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.

24th April 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.*

Easter Hat Parade

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.

April	
Thursday 30th April	Prep 2027 School Tour - 9.00am
May	
Friday 1st May	Student Free Day
Wednesday 6th May	Mother's Day Stall – Years P-2
Thursday 7th May	Colac Division Cross Country-Colac Golf Club Mother's Day Stall – Years 3-6
Friday 8th May	Mother's Day Breakfast "Do It For Dolly Day" Fundraiser

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

Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2—we hope all families had a restful Easter break. We've started the term strongly and it's been great to see students settle straight back into their routines and learning.

New Students – Welcome to CSW

We are excited to welcome five new students who have joined our school over the break:

- **Zander Gill (Prep)**
- **James Craig (Year 1)**
- **Jasper Gill (Year 3)**
- **Robert Craig (Year 3)**
- **Ocelia Tilman (starting next week in Year 3)** joining us from Timor-Leste

We welcome these students and their families to our school community.

Our school has experienced rapid growth in student numbers this year, which is a really positive reflection of the work happening across the school. Our current structure is managing this growth well, with classes settled and strong learning underway. We will continue to monitor enrolments closely and remain proactive to ensure that high-quality, consistent student learning stays at the forefront of our decision making.

Cross Country – A Strong Showing

Our House Cross Country on Tuesday afternoon was a fantastic event, with students across all year levels competing in highly competitive races. It was clear that many students had put in the training, with great effort and determination shown throughout the afternoon. We now have a strong representative team heading to the Division Cross Country at Colac Golf Club on Thursday 7th May. We wish all of our runners the very best as they represent our school – training has begun already with the team training on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes around the school.

Junior School Council – "Do It for Dolly Day"

Our Junior School Council has planned their first fundraiser for the year—"Do It for Dolly Day" on Friday 8th May.

This important day raises awareness about bullying and the importance of kindness, in memory of Dolly Everett. Students are encouraged to wear blue to show their support and commitment to creating a kinder, more inclusive community. Our fundraising target has been set at $400, and more details will be shared closer to the date.

Student Free Day – Friday 1st May

A reminder that next Friday 1st May is a Student Free Day. All local government schools in the Colac area will be participating in a Writing Professional Learning at the Colac Bowls Club, continuing our focus on strengthening teaching and learning across our school.

Attendance Matters

Being at school every day—and on time—is really important for student learning. Our school day begins promptly, with Phonics/Sounds Write lessons starting immediately, so being in class and ready to learn before 9:00am makes a big difference. We understand that mornings can be busy and the occasional late arrival happens. However, regular lateness or non-attendance does have an impact, particularly in these important early learning sessions. We appreciate families continuing to support strong attendance habits to give every student the best possible start to their day.

We are really looking forward to another great term at CSW.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

Stars of the Term

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Maddie Mooney**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Donald Graham**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Hudson Butters**
Room 6 **Miss Rodgers**	**Ruby Tosch**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Laila Martinez**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Ella Kirkman**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Lily Higgins**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Emily Clark**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Amos Martin**
Music **Ms. Trewavas**	**Evangelina Coop**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Ryder Saddington**
P.E **Mr Abeleven**	**Maddy Edwards**

Stars of Term 1

Happy Birthday to these students. We hope you all have a wonderful day!

Harper Baker
Mahli Retallick
Jack Ladhams

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

COLAC VOLUNTEER EXPO
'community in action'

Your Community Needs You

Volunteer Expo

TUESDAY MAY 19TH

COPACC
95-97 GELLIBRAND ST,
COLAC

11AM - 6PM

JOIN US
free event

- Meet local groups
- Discover opportunities
- Get involved

Colac Otway
SHIRE

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

For more information please phone Liz on 5231 2822. Event proudly brought to you by Colac Otway Volunteer Leaders Network

THE COLAC PLAYERS

The Cyclist

An original comedy inspired by true events

Written by Phil Gray

Fri 29 & Sat 30 May, 7.30pm ○ Sat 30 May, 2pm

Fri 5 June, 7.30pm ○ Sat 6 & Sun 7 June, 2pm 2026

RED ROCK THEATRE, CORONOOKE

BOOK NOW - $35 ticket
Trybooking.com/DKRAV
or Colac Toyota, Murray St

Proudly Supported By

SHELTON TIMBER TREATMENT Co.

Wyuna estate a great place to live