NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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http://www.colac-sw-ps.vic.edu.au

27th February 2026

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

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 – 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.

March	
Wednesday 4th March	No Preps
Monday 9th March	Labor Day Public Holiday – No School
Wednesday 11th March – Friday 13th March	NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5

Student Free Days

Friday 1st May	Student Free Day Curriculum Day
Friday 5th June	Report Writing Student Free Day
Monday 2nd November	Student Free Day
Thursday 17th December	Last Day of School Student Free Day

Staff Professional Learning – Explicit Direct Instruction

On Wednesday, our staff travelled to Barwon Heads Primary School for a highly engaging and motivating Professional Learning day focused on **Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI)**. This work is directly aligned with the **Victorian Teaching and Learning Model** and reinforces our commitment to clear, structured and purposeful instruction during lesson times. The day provided valuable insight into lesson design, clarity of learning intentions, modelling, checking for understanding and collaborative planning practices. It was an energising and affirming day for our team as we continue to refine and strengthen our teaching practice at Colac South West Primary School. The consistency and clarity this approach brings will directly benefit all students across our school.

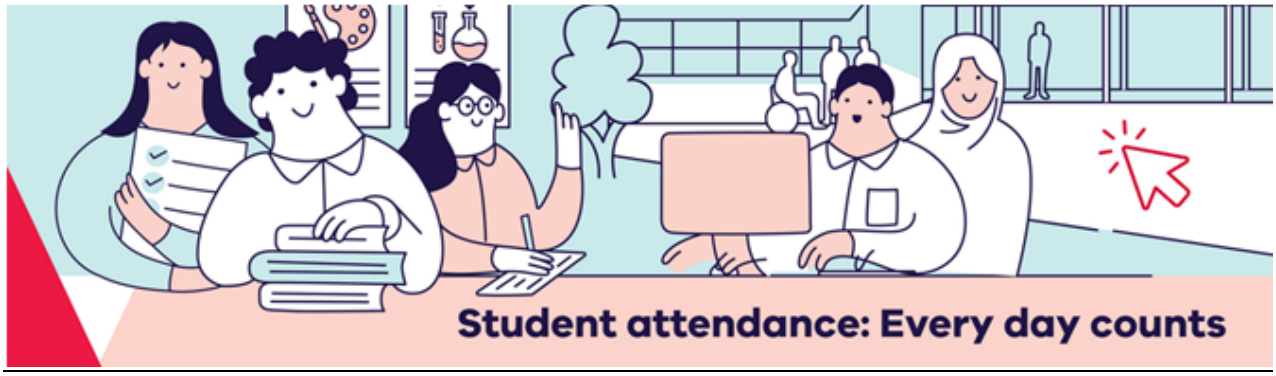
2027 Prep enrolments are now underway!

If you have a child of kindergarten age — or know someone in the community who does — we encourage you to share this information.

Prep 2027 School Tours:

- Tuesday 17th March 2026 – 9:00am
- Thursday 19th March 2026 – 9:00am
- Thursday 26th March 2026 – 9:00am
- Thursday 30th April 2026 – 9:00am

Tours can also be arranged at other times by appointment through the Office. We are very proud of the growth and direction of our school, and we look forward to welcoming new families to joining our great existing families into our community.



Reminder from last week's newsletter:

Colac KANA Festival – "Once Upon a Time" Saturday 21st March 2026

The upcoming Colac KANA Festival is fast approaching! This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time" – students are invited to come dressed as their favourite character. Further details are available from Miss Elizabeth Rodgers or Mrs. Nicole Allan. We look forward to seeing our students proudly representing CSW and embracing the fun of this wonderful community event.

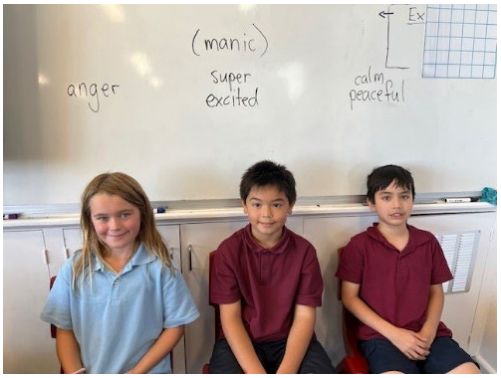
Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

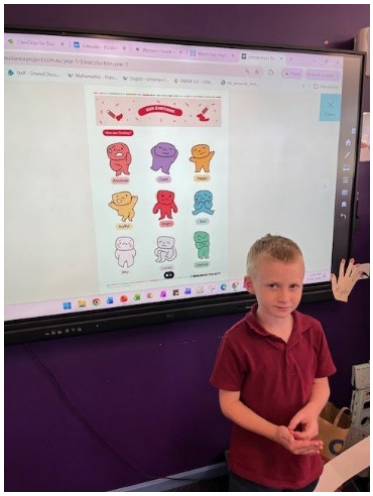
Happy Birthday to this student who is celebrating a birthday today. We hope you have a wonderful day!
Riley Vera

This week our junior students learnt about transitions to school and into a new year level and our senior students had an introduction to emotional literacy and expanded their vocabulary to describe differing emotions. Students played a 'Celebrity Head' style game to try and name the different emotions that were being demonstrated (thanks Sadie, Felipe and Jackson for the photo!)

Next week our Preps focus on emotions and recognising that emotions are not 'good' or 'bad' but a normal part of being human. Our Year 1 and 2 students will be exploring Body Maps and learning how to listen to their body for clues about how they feel. Our Year 3 and 4 students will explore characteristics they like about themselves and our Year 5 and 6 students will be focusing on recalling positive emotions and the joy of reminiscing about happy memories.

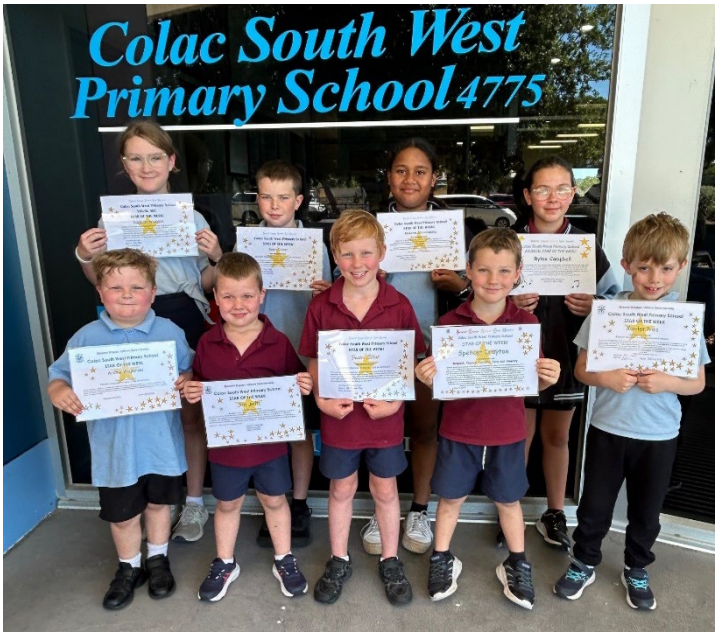
Over the next couple of weeks keep an eye out around the school for some mystery symbols that will help you learn more about what we're doing at school with The Resilience Project!





Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Archie Wajlerski**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Jim Jeffs**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Xavier Ive**
Room 6 **Miss Rodgers**	**Spencer Drayton**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Foster Elliot**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Sonny Currer**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Makereta Saulekaleka**
Music **Ms. Trewavas**	**Rylee Campbell**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Addison Graham**



Kana – Saturday 21st March

We're excited to be participating in **Kana** once again this year! It's always a fun day filled with lots of colour, creativity and community spirit.

This year's theme is **"Once upon a time"**, and we're inviting everyone to dress up as their favourite **fairytale** characters. Costumes do not need to be bought – many wonderful outfits can be created using items already at home. Think princes (a crown) and princesses (party dress), knights (cardboard armour or a shield), fairies or wizards (wings, hats or wands), dragons, storybook animals or even a favourite fairytale hero!

We would love to see as many students as possible participate and help bring our walking float to life with a little fairytale magic.

Further details and permissions will be sent out via **Compass** as Kana approaches.

Western Eagles FNC NetSetGo Registrations are now open

Term 2
Thursdays 4.15-5pm
Irrewillipe Rec Reserve

Woolworths NETSETGO!

Make friends, have fun and grow with netball!

Registration Link

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026 | COLAC SHOWGROUNDS

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EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

KELLY SPORTS 30 YEARS

THE BARWON VALLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE (BELMONT)

07 APR - 17 APR

KINDER - GRADE 6

$65 PER CHILD

8:00AM - 5:00PM

WHAT'S ON

- EASTER CHALLENGE DAY - THU 18th
- NERF WARS - FRI 11TH
- THE KELLY SPORTS GAMES - FRI 11TH

WHAT TO BRING

- A big packed lunch
- Large refillable drink bottle
- Hat & sunscreen.
- Dress in comfortable sports clothing!

NO PROGRAM ON THESE DATES

No sessions FRI 18th April (Good Friday), MON 21st April (Easter Monday), FRI 25th April (ANZAC Day)

WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/GEELONG

CONTACT COACH NICK - 0497 770 909

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at **KARDINIA PARK**

FREE EVENT

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

5PM - 8PM

- 30+ interactive sporting activities
- Experience the thrill of playing on the field at GMHBA Stadium
- Enjoy entertainment and food trucks
- Connect with the local sporting community

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