

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.



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MARCH	
Thursday 30 th March	Room 3 Swimming
Friday 31 st March	Last Lunch orders for Term 1
Friday 31 st March	 Fundraiser for awareness of Autism. Casual dress day with a splash of green!
Thursday 6 th April	Last day of Term 1 NO LUNCH ORDERS Easter hat parade – 9.00am Lunch – 1.00pm Assembly – 1.45pm



School Calendar

Continued

	Dismissal – 2.30pm
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday
Monday 24 th April	First day Term 2
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Thursday 27 th April	Colac Schools ANZAC Service



Dear Parents,

At Colac South West Primary School we work hard to promote positive behaviour in our community. Our school is proud to be a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school. School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) is a framework that we follow, which brings together a school community to develop positive, safe and supportive learning cultures. SWPBS assists schools

to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.

When SWPBS is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- increased respectful and positive behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- a predictable learning environment with improved perceptions of safety and increased attendance.

SWPBS focuses on data and inquiry to drive continuous improvement in the school's behaviour management processes and policies. Miss Rodgers leads this work in our school and teachers have worked with students to develop our school wide behaviour matrix and are currently working with their classes on 'Classroom Expectations'.

Implementation of SWPBS requires commitment by the whole school community. Staff and students use a common language to discuss behaviour. School philosophy emphasises the need to teach appropriate behaviour much like academic learning. As a school community we strongly believe that:

- "If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach."
- "If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach."
- "If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach."
- **"If a child doesn't know how to behave, we TEACH!"**

SWPBS at Colac South West PS is closely linked to our R.E.A.C.H values and the students' positive behaviour is rewarded and acknowledged in several ways. Our students enjoy receiving house points and individual class rewards for showing our R.E.A.C.H values and expected behaviours. I really enjoy having morning tea with our 'Stars of the Week' each Monday to acknowledge and reward the efforts of these students.

Have a great week!

Steve Barry
Principal

LEAVE

I will be on leave for the last week of Term 1. Miss Baulch will be Acting Principal in my absence. Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Boyle will also have times when they are released from the classrooms to provide additional support.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO PAULINE HANSON



It is certainly with mixed emotions that I announce to our community that Pauline Hanson has decided to retire. Pauline has worked in our school office for over 17 years officially commencing in 2006 however had worked in our school on a casual basis in the previous year. It has been a significant contribution over this time and Pauline has been a positive member of our Office team, providing a warm welcome to all that enter the office area. She has supported our students, teachers and families in so many ways and I would like to thank her for the contribution she has made to our school community. The final school assembly for Term 1 will be an opportunity for our community to recognise and celebrate Pauline's involvement in our school. I'm sure that there will be many students and other family members who would like to wish Pauline the best for the future.








NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY



What a great deal of FUN and EXCITEMENT was had by our students last Friday. As part of National Ride2School Day we had a visit from the MIXX FM Morning Crew. James and Lippi arrived at school on a tandem bike (which they had borrowed from our school) and were warmly greeted by a line of enthusiastic students high fiving them as they rode into the school grounds. It was a really nice way to start the day and celebrate Ride2School Day.




STARS OF THE WEEK

We are proud to show you our last week's Stars!

<p>Year Prep Mrs Ellis</p>	<p>Nathan Clark Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage and Achieve Nathan has shown a great improvement in organisation and Engagement this week in the Prep room. I have been impressed with the way Nathan has taken on feedback and worked hard to improve his fine motor skills. He is super proud when he is writing and forming his letters correctly. The little fist pump when he Achieves in his work puts a smile on my face every time. Nathan has been working on being one of the first ready for learning and is taking on the classroom routines very well, even reminding me what we have got coming up in the reading group activities. Keep it up, Nathan!</p> 
<p>Room 3 Miss Gappa</p>	<p>Ava Connley  Has demonstrate: RESPECT, ENGAGE, ACHIEVE and CARE Ava has had a terrific week with us here in Room 3. She has demonstrated Engagement and determination during all maths sessions, working with a variety of year 3, 4 and 5 students. Ava is also receiving Star of the Week this week for her excellent behaviour, Respect and Engagement during our Science Discovery IncurSION. Ava consistently tries her hardest to Achieve her personal best and genuinely enjoys working with everyone.</p>
<p>Room 4 Miss Watts</p>	<p>Laylah Baxter Has demonstrated: Engage and Achieve Wow this girl has blown me away this week! She has had a superb week, especially during writing sessions. It has been wonderful to see her put her head down and get started straight away and work to the best of her ability. During our description writing, Laylah has given a great description about Miss Watts's dogs Max and Misty. It was also wonderful to read her writing about our Science IncurSION, showing her enjoyment in this. Laylah has also listened and taken in any feedback she is given and tries to remember this during other tasks. She also made me feel very special on my birthday this week. Well done on a sensational week! Keep up the super work!</p> 
<p>Room 6 Miss Rodgers</p>	<p>Mitchell Anderson  Has demonstrated: Care It has been wonderful to see Mitchell Care about our school on many levels this term. During the Welcome Barbeque, he ensured all staff were aware that he was available to help if a fire occurred at the barbeque. He gave Mr Barry and Mr Van feedback on their sausages and was aware of how to safely manage a barbeque. This week it has been fantastic to see Mitchell investigate different things around the school in his 'touch of orange' high visibility vest to help celebrate Harmony Week. It has been fun to have a lovely joke everyday with our resident 'Bob the Builder' to talk about what needs fixing or mixing and to know that when asked 'can he fix it,' he quickly and confidently replies 'yes he can'. Mitchell has taken on feedback about his handwriting and continues to ensure that his letters are correctly formed. Thank you for caring about our school Mitchell and always ensuring that we are safe and have fun!</p>
<p>Room 5 Miss Harris</p>	<p>Oliver Purcell Has demonstrated: Respect, Engage and Achieve It has been great to see Oliver take advantage of his new adjustment with his writing tasks. He has successfully demonstrated that he is more than capable of finishing a writing task within the time given. I have enjoyed working closely with Oliver in writing when learning about procedural texts. He has shown Achieve by finishing a writing piece about <u>how to be a football player</u>. After reading</p> 

	<p>Oliver's writing piece, I now know that I can call up a football team and join! Who knew it was as simple as that? It has been great to have a laugh with Oliver in our writing group over explaining how detailed our steps need to be in our procedural writing.</p> <p>Well done on your motivated week Oliver, Keep it up!</p>
<p>Room 8</p> <p>Mrs Boyle</p>	<p>Dante James</p> <p>★ Dante has made a fantastic start to Year 6! Dante continually demonstrates that he is ready and eager to learn. He does his absolute best with every lesson and is always on task the whole time! He is proud of his Achievements and enjoys discovering something new. It has been great to see Dante taking ownership of his learning by asking for help when he needs it.</p> <p>Dante always has a positive attitude and displays our REACH values constantly. He is a kind and caring class member who is considerate of others working around him. He is Respectful and uses his manners when talking with his peers and adults. Well done on a great start Dante.....you are a star!!</p>
<p>ART</p>  <p>Mrs Allan</p>	<p>Nadia Maxfield</p> <p>For approaching her canvas artwork for the Colac Otway Arts Trail with creativity and flair! The kookaburra Nadia is painting is looking amazing. ★</p> <p>Congratulations Nadia!</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>Catherine Trewavas</p> 	<p>Daisy Parsons</p> <p>★ Daisy is well deserving of being our musical star of the week. Daisy brings joy and curiosity to the music room each week and is to be commended for the way she engages with each activity, and always strives to achieve her best. Daisy's enthusiasm and effort to create music we can all enjoy helps to make our music lessons creative and fun! Daisy's commitment to our school choir is very impressive and greatly appreciated. She never misses an opportunity to come to the music room with her friends and sing beautifully. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work in music, Daisy.</p>

Look at how close the **house points** are after only 8 weeks of school!

	Jupiter	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
Classroom points	1,950	2,150	2,000	2,600
Assembly points	50,600	46,320	48,120	49,815
Progressive total	52,550	48,470	50,420	52,415

Teachers and support staff love giving house points out when we see you, our students, displaying our **REACH** values. It's important to remember to put your house points on your classroom chart when you receive them as every little bit helps!

Mrs Boyle





ART ROOM NEWS – THE COLAC OTWAY ARTS TRAIL

We are very excited to be participating again in the Colac Otway Arts Trail. This year our Year 6 students will have artwork on display at the Arts Showcase and Exhibition being held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of April at the Colac Primary School Stadium. **Winners will be announced at 2pm on the Sunday.** We encourage everyone to come along and view the amazing artwork on display. There will also be local artist demonstrations and a pop-up performance from Wildhoney Performing Arts.

Our students will also be sharing a tribute to those who have served and died in military and peacekeeping as our entry in the Primary School Fence Art Trail. We look forward to revealing this piece next week!

Please see the Colac Otway Arts Trail website for more information about the trail. <https://www.colacotwayartstrail.com/map.html>

The following students have celebrated a birthday in the last week. We hope you all have had a very **Happy Birthday** and have eaten lots of cake!

Rainer Day, Lauchlan Lehmann, Bella and Daisy Parsons.

Easter Hat Parade

We would like to invite families along to watch our Easter hat parade on the last day of term.

Students are making hats in their classrooms and will be ready to share at the parade.

We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Thursday 6th April

Time: 9 am

Where: CSW Basketball court



**HAPPY
Easter**



goodFriday appeal

THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



THURSDAY 6TH OF APRIL



COLAC BOTANIC GARDENS



THURSDAY 6TH OF APRIL

BULLA VAN, LIONS CLUB, JUMPING CASTLE,
EASTER EGG HUNT AND BLUEY!

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MIXX FM

Coming to COPACC these School Holidays...



on by Circa

Wednesday, 19 April 2023 | 07:00 PM



Tickets: Adult \$40

Concession/Student : \$37

COPACC Member \$36

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FUNDRAISER: Raising Awareness for Autism



This year the school is holding a fundraiser to Walk for Autism. It is a casual dress day and we will be doing a walk at lunch time and earning house points! **TOMORROW** the second last Friday of the school term (Friday 31st March) please wear a splash of **green**. Also bring any loose change for this event (an envelope was sent home yesterday to put your money in).

Thank you so much.
Junior School Council

Every time you adjust your behaviour and environment to accommodate a diverse range of abilities, you're helping to create a world where no-one on the autism spectrum is left behind, and that's real change.



Tips for autism-friendly and inclusive interactions

Many people on the autism spectrum find reading social cues and body language very challenging. You can help by being patient and understanding.

Focus on a person's ability, interests and their unique perspective. If you take the time to listen, you may learn some really interesting things.

People on the autism spectrum have the same emotions as everyone else. Treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Sometimes people on the autism spectrum get overwhelmed by the sights, sounds and/or smells in their surroundings, especially when places are busy. Give people the space and time they need to process their surroundings, and understand if they need to exit a situation quickly.

Sometimes people on the autism spectrum take words and phrases literally or have trouble reading 'between the lines'. As a result, they may need to clarify (even if this means going back to previous comments). Don't be offended if someone repeats your words back to you - they're just making sure they've understood you correctly. To help, keep your communication direct, clear and easy-to-follow.

People on the autism spectrum often interact and communicate differently. Be careful not to judge these differences negatively but focus patiently on the purpose of the communication.

People on the autism spectrum can appear very frank, honest and matter of fact. Remember this is often a part of being on the autism spectrum, and there's no intention to be rude or inappropriate.

These tips were developed in conjunction with people on the autism spectrum.