NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

24th July 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.

July	
Monday 27th July	Prep 100 Days of School Celebrations – Banner Run 10.45am
Friday 31st July	3/4 Gala Day AFL - 10.00am–1.00pm
August	
Friday 7th August	5/6 Badminton - 9.30am–2.00pm

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Monday 2nd November	Student Free Day
Thursday 17th December	Students Last day of School - 3.15pm finish

Thank You for Your Support

Thank you to our families for your support during yesterday's Australian Education Union statewide industrial action.

I understand the stop work action had an impact on many families, particularly in a primary school where children require supervision throughout the day. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we worked through the changing situation. Like many schools across Victoria, Colac South West Primary School operated with a skeleton staffing profile to ensure we could provide supervision for students who were eligible to attend. Hopefully an agreement isn't too far away so schools can get back to focusing 100% on education. I'd also like to acknowledge our staff. Throughout the negotiations they have been impeccable. While people may have different views on industrial action, our staff have consistently put students learning first. I'm proud of the way they handled what was a challenging week.

2027 Prep Enrolments Closing Soon

Prep enrolment applications for 2027 are due at the end of next week.

We're continuing to receive strong enrolment numbers and are edging closer to having two Prep classes again next year, which would be another fantastic outcome for our school. If you have a child starting school next year—or know a family who does—please encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible to collect an enrolment pack. Early enrolments help us with planning classes, staffing and transition programs.

Importantly, thank you to everyone who continues to recommend Colac South West Primary School to family and friends. The positive conversations happening throughout the community make a real difference.

Welcome to Our New Students

A warm welcome to **Lenny** in Grade 1 and **Emilee** in Year 5, who have both joined our school this term. Both students have made a terrific start, and we're pleased to have them and their families as part of the Colac South West community.

School Uniform Reminder

As the weather gets colder, I'd like to remind families of the importance of students wearing the correct school uniform each day. Our uniform helps create a sense of pride and belonging and ensures all students represent our school well. If your child has outgrown their uniform or you need additional items, please contact the school office. We have both new and some quality second-hand uniform available and are always happy to help families access what they need.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

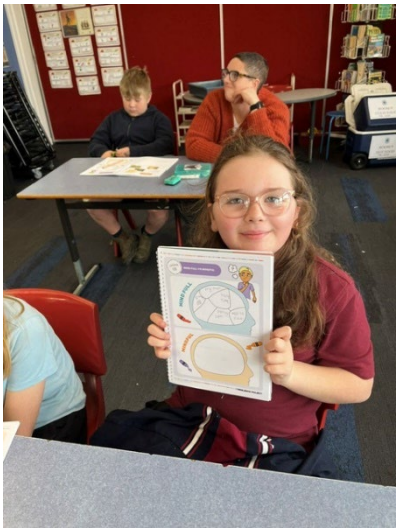
In The Resilience Project this week the year 5 and 6's learnt about 'financial empathy'.
This is the ability to understand and empathise with someone else's financial situation and emotions surrounding money. It involves us putting ourselves in someone else's shoes and acknowledging the challenges, stresses and uncertainties they may face regarding money and being kind and supportive about it.
We learnt how to use the acronym ACT to show empathy towards others experiencing challenges.

A- 'Acknowledge': We can acknowledge the challenge, show respect to the person, and validate their difficult situation.
C- 'Companion': We can sit with the person and provide company, so they don't feel alone.
'Talk': We can allow the person to talk to us, and we will actively listen and give support where we can.

We also learnt about saving, spending, sharing and budgeting for things we want.
Room 8

Meanwhile in other classrooms around the school the Year 1/2 students were exploring the idea of emotional balance and created some beautiful butterflies and Year 3/4 students focused on managing social relationships and cultivating an attitude of gratitude!
The Prep students focused on co-operation. We worked in teams to create obstacle courses with chalk. Students had to listen to each others ideas as well as share their own.

On Tuesday Miss Watts and Miss Baulch were lucky enough to go to Melbourne and spend the day with Hugh and Martin from the Resilience Project! While we don't have any pictures of our time at the event we do have an amazing video that we will try to share at a future assembly.



Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Lila Gutierrez**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Ava Edwards**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**James Craig**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Henry Cook**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Sebastian Woods**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Rainer Day**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Frankie Potter**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Tyson Woods**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Khiara Cook**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Addison Graham**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Lincoln Hill**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Frankie Potter**

Happy Birthday to these students. We hope you both have a wonderful birthday this week!
Ruby Tosch
Arabella Tatnell

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of unnamed clothing and containers on the “Lost Property” table in the corridor. If you are missing any clothing or other items, please come and check to see if anything belongs to you. These items will be disposed of if not claimed.

OCR FM present a Christmas in July

WINTER WARMER COMMUNITY DINNER

12:30pm, Sunday 26th of July at Colac Log Cabin Scout Hall

Featuring a Christmas in July raffle, Carol-Along and visit from Santa.

Entry is $5 per person or $15 for a family.
Gold coin entry for OCR FM members.
Bookings are essential.

Please bring a casserole style dinner to share.

Facilities available to keep food warm or plug in a slow cooker.

For more information please phone
52 321 991 or visit www.ocrfm.org.au by scanning the QR code

Christmas in July

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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COLAC LAWN Tennis Club

– Colac's Centre of Tennis since 1923 –

Come and try tennis!

Colac Lawn Tennis Club is sponsoring a 4-week junior coaching clinic throughout August at our synthetic courts.

It is a great chance for kids of all abilities to get active, learn new skills and have some fun on the court.

Only $50 for 4 weekly half hour group lessons after school.

Starting Monday 3rd of August.

Coached by local qualified coach Jason Murnane.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO GET IN EARLY!

To book a day and time, contact Jason on 0419 535 713