NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

8th May 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

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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.

May	
Monday 18th May	2027 Prep Tour – 9.00am
Tuesday 19th May	School Photos
Wednesday 20th May	Walk Safely to School Day School Council Meeting
Thursday 21st May	Current Families Open Morning

STUDENT FREE DAYS

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

Mother's Day Breakfast – A Great Morning

We had a fantastic morning at our **Mother's Day Breakfast**, with many mothers, nans and carers braving the cold to join us for an early start. It was wonderful to see so many families come together and enjoy the morning in such a positive and relaxed way.

A huge thank you goes to our **Education Support staff** for their outstanding organisation and the many hours of work behind the scenes to make the event such a success—it is very much appreciated.

We wish all of our mothers and carers a **wonderful Mother's Day weekend** and thank you for the important role you play in supporting our students each and every day.

Colac Division Cross Country

What a fantastic day out for our Division Cross Country team at the Colac Golf Club on Thursday! Our students represented our school with great determination and sportsmanship, braving the cold and wet conditions to achieve some amazing results. We are incredibly proud to celebrate:

- 5 x Top 5 finishes
- 8 x Students progressing through to Regionals!

All of those lunchtime training sessions have certainly paid off! Congratulations to all our runners on their effort and achievements. We are very proud of you all. Next stop… Warrnambool on the 27th of May!

Class Sizes and School Growth

Our school has experienced **significant growth since late last year**, which is a really positive reflection of the work happening across CSW. As part of this growth, we are committed to maintaining our **mantra of smaller class sizes**, as we know this has a direct impact on student learning and engagement. We are currently in the **planning phase**, closely monitoring enrolments and class sizes to ensure we continue to provide the best possible learning environment for all students. To support this, we have **advertised an additional classroom teacher position**, with a focus on the junior end of the school. We look forward to finding a great teacher who will be a strong fit for our school community as we continue to grow.

Junior School Council – "Do It for Dolly Day" today- thanks for all the blue!

Today our Junior School Council has planned their first fundraiser for the year—"Do It for Dolly Day". This important day raises awareness about bullying and the importance of kindness, in memory of Dolly Everett. Students were encouraged to wear blue to show their support and commitment to creating a kinder, more inclusive community.

- Students and staff were also treated to (although not the best weather for it) an ice-cream from Bulla's Scoops of Kindness Tour.

Our fundraising target has been set at $400. We will see how we go!

Have a child at home that's ready for school next year?

Our recent Prep 2027 school tours have been a fantastic success, with close to 20 families visiting our school so far – many of whom are new to our community. It has been wonderful to showcase the strong learning culture, calm classrooms and welcoming environment that make CSW such a great place to learn. Our next Prep 2027 tour will be held on **Monday 19th May at 9:00am**. We warmly encourage prospective families, as well as current families with younger siblings, to attend.

- Enrolment forms are available through the office – please contact **Kerri or Kess** for a form, or **Mr Davis** to arrange a tour if you are unable to attend a tour.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

Our focus this week is on meditation. This week we did a guided imagery meditation.
This form of meditation is about imagery and visualising positive and relaxing scenes and images which can help us relax, cope with uncomfortable emotions like stress or worry, and feel more at peace.
This is also a good strategy for boosting your mood or preparing for sleep.

Room 8

Happy Birthday to this student. We hope you have a wonderful day today!
Tahlia Hill

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: ***19/05/2026***

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Colac South West Primary School

DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day.** Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **35X7QZ3P**

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CENTRAL RESERVE

WEDNESDAY ALL GIRLS, 4-5PM,
SUNDAY MIXED, 9-10AM, STARTS 26 APRIL

AUSKICK

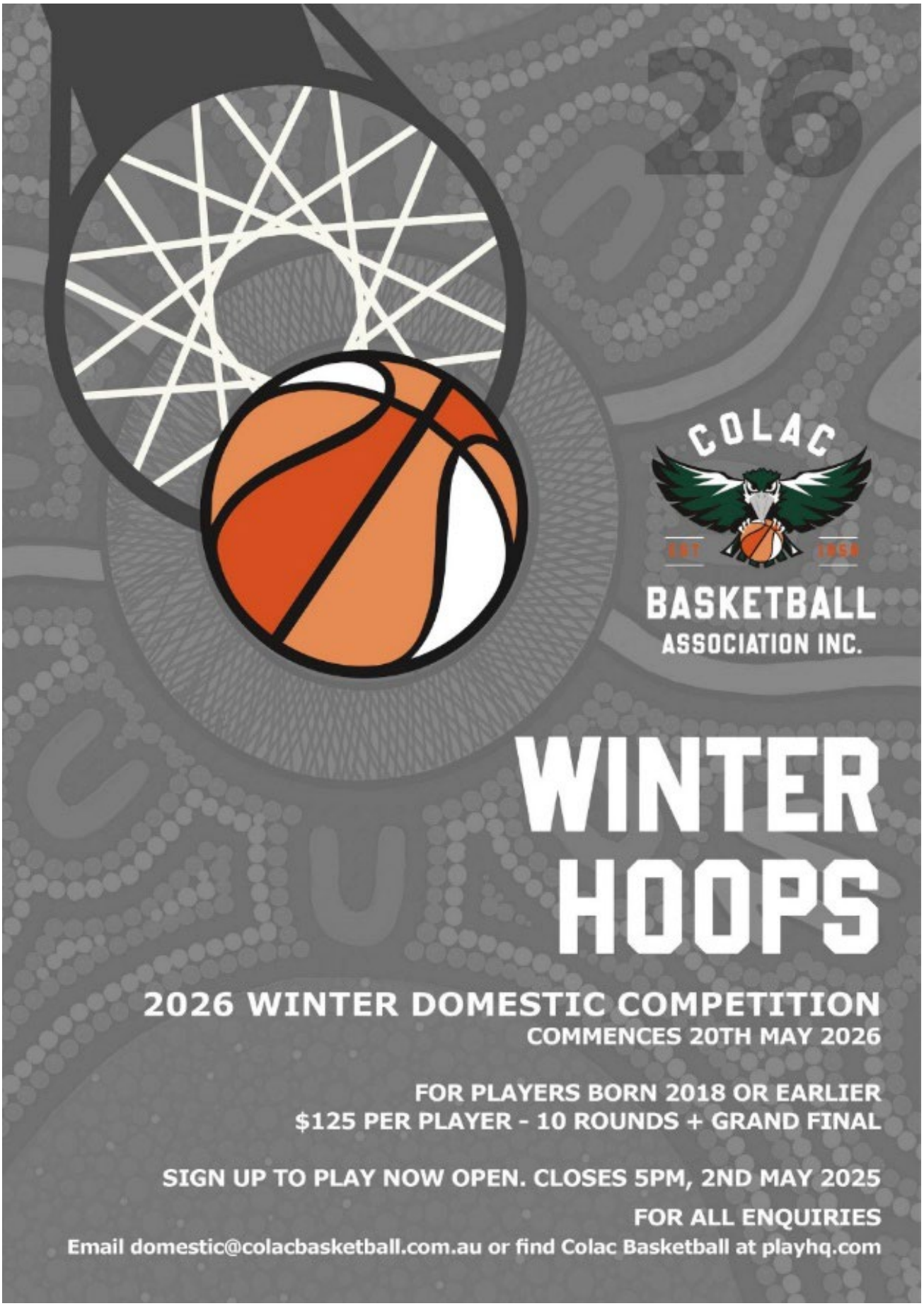
AGES 4-7

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)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Volunteer Expo

TUESDAY MAY 19TH

COPACC
95-97 GELLIBRAND ST,
COLAC

11AM - 6PM

JOIN US
free event

- Meet local groups
- Discover opportunities
- Get involved

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Colac Otway SHIRE

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

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