numbers. He was so exciting to show Ms Baulch his quick and easy way to find three-digit prime numbers! It has been great to see him ask questions about new concepts and even asking for quick mini math lessons in between our classroom brain breaks! Keep up the amazing work Jyrah, you are doing so well!</p> 

<p>Room 8</p> <p>Mrs Boyle</p>	<p>Peyten Lubke</p> <p>★ Peyten has earned this award for her amazing efforts in class this week. She has been Engaging in all our lessons and giving everything her very best. It has been wonderful to see Peyten put her hand up and offer answers to our questions even though she is not always sure that her answer is correct; this demonstrates a great deal of courage and resilience.</p> <p>It was wonderful to see Peyten so excited in Maths this week with our line graph tasks. She has blossomed in confidence and self-belief.</p> <p>You are a star Peyten, keep up this positive attitude!</p>
<p>ART</p>  <p>Mrs Allan</p>	<p>Willow Gorman</p> <p>For demonstrating our school values of Respect, Engage, Achieve and Care. Willow has been amazing in Art. She is a fantastic leader both in our school and the art room. Willow is always polite, kind, respectful and helpful. She asks probing questions to gather information to further her learning and communicates her ideas respectfully during group discussions.</p> <p>Congratulations Willow! ★</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>Catherine Trewavas</p> 	<p>Congratulations Shelby, you are the Star of the Week in music! Shelby has settled into music extremely well and is receiving her award for demonstrating Respect and Care for others. Shelby is a considerate and thoughtful student. She uses kind words when she speaks to others and her friendly attitude helps make our music room a happy place to be. Shelby is always Engaged and listens Respectfully when others are performing music or contributing to class discussions. She tries very hard to achieve her best in music and is to be congratulated for such a superb effort. Well done, Shelby!</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Mrs Turner</p>	<p>Lilah Parsons ★</p>

SCHOOL REVIEW

On Monday the Review Panel reconvened for the final day at Colac South West. The purpose of the final panel meeting was to look at the findings and evidence in response to the Terms of Reference Focus Questions which were asked by the panel at all the Focus Groups. The Reviewer facilitated discussion and identification of the new School Strategic Plan goals, targets and key improvement strategies. The Panel reviewed the school's processes to identify the extent to which the school had met our Goals and Targets over the last four years and where to develop the roadmap for the next four years 2023 - 2026.

The Reviewer is in the process of finalizing the Report which is then submitted to DET to be signed off, before coming back to the school to be shared with School Council. I would like to acknowledge the work of our school's two Principal Challenge Partners who took time out their own schools to support our Review. Rachel Buck from Newcomb Primary School and Vicki Angus from Camperdown College provided great insight and support for our school. Thanks also to our Staff, Leadership team, students, School Council President and parents who participated so enthusiastically in the critical areas of focus. There was a huge amount of work to gather evidence to support performance and practice. We will continue to drive improvement across all areas and continue to create a learning environment that engages students in purposeful and meaningful learning.

OPEN CLASSROOMS AND WELCOME BBQ

This year's Open Classroom BBQ and Picnic will be held **next week** 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 5.30pm – 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. This is a great opportunity for families to come together and get to know each other.

MEET AND GREET INTERVIEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's initial Parent/Teacher "Meet and Greet" Meetings for 2023. There was a very high percentage of parents who were able to attend and share information – this is a very important part of helping our students to be the best that they can be. If you were unable to attend on the day and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please make contact with them via Dojo or the office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Colac and District Bowls Competition

On Monday 27th February some students from Year 5/6 were selected to participate in the Colac and District Bowls Competition at the Colac Lake Bowls Club.

There were three Colac South West Teams: A, B and C. Team A was Nadia, Max, Noah and Ella with Zoey as a sub. Team B was Kiarah, Lily, Magenta and Lily and Team C was Brock, Jandah, Oscar and Jardyn with Zoey subbing in for a game.

We all had lots of fun and came second in Section 2. Credit to the bowls club for letting us use their green, the helpers, Miss Baulch, Ms. Morris and Mrs. Turner for transporting us to the bowls club.

By Brock, Kiarah and Nadia.



CSW Student Playing Squad for Kookas

Walker Howland is Colac South West's talented Year 5 basketballer who will be representing the school on the weekend when he plays Squad for the Kookas.

Walker has two games on Saturday in Camperdown followed by two games on Sunday morning at Trinity College, and hopefully on to finals at Blue Water Sunday afternoon.

All the very best Walker, we hope you play well.



Happy birthday to Riley Vera who celebrated his birthday during the week!

Junior School Council Meeting

Yesterday our Junior School Councillors had their first official meeting where we discussed the role of JSC at Colac South West in 2023. We learnt about the importance of working together as a team and participated in some team building activities. We worked together in small groups and as

one large group to build our leadership skills. I look forward to working with this fine group of

representative students throughout the year.

Miss Baulch



Colac's 63rd KANA Festival opens at 10 am with the traditional street parade starting at 1pm from the top end of Murray St.

Keep an eye out for the meeting point and time details of our walking float in our information letter closer to the date!

SATURDAY MARCH 18th
Assemble at 12.30pm

Come dressed as yourself, an audience member, ringmaster, animals, acrobat, gymnast, juggler, clown, motorbike rider, magician, anything bright and colourful or circus themed.

CSW FLOAT:
"Roll up, Roll up to the Circus"

The poster features a large red and white striped circus tent in the center. Above the tent, there are illustrations of a ringmaster, an acrobat, a unicyclist, and a hula hooper. The Colac KANA Festival logo is in the top left, and the Colac South West Primary School logo is in the top right. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a ringmaster, a juggler, a clown, and a juggler. The text is arranged in a central column within the tent's frame.

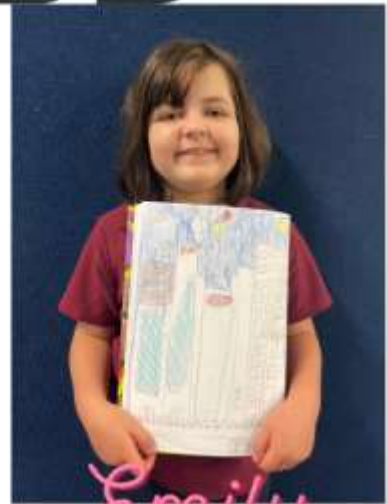
2D SHAPE WORLDS



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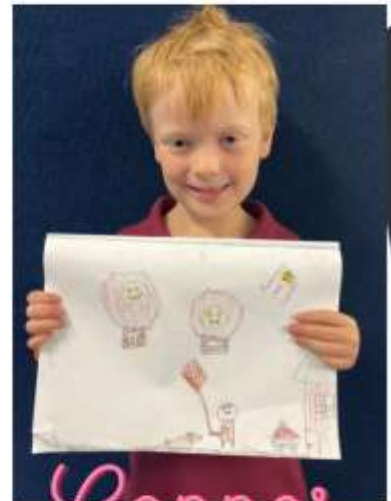


Emily



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**ROOM 4 HAVE BEEN
LEARNING ABOUT
SHAPES.
WE CREATED OUR OWN
SHAPE WORLDS USING 2D
SHAPES THAT WE KNEW.**



Connor

CHAT@S

Children, Home, All Together at School



Hi all,

My name is Julie Yates I am excited to be joining the Colac South West Primary School community this year taking over from Jessi in delivering the CHAT@S (Children, Home, All Together at School) program.

We know that children succeed best when they are supported and settled in both their home life and school life, with the CHAT@S program aimed at supporting families navigating the challenges of family and school life! The last two years have been so tough for our little people and their families. My role is aimed at providing support, advice, information or even just a friendly ear to CHAT about whatever may be going on for you and your family.

I will be at the school on Wednesdays and will be available to everyone in the school community, Mums, Dads, Carers, Grandparents, Guardians and teachers for a CHAT. CHAT@S is not a one-size fits all program, as we know all families, children and individuals have different needs and require different supports. No question, concern or need is too big or too small so please don't hesitate to pop in to the school or give me a call for a CHAT. My phone number is 0417 210 462 you can email me on jyates@cah.vic.gov.au.

If you see me around the school come say hello and introduce yourself, I cannot wait to get to know you all and be involved in your school this year!



- 🚩 Are you worried about something?
- 🚩 Are you struggling with getting your children to school?
- 🚩 Are you finding it difficult to manage financially?
- 🚩 Do you know who to turn to when something is happening in your family?
- 🚩 Would you like to source appropriate services in the community for you and your children?

Do you just need a CHAT?

CHAT@S is a program that works with children, families, carers, teachers and schools focusing on the whole family's wellbeing.

DETAILS

CHAT@S worker, Julie Yates from Colac Area Health, will be at the school on Wednesdays.

Please do not hesitate to contact Julie on 0417 210 462 or via email on JYates@cah.vic.gov.au

Alternatively, you can speak with your child's classroom teacher or drop in to the school office on a Wednesday if you would like to chat with Julie.

