

NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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16th 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 Gulinj Country of the Maar Nation.

We pay our respects to the Gulinj 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

TERM 1	
MARCH	
Wednesday 15 th – Monday 27 th March	NAPLAN grades 3 and 5 testing window
Saturday 18 th March	KANA – circus theme
Friday 24 th March	National Ride to School Day



Dear Parents,

Colac South West Primary School offers swimming programs for students in Grade 1 to Grade 6. Last week students in Grades 3 to 6 commenced their first program for the 2023 school year. Here are five great reasons why your children should learn to swim:

1. Swimming teaches children essential safety and skills that may one day save their life.

Royal Life Saving Society Australia's National Drowning Report for 2022 (1st July 2021 and 30th June 2022) showed that 339 people in Australia lost their lives to drowning and it is estimated a further 686 people experienced a non-fatal drowning incident. These numbers included 15 drowning deaths of children aged 5-14 years, a 7% increase on last year and a 36% increase on the 10-year average. The fact that children are still drowning is unacceptable. It is disturbing to think that 32 children (aged 0 – 14) drowned in the past year.

2. It builds confidence as they accomplish skills and continues to provide further challenges.

Learning to swim is one of life's milestones, like riding a bike or learning to read it is great for self-esteem and gives children a real sense of achievement.

3. Encourages independence and develops coordination skills.

While as parents and guardians we must always ensure children are supervised in and around water, their sense of independence increases as their swimming skills improve. Coordination is also improved benefitting them with other sports they might like to try.

4. Swimming is a healthy form of exercise that is low impact and provides a full body workout.

The physical benefits of swimming for children are abundant. Swimming helps improve strength and flexibility, which results in superior balance and coordination. Swimming is a great way to ensure your children get healthy exercise that they enjoy.

5. Provides opportunities for social engagement with peers.

There's nothing quite like hanging out in the pool with your friends. Imagination comes into play with water games, and healthy competition through paddling and swimming races are both enjoyable and educational.

Have a great week!

Steve Barry

Principal

HARMONY WEEK – Monday 20 – Sunday 26 March 2023

Harmony Week is a demonstration of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. It is a time to celebrate multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also related to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Students at Colac South West Primary School are invited to wear something orange during the week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Colac South West Primary School is excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 24 March 2023.

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to establish new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel.

Did you know more than 350,000 students from 900 schools across Australia are expected to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school as part of [Ride2School Day](#) on Friday 24 March 2023?

The Bicycle Network event encourages students and their families to get physically active on their journey to school. This is important because we know active kids are happy, healthy and resilient kids. Active kids are also active learners.

On Friday 24 March, we encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

For more information about the day and its benefits, visit the [National Ride2School Day](#) website. The resources tab also gives you ideas about exploring the rules of the road with your child and even how to do some bike maintenance!!

We look forward to the many students who will take part on the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MARCH MEETING

Last night we had the March meeting of school council which included the 2023 Annual General Meeting. In addition we welcomed our School Reviewer, Dr John Hunter and Senior Education Improvement Leader, Brendan Bush who delivered the School Review Report. The following were the key discussion points:






- Presentation by Dr John Hunter and Brendan Bush of the School Review Report. Outlining the findings of the Review and the next steps the school will embark on with the new Strategic Plan.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - Presentation of the 2022 Annual Report. This will be available shortly on our school website or in hard copy from the office.
 - Declaration of School Council Elections
 - Election of Office Bearers for 2023/2024 School Council
- Welcome to the first meeting of the 2023/2024 School Council
- Sub-Committee reports – Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Education and Policy and Community Partnerships and Fundraising.
- Presentation of information of the following items
 - Child Safe Requirements – Overview, background and School Council areas of responsibility in relation to the Child Safe Standards
- The following financial statements were presented:
 - February financial and operating statements
 - Ratify various payments
 - Current Budget Management Report
- General Business included the following items:
 - Presentation of upcoming camps and excursions for approval. This included updated DET requirements in relation to documentation for KANA procession, Grade 5/6 Urban Camp, ANZAC School's Service, Grade 6 ANZAC walk to Colac Cemetery and Grade 1/2 local walk.
 - Community group request for use of Multi-Purpose Room.
 - Staff leave and school organisation.
- The next meeting of School Council is on Wednesday 17th May.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following the call for nominations, the 2023/2024 School Council was declared at the Annual General meeting on Wednesday 15th March. I would like to thank all councillors for their willingness to support and work for our school community. The 2023/2024 School Council is as follows:

President:	Kate Gorman
Vice-President:	Becci Kettle
Treasurer:	Anthony Elliot
Secretary:	Elizabeth Rodgers
Executive officer:	Stephen Barry
Parent members:	Emma Nelson, Renay Harrowfield, <i>Kate Gorman, Becci Kettle, Anthony Elliot</i>
DET members:	Susan Boyle, <i>Elizabeth Rodgers</i>
Community members:	Bronwyn Babington and 1 x one year vacancy

STARS OF THE WEEK - Our Amazing Stars continue to shine!

<p>Year Prep Mrs Ellis</p>	<p>Piper Keast Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty Piper has had a fantastic week in the Prep room. I am super proud of how Caring she has been and how she offers to help everyone in our classroom. Piper listens carefully to instructions and completes all of her work. She is friendly in the playground and includes people in her games. This week she completed a great self-portrait and included so many details in her picture. Keep up the great work Piper.</p> 
<p>Room 3 Miss Gappa</p>	<p>Seth Curren Has demonstrated: RESPECT, ENGAGE, ACHIEVE and CARE  Seth has demonstrated Engagement and determination during all our NAPLAN practice sessions this week. He took his time, asked questions when he needed to and tried his personal best. Seth also showed great Engagement when he worked with Miss Baulch in Room 1 on rounding numbers. He consistently displays excellent behaviour, Respect and Care when working with a variety of students. Well done Seth. You are a star!</p>
<p>Room 4 Miss Watts</p>	<p>Ace Beasley Has demonstrated: Engage and Achieve This week Ace has been so determined to complete all tasks that he has been set. I have really enjoyed working with Ace as he completes work to the best of his ability. During our reading sessions, he has been making great predictions about what he thinks the story will be about and changing them based on what has been read so far. He has also been very Engaged during maths lessons about location and positional language. I loved reading his page for our class book "Where is the Sheep?" Well done on a great week Ace! Keep up the hard work!</p> 
<p>Room 6 Miss Rodgers</p>	<p>Evie Meek  Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty. Evie is a dream to have in the classroom. It is always lovely to see her help other students to achieve success. Evie enjoys contributing to class discussions when she is ready. It is a delight to see her put her best effort into all of her work and smile when she receives praise. Evie is always positive about her learning and friends. It is a joy to hear her jokes and enjoy the fun that she brings to our classroom. Keep being graceful and Caring Evie and thank you for being part of Room 6 this year!</p>
<p>Room 5 Miss Harris</p>	<p>Luke Quilty Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage, Achieve and Honesty Luke has begun year five by demonstrating qualities of a tremendous leader. He has taken initiative this week when working in a pair to create a magnetic car. Luke showed that he can offer ideas or suggestions for his group to use to help solve a problem. Luke always shows Engage and Achieve by constantly being on task when learning. It was pleasing to see him write an Engaging introduction to his persuasive piece of writing this week by remembering to use convincing word choice such as <u>I strongly believe</u>. Similarly, out in the yard it has been great to see him demonstrate openness and understanding when trying to solve issues between himself and his peers. Keep up the great work Luke, I can see a great role model and leader in you for your years to come.</p> 

<p>Room 8</p> <p>Mrs Boyle</p>	<p>Nadia Maxfield</p> <p>★ Nadia has had a sensational week in Room 8, in fact she has had a sensational 6 weeks! She has settled really well into our routine and has shown what a responsible Year 6 student she is. Nadia impresses me every day with her eagerness and attitude towards her learning. She strives to do her best every time and settles for nothing less. She takes Care of her workbooks and they are always neat and well presented.</p> <p>We love Nadia's easy-going attitude and we all love having the opportunity to sit beside her or be her working partner. She is kind and supportive to everyone in our class.</p> <p>You are a wonderful asset to Room 8 Nadia. You are a star!</p>
<p>ART</p>  <p>Mrs Allan</p>	<p>Harriet Elliot</p> <p>For approaching her artwork with enthusiasm and creativity! Harriet always works hard to Achieve her personal best. She listens attentively to instructions and refines her work in response to feedback. Her Spooky Self-Portrait inspired by Tim Burton was sensational!</p> <p>Congratulations, Harriet! ★</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>Catherine Trewavas</p> 	<p>Harriet Elliot</p> <p>Congratulations Harriet, you are our Star of the Week in music. Harriet is receiving this award for displaying all the REACH values consistently and for the effort she puts into learning as much as she can about music. Harriet has a wonderful curiosity and enthusiasm which often leads to others in her class learning about something new and interesting. Harriet has provided us with many performances displaying her hard work and talent when playing the keyboard. We are fortunate to have such an Engaged student always trying to Achieve her best. Well done, Harriet! ★</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Mrs Turner</p>	<p>Skyla Musgrove – 5 / 6</p> <p>Tasman Bailey 3 / 4</p> <p>★ ★</p>



Barwon Schools Young Leaders Conference 2023 – held at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.

On Friday Kiarah, Willow, Brock and Kade went to a leadership conference in Geelong. We learnt how to be a better leader. Students from three different high schools came in and spoke to us about their experiences as leaders. We had a great time and would like to thank Miss Baulch for taking us, Colac West and Alvie students for coming with us, John our bus driver and Christian's bus company for organising the bus.

Kiarah BH

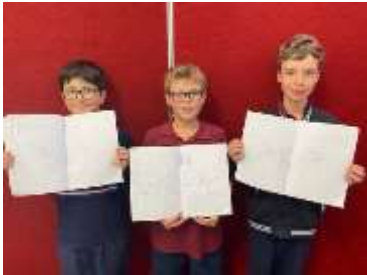


ART ROOM NEWS

Thank you for the kind donations of plastic bottles for our fence line art project for the *Colac Otway Arts Trail*. We now have enough bottles for our project and do not require anymore.

A big thank you to the students who have been working hard on decorations for the Kana Parade, your help has been greatly appreciated! We can't wait to share with the community our entry.

ROOM 8



Last Friday Room 8 had the opportunity to share and shine at assembly.

We showed everyone our wonderful work on line graphs.

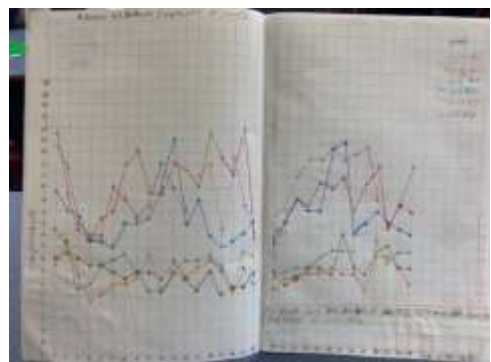
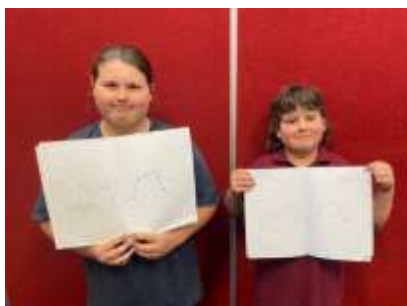
We gathered data for the maximum and minimum temperatures for Colac in January 2021, 2022 and 2023. We think we did a great job for our first effort!



Learning Intention: We are learning to construct displays, including dot plots and line graphs to present a set of data.

Success Criteria:

- I can display my data using dot plots.
- I can connect my dot plots to show a continuous line.
- I can investigate data and compare to find similarities and differences.





NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Would you like to WIN a bike?

Friday the 24th of March is National Ride To School Day!

Lippi and Jimmy from 106.3 Mixx FM are hitting the road from 7.30am doing the Brekky Show on our tandem bike as they ride from school to school.

All you need to do is find Lippi and Jimmy, get a photo with them, and post it in the comments on their Facebook post to go in the draw to win a brand-new bike from TOYWORLD Colac! How awesome is that!

Good luck everyone and we hope to see lots of CSW students riding, scooting, walking, or skating to school on Friday 24th of March!

Colac Poultry Sale

Colac Showgrounds

Sunday 2nd April

\$5 large pens & \$3 small pens

***Maximum 3 birds to a pen**

***Deal directly with seller**

*****PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A LIVE AUCTION*****

Penning 9am-10am
Viewing 10am-11am (no sales before 11am)
SALE 11AM - 12 NOON
*Canteen available

Entries Contact : Kane 0428 430 889 or Aaron 0400 728 629



Welcome
BBQ







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"




We hope Lilah Parsons and Ace Beasley had a wonderful birthday yesterday.



OPEN NIGHT

COLAC SECONDARY COLLEGE

Monday 27th March

5pm - 7pm

Presentations in Performing Arts Theatre 5pm & 6pm

173 Queen Street, Colac, Victoria, 3250

Contact Us: 52319800

Visit Our Website: www.colac-sc.vic.edu.au



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