

# NEWSLETTER

**COLAC SOUTH WEST P. S.**  
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**Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty**

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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**8<sup>th</sup> June 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

### TERM 2

#### JUNE

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	King's Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm – Finance Meeting 6.30pm – School Council
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Last Day Term 2 – 2.30pm Finish



Dear Parents,

In recent weeks children have been involved in a variety of assessment tasks. These methods of assessment include formal written and on-line testing in relation to literacy and numeracy, one to one assessments e.g. running records for reading and comprehension and completion of set assessment tasks or projects. This forms part of a

teacher's evaluation of a student. Teacher observations, completion of work requirements and the student's general level of engagement and participation are also considered when assessing their performance throughout the year.

Teachers meet each week as Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to plan, review develop and improve their teaching program. They also review their assessments and analyse student work in relation to the expected outcomes. This opportunity to review allows for greater continuity between classes and allows teachers to accurately determine the levels of student performance within the A, B, C, D and E ranking against the Victorian Curriculum.

Colac South West Primary School reports cover the following areas:

- **English** – Reading, Writing and Speaking/Listening for all students.
- **Mathematics** – Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability for all students.
- **Inquiry** – Varies for each year level, however, covers the Humanities, Geography, History, Technology and Sciences.
- **Specialist reports** – Art, Music, Physical Education and Auslan.
- **Tutor Learning Initiative** – A comment for all students undertaking the TLI and Intervention Support Programs.

Draft reports are written by individual teachers and shared with colleagues to assist with editing and structure. The reports are then printed for review and signed by the Principal or Assistant Principal. This year student reports will be sent home on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (last day of Term 2). Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next term on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Further information regarding Parent / Teacher interviews will be included in next week's newsletter.

Have a great week!

Steve Barry  
Principal

## SICKNESS AND COVID

With the arrival of colder weather, cases of influenza (the flu) are increasing throughout Victoria. We are at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season. To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- take a COVID-19 test and follow the current Department of Health requirements if a positive result is shown.
- common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired, please keep your child at home until their symptoms pass.
- encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

It is important that you notify Colac South West Primary School if your child's medical details have changed to ensure that we provide the best care for them while they are at school.

If your child has been recently diagnosed with a medical condition that may affect them during their time at school, please keep us informed. This may include taking a new medication, a change in medication, a newly diagnosed medical condition such as Diabetes, Asthma,

Epilepsy, an Allergy, Anaphylaxis, or any other pre-existing medical condition that the school is unaware of.

If your child has recently been diagnosed with Diabetes, Epilepsy, Asthma, an Allergy or Anaphylaxis, you will need to provide the school with an action / management plan. Once we receive an action / management plan we will work with families to develop a student health support plan or an individual anaphylaxis / allergy plan.

Further information in relation to First Aid and Administration of Medication can be found in the policies section of our school's website.

## PREP ENROLMENTS 2024

Parents of children in the school with a sibling who will be starting Prep in 2024 are encouraged to collect an enrolment pack from the office. The forms need to be completed and returned by the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. This information is important in the planning process for next year.



If someone you know is enrolling a child to start school next year they are warmly invited to come along and have a tour of our great school. Please let them know that enrolment packs are available from the school and that they can contact the school to make an appointment to have a tour of the school with the Principal, Mr. Steve Barry.


We look forward to seeing our existing families and welcoming new families to our school.





## CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to Brock Finn who represented our school and Colac District Schools at the Greater Western Region Cross Country event recently held in Warrnambool at Reid Reserve. It was a tough course under wet / cold conditions. Brock completed the course and crossed the line with a smile on his face. **Great effort Brock!!**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

<p><b>Year Prep</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Ellis</b></p>	<p><b>Jaxon Ellen</b></p> <p>Jaxon has demonstrated Respect and Care this week in our classroom. He is always using his manners and shows kindness to his classmates. Jaxon has been a great helper in the classroom this week, showing care when packing up and always making sure everything is in its place. Jaxon helps without being asked and follows the classroom rules beautifully. Well done on a great week Jaxon!</p> 
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<p><b>Room 3</b></p> <p><b>Miss Gappa</b></p>	<p><b>Sadie Harrowfield Leah Kirkman Tyson Woods</b></p> <p>Sadie, Leah and Tyson have all demonstrated outstanding behaviour, effort and participation during all sessions this week. They have shown great determination and engagement especially during all our online tests. They all held a positive mindset, tried their personal best and persisted even when the question difficulty increased past grade 4! Sadie, Leah and Tyson also showed great Care by willingly helping others in our class to finish their assignment research. I am so proud of your positive and caring nature this week Sadie, Leah and Tyson. Well done. You are all stars!</p> 
<p><b>Room 4</b></p> <p><b>Miss Watts</b></p>	<p><b>Rylee Campbell</b></p> <p>Rylee has had a super week when she has visited Room 4 this week! She has been so determined to do her best work and try her hardest. It has been wonderful to see her try and challenge herself when completing her maths groups and often achieving these goals. Rylee has shown her knowledge in our Sounds Write sessions, through the testing that she completed. She was also not phased when she was asked to complete more testing at a different time to other students, taking it in her stride and smiling her way through it! Well done on an excellent week Rylee! Keep up the hard work!</p> 
<p><b>Room 5</b></p> <p><b>Miss Harris</b></p>	<p><b>Tallyn Lubke</b></p> <p>Tallyn has had an exceptional week this week. She has returned to the classroom with a positive attitude and tried her absolute hardest on her tasks. Tallyn had some catchup tests to complete this week and demonstrated an eagerness to complete them to her fullest potential. Similarly, she tackled her maths tasks with a positive attitude (even though she missed some crucial lessons). She worked closely with an adult and demonstrated full focus to complete some new concepts. With our writing, we have been researching a famous person. Tallyn worked closely with an adult this week to finish her speech on Steve Irwin. She worked hard and did not waste any time, and now she has caught up to her peers. I am super proud of your efforts this week Tallyn. Keep up the positive attitude towards your learning!</p>
<p><b>Room 6</b></p> <p><b>Miss Rodgers</b></p>	<p><b>Ella Kirkman</b></p> <p>It is lovely to work with Ella during Sounds Write and Maths groups and see the effort she puts into her work. She should be exceptionally proud of her recent Sounds Write test where she took the time to ensure she was accurate. It was fantastic to see her smile as she became more confident at segmenting and blending words with up to 5 sounds. Ella has worked independently in Maths this week and it has been superb to see her make numbers using MAB and talk about how these are made up of tens and ones. Keep up the wonderful work Ella and being proud of all that you are learning and showing your teachers! Thank you for always rewarding yourself and others with that happy smile!</p> 
<p><b>Room 8</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Boyle</b></p> 	<p><b>Max Meek</b></p> <p>Max has had a ripper of a week! We have had some big weeks with assessment and he has knocked them out of the ball park. He has worked hard, staying on task and completing all tasks to the best of his ability. It has been pleasing to see and hear how Max is taking on his role of a senior student with the football game outside, ensuring expectations and rules are followed. It has been wonderful to see Max engaged and wanting to achieve. Well done Max on a fantastic week!!!!</p>

<p><b>MUSIC</b></p>  <p><b>Miss Trewavas</b></p>	<p><b>Ally Chirgwin</b></p> <p>This week our musical star of the week is Ally Chirgwin. Ally has earned this award for the tremendous effort she displays each week in Music classes. She is a wonderful example of a student who is trying hard to engage and achieve her best. Ally shows Care and Respect for those around her when she listens to their performances and offers kind words of encouragement to her classmates. Ally is enthusiastic and eager to try playing new instruments or learn new musical skills. Her singing and dancing help to create a fun and joyful classroom for everyone. Keep up the great work Ally!</p> 
<p><b>ART</b></p>  <p><b>Mrs Allan</b></p>	<p><b>Ryder Davis</b></p> <p>Ryder had a great session last week in Art. He was very engaged and should be proud of his efforts on completing the background for his animal collage. Ryder also took great care with painting his dog's nose. Congratulations, Ryder! You are a star!</p> 

## COLAC SOUTH WEST FUNDRAISING PIE DRIVE

This year we are having a Pie Drive through Hulm's Bakery to help raise funds for our school. These funds will go towards improvements for our playgrounds & other student related projects.

Order forms have been sent home today. **Order forms & money** need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 21st June, 2023**.

Orders will be ready for collection in the first week of Term 3, you will be notified when they are available.

**Happy Birthday** to these students. We hope you all had a wonderful Birthday!!

**Walker Howland**

**Brock Finn**

**Rhylan Hay**

**Jimmy Lake**



**School Holiday Program**

**27TH, 28TH & 29TH JUNE**

## A DAY ON THE FARM

Join us for a fun-filled day on the farm at Common Ground Project. An opportunity for young people to connect with food and farming.

Experience a 'Day in the Life of a Farmer'

Sow and harvest produce      Learn about farming  
Feed the chickens      Meet new people



9am - 3pm  
Suitable for children aged 8-14  
\$70 + GST per person

*This program is subsidised through a partnership with VicHealth.*

For more information and to book a spot in the program, please visit our website.  
[www.commongroundproject.com.au](http://www.commongroundproject.com.au)

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