NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

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 **R**espect, **E**ngage, **A**chieve, **C**are and **H**onesty in order to equip them with the necessary skills and values to prepare them for the future.*

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

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COLAC SOUTH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 – Xavier Davis on 5232 1170
- DFFH Child protection on 131278
- Colac Police on 5232 8200 or call 000

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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.

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 8:15am and 8:45am in the BER. All staff have a Briefing from 8:30am - to 8:45am each Friday.

January	
Friday 30th January	Preps Finish 1pm
February	
Monday 2nd February	Swimming Rm 10 - 2.00pm-3.00pm
Tuesday 3rd February	Breakfast Club – 8.15am-8.45am Swimming Rm 7 – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 4th February	No Preps Breakfast Club – 8.15am-8.45am Swimming Rm 9 – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 5th February	Swimming Rm 8 – 2.00pm-3.00pm
Friday 6th February	Canteen Starts
Tuesday 10th February	Meet & Greets – 2.00pm-6.30pm – further details to follow
Monday 16th February	Welcome BBQ - 5.30pm-7.00pm

Welcome Back to 2026

It has been wonderful to welcome students and families back to Colac South West Primary School for the start of the year. Seeing so many familiar faces return, alongside the excitement of welcoming over 40 new students, created a real sense of energy and positivity across the school on Days 1 & 2.

Our senior students were delighted to return to freshly painted and newly carpeted classrooms, creating bright, calm and spacious learning environments ready for a big year ahead. At the other end of the school, our 24 Preps had a fantastic first day, following the trail of cones from the front gate into their classrooms, with plenty of smiles and excitement from our ever-growing group of youngest learners.

A sincere congratulations to all families on getting through the first day of school — particularly those with children starting school for the first time. We appreciate the support and partnership of families as we begin the year together.

Local Bushfires

We are very mindful of the impact the current bushfire situation is having on families across our region. Our thoughts are with all those affected. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school if your family requires support or assistance at this time.

You may notice some students wearing blue or red uniforms in the yard this week and into the near future. Carlisle River Primary School and Forrest Primary School have temporarily relocated to Rooms 1 and 2 on our site. We are incredibly proud of how welcoming and inclusive our students have been in making these students feel part of our school community.

Jack McGee

We also acknowledge some sad news within our wider school community. Former Colac South West Primary School Captain Jack McGee (2015) was tragically involved in the recent Cressy accident. Our thoughts are with Jack's family and friends at this very difficult time. Jack's funeral will be held on Monday 2 February. Some staff may be offsite during the day to attend, and classes may look slightly different at times. Student care and supervision will continue as usual.

Year 3–6 Swimming Program

Our Year 3–6 swimming program will commence next week and run for four weeks.
Monday: Room 10 (OB)
Tuesday: Room 7 (AW)
Wednesday: Room 9 (MC)
Thursday: Room 8 (SB)

The program will culminate in the Year 3–6 House Swimming Sports on Friday 27th February at Bluewater. Please check Compass for details and to complete permission and medical information.

Open Classrooms & Welcome BBQ – Monday 16th February

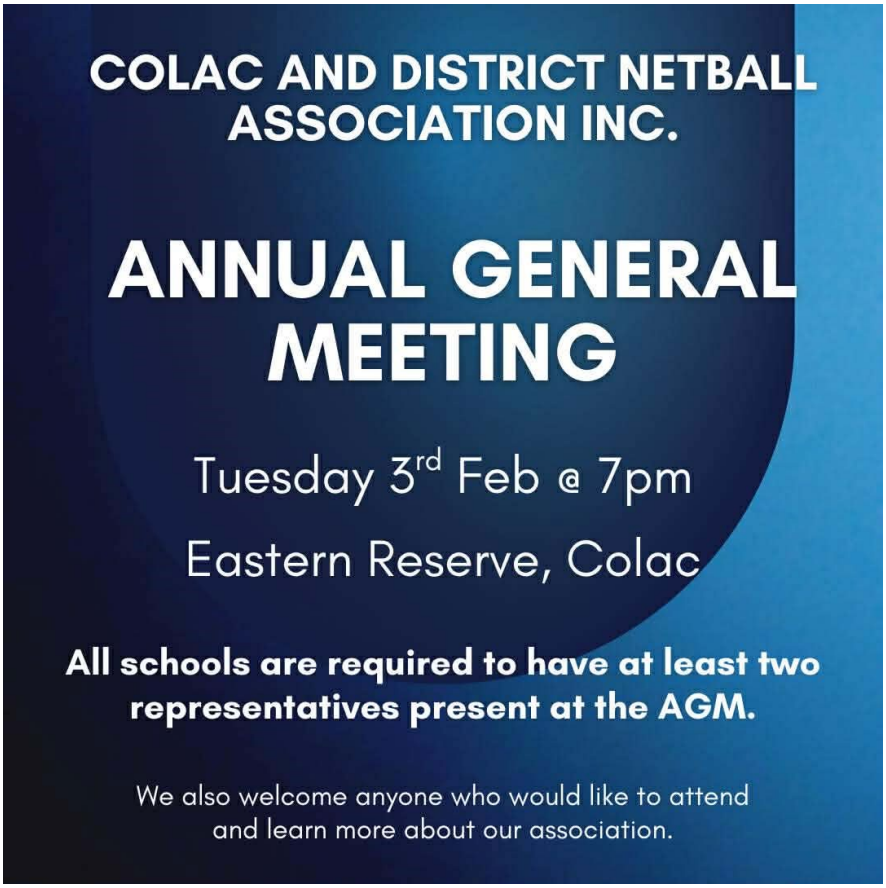
Families are warmly invited to our Open Classrooms & Welcome BBQ on Monday 16 February from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.
Open Classrooms: 5.30pm – 6.00pm
BBQ / Sausage Sizzle: from 6.00pm

This event is fully funded by School Council and is free for families. With a sunny 23-degrees forecast, it will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share learning and strengthen our school community.

Looking forward to a great year together.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

School canteen will start for 2026 on Friday 6th February.
Further details will be provided in next week's newsletter.



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces back in the art room over the last few days. This term, students in Prep - 6 will be working on developing their painting and drawing skills in Term 1. It would be great if students could please return their art smocks to school this week. Students new to the school and 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 TO LIBRARY

Library sessions will commence next week. These sessions are a much-loved part of the school week, where students explore new stories, discover favourite authors, learn how to care for books and develop a lifelong love of reading. We can't wait to welcome classes back into the library for another wonderful year of borrowing, browsing and sharing books. Below is the library timetable so you can help your child remember their library day and come prepared.

Library Timetable

Tuesday – Year 1/2 (Room 4) & Year 1/2 (Room 6)
Wednesday – Year 3/4 (Room 7) & Year 3/4 (Room 9)
Thursday – Year 5/6 (Room 10) & Year 5/6 (Room 8)
Friday – Prep (Room 11) & Prep (Room 5)

Library Bags

Students need to bring a **library bag** to school on their library day with any books being returned. Library bags help protect books from damage and loss and should be used to store library books when they are not being read. A library bag does not need to be fancy—just practical and strong enough to safely carry books. If your child is in **Years 1–6** and does not yet have a library bag, please organise one as soon as possible. Prep students will receive their library bags as part of their welcome to school.

Thank you for supporting our library program.

Thank you,

Mrs Allan

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As a Rainbow Tick organisation, MacKillop values an inclusive culture where lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, gender diverse, intersex and asexual people (LGBTIQA+) have the right to be safe.

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