

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.



School Calendar

T E R M 2	
JUNE	
Wednesday 21 st June	Pie Drive Order Forms & Money due
Thursday 22 nd June	Casual Dress Day
Friday 23 rd June	Last Day Term 2 – 2.30pm Finish
T E R M 3	
JULY	
Monday 10 th July	First Day Term 3
Wednesday 12 th July	Naidoc Day Activities
Thursday 13 th July	Parent - Teacher Interviews



Dear Parents,

Earlier this year, our school completed a very positive review process that analysed our school's performance, processes and programs over the past four years. Our independent reviewers worked with focus groups including the children, staff, school council and parents to build a picture of our achievements since our last review in 2018 and also

to understand the needs and vision for the school for the next four years.

The findings and recommendations from the review were then used to develop a new 4-year Strategic Plan. Our School Council endorsed this plan at last night's School Council meeting.

Our Vision— 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.

Our Values — Our School Values are Respect, Engage, Achieve, Care and Honesty

- Respect – Always and Everywhere.
- Engage – Do your best.
- Achieve – Strive for Excellence.
- Care – Look after others.
- Honesty – Do the right thing.

Sitting at the centre of its work, the school believes in maintaining high expectations for all students and staff with regards to the rights and responsibilities that we all have to providing and maintaining a positive, safe and supportive learning environment.

The two overarching goals of our 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan are:

- ❖ To increase student engagement and wellbeing.
 - Embed a whole-school approach to student agency in learning and wellbeing.
 - Embed a whole-school approach to improving attendance rates.
- ❖ Optimise the learning growth of every student in Literacy and Numeracy.
 - Strengthen teachers use of High Impact Teaching strategies (including the Instructional Model and feedback) in the classroom.
 - Build staff capacity to improve Numeracy and Literacy outcomes.

Once the Strategic Plan is endorsed by the Department of Education a copy will be uploaded to our school's website.

Over the year I will continue to share the direction of the school with our community so that we can partner in achieving these goals and get the very best outcomes for our students.

Have a great week!

Steve Barry

Principal

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Student Semester One Reports will be sent home on Friday 23rd June (last day Term 2) and will also be available on Compass. Mid-year Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in Term 3 on Thursday 13th July. (First week back)

This is an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher and discuss information contained in the mid-year report and discuss the focus for your child in Semester Two. I encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for the mid-year interviews.

Bookings for interviews will be made via Compass and instructions on how to make a booking can be found below. Bookings are now open and will close at 3.00pm on Tuesday 11th July. Miss Baulch will contact families in relation to Student Support Group interviews.

To manage a booking on Compass for your parent teacher interview you will need to follow the instructions below:

On your compass app

- Top left hand corner press on the three bars:
- Select conferences
- Select Parent Teacher Conversations
- Select your teacher
- Select your requested time
- Confirm booking.

If you have any questions, please contact the school or message your teacher on Dojo and they will be able to help guide you.

If you have more than one child at the school, we ask you to leave a gap between your interviews to avoid timing issues that might arise with connections. Interviews will end a couple of minutes before the scheduled 15-minute block to allow for the changeover between interviews.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MARCH MEETING

Last night we had the June meeting of School Council. The following were key discussion points:

- 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 – Presentation of Child Safe Standards 5 – 8.
- The following financial statements were presented:
 - May Financial and Operating statements
 - Ratify various payments.
 - Present the current Budget Management Report
- General Business included the following items:
 - Endorsement of the Strategic Plan 2022-2026.
 - Approval of the first two days of the 2024 school year to be Pupil Free Days. This will allow for planning, preparation and for staff to complete Level 2 First Aid Training.
 - Discussion on the School Council Self-Assessment Tool.
 - Approval of the Prep / 1 / 2 Excursion to the Warrnambool Wildlife Park
 - Approval of the Prep / 1 / 2 Excursion to see 'Possum Magic' at COPACC

The next meeting of School Council is planned for Wednesday 17th August.

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 28th 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.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Next term our school will be hosting two Deakin University students who are completing their Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. The students will be in our school and classrooms on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays for seven weeks and will be working mostly in the Prep, and 1/2 classrooms. Teachers will be handing out consent forms for children to participate in the coming days. We look forward to welcoming Amy and Cody to our school next term!

STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>Year Prep Mrs Ellis</p>	<p>Ari Gaylard Ari is always a superstar in our classroom! This week he has received his star of the week for all of our REACH values. Ari is kind, caring and polite to everyone he comes across. He has worked hard during sounds write this week and is sounding out words on his own! Keep working hard Ari, we love having you in the classroom.</p> 
<p>Room 3 Miss Gappa</p>	<p>Bluebell Gorman Congratulations Bluebell for being Room 3's Star of the Week. Bluebell has demonstrated outstanding engagement, behaviour, effort and participation during all Writing sessions this week. She has worked really hard on designing her Cheetah poster. She has ignored all the distractions of a busy classroom to complete her poster ahead of time! We are all looking forward to your presentation Bluebell. Well done Bluebell. You are a star!</p> 
<p>Room 4 Miss Watts</p>	<p>Room 4 Room 4 have had a wonderful term of learning and they have worked really hard to complete all tasks that they have been given. Over the last couple of weeks they have completed any test that has been set for them without arguing. They also tried their best with every one of the tests that was given to them! Room 4 always look out for each other and notice when they are upset or sad. I enjoyed reading all of their narratives over the past 2 weeks during writing times and I can not wait to see them all published! Let's have a great last couple of weeks Room 4!</p> 
<p>Room 5 Miss Harris</p>	<p>Mataya Weatherill Mataya has had an exceptional week in Room 5 this week. I have been super proud of her efforts in writing. Mataya has demonstrated Achieve this week by working hard to complete her speech on Steve Irwin. She did not waste any time when researching and managed to finish writing her speech in two lessons! Mataya impressed me this week as she decided last minute to conduct her speech in front of the whole class. She spoke clearly and had interesting information about Steve Irwin and Wildlife Conservation. Who knew that Steve went for the bombers? We all do now because of Mataya! Mataya also showed Engage this week by listening intently to all presentations by keeping her focus on the speaker. Well done on a tremendous week Mataya, keep it up!</p>
<p>Room 6 Miss Rodgers</p>	<p>Harry Meek Harry always tries his best. It is fantastic to see him take on feedback and act on it. Harry takes his learning very seriously and does all he can to ensure he is successful. He should be exceptionally proud of the way he removes himself from things and people who distract him while he is working. Harry is very good at</p> 

	<p>thinking about positive learning choices and it is a joy to watch him make these decisions. He enjoys sharing his sense of fun with the class and looking out for others whenever possible. Harry is reminded to ask for help so that his work is accurate and keep building his sense of self belief.</p> <p>Keep up the the great work Harry and thank you for being in Room 6!</p>
<p>Room 8</p> <p>Mrs Boyle</p>	<p>Caitlin Vander Zee</p> <p>Caitlin has had a sensational week in Room 8! She has worked hard on her story writing this week and has created a wonderful story titled 'The Missing Girl', which she is now publishing.</p> <p>★ Caitlin participated in the Lightning Premiership yesterday in netball. Caitlin played in the team that was half CSW and half Colac West. By all reports she was kind and encouraging towards her new teammates and she showed respect to her coach by happily playing in any position she was asked to. We love Caitlin's easy-going attitude and her flexibility to do what is best for all. You are a wonderful asset to Room 8 Caitlin. You are a star!</p>
<p>MUSIC</p>  <p>Miss Trewavas</p>	<p>Jayda Weatherill</p> <p>This week our musical star of the week is Jayda Weatherill. Jayda is receiving this award for all her effort and hard work in Music. She is always engaged and ready to learn. Jayda and shows wonderful enthusiasm during singing and movement activities and her contributions help to make our lessons joyful. Jayda is respectful and caring when listening to others perform, and it is a pleasure to see her be happy for others to share their learning. Jayda tries hard when learning how to play new instruments and shows great persistence! Well done, Jayda!</p> <p>★</p>
<p>ART</p>  <p>Mrs Allan</p>	<p>Isaac Hill</p> <p>Congratulations Isaac on a wonderful session in Art last week. Isaac's level of engagement whilst taking leaf rubbings was excellent. He worked with focus and took care with his food dye wash. Isaac listened attentively during our whole class demonstration and displayed beautiful manners in the session. Well done Isaac. You are a superstar!</p> <p>★</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 & money (EFTPOS available) 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.

CASUAL DRESS DAY



On Thursday 22nd June (second last day of term) the Junior School Councillors have decided to have a casual dress day and support Donate a Dollar Day. The money collected on the day will go to State Schools' Relief, which is an organisation that assists students enrolled in Victorian Government School with everything from school uniforms and footwear to other educational resources.

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

Evie Beasley
Piper Keast
Nathan Clark
Prezlee Musgrove



Alana Brown
Kade Garcia
Kaelyn Ross
Felix Shrubb

Room 6 Debut Authors

Evie

The Deep Dark Forest

Holly stepped on a bunch of sticks but Luke didn't know. Then he saw that her leg was bleeding!

ROOM 6

Room 6 have been enjoying writing their first stories of 2023.

We hope you enjoy the blurbs to our wonderful narratives!

Arliyah

The Forest Walk

"Hoot hoot".
Rylee had an owl on her shoulder and she screamed out "aaaarrrrggggghhhh."

Lilly

Queen Sonic

Queen Sonic heard a noise in the water. She looked down and it was a shark. How was Princess Wednesday going to save her?

Zake

The Sandy Beach

The sand was soft and wet and it was a hot day.

Harry

Zake and Harry's Footy

Zake heard a noise and Harry did not hear it. Two minutes later, Harry had a broken leg.

Rhylan

Harry and Rylee

Harry and Rylee heard a knock on the door. Harry and Rylee are really scared. They don't know who it is...

Mahli

Out in the Front Yard Day

Mahli, Mum, Dad, Kailan and Koirannah saw a car park but when they were going to go in the car park, a car decided to steal the car park.

Ally

Ally and Sonny's Big Adventure

"Snap and crackle".
Sonny and Ally didn't know what to do. Their house was on fire and they needed help.

Room 6 Debut Authors

Mitchell

The Moon

Mitchell saw a fire coming towards the moon.

Ryder

The Lava

Who poured the lava and how is Harry going to cross it?

Ava

Nippy gets the stick

Nippy and I are playing with a stick at the park.

Maddy

At the Beach with Big Mahli and Little Sadie

Mahli was walking in the forest and was going to the beach. Mahli fell in the water. Sadie was walking and she saw Mahli drowning in the water. "Oh no," said Sadie.

Rylee

Gum Gum the Koala

Denise was about to go for a walk through the big jungle when she saw Gum Gum the koala. She was going to slip from a tall and bumpy tree. "Gum Gum are you alright?" said Denise.

Lincoln

The Forest of Doom

A monster arrived at a party. The monster was singing.

Ariah

Harper, Lilly and the Big Monster

There were two little kind girls named Harper and Lilly playing at the sandy beach. They played with the colourful beach ball.

Sadie

The Chase

Sadie and Danger went to a big dog park to have a drink. They heard a big roar. What was that they wondered?

Prezlee

Jeffrey

Jeffrey was swimming in his bowl when suddenly all the water disappeared. What happened?