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

27th 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

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 30th April – Thursday 2nd April	Smile Squad Dental Visit
April	
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Hat Parade – 9.10am Celebration Assembly – 9.30am Last Day of Term -**2.15pm Finish**
Monday 20th April	Term 2 Starts
Tuesday 21st April	Cross Country

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Friday 1st May	Student Free Day Curriculum Day
Monday 2nd November	Student Free Day
Thursday 17th December	Students Last day of School - 3.30pm finish

House Athletics Sports – A Fantastic Day

What a fantastic day we had at our Prep to Year 6 House Athletics Sports at Central Reserve, with many great achievements and plenty of house spirit on display throughout the day. Our Prep to Year 2 students competed in six events plus a relay, while our Year 3–6 students took part in seven events and a relay, showing great effort, determination and encouragement of one another. Congratulations to Jupiter House on taking out top honours, winning both the Relay Shield and the overall House Shield. A great effort by all students in perfect weather conditions—and thankfully, no broken shade sails this year!

Colac KANA Festival – Outstanding Achievement

What a fantastic result from last weekend's Colac KANA Festival, with our school receiving the top honour of Best Group Entry for the entire festival! This is wonderful recognition of the creativity, effort and school spirit shown by our students. A big thank you to our staff, students and families who contributed to making our float such a success. In particular, we acknowledge the outstanding organisation and preparation by Mrs Nicole Allan and Miss Elizabeth Rodgers. It was a proud moment for our school community—well done to everyone involved!

School Uniform- wear it correctly and with pride

Wearing our **school uniform** is an important part of building a strong sense of pride, belonging and identity at Colac South West Primary School. We encourage all students to wear their **full school uniform each day** and represent our school with pride in the community. With the cooler weather approaching, **jackets are absolutely encouraged for the yard**; however, casual hoodies are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. We appreciate families supporting us in maintaining consistent expectations, which helps create a positive and unified school environment.

Celebration Assembly – End of Term

Next week we look forward to our Celebration Assembly, where we will come together to recognise a fantastic term of learning and achievement. The morning will include Attendance Certificates, Stars of the Term, our ever-popular Easter Hat Parade, and the drawing of the Easter Raffle. The Easter Hat Parade will begin at 9:10am on the Tennis Courts, followed by the Celebration Assembly in the Library at 9:40am. All families are warmly welcome to attend.
Please note that students will be **dismissed at 2:15pm on Thursday**.

Cross Country – Term 2 Week 1

Our **school Cross Country** will be held on Tuesday, Term 2 Week 1 at Western Reserve. This year we are introducing a **new 1km course**, slightly different to previous years, featuring undulating sections, small hills, sharp turns and a fast finish in front of spectators.

- **Prep, Year 1 and 2** will complete a shorter course.
- **Years 3 and 4** will complete a **1.5km course**, starting in the north-east corner under the trees, passing the finish line after 500m before completing a full lap.
- **Years 5 and 6** will run **two full laps** of the course.

A map is attached for those keen to get in a practice run over the holidays. Our **District Cross Country** event will follow early in Term 2, with training to begin at lunchtimes once the team is selected.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

Kana

What a fabulous Saturday our 41 students and 9 parent helpers had at Kana. It was wonderful to see so many princesses, princes, knights, fairy tale and movie characters and animals of all shapes and sizes including a dragon, arrive at the show ground with big smiles on their faces. Thank you so much to everyone who waited excitedly in the shade as we got ready and then enjoyed our walk around the oval. A huge congratulations to Mrs. Allan's special helpers, and particularly Lilly Wilson and Evelyn Graham for their thoughts, dedication and creativity in the art room to help our float come together! Our win is a magical celebration for Mrs. Allan and our school and is a thank you to everyone who contributed in some way shape or form to our Kana happily ever after!

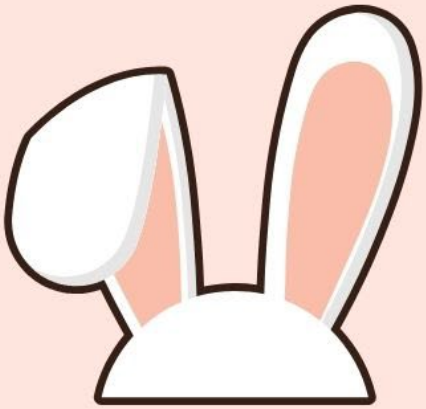
Easter Raffle Tickets due back Monday 30th March

House Athletics Sports Relay & Overall Results

	Jupiter	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
Relays	20	19	14	17
Event Points	190	180	150	180
Total	210	199	164	197

Congratulations Jupiter on winning the Relays Trophy & the overall Trophy. Year level results will be in next week's newsletter.

Happy Birthday to these students who are celebrating a birthday this week. We hope you all have a wonderful day!
Rainer Day
Ariana Everden



Easter Hat Parade

Come along to our hat parade on:

Thursday 2nd April at 9:10am

Students are making hats in their classrooms and will be ready to share at the parade.

Followed by our end of term assembly at 9:40am, where the Easter Raffle will be drawn!

We look forward to seeing you there!

***Please note parade will take place on the tennis courts.**

Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Amy Williamson**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Chelxane Llubit**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Henry Cook**
Room 6 **Miss Rodgers**	**Liam Hay**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Maddy Edwards**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Piper Keast**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Eli Haslem**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Luke Matheson**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Sasha May**
Music **Ms. Trewavas**	**Aurora**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Lily Wilson**

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

FUN SWIM

FUN SWIM provides young swimmers with a fun and engaging program to explore racing, and develop and improve 'race ready' skills.

Get in touch to find out more!

Bluewater Leisure Centre

Saturday 28 March

2:00pm–3:00pm

jessica.obrien@vic.swimming.org.au

0422 152 802

swimming victoria

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A fun, free and relaxed event connecting people with disability to the swimming community.

All Welcome.

BYO swimmers, towel, cap and goggles.

THE abilities PROGRAM

Saturday 28 March

3:00pm-4:00pm

Bluewater Leisure Centre Colac

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

Jess O'Brien

jessica.obrien@vic.swimming.org.au

0422 152 802

**Please advise in advance if additional equipment or support is required to support your swimming experience. **Basic swimming ability required (this is not a 'learn to swim' event).*

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

ILLUMINATE YOUR IMAGINATION. FUN FOR ALL AGES!

GLOW IN THE DARK GAMES AND CRAFT

OPEN TIMES

10AM TO 12:00PM FOR 6 TO 10 YEARS

1:00 TO 3:00PM FOR 11 TO 16 YEARS

ENTRY $5 PER CHILD

(FREE ENTRY FOR PARENTS SUPERVISING).

FRIDAY 17TH OF APRIL
COLAC LOG CABIN SCOUT HALL

CANTEEN AVAILABLE WITH SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR SALE

WEAR WHITE FOR EXTRA GLOW EXPERIENCE!

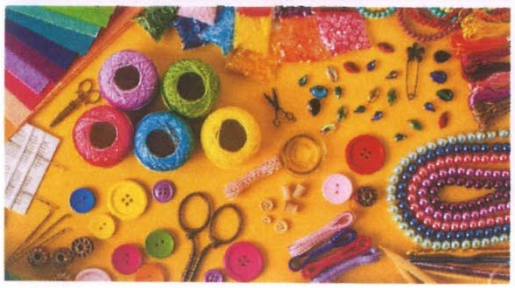
FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT 2ND COLAC SEA SCOUT GROUP AND THE COLAC LOG CABIN SCOUT HALL RESTORATION PROJECT.

Scouts AUSTRALIA

For further info contact gl.2ndcolac@scoutsvictoria.com.au or 2nd Colac Sea Scouts on Facebook

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES



JOIN IN THE FUN AT COLAC COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We've got your kids covered these school holidays!

Explore our exciting range of events and activities covering literacy, STEM, social connections, and creative exploration. There is something to entertain children of all ages and interests.

Scan the QR code for the full details of all events on our website. Bookings open two weeks before school holidays start.

HOLIDAY TODDLER TIME
WED 8 Apr, 10:30am - 11:00am

REAL OR RIDICULOUS STORIES Preschool Story-time
WED 8 Apr, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

FACT OR FICTION: LOCH NESS MONSTER Ages 8-12
THU 9 Apr, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

TRASHION NEWSPAPER FASHION Ages 8:12
FRI 10 Apr, 2;30pm - 3:30pm

ROLL A STORY Ages 5+
MON 13 Apr, 10:30am - 11:30am

MIND BODY CIRCUS - presented by RICH ROYALE
TUE 14 Apr, 10:30am - 12:00pm Ages 5+

HOLIDAY TODDLER TIME
WED 15 Apr. 10:30am- 11:00am

www.grlc.vic.gov.au

TURN OVER

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

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 · ENGAGE! · VICTORIA State Government · COPACC

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

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

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED FREE EVENT AT LAKE COLAC FORESHORE

- ✅ Family friendly fishing comp with lots of prizes
- ✅ Kids fishing clinics
- ✅ Market stalls and food trucks
- ✅ Cooking demos and tastings
- ✅ Fish anatomy dissections
- ✅ Commercial carp fishing demo catching carp in Lake Colac
- ✅ Knot tying demos, fishing and outdoor swap meet, free giveaways and lots more!

SCAN ME!

nab AFL Auskick

4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.

AFL Superkick

7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

COLAC

CENTRAL RESERVE

WEDNESDAY ALL GIRLS, 4-5PM, STARTS 22 APRIL

SUNDAY MIXED, 9-10AM, STARTS 26 APRIL

AUSKICK

AGES 4-7

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

SUPERKICK

AGES 7-12

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 31 December)

COLAC OTWAY
ROVERS
A.F.C.
GIRL
POWER!
Looking for girls in the following
age groups...
Under 13s (born 2013/14)
Under 15s (born 2011/12)
U13 - Sunday games
U15 - Saturday games
Find us on Facebook and stay up-to-
date with everything Rovers!
Contact the club for info or
to sign up!