

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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14th 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.



T E R M 1	
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 15 th February	Swimming Room 8 – 2.15pm
Friday 16 th February	Lunch Orders Start
Tuesday 20 th February	Swimming Room 3 – 2.15pm
Wednesday 21 st February	Swimming Room 10 - 2.15pm School Council Finance-6.00pm School Council Meeting-6.30pm
Thursday 22 nd February	Meet and Greet Interviews – from 1pm
Tuesday 27 th February	Swimming Room 3 – 2.15pm
Wednesday 28 th February	Swimming Room 10 – 2.15pm
Thursday 29 th February	Swimming Room 8 – 2.15pm
MARCH	
Monday 4 th March	Welcome BBQ



All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. The School Council is the group of people who are given the power to set the key directions for the school. This means that School Council can directly influence the quality of education that a school provides to its students. The School Council supports the Principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Being on School Council

is a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for its students. The School Council has particular functions in setting and monitoring the school's direction. School Councils have three main responsibilities: Finance – overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation. Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan. Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

School Council is a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for its students. It is a great way to help current and future students by helping to set the future direction for the school. Being actively involved in the life of the school (even if this is for the most part only at monthly meetings), is a great way to take an interest in your children's education and for them to see the commitment you have made to their school.

In essence, the role is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight of the school's operation. It is not about running the school, employing staff or assigning children to classes – that is the job of the Principal. In 2024 School Council elections must be completed by March 31st.

Have a great week!
Michelle Winch
Acting Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The following timetable outlines our school election procedure. Nomination forms can be collected from the office. Vacancies for 2024 include 1 community member.

CSW SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE	
a) Notice of election and call for nominations.	Friday 16 th February, 2024
b) Closing date for nominations and deciding if a ballot is required.	Friday 23 rd February, 2024
c) Date by which ballot paper will be prepared and distributed.	Friday 23 rd February, 2024
d) Close of ballot.	Friday 1 st March, 2024
e) March School Council Meeting (AGM). First council meeting to elect office bearers.	Wednesday 20 th March, 2024

Our first school council meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 21st February starting at 6.30 pm.

MEET AND GREET INTERVIEWS



The 'Meet the Teacher' interviews are being held on Thursday 22nd February. 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.

Bookings for interviews can be made via Compass and instructions on how to make a booking have been posted on Compass. Interviews are for 10 minutes and will be open for booking from 3.30pm today.

If you have a student who requires a Student Support Group meeting please also use Compass to book with your child's teacher and Miss Baulch will confirm your time.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

As a school we do as much as we can to protect and care for injured students including first aid, notifying parents and emergency contacts if students are injured or hurt, and if necessary, an ambulance is called. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refunded by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from that fund. The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Reasonably low-cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector and these can be obtained by parents for their children.

From time to time, we find ourselves in the position that we need to call an ambulance to help a child, either due to an injury, severe asthma or other medical needs. When we make a decision as to whether to call an ambulance or not, we focus on the medical needs we are dealing with and then if an ambulance is called, parents are responsible for any medical expenses incurred. May I encourage you to have up-to-date ambulance cover in the event that an ambulance is required for your child?

CODE RED FIRE DAY – CSW ON THE BUSHFIRE AT-RISK REGISTER – CATEGORY 4












FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Our school is listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Schools, kindergartens and licensed childcare centres that have been identified as being high fire risk on the Department's Bushfire At-Risk Register and Category 4 will close on days determined Code Red by the Emergency Services. The following link takes you to our school webpage where you can read our Code Red Day procedures. [Code Red Fire Days](#) (colac-sw-ps.vic.edu.au)

TERM 1 BBQ – KEEP THE DATE FREE

This year's Open Classroom BBQ and Picnic will be held on **Monday 4th March from 5.30p.m. to 7.00p.m.** The Term 1 BBQ is an opportunity for students to show and share with their families their classroom and possibly some work that they have completed so far this year. The Open Classrooms will be from 5.30pm – 6.00pm and will be followed immediately after by the BBQ/sausage sizzle. School Council funds this event, and as such, there is no cost to families. Please keep this date free and we look forward to seeing as many families there as possible. Further details and a note will be sent out closer to the event. This is a great opportunity for families to come together and get to know each other.

Stars of the Week

Room 11 Mrs Ellis	Jace Chappell 
Room 6 Miss Rodgers	Shiloh Buckle 
Room 3 Miss Gappa	Kai Campbell 
Room 10 Mr Coop	Alana Brown 
Room 8 Mrs Boyle	Jesse Douma 
Library Mrs Allan	Magenta Morrow 
Art Mrs Allan	Mataya Weatherill 
Music Miss Trewavas	Alana Brown 
Sport Mrs Turner	London Lofts 



Happy Birthday to this student.
We hope you had a wonderful day!!
Willow Hutton

School Canteen will resume Friday 16th February

Canteen Price List 2024

Available Fridays

Please have your order in the Qkr! online ordering system by 9am

Please check your child details & date before finalizing order

Prices in effect as of the 7st Feb 2024

Pie	\$5.00
Pastie	\$5.00
Party Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Egg and Bacon Pie	\$5.50
Chicken Pie	\$5.50
Vegetarian Roll	\$4.00
Tomato Sauce	.50
Chicken or Ham Salad Roll	\$7.50
Muffin (blueberry, choc-chip)	\$2.50
Iced Donut	\$3.00
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Juice Box (apple, orange)	\$3.00
Flavoured Milk (chocolate, strawberry)	\$3.00

Your Canteen service is proudly provided by

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