NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

20th 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

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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	
Monday 23rd February	Swimming Rm 10 – 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 24th February	Swimming Rm 7 – 2pm-3pm Division Lawn Bowls
Wednesday 25th February	No Preps **Student Free Day** – No students required at school
Thursday 26th February	Swimming Rm 8 – 2pm-3pm
Friday 27th February	Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival - 11.00am – 1.00pm
March	
Wednesday 4th March	No Preps

Welcome BBQ – A Great Night

We had a fantastic evening on Monday night at our Open Classrooms & Welcome BBQ, despite the extreme heat! It was wonderful to see so many families around the school, connecting with classrooms and spending time together as a community. A very special thank you to Lucas Tosch and Mrs. Nicole Allan for bravely cooking the BBQ on a very hot deck – your efforts were hugely appreciated by everyone! It was also a proud moment to officially present Bluebell and Leah with their School Captain badges for 2026. Congratulations to both girls – we look forward to their leadership across the year ahead.

Student Free Day – Wednesday 25th February

A reminder that Colac South West Primary School will have a Student Free Day on Wednesday 25th February. Our staff will be visiting Barwon Heads Primary School as part of a highly sought-after Professional Learning Day aligned directly to our Annual Implementation Plan. The focus will be on Explicit Teaching, Collaborative Planning Practices and Lesson Observations to continue strengthening teaching and learning across our school.

School Council Elections – 2 Year Tenure

If you are interested in becoming a School Council member, please contact the office for further information. School Council plays a vital role in shaping the direction of our school, with 3 parent and community positions available for a two-year tenure beginning at the March AGM (18th March). Council meets approximately twice per term and supports policy development, financial oversight and strategic planning. We strongly encourage families to consider becoming involved and having a voice in the future of our school.

Policy Updates – Endorsed by School Council

Thank you to families who took the time to review our updated policies. The Inclusion & Diversity Policy, Volunteers Policy, Bullying Prevention Policy, Student Wellbeing & Engagement Policy, and the Staff Code of Conduct Policy were formally endorsed at Wednesday evening's School Council meeting. These updates align with the 2022 Child Safe Standards and required only minor adjustments following Department of Education guidance.

Somers Camp – Student Selection

Congratulations to the following students who were lucky to be drawn from a large number of interested applicants to attend Somers Camp on the Mornington Peninsula later this term: Sonny Currer, Evangelina Coop, Bluebell Gorman, Kaylum Morrow, Seth Currer, Ava Martin & Isabel Fenton. We know this will be a fantastic experience and a wonderful opportunity for leadership, independence and making great memories. Seeing as we have had such high interest we have sought additional spots. Unlikely, but we live in hope that a few spaces open up.

Colac KANA Festival – "Once Upon a Time" Saturday 21 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

This week our school was excited to begin partnering with The Resilience Project. Our introductory lesson involved a game of 'Keepy Uppy' for many of our classrooms! Students were introduced to their Student Journals, including the healthy habit tracker and mood tracker as well as GEM (Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness) reflections.
Next week sees our junior classes focusing on transitioning to school or to Year 1 and 2 where they check in with their feelings. Our senior classes will begin an introduction to emotional literacy, exploring the importance of being able to name different emotions and expand their vocabulary of these emotions.
Stay tuned to the newsletter and Dojo with more information to follow in the next two weeks about how our families can get access to resources to support children in their learning.

Happy Birthday to these students who celebrate a birthday this week. We hope you all have a wonderful day!
Archie Wajlerski
London Lofts
Jace Chappell

Stars of the Week

Room 11 Miss Mills	Alita Barber
Room 5 Mrs Ellis	Kobie Hughes
Room 4 Mrs Coles	Josh Kirkman
Room 6 Miss Rodgers	Bodhi Gass
Room 7 Miss Watts	Amos Martin
Room 9 Mr Coop	Harper Baker
Room 8 Mrs Boyle	Tyson Woods
Room 10 Mr Balboni	Ruby
Music Ms. Trewavas	Ace Beasley
Art Mrs Allan	Imogen Morrow
Library Mrs Allan	Maddy Edwards

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.

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TOILET TRAINING SEMINAR 2026

FREE EVENT

JOIN US 11 MAR 2026 • COPACC – 95–97 Gellibrand St, Colac VIC 3250 (Civic Hall)

TIME 6:15-8:30pm

REGISTER NOW

FREE REGISTRATION

Upcoming Locations

- Ballarat
- Shepparton
- Bendigo

Presentation by Monica Harrop

Director of Continence Regional Vic

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CONNECT

CONNECT is a trauma-informed therapeutic program that focuses on strengthening the relationship between a mother/carer and her children following the impacts of family violence.

The group supports women to understand the impact of the trauma of violence on themselves and their children and enhances their ability to 'tune into' their children and respond in meaningful ways.

Through discussion, education and practical skills, the group supports women in their parenting following family violence.

CONNECT is suitable for mothers/carers and children who have experienced family violence where:

- At least one child is aged 7-11 years.
- The relationship between the mother/carer and children has been impacted by family violence.
- Mothers/carer and children are living with a level of safety and stability.
- Mothers/carers have a level of self-regulation and external supports that enable them to safely engage in the program.
- The family is able to commit to attending all sessions of the program, except where unforeseeable circumstances occur.

Colac Program

Meet & Greet: Tuesday 24 March

10 week program starts: Tuesday 31 March, between 12:45 - 2:45pm.

Where: Colac Area Health, 2-28 Connor St Colac

More information
Please contact Tracey Bayne on 5232 5100 or 0499 323 782.

CONNECT is a joint initiative of The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre and Colac Area Health, with group sessions held in both regions.

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CONNECT is proudly funded by the Victorian State Government.

The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre

Colac Area Health

Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts

For more information contact 2nd Colac Sea Scout Group on Facebook or email gl.2ndcolac@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Scouts VICTORIA

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026 | COLAC SHOWGROUNDS

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