

NEWSLETTER

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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

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T E R M 2	
JUNE	
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 Week Activity Day
Thursday 13 th July	Parent - Teacher Interviews



Dear Parents,

With Term 2 ending this Friday we can reflect on what has been another busy and exciting term. I would like to thank all students, staff and parents for their great work and commitment to the school and its success. It was a pleasure to read the students' reports and I commend all students on the efforts they have made with their learning. The level of

student improvement was significant and highlighted the great work that is occurring in our classrooms.

Our students are certainly engaged in their learning, and it is rewarding to walk around our school and see the wonderful work taking place in the classrooms and specialist areas. This term has been very busy with the children participating in many activities and the staff continuing the great work they do with our students. There have been several events and activities the students have been involved in. These have included:

- ANZAC Day ceremony at Memorial Square.
- Grade 5/6 Urban Camp in Melbourne.
- Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall.
- Whole school Cross Country, followed by eligible students competing in the Colac Schools Cross Country at the Colac Golf Course and concluding with Brock Finn competing at the Regional Championships in Warrnambool.
- Koorie Kids Club and a special session with Aunty Lisa Couzens from the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co Op.
- Badminton sessions with local coaches for our Year 3/4 students.
- Prep / Year 1 Dental clinic.
- Evacuation Drill – offsite to Western Oval – completed in record time!!
- Education Week.
- School photos.
- 2024 Prep Open Morning where we had lots of people come and visit our school.
- Walk to School Safely Day.
- District Soccer tournament at St Mary's PS.
- Golf lessons at the Colac Golf Course for our Year 5/6 students.
- Reconciliation Week.
- Grade 5/6 Personal Development sessions.
- RACV Safety Squad for all students.
- Lightning Premiership for our Year 5/6 students combined with Colac West PS.
- And finishing off with a 'Casual Dress Day' today.

Next term promises to be another busy one starting off with Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 13th July (please see below for instructions to book your timeslot).

We will also be celebrating NAIDOC Week on the first Wednesday back at school. Students will break into their House Groups and complete rotation activities with staff to gain a greater understanding of the meaning and significance of NAIDOC Week. The 2023 theme is 'For our Elders' and is an opportunity to acknowledge the important roles our Elders have played, and continue to play, in our communities and families. Further information in relation to NAIDOC Week is located later in the newsletter.

Although the weather has been a bit cold and wet of late there has been the odd sunny Winter Day. Hopefully we get a number of these over the holidays.

Have a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe Winter break.

Steve Barry

Principal

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. As NAIDOC week falls during the school holidays our school will be holding A NAIDOC Day on Wednesday 12th July. Students will work in their "Houses" participating in a number of special activities to celebrate the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The 2023 National NAIDOC Week theme is '*For Our Elders*'. The following is from the NAIDOC website – naidoc.org.au

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them to.

They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow.

The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people.

It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us.

We pay our respects to the Elders we've lost and to those who continue fighting for us across all our Nations and we pay homage to them.

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.

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

- o Top left hand corner press on the three bars:
- o Select conferences
- o Select Parent Teacher Conversations
- o Select your teacher
- o Select your requested time
- o 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 suggest that you 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.

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>Foster Elliot Foster has received this week's star of the week in the Prep room for Respect, Achieve and Engage. He is always listening carefully to instructions to make sure he completes his work to a high standard. He listens to feedback to improve his work each time and loves to share what he has done. This week Foster has really impressed me with extending his writing, often writing three or more sentences! Well done Foster! Keep up the great work.</p> 
<p>Room 3 Miss Gappa</p>	<p>Ahliah Ross Congratulations Ahliah for being Room 3's Star of the Week. Ahliah has demonstrated outstanding respect, engagement and care for her peers during our poster presentations this week. Ahliah demonstrated the 5L's of listening during each and every presentation. She remained still in her seat, kept her eyes on the speaker and asked thoughtful questions. Well done Ahliah. You are a star!</p> 

<p>Room 4</p> <p>Miss Watts</p>	<p>Lilly Wilson</p> <p>Lilly has worked super hard this semester when she has visited Room 4! It has been wonderful to see her grow in confidence in both herself and her abilities to complete any task given to her. It has been excellent to see her have a big focus on her handwriting during our Sounds Write sessions each and every day and be very enthused to help build or read the words of the day. I have been wowed by her work during our maths groups, in particular our addition groups. Lilly took it upon herself to trial the split strategy independently and she nailed it! Since that lesson she has continued to work independently but ask for help when she gets stuck. Well done Lilly! You are a STAR!</p> 
<p>Room 5</p> <p>Miss Harris</p>	<p>Jardyn Stanley</p> <p>Jardyn has had a great week in Room 5. It was pleasing to see him return to school with a positive attitude. Jardyn had some catch-up PAT tests to complete and did not say a negative comment towards them. He worked in the office completing his work. When he returned back to the classroom, he did not disrupt any of the students working. It has been pleasing to see him be attentive towards our author incursions as he has been trying tremendously hard to limit his distractions towards others. I have enjoyed seeing Jardyn use his manners this week as it is a great reminder for all of Room 5 to remember to use our manners!</p> 
<p>Room 6</p> <p>Miss Rodgers</p>	<p>Ruby Stevens</p> <p>Ruby should be very proud of what she has achieved this term during our Sounds Write and Maths groups. It has been a pleasure to work with her and see all that she can do. Ruby works very hard and is learning to ask for help when needed. She has enjoyed being challenged during place value groups and developing her understanding of number lines and number sequences. It is lovely to see Ruby take on feedback and correct her work when asked. During Sounds Write, she has ensured her handwriting is neat and sits on the baseline. Ruby enjoys building words and identifying the different sounds she can hear. It has been fantastic to see her commit to her learning and smile when she has made great learning choices. Keep up the wonderful work Ruby!</p> 
<p>Room 8</p> <p>Mrs Boyle</p>	<p>Kiarah Beckett-Hay</p> <p>Kiarah has earned this Star of the Week for all the REACH values she has demonstrated this week. She is a fantastic role model to others in Room 8 and is an enthusiastic and passionate leader of Jupiter. Kiarah enjoys all the tasks we do in class and gives everything her very best efforts. She should be proud of her engagement with assessments, most recently, and the achievement she attained. Well done Kiarah, we were very proud of your work ethic. You are a star!!</p> 
<p>MUSIC</p>  <p>Miss Trewavas</p>	<p>Eleanor Murch</p> <p>This week our musical star of the week is Eleanor Murch! Eleanor is a wonderful role model for her classmates in Music classes. She is respectful, caring and considerate when listening to others perform and share their learning. Eleanor always strives to achieve her best and shows so much enthusiasm when exploring the way instruments can be played in different ways. She loves to share her thoughts about Music and we all learn a lot from her insights. Well done, Eleanor. You are a superstar!</p> 

<p>ART</p>  <p>Mrs Allan</p>	<p>Declan Ellen</p> <p>For approaching his artwork with enthusiasm! Declan has been listening carefully to classroom instructions and trying his best with all art making activities. He is a wonderful helper too. Thank you, Declan, for all your assistance around the art room.</p> <p>You are a superstar!</p> 
<p>PE</p> <p>Mrs Turner</p>	<p>Oliver Hill</p> 

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

Shiloh Buckle
Declan Ellen
Elijah Haslem
Pypah Spokes



BASKETBALL CLINIC

THANKYOU TO TYLER, COOPER, MACH, NATE AND THE HAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB.



On Wednesday at lunchtime, our 5/6 students were given the opportunity to participate in a basketball clinic run by some of our local Kookas representatives. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and give a huge shout out to Tyler, Cooper, Mach and Nate, who volunteered their own time to participate and introduce basketball skills to our students. The students absolutely loved their time with the representatives...I could tell by their smiles, laughter, and teamwork. One of the highlights for the students was taking on the representatives as a 5/6 group...yes, all students against Tyler, Cooper, Mach and Nate!! Fun times!!

I would also like to say a big thankyou to the Hawks Basketball club who have donated 13 basketballs, and singlets, to our school to continue developing our basketball skills in PE and at lunchtimes.

If you would like any information or have any questions, about your child engaging in the summer basketball competition in Colac, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me early in term 3, on 0493 245 739, or contact the association directly.

Take care over the holidays. We're in this together. Look after each other and I will see you in term 3.

Cheers Bree





Artwork from around the rooms

