

# NEWSLETTER

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**R**espect **E**ngage **A**chieve **C**are **H**onesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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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 Gulidjan Country of the Maar Nation.*

*We pay our respects to the Gulidjan people - past, present and emerging, as the traditional custodians of the land and waters on which we live, work and play.*



Dear Parents,

As the newsletter had gone to print by the time the big event happened we didn't really get to celebrate the Prep 100 Days of School in this space. I can assure you they all had a wonderful time at their party in the Multi-Purpose

Room (there was fairy bread too, my favourite!)

After the party our Preps ran through their 100 Day Celebration banner and Mrs. Allan has been hard at work on our Face Book page again, ensuring these special moments have been captured for us. Mrs. Ellis had a colourful display out the front of the school where our Preps posed for photos as well. Of course, everybody got to make their crown and most of these lasted until the end of the day in tact! See the back of this edition for the photo gallery.

As well as all this our Year 4s continue to publish the Colac South West News on Facebook, where the Prep 100 Day Celebrations featured strongly. What a great effort our Year 4s are making in their news reels. A big thank you to Miss Garner for her assistance with this project.

I had the pleasure of having morning tea with the school's most recent stars as shown on today's cover. We enjoyed a biscuit or two and a juice and we started to discuss what our plans were for Book Week Dress Up Day. Keep an eye out for more information on this!

Our Year 5/6 students went to The Colac Showgrounds to polish up on their Badminton skills and our CSW team has been selected. The Colac Badminton Tournament will take place on Friday 18th August and we wish our selected students good luck in this competition.

Have a great week!  
Erin Baulch

## STUDENT PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

The school offers yard supervision from 8:45am and 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 8:30am - to 8:45am each Friday.



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AUGUST	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	5/6 Winter Sport vs Colac PS
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	P-2 Possum Magic - COPACC
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Book Week Open Night 5-7pm

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	5/6 Winter Sport @ Elliminyt
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week Dress Up Parade gam

**Farewell to Mrs. Morris**



It is with mixed emotions that I inform our school community that Mrs. Kaila Morris has successfully gained an ongoing position in an Education Support role at Beeac Primary School. This is a great opportunity for Kaila to have an ongoing role in a school and I know she will be very successful in her work at Beeac. Although disappointed to see Kaila leave, we wish her all the very best at her new school. Her last day with us will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**Parent Opinion Survey now open.**



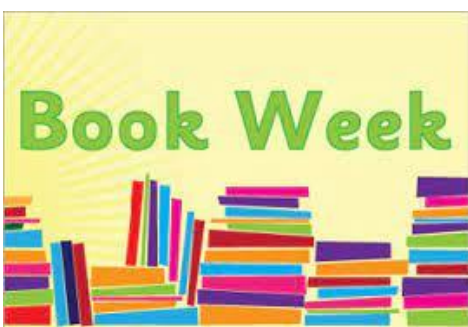
The Department of Education is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. Please do not share the link or PIN with other people as they are unique to our school.

The survey is open now and will be available until Friday 8 September 2023. The link and PIN will be posted on Compass and there will also be an iPad available at the front office for you to access the survey if you wish. Should you have difficulty accessing Compass please call the school to get the link and the unique Colac South West PIN.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

**Book Week**



**BOOK WEEK IS COMING!!!**

CSW will be celebrating Book Week in Week 7, August 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>!!

Staff have lots of exciting things planned to do in classrooms to bring the excitement of books alive.

We are holding our first ever Book Week Open Night on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 5-7pm. Families are welcome to come along and take a tour of the magnificent doorways and feel the magic that Book Week brings.

There will be a dress up parade on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 9

am in the MPR. Children are asked to come dressed up as their favourite book character. Families are welcome to attend the parade if they wish.

Keep your eyes peeled to Dojo and the newsletter for further upcoming information.




### Congratulations To Kaydence Calder





At Colac South West we love to share the achievements of our students in their extra-curricula activities and so I am excited to share that Kaydence Calder (along with her brother and ex-CSW student, Keegan) will be part of the DanceLife Unite National Championship in New South Wales in September. The team of eight dancers started their success story in a regional dance competition held in Warrnambool where they showcased their Jazz, HipHop and Contemporary genres. The team scored impressively well and earned themselves a qualification place in the national championship.




As a result, the Junior team (and Senior Comp Team who also qualified) will be embarking on an exciting road trip to New South Wales in September to represent our town at the DanceLife Unite National Championship. The Colac South West Primary School community would like to congratulate Kaydence and Shae'K'it Studios on this achievement and we look forward to hearing how the competition goes in September.



<p>Room 11 Mrs Ellis</p>	<p>Grade Prep Congratulations Grade Prep on 100 days of school. You have been fabulous learners and we are all so proud of you! Thank you for showing our school values and being the best Grade ever. Keep working hard and I can't wait to see what we get up to for the rest of the year.</p>	
<p>Room 3 Miss Gappa</p>	<p>Aweng Atem Congratulations Aweng for being Room 3's Star of the Week. Aweng displays a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all her learning each and every day. Miss Parker noted that Aweng demonstrated extreme engagement during our Matilda Reading Sessions. She applied what she had learnt from one day to the next to find and explain details in the text. Aweng has also worked especially hard on starting her stories in an interesting and exciting way. Well done Aweng. You are a star!</p>	
<p>Room 4 Miss Watts</p>	<p>Mrs Tanis Thank you for being very lovely and nice-Kaelyn. I like writing with you-Ella. Thank you for replacing Miss Watts when she wasn't here-Lily. Thank you for caring for us-Harper. Thank you for making us write sentences-Mahalia. You're the best replacement teacher-Sonny. Thanks for filling in for teachers who are not here-Eli. Thank you for looking after us. You're a very good teacher-Riverlee. Thank you for looking after us, you're very helpful-Laylah. Thank you for teaching us about</p>	

	<p>synonyms-Emily. I'm sad I wasn't here when you were-Phoenix. Thank you for teaching us maths-Connor. Thank you-Declan. Thank you for helping us-Ruby. Thanks for teaching us-Koopa. I hope you had a good time when you were here, I did- Isabell. Thank you for being our teacher when Miss Watts wasn't here-Ace. Thank you for teaching us-Jayda.</p>
<p>Room 5 Miss Harris</p>	<p>Oscar Harrowfield It has been great to see Oscar show great enthusiasm with his learning this week. He has been focusing tremendously hard and has achieved some great outcomes. In maths, we have been learning about multiplication. We have just started to learn how to multiply two digit by one digit numbers. Oscar has shown that he can follow the breakdown strategy to correctly solve difficult problems (including those multiplied by 7 and 8, the hard times tables!) </p> <p>I have also been pleased with Oscar out in the yard. It has been great to see him make good choices outside during recess and lunch. Continue standing up for what is right Oscar! Keep it up!</p> <p>Indie Sturre Indie has had a tremendous week in Room 5. Indie always demonstrates the five R.E.A.C.H values. This week she has shone through with her writing. With our writing we have been focusing on our openers. We have been making sure we are beginning our stories with excitement. Indie learnt about the six different ways to start a narrative and trialed some. She wrote a descriptive story about a shrinker and expander machine. She used power punctuation such as exclamation marks and commas. Indie is a respectful student in Room 5 and is a great role model to those around her. Well done on your great week!</p>
<p>Room 8 Mrs Boyle</p>	<p>Nadia Maxfield Nadia continues to shine in Room 8. The effort and engagement she puts in to her learning is exceptional. I love how attentive Nadia is during our instruction time and this sets her up to be able to work to the best of her ability and ensure her work is completed. </p> <p>Nadia shows others what is expected in our room by her words and actions. She models what a good learner looks and sounds like, and can always be called upon to support others and assist them with their learning.</p> <p>Nadia is one of the most caring and considerate young ladies I've had the pleasure of teaching. She can see when people are feeling a little down and will go out of her way to encourage them! She makes me smile every day and our classroom is a better place to learn with Nadia in it.</p>
<p>MUSIC  Miss Trewavas</p>	<p>Koopa Spokes Koopa is very deserving of being our musical star of the week. He brings so much joy and enthusiasm to Room 4 Music classes and his positive attitude is wonderful to see. Koopa demonstrates the values, Achieve and Engage, in his willingness to participate in each activity and have as much fun as possible! Koopa is an example of a student who always tries his best. He shows care for others when he shares his musical skills and knowledge to help his classmates enjoy music too. </p> <p>Congratulations, Koopa!</p>
<p>ART</p>	<p>Kaydence Calder</p>



Mrs Allan	<p>For out-of-the-box-thinking! Kaydence's ability to stretch herself and think creatively to create original works of art is excellent. Her creative choices whilst working on her lantern have been fabulous. Kaydence's art encourages others to think differently and Room 8 is very lucky to have her as part of their class. Congratulations on the successful design of your lantern Kaydence! You are a superstar!</p> 
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**Happy Birthday** to this student. We hope you had a wonderful day!!  
Lily Stephens

# PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

LAST THURSDAY OUR GRADE PREP STUDENTS ENJOYED CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG TO HELP US CELEBRATE!

