

NEWSLETTER

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Respect **E**ngage **A**chieve **C**are **H**onesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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7th February 2024

*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 Acting Principal – Michelle Winch on 5232 1170
- DHHS Child protection on 131278
- Colac Police on 5232 8200 or call 000
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Colac South West Primary School is located in Gulinj Country of the Maar Nation.

We pay our respects to the Gulinj 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 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.



TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Thursday 8 th February	Swimming Room 8 - 2.15pm
Friday 9 th February	House Captain Speeches
Tuesday 13 th February	Swimming Room 3 - 2.15pm
Wednesday 14 th February	Swimming Room 10 - 2.15pm
Thursday 15 th February	Swimming Room 8 - 2.15pm
Friday 16 th February	Lunch Orders Start



Welcome back to Colac South West for 2024, and a very big welcome to the new families who have joined our school community for the first time.

It has been a pleasure getting to know students and families over the past week, learning about the school community and what it means to be a Colac South West kid. All year levels, including our new Prep students, have settled in well. The school is running as smoothly as if we haven't even been away! Students were all excited to be back at school, catching up with their friends.

This year, we welcome a number of new students and families, and I trust you will enjoy being a part of the Colac South West Primary School community.

Last week, all staff completed an update for their First Aid training and spent time organising their classrooms. Our teachers were well-prepared, greatly assisting the smooth start to the year for all students.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2024!

Michelle Winch
Acting Principal

SCHOOL TIMES

8.45 am.	Playground supervision commences
8.55 am.	Soft Start children are allowed into their rooms to set up for the day
9.00am—11.00am.	Teaching and learning block 1
11.00am—11.30 am.	Recess - Children eat their snack in the eating areas after which they get to play outside
11.30am—1.30pm	Teaching and learning block 2
1.30pm—1.40pm	Children eat their lunch inside
1.40pm – 2.15pm.	Children finish their lunch in the eating areas after which they get to play outside
2.15pm—3.15pm	Teaching and learning block 3
3.15 pm.	Children leave rooms
3.15pm – 3.30pm.	Yard Duty teacher supervise children front and rear of school while waiting for parents
3.30 pm.	Children not collected are brought to the office

Reminders:

- ◆ **Please make sure children arrive at school on time.**
- ◆ **Please make sure you pick up your children by 3.15pm. If you are going to be late please contact the office.**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our school assembly takes place Friday afternoons at 2:30pm. Assemblies take place in our school's Multi-Purpose Room and form an important role in embedding our school values. The weekly school assembly also provides opportunities to bring our students together to recognise and celebrate achievements, promote positive behaviours and publicise information to our school community. We welcome family attendance at all school assemblies, it is a great way to connect with other families and the school community.

NEWSLETTER



Newsletters are an important channel of communication between the school and parents. Our school newsletter is published every week on Wednesday afternoon. An electronic version is posted on Compass and Dojo, however families can request a hard copy to be sent home with their eldest child. All editions are also available on our school's website.

The newsletter is jam-packed with all the wonderful things happening across the school, key updates from the Principal and teachers, dates to remember, news from our classrooms and Specialists along with other community information e.g. sport registration days and community events. It's your go-to for everything happening at CSW.

MEET AND GREET INTERVIEWS



The 'Meet the Teacher' interviews are being held on Thursday 22nd February from 1pm onwards. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher and share information to ensure a productive start to the school year. Further details and information about booking times will be sent out later this week via Compass and Dojo.

MEDICATIONS & ACTION PLANS



An urgent reminder to parents that students with medical conditions are required to provide new ASCIA Action Plans and medication to the Office. All Action Plans must be reviewed and signed off by your doctor and have a clear, current photo of the student. They are a legal requirement, and it is our school policy that they be updated every 12 months.

Having all plans with photos, and medication correctly labelled ensures we comply with the regulations and supports us to administer the correct medication at all times. Your support with this is very important.

If you have any queries, please contact your classroom teacher or the Office.

BREAKFAST CLUB



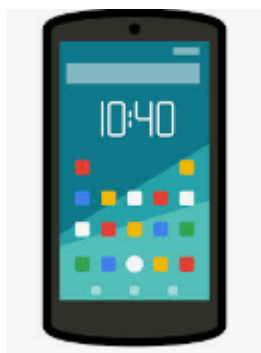
Breakfast club is back this week! It will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our Breakfast Club is coordinated by Anne Finn and Richard Van Niekerk two of our wonderful Education Support Staff. The breakfast menu consists of toast and fruit which is provided to students and served by our staff who are rostered on. Whether it's breakfast number one, two or three, brekky club is for everyone! Come and visit the Multi-Purpose Room between 8:20 – 8:50 on Tuesday and Wednesday to have some breakfast and get your brain ready for learning!

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SUN HATS



A reminder to parents the school's SunSmart policy requires students to wear hats in Terms 1 and 4, despite any inclement weather. Students are required to wear their broad brimmed/bucket school hats when outdoors. Reversible coloured hats can be purchased at school.

MOBILE PHONES



You will be aware that as a result of a Ministerial Order, mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as a smart watch, must not be used at Colac South West Primary School once on school premises, unless an exception has been granted by the school principal. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a specific reason to do so. Where students bring a mobile phone to school, we will provide secure storage. Phones should be handed in to the school office before gam to be placed in a lockable cupboard. Students can pick up their mobile phones from the school office once dismissed from class at 3.15pm.



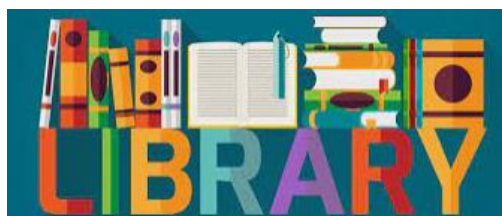
NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces back in the art room last week and I look forward to seeing many more tomorrow. This term, students in Prep - 6 will be working on developing their painting and drawing skills. It would be great if students could please return their art smocks to school this week. Students new to the school or in Prep are encouraged to bring a named art smock to school as soon as possible to protect their school uniform. Art smocks can be purchased from shops but an old shirt works just as well.



Thank you,

Mrs Allan



WELCOME BACK TO LIBRARY

It was wonderful to have students back in the library this week. Yesterday Yr 6 and Yr 1/2 visited the library and we were very impressed with the number of junior students who remembered their library bags – Well done and thank you!

Here is the library timetable below so that you can encourage your child to remember their library bag and books each week.

TUESDAY - Yr 1/2, Yr 6

THURSDAY – Prep, Yr 2/3

FRIDAY - Yr 5, Yr 4

LIBRARY BAGS

Children are to bring a library bag to school on the books they are returning. A library bag does accessory, merely a functional item to transport a book to and from school to protect it.

Library books should be kept in their library bags when not being read to prevent loss and damage. If you haven't yet provided a library bag for your child in Years 1-6, could you please do so as soon as possible. Please note, Prep students will receive their library bags very soon.

Thank you,






Library Staff



their library day with not have to be a cool

Stars of the Week



<p>Room 6</p> <p>Miss Rodgers</p>	<p>Ella Kirkman</p> <p>Ella has made a tremendous start to the school year and her time in Year 2. She has been incredibly helpful and shown wonderful initiative from the moment she walked in the classroom door. It has been lovely to see Ella try her best at every opportunity. Thank you for being extremely helpful and looking for ways you can show Care to others in our class and to the adults in our room. It is always lovely to see her big smile because it makes others smile too. Ella has put effort into her work and has taken on feedback to ensure her work is the best it can be. Keep up the lovely start to the year Ella and I can't wait to see where they year takes us!</p> 
<p>Room 5</p> <p>Miss Watts</p>	<p>Room 5</p> <p>I have been blown away by the conversations that Room 5 have participated in this week, along with the ideas that they have contributed. Each member has been on time, ready to learn each and every single day this week! Every person has been engaged in our learning and offered their thoughts and opinions to the discussion. No one has been left out of games, and people have shown respect and care to everyone around them. I have been amazed at how welcoming returning members of the school have been to the new members of our school and classroom. Keep it up Room 5!</p> 
<p>Room 3</p> <p>Miss Gappa</p>	<p>Skye Ellis</p> <p>Welcome back to CSW Skye Ellis! And what a week you have had. Skye has started each day with a positive attitude and friendly smile towards all our class activities. She has worked co-operatively with all members of her class and has shown a willingness to give anything a go. She has been an active participant when discussing and setting our class rules and expectations. Skye is always organised and ready to approach each task, giving her personal best. You set a wonderful example for others Skye. Well done and welcome back. You are a star!</p> 
<p>Room 10</p> <p>Mr Coop</p>	<p>Sadie Harrowfield</p> <p>Sadie has shown a welcoming attitude, going above and beyond expectations this week in Room 10. She has showcased all the school values in her respect and care for others, her enthusiastic engagement in every task, and through contributing honestly and openly to class discussions. Keep up this great attitude Sadie. You are shining brightly!!</p> 
<p>Room 8</p> <p>Mrs Boyle</p>	<p>Ella Chappell</p> <p>Ella has had a fantastic start to the year and has demonstrated she is ready to take on year 6 with gusto! She is focused on her work and gets tasks done quicky and</p> 

efficiently. Her effort and engagement in every task has been outstanding!. Ella is polite and well-mannered and considerate of others in our room. She is helpful to her peers and to the adults in our room.
Keep up this great attitude Ella, you are a star!!

Happy Birthday to all these students who have already celebrated a birthday this year. We hope you all had a wonderful day!!



Martin Stanley, Jyrah Kent, Ahliah Ross, Lincoln Hill, Danny Duan, Rylee Campbell, Ella Chappell, Zayden Brown, Isabell Fenton, Harry Meek, Evie Meek, Sadie Harrowfield, Emily Clark, Seth Curren, Max Lloyd, Isaac Hill



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1ST – Lilly Wilson
- 2nd – Robyn Trask
- 3rd – Walker Howland
- 4th – Sylvia Paton



Notice to all town bus travellers.

Current scheduled Fare Prices

\$1.40 Single \$2.80 Return \$13.10 Weekly

This must be paid to the driver prior to travel.

Or alternatively new passes

½ Year \$137.00 or Full Year \$274.00

are available from Christians Bus, Office

9am – 4pm. Ph: 52312203.

All passes purchased in 2023 will expire Feb 28th