NEWSLETTER

COLAC SOUTH WEST P. S.
PHONE: 52 32-1170

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

Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

6th 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

THE EDUCATION STATE | VICTORIA State Government Education and Training

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.

February	
Tuesday 10th February	Meet & Greets – 2.00pm-6.30pm
Monday 16th February	Welcome BBQ - 5.30pm-7.00pm Swimming Rm 10 – 2pm-3.00pm
Tuesday 17th February	Swimming Rm 7 – 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 18th February	No Preps Swimming Rm 9 – 2pm-3pm
Thursday 19th February	Swimming Rm 8 – 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 25th February	No Preps **Student Free Day** – No students required at school

Welcome 2026 Preps!

Our Preps have made a great start to the year. In 2026, we were pleased to welcome **25 new Prep students** to Colac South West Primary School, and they have settled well into school life. Students in both **Mrs Ellis's and Miss Mills' classrooms** have quickly begun learning classroom routines, getting to know one another and engaging positively in daily learning activities.

It has been encouraging to see their confidence grow over the first few weeks, particularly with morning routines and classroom expectations. During the early part of Term 1, Preps continue to have a scheduled rest day each Wednesday to support a smooth transition into full-time school.

It was also great to see our Prep students shining in the **Colac Herald's Wednesday edition**, celebrating the beginning of their school journey.

Thank you to parents, grandparents and carers for your support in preparing children for their first year of school. We look forward to a positive year of learning ahead.

2025 was the year of turning up to school – everyday. Keep up the great work in 2026.

Absences… Lowest % Wins! … Attendance… highest % Wins! – an amazing effort by students and families to get to school **more often than schools locally and across the state**. The more students attend, the greater consistency for their learning and better friendships form – great for student mental health to keep turning up, **even on the hard days.**

Absences

20 or more absent days students in 2025 (%)

For students in **Prep - 6**

Your school	Similar schools	Network	State
27%	44%	40%	38%

Attendance

Students with 95% or higher attendance in 2025

For students in **Prep - 6**

Your school	Similar schools	Network	State
38%	25%	24%	27%

Welcome BBQ! Monday 16th February

This year's Open Classroom & Welcome BBQ will be held next **Monday 16th February from 5:30pm to 7:00pm!** The Welcome 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 at 6:00pm. School Council funds this event, and as such,

there is no cost to families. This will also be a great opportunity to present Bluebell and Leah with their School Captain badges for the year.

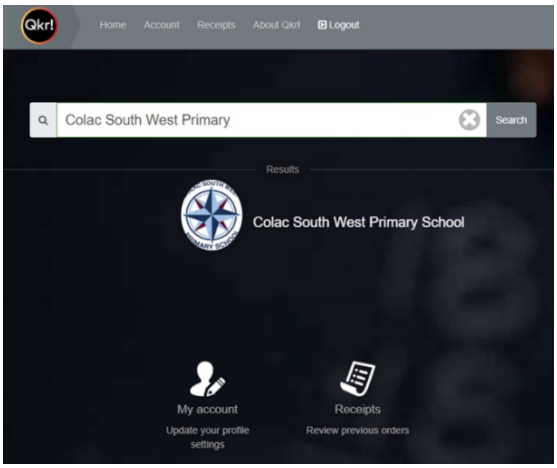
Please keep this date free and we look forward to seeing as many families there as possible. Further details and a note will be sent out closer to the event. This is a great opportunity for families to come together and get to know each other.

Student Free Day Announcement Wednesday 25th February
A key date for your diaries is that CSW has been accepted into a much sought after Professional Learning Day which fits directly with our Annual Improvement Plan. Our staff will visit Barwon Heads Primary School on the 25th of February. The focus of the day is Explicit Teaching, Collaborative Planning Practices and Lesson Observations. We understand that this is shorter than ideal notice time- however an opportunity not to be missed with the direction our school is taking with Teaching and Learning best-practice.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

School Lunch Orders Friday –

Students can order a lunch order on Fridays from Food-A-Rama. Lunch orders close 9:00am sharp each Friday.



You can download the Qkr! App, select Colac South West Primary, set up your account, then order and pay via the App.

Or you can set up using the following link: https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com search for Colac South West Primary School and click on the school name.

You will need your child's year level and teacher's name to set up your profile.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Art lessons are now in full swing, and it has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces back in the art room! This term, students from Prep to Year 6 will be developing their painting and drawing skills, and many classes have already begun work on their flowers for a *massive* collaborative artwork that will be revealed next week — watch this space!A big thank you to the families who have already sent in art smocks — these are very much appreciated. If you haven't had a chance yet, we kindly ask that art smocks be returned to school as soon as possible. Students new to the school and those in Prep are encouraged to bring a named art smock to help protect school uniforms. An old shirt works perfectly if you don't have a purchased smock.
Thank you,
Mrs Allan

WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY

It has been wonderful to welcome students back into the library this week. Yesterday, Room 5 and Room 6 enjoyed their library visits, and we were very impressed with the number of students who remembered to bring their library bags! Well done and thank you to our families for your support! Below is the library timetable to 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 & Room 5)

Library Bags

Students are asked to bring a library bag on their library day to return and borrow books. Library bags help keep books safe and do not need to be fancy, just sturdy and practical. Families of students in Years 1–6 who do not yet have a library bag are encouraged to organise one as soon as possible. Prep students will receive their library bags as part of their welcome to school very soon.
Thank you for supporting our library program.

Mrs Allan

Happy Birthday to these students who celebrate a birthday this week. We hope you all have a wonderful day!
Psalmody Twemlow
Max Lloyd
Shelby Kent
Isaac Hill

This year our school newsletter will be distributed on Fridays via COMPASS and DOJO.

COLAC SOUTH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME

BBQ

MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY

OPEN CLASSROOMS

5.30pm - 6.00pm

This event is funded by School Council
No cost to families

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

6.00pm - 7.00pm

COLAC SOUTH WEST NETBALL

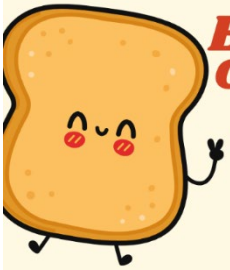
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 12th February

3.25pm

meet on the deck at the multipurpose room

We encourage parents of kids, grade 2 and up interested in playing netball to attend



BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK!

Tuesday & Wednesday

8.15am -8.45am

in the BER

Start your day having breakfast with staff and friends.

Toast, cereal, fruit & milk available.

Everyone welcome.

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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is $400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**: your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund

MacKillop Family Services

Foster a brighter future

mackillop.org.au/**fostercare**

Become a foster carer

You can change a life by opening your heart and home to vulnerable children and young people in your community. Throughout the region there continues to be a high demand for foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support on weekends, school holidays, short-term or long-term.

MacKillop supports foster carers with comprehensive training, ongoing advice, respite care and an around the clock helpline.

If you'd like to find out more about this incredibly rewarding journey, get in touch with MacKillop today.

Contact us today

www mackillop.org.au/**fostercare** 1300 791 677

Scan the QR code for more

MacKillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the Communities where we work.

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.

MacKillop Family Services

T-BALL
COME & TRY
COLAC BRAVES!

For Kids Aged 5 – 9 Years!

WHERE:
Eastern Reserve, Colac

WHEN:
Fridays,
6th Feb – 27th March

TIME:
4:30 PM – – 5:30 PM

✓ All Equipment Provided!

✓ No Experience Needed!

For more info call Josh Hay 0411 221 644

Canteen Price List 2026

Available Fridays Only

Please have your order in the Qkr! Online ordering system by **8.45am**

Friday.

Please check your child details & date before finalizing order

Prices in effect as of the 5th Feb 2026

Pie	**$5.20**
Pastie	**$5.20**
Party Pie	**$2.50**
Sausage Roll	**$4.80**
Egg and Bacon Pie	**$5.70**
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	**$4.20**
Vegetarian Roll	**$5.00**
Tomato Sauce	**.50**
Chicken or Ham Salad Roll	**$7.50**

Muffin (blueberry, choc-chip)	**$3.00**
Iced Donut	**$3.00**
Fresh Fruit	**$1.00**
Juice Box (apple, orange)	**$3.00**
Flavoured Milk (chocolate, strawberry)	**$3.00**

Food-A-Roma

FOOD-A-ROMA

MEAL DELIVERIES & CATERING