NEWSLETTER

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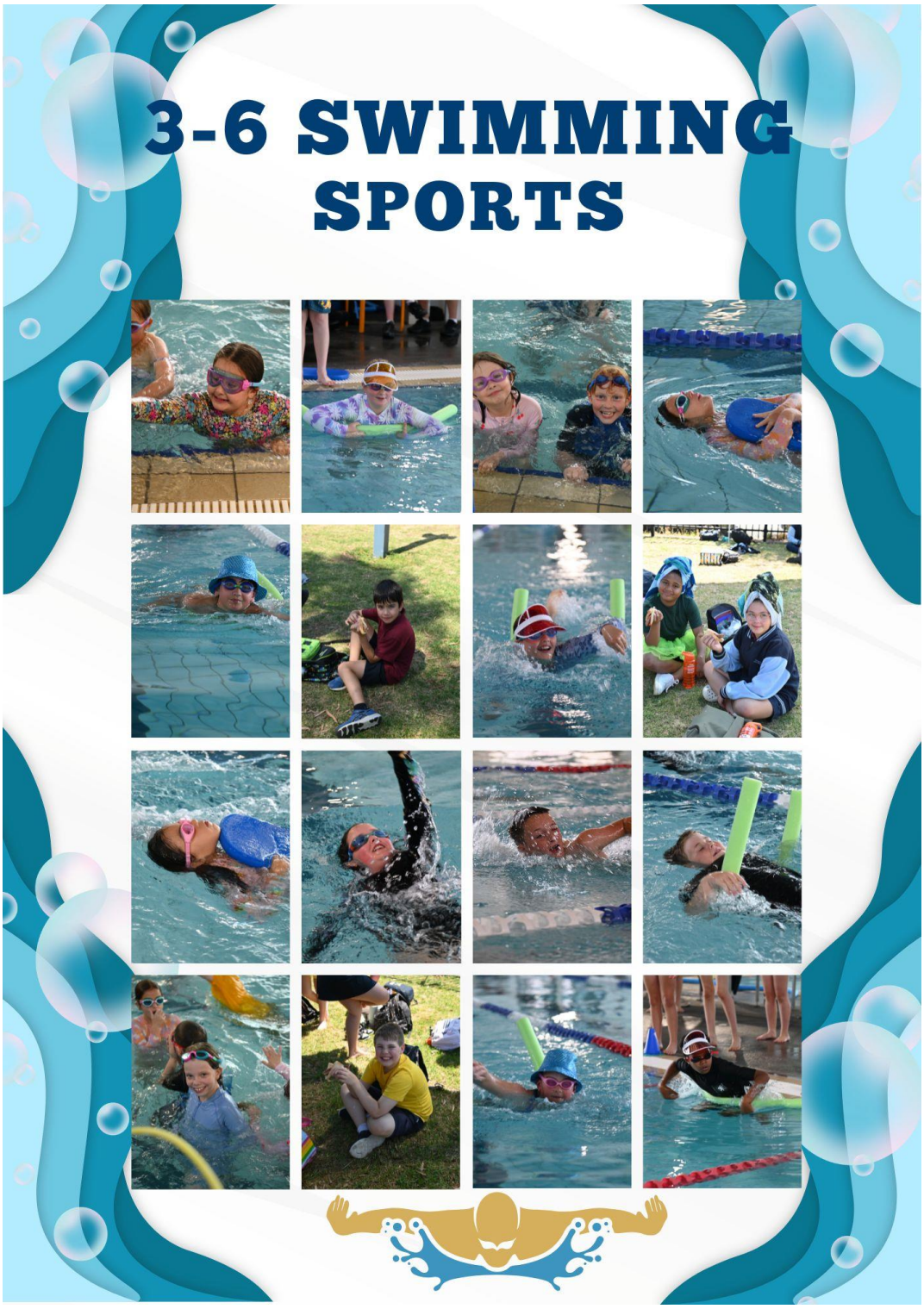
Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

6th 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

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	
Monday 9th March	Labor Day Public Holiday – No School
Wednesday 11th March – Friday 13th March	NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5
Friday 13th March	CSW Netball Forms Due
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

Year 3–6 House Swimming Sports

Last Friday we held our first Year 3–6 House Swimming Sports at Bluewater Pool, and I was incredibly impressed with the fantastic spirit shown by our students throughout the day. Students participated in a range of events including House Relays, Freestyle and Backstroke races, along with a fun in-pool scavenger hunt, all contributing valuable points for their house teams. It was wonderful to see students encouraging one another, giving their best effort and enjoying being active together. Congratulations to Jupiter (Green) House on winning the first ever CSW Swimming Sports Day!

2026 School Council Election Results

Nominations for **School Council** have recently closed. I am pleased to announce in the **Parent Category, Anthony Elliot,** has been re-elected, and we welcome **Jessica Riemers & Monica Hall,** who join the Council for their first **two-year tenure.** In the **Staff Category, Susan Boyle** has been re-elected for a **two-year term** as the staff representative. We also extend our sincere **thanks to Renay Harrowfield, Becci Kettle & Brooke Lane** for their extensive contributions to the Council—their positive championing of our school has been greatly valued.

The **new School Council** will meet **Wednesday 18th March** for the **open AGM (including presenting 2025 Annual Report)** and our **first meeting of the new Council.** Thank you to all members for their ongoing commitment to our school community. We look forward to another successful year working together.

International Women's Day – Sunday 8 March

This Sunday we acknowledge **International Women's Day**, a global day recognising the achievements, contributions and leadership of women in our communities. At Colac South West Primary School we are fortunate to have many incredible women across our staff, families and broader community who support and care for our students every day. International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate their impact and to continue encouraging all of our students to grow with confidence.

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 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 in The Resilience Project our class learnt about happiness and what it is like to feel and show happiness. We talked about our happiest moments and made a happy board. We got to write on post-it notes our favourite happiest moment. Mine was the first time I went to McDonald's and I ordered a Happy Meal with a toy. Some other people's happiest moments were the first time they rode their bike, their birthday and spending time with their family.
By Rylee

This week in The Resilience Project we watched the emotions video that had Marty in it. He showed an angry face, he showed a happy face and we had to guess what emotion he was showing with his face.
By Phoenix

In The Resilience Project this week (and last week) we did the weekly healthy habit tracker and the weekly mood tracker. We did some colouring of EL (Emotional Literacy) and we also did some word to picture matching of different emotions like jealous, angry, nervous, excited, happy, sad. We also broke up into groups and some people made water with cellophane and tissue paper, some people went outside and collected objects from the garden and some people did hand prints with paint about our REACH values and some people made hand prints with the Aboriginal flag for Acknowledgement of Country.
By Ruby

This week a couple of junior school councillors helped Miss Baulch distribute some mystery symbols around the school. If you are one of the parents/carers that have found one of these symbols and can explain it in a few words, send a Dojo message through to Miss Baulch before Thursday 12th March to earn 100 House Points for your child's house!

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™ Continued.

Easter Raffle 2026

Raffle tickets have gone home today 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.

Colac South West Netball Club registration forms are due back by Friday 13th March. Forms are to be returned to the school office.

Happy Birthday to these students who are celebrating a birthday this week. We hope you all have a wonderful day!
Febriana Assuncao
Sophia Kanizay
Ravi Slater

Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Aisyah Ubaidillah**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Aurora Coop**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Thomas**
Room 6 **Miss Rodgers**	**Jace Chappell**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Febriana Assuncao**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Koopa Spokes**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Kaelyn Ross**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Isabel Reimers**
Music **Ms. Trewavas**	**Donald Graham**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Mahalia Shoul**

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

SHOW 'N' SHINE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
MARKET STALLS TRADE STALLS

Daniel Williams - 0405 923 205 | Steve Tevelein - 0407 041 745 | colactruckanduteshow@gmail.com

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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

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

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

PRESENTED BY

KARDINIA PARK

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WWW.FESTIVALOFSPORT.COM.AU

Free for Colac Otway Shire youth aged 12-25

EARTH HOUR

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

Colac Otway SHIRE

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COPACC

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

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.