NEWSLETTER

COLAC SOUTH WEST P. S.
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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

13th March 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 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	
Tuesday 17th March	Prep 2027 School Tour - 9.00am
Thursday 19th March	Prep 2027 School Tour - 9.00am
Friday 20th March	Ride to School Day Colac Division Athletics- selected students
Saturday 21st March	Kana Parade
Monday 23rd March	School Athletics

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	Students Last day of School - 3.30pm finish

NAPLAN Assessments

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have done a wonderful job this week giving their best effort in completing their NAPLAN assessments. We are very proud of the calm and positive way students approached each test and simply focused on doing their best. Like many schools across the country, we were affected by the widely publicised system outage on Wednesday, which delayed the start of the Writing assessment by around 50 minutes. Despite the delay, both students and staff showed great patience and resilience, and the test was successfully completed. The writing topic this year was about a 'rock', which certainly sparked some creative responses! We have had great attendance during NAPLAN week. Thank you to the parents for your supportive 'give it your best shot' attitude towards the testing.

House Athletics Sports – Monday 23rd March – Central Reserve

Our **Prep to Year 6 House Athletics Sports** will be held on **Monday 23rd March at Central Reserve**. This is always a fantastic whole-school event where students have the opportunity to participate, represent their house and enjoy a great day of physical activity. We will be seeking **parent helpers** to assist across a range of activities on the day. A **survey and further information** will be shared with families via **Compass early next week**. Hopefully no tornadoes this year!

Cultural Diversity Week - 21st-29th March

Multiculturalism is a core part of the Victorian identity, our character and way of life. Our state is home to people who speak 290 languages and have 314 different ancestries. It's also a place where anyone can contribute and belong.

Cultural Diversity Week is a time to celebrate the power, influence, and stories of Victoria's rich multicultural communities, and all Victorians are invited to participate through a variety of in-person events and activities.

In 2026, Cultural Diversity Week will take place across the state from 21 - 29 March. One of the key days within this week is Harmony Day, falling on the same day as our Kana Parade. So, this year activities will run in classes throughout the week rather than having a specific Harmony Day.

Reminder from last week's newsletter:

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.

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.

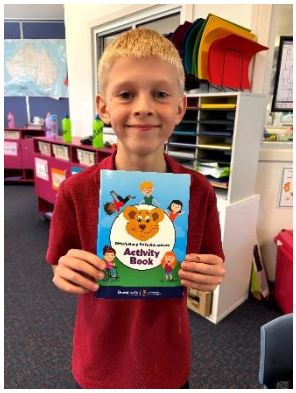
Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

Last week Room 4 focused on our school's REACH values as part of their Resilience Project work.
They combined this with some eye-catching artwork and a great Acknowledgement of Country which you can see on their classroom window at the front of the school.
Next week sees our classes completing Lesson 3, which is all about empathy: the benefits of kindness, showing empathy and creating a mood board. I look forward to getting around to classrooms on Monday to see the great work that is happening in our classrooms.

Miss Baulch (TRP Ambassador)

Bravehearts

On Tuesday our Prep-Year 2 students welcomed Ditto and Cassie to talk about personal safety! We enjoyed singing and dancing to songs, learning how to keep our bodies safe, talking about people on our personal safety team and recognising safe and unsafe feelings. Our favourite part of the show was when Ditto looked at our flowers in the library, and we loved taking home our special Ditto activity books to share with our families!



Easter Raffle 2026

Raffle tickets have gone home to the eldest in the family for our Annual Easter Raffle Fundraiser.
* Tickets are $1.00 each - 20 tickets provided.
* Please put a name and phone number on tickets sold.
* Return to the office by end of day Monday 30th March.
* Raffle will be drawn at the final assembly for Term 1 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

To help support our raffle it would be great if each family could donate something 'Easter' to put towards the prizes. The more donations we receive the bigger and better the prizes.

We appreciate your support.

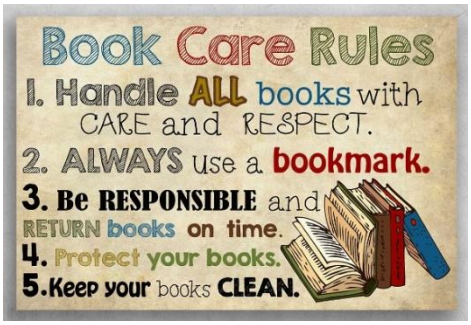
LIBRARY NEWS

The **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge** is now open, and we're excited to be participating again as part of our Library program. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 2026.
Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Years 3 to 6 are challenged to read 15 books.
All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.
Next week in Library sessions, students will receive their username and password and will be able to start logging the books they read.
For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: https://www.vic.gov.au/school-student-and-parents-taking-part-premiers-reading-challenge or speak with Mrs Allan.

LIBRARY DAYS

Just a friendly reminder to **please send library books to and from school in a library bag**. The bag doesn't need to be fancy—any bag that protects the books from spills and damage will do. This helps us keep our books in great condition so everyone can enjoy them. Thank you for your support.

Tuesdays - Year 1/2 (Rooms 4 & 6)
Wednesdays - Year 3/4 (Rooms 7 & 9)
Thursdays - Year 5/6 (Rooms 8 & 10
Fridays - Preps (Rooms 5 & 11)



Kind regards,
Mrs Allan

Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Mav Villapana**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Martha Kliendienst**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Benaiah Twemlow**
Room 6 **Miss Rodgers**	**Ava McKeown**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Nathan Clark** **Mahalia Shoul**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Sadie McKeown**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Addison Graham**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Evangelina Coop**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Amos Martin**
Music **Ms. Trewavas**	**Fabian Guterres**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Harper Baker**

Happy Birthday to these students who are celebrating a birthday this week. We hope you all have a wonderful day!
Lilah Parsons
Ace Beasley

<u>Kana – Saturday 21st March</u>

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**.

COLAC SOUTH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

PREP 2027
SCHOOL TOURS

Visit the Prep room, take a tour of the school and see firsthand the vibrant learning community we have.

JOIN US FOR A TOUR

TUESDAY 17TH MAR 2026 - 9.00AM
THURSDAY 19TH MAR 2026 - 9.00AM
THURSDAY 26TH MAR 2026 - 9.00AM
THURSDAY 30TH APR 2026 - 9.00AM

Individual tours welcome.
Call to make a personal appointment with the Principal - Mr Xavier Davis.

(03) 5232 1170

www.colac-sw-ps.vic.edu.au

OPEN NIGHT

MONDAY 23RD MARCH

4.30PM - 7.30PM

PRESENTATIONS - 4:30PM, 5:15PM & 6:00PM

PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE

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SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026 | COLAC SHOWGROUNDS

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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

Free for Colac Otway Shire youth aged 12-25

Celebrate Earth Hour Day!

Unplugged!

Youth Music Jam Session

Saturday | 28 March 2026 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Calling all singers and musicians aged 12–25!
To celebrate Earth Hour, we're going unplugged! This jam session is a great opportunity to connect with other youth music creatives and enhance your performance skills. All levels welcome—bring your musical instruments and let's jam!

REGISTER NOW: UnpluggedYouthMusicJamSession.eventbrite.com.au

Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre
95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac

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Join us for Earth Hour!

60 EARTH HOUR

Star Gazing

WITH BDAG
Barwon Downs Astronomy Group

Free event

Saturday | 28 March 2026 | 8:30pm - 9:30pm

Join us and celebrate Earth Hour with a family fun star gazing experience outside COPACC!

BOOK FREE TICKETS:
EarthHourStarGazing.eventbrite.com.au or scan QR code.

BOOK NOW

Colac Otway SHIRE

COPACC

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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

KANA 2026

SATURDAY MARCH 21

"ONCE UPON A TIME"

10AM TILL 4PM

AT THE COLAC SHOWGROUNDS

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THANK YOU TO THE COLAC P&A SOCIETY, THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLAC, SWAYN & MCCABE, HULMS BAKERY, CALCO TIMBERS, CCP CIVIL & PRECAST, VISTA FINANCIAL GROUP, CHARLES STEWART & CO, REAL AUDIO, OCR FM AND THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE COLAC KANA FESTIVAL.

Colac Kana Festival INC.

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

TRINITY COLLEGE COLAC

OPEN DAY 2026

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

MORNING TOURS
Sessions commence at 9:00am and 9:45am

TWILIGHT TOURS
Sessions commence at 3:45pm, 4:15pm, 4:45pm and 5:15pm

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL — GO TO enrol.tcc.vic.edu.au/events/