# NEWSLETTER

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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

**19th June 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.

| **June** | |
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| Monday 22nd June – Wednesday 24th June | Kangaroobie Camp - Year 3 & 4 |
| Thursday 25th June | Hot Dog Day – ran by JSC<br>Celebration Assembly 2.15pm |
| Friday 26th June | Student Free Day – Parent Teacher Interviews |
| **July** | |
| Monday 13th July | Term 3 Starts |
| Wednesday 15th July | NAIDOC Celebrations |

### STUDENT FREE DAYS

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| Friday 26th June | Student Free Day – Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Monday 2nd November | Student Free Day |
| Thursday 17th December | Students Last day of School - 3.15pm finish |

## NAPLAN 2026 Results

Our final 2026 NAPLAN results have now been released and the results are pleasing. Across the 10 NAPLAN measures (five domains across Year 3 and Year 5), Colac South West showed improvement in **all 10 areas** compared to 2025, with **8 of those 10 areas showing High or Very High Improvement**.

Some of the standout results include:

- **Year 3 Reading:** 94% of students in Strong & Exceeding (+47% improvement from 2025)
- **Year 3 Spelling:** 88% Strong & Exceeding (+33%)
- **Year 3 Writing:** 81% Strong & Exceeding (+16%)
- **Year 5 Numeracy:** 88% Strong & Exceeding (+41%)
- **Year 5 Reading:** 88% Strong & Exceeding (+33%)
- **Year 5 Writing:** 75% Strong & Exceeding (+25%)

**Year 3** — % of students in Strong & Exceeding

| | 2025 CSW % | 2025 State Average | 2026 CSW % | Improvement from 2025 | Result in 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Numeracy | 47% | 66% | 69% | +22% | Very High Improvement |
| Reading | 47% | 69% | 94% | +47% | Very High Improvement |
| Grammar & Punctuation | 50% | 57% | 69% | +19% | Highly Improved |
| Spelling | 50% | 63% | 88% | +33% | Very High Improvement |
| NEW! Writing | 65% | 72% | 81% | +16% | High Improvement |

**Year 5** — % of students in Strong & Exceeding

| | 2025 CSW % | 2025 State Average | 2026 CSW % | Improvement from 2025 | Result in 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Numeracy | 47% | 69% | 88% | +41% | Very High Improvement |
| Reading | 55% | 74% | 88% | +33% | Very High Improvement |
| Grammar & Punctuation | 50% | 64% | 60% | +10% | Improved |
| Spelling | 50% | 68% | 54% | +4% | Improved |
| NEW! Writing | 50% | 72% | 75% | +25% | Very High Improvement |

There is never one reason behind results like these. Smaller class sizes have certainly helped. Having multiple classes at each year level has also allowed teachers to work more closely together, share ideas and ensure students are receiving more consistent learning experiences across the school. We've also worked hard to create calmer classrooms where students feel safe, know what is expected of them and are ready to learn. In the lead up to NAPLAN, Mrs. Boyle and Miss Watts ran additional booster sessions for students which helped build confidence and target specific areas of need.

The students put in the effort, and our teachers and support staff have worked incredibly hard to help every child make progress. It is pleasing to see that reflected in the data.

### Year 3/4 Camp

We wish both Room 7 & 9 all the best next week on camp at Kangaroobie. I know the students are very excited for the adventure that awaits. Mr. Coop, Miss Watts, Miss Abbey Hall, Mrs. Anne Finn & Ms. Baulch and the students will have a great time away.

### End of Term Reminder (Celebration Assembly 2:15pm & Hot Dog Day)

A reminder that our Semester 1 Celebration Assembly will be held during the final hour of the school day on Thursday 25th June 2:15pm in the library, which is the last school day for students this term. Reports will be released during the final week of term, with Parent Teacher Interview bookings opening at around the same time. Due to the Australian Education Union's industrial action relating to written report comments, Personal and Social Development feedback will be provided verbally during Parent Teacher Interviews rather than in written form.

**Junior School Council** are running a Hot Dog Day for lunch on Thursday 25th June. An order form will be sent out via Compass and cash to be brought on the day. $3 for a hotdog and $1 for a juice box. Funds raised will go towards our Term 2 'Do it for Dolly Day'++ fundraiser. Look out for the ordering survey, out soon.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

## *A Great Day of Sport*!

Congratulations to our 12 girls who competed in AFL 9's and our 9 boys who represented our school in netball yesterday. Everyone gave their best, showed great sportsmanship and had a fantastic day.
A big thank you to our coaches, the umpires, supporters and everyone who helped make the day such a success. Well done, everyone!

## Peer Connections

Today, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in workshops presented by the Reach organisation. Reach is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of young people, helping them become the best versions of themselves.

Our presenters, Cam, Zach and Paul, created a safe space where students could express themselves, build positive peer relationships within their classrooms, and develop empathy, curiosity and understanding of others. Students connected more deeply with themselves, explored who they are, who they want to be, and why they matter.

Our students engaged fully and were amazing participants. They all gained so much from the experience and believe that every young person deserves to feel seen, heard and empowered—not just to survive, but to thrive.

# Stars of the Week

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| **Room 11**<br><br>**Miss Mills** | **Amy Williamson** |
| **Room 5**<br><br>**Mrs Ellis** | **Everyone in Room 5** |
| **Room 4**<br><br>**Mrs Coles** | **Amiri Schonewille** |
| **Room 6**<br><br>**Miss Rodgers** | **Xander Rodda** |
| **Room 7**<br><br>**Miss Watts** | **Isaac Hill** |
| **Room 9**<br><br>**Mr Coop** | **London Lofts** |
| **Room 8**<br><br>**Mrs Boyle** | **Max Lloyd** |
| **Room 10**<br><br>**Mr Balboni** | **Seth Currer** |
| **Library**<br><br>**Mrs Allan** | **Ruby Tosch** |
| **Music**<br><br>**Ms. Trewavas** | **Benaiah Twemlow** |

❄️ **Winter School Beanies Available** ❄️

Keep your children warm this winter with our school beanies!

**Beanies are available for purchase for $12.50 each.**

They're perfect for cold mornings and outdoor activities while proudly representing our school.

If you'd like to purchase a beanie, please contact the school office or send in your order with payment.

Stay warm this winter! ⛄

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

**Shiloh Buckle**
**Henry Cook**
**Aneila Rodda**
**Eli Haslem**

# FREE kinder in Colac!

*Photos courtesy of The Colac Herald*

Kindergarten with Meli is free for all children at:

- **Colac East Kindergarten**
- **Winifred Nance Kindergarten**
- **Wydinia Kindergarten**

Applications for 2027 are open!

Scan the QR code to learn more

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# Free All-Abilities Soccer Course

## Saturdays 10-11am

**Beeac Recreation Reserve - 55 Lang Street, Beeac, 3251**

**Tailored for learners of diverse needs.**

**Led by an FV-accredited coach and Mr Balboni!**

**Contact for more information:**
**colacotwayrovers@gmail.com**

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PLAYERS WANTED!
UNDER 10 & U13 TEAMS
2-3 PLAYERS NEEDED FOR EACH
BOYS OR GIRLS
BORN 2016 (U10)
BORN 2013, 2014 (U13)

*OCR FM presents*

# The July Journal

***A short story project open to all ages and abilities***

*Submit a short story (max 1000 words) for your chance to have it read out on air on OCR FM as part of our 5pm Stories program throughout the month of July.*

*Selected authors may choose to read their own story or have an OCR FM presenter read it for them.*

*There is no set theme or categories, but writing must be suitable for airplay between 6am and 6pm for a general listening audience.*

*Stories may also be made available as podcasts after broadcast.*

*Entries must be submitted by* ***25th of June*** *to*

*admin@ocrfm.org.au*

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FREE for Colac Otway Shire Youth aged 12-25

# FREE YOUTH IMPROV WORKSHOP

with OCR FM

## Monday 6 July
## 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Colac Central Reserve Pavilion**
32-40 Gravesend Street, Colac

**Love acting? This workshop is for you!**
**Learn the tips and tricks of improvisation.**

Register Now

ColacOtwayYouthImprovWorkshop.eventbrite.com.au

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# WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

KELLY SPORTS

29 JUN - 10 JUL

BARWON VALLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE

8:00AM - 5:00PM

PREP - GRADE 6

$65 FULL DAY

$300 FULL WEEK

We're excited to be back for a fun-filled School Holiday program including lots of sports, awesome games **& MUCH MORE!**

## SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

NERF WARS - WED 1st July

NINJA WARRIOR - THU 2nd July
An additional **$25 incursion** fee applies for this day.

FUTSAL COMP - WED 8th July

RACQUET SPORT EXCURSION - THU 9th July
An additional **$10 excursion** fee applies for this day.

## WHAT TO BRING?

Bring along appropriate clothing, jacket, or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle, and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

## BOOK ONLINE NOW

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## SEASON 2026/27

# JUNIOR
# REPREADY SESSIONS

REGISTER NOW

**SUNDAY 21 JUNE – U12/U14 1–2.30PM AND U16/U18 2.30–4PM**

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE – U12/U14 4–5.30PM AND U16/U18 5.30–7PM**

**$5 PER SESSION – REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 19 JUNE, 2026 AT 5.30PM**

**VENUE: BLUEWATER LEISURE CENTRE**

**ENQUIRIES: JRP@COLACBASKETBALL.COM.AU**

**The Colac Kookas Junior RepReady Basketball Sessions are designed to give every athlete an opportunity to put in some work before Colac Kookas Junior Representative tryouts begin.**

Sessions will include both parent information and on-court training sessions.

Whether you're stepping into representative basketball for the first time or preparing for another season, these sessions are designed to help athletes feel prepared, confident, and ready to compete.

As part of the Colac Kookas Junior Representative pathway, sessions will focus on skill development, game-ready drills, and high-energy coaching to help players sharpen their game before tryouts. Athletes will build confidence, improve their basketball IQ, and give themselves the best chance to perform at their best when it matters most. Don't miss the opportunity to put in the work now and stand out later.

This program is suited to domestic U12, U14, U16 and U18 players who haven't previously been part of the representative program and are interested in trying out for rep basketball this season.