NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

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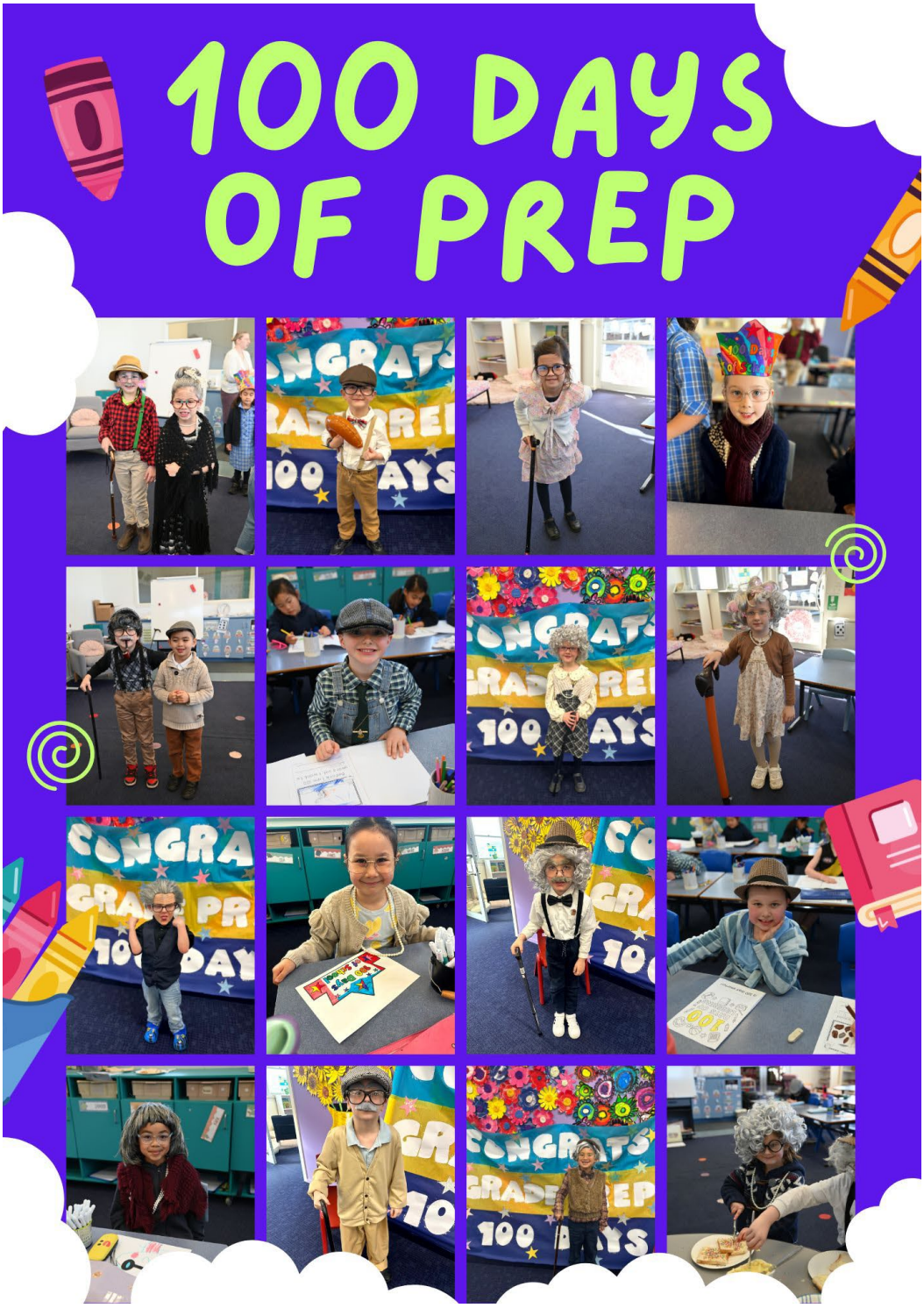
31st July 2026

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.

August	
Friday 7th August	5/6 Badminton - 9.30am–2.00pm
Friday 14th August	Winter Sport – Colac Primary vs CSW at Colac Primary
Wednesday 19th August	School Council - TBC
Monday 24th August	Book Week Dress Up Parade – 9.00am – 10.00am
Tuesday 25th August	Book Week Open Night – 5.00pm - 7.00pm

STUDENT FREE DAYS

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

Our Preps Celebrate 100 Days of School

Monday was one of those days that reminds you just how much fun primary school can be. Our Prep students **celebrated 100 Days of School, with** Mrs Ellis, Miss Mills and the students dressing up as though they were 100 years old! There were plenty of grey wigs, walking sticks, glasses and lots of laughs throughout the morning. The celebrations began with Prep students secretly making fairy bread for parents, grandparents and carers to enjoy together in the library. It was fantastic to see so many families join us before the whole school gathered at the oval for the annual 100 Days Run Through the Banner. There's always plenty of excitement as our youngest students sprint through while the rest of the school cheers them on. A big thank you to Mrs Ellis, Miss Mills and our Prep families for making the day such a success. We have a terrific group of Prep students this year, and it was great to celebrate such an important milestone with them.

Australian Education Union Update

Contrary to some reports in the media, there is currently no industrial action planned for next Tuesday. At this stage, it remains a wait-and-see situation while negotiations continue. Like everyone else, I'm hoping an agreement can be reached soon so schools can get back to focusing entirely on teaching and learning. Should there be any further industrial action in the coming weeks, I'll let families know as soon as I receive confirmed information. Which, more often than not, is after the media has already reported it. Thank you again for your understanding and support throughout this process. We're hopeful an agreement can be reached soon that delivers fair funding for Victorian government schools and allows everyone to focus on what matters most—our students.

Book Week is Nearly Here

One of our favourite weeks on the school calendar is almost here. Book Week is something our staff and students do exceptionally well, and there are two dates I'd encourage families to put in their calendars. Our Book Week Dress-Up Parade will be held on Monday 24 August from 9:00–10:00am, and families are warmly invited to come along and enjoy the creativity of our students. Then on Tuesday 25 August from 5:00–7:00pm, we'll open the school for our annual Book Week Open Night. Families and friends are invited to wander through the school and view this year's Doors Exhibition, which is always one of the highlights of the year and showcases the creativity of our students and staff. These events are always well supported by our community, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

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GEM Chats Gratitude

CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections through daily conversations**.

HOW TO USE GEM CHATS

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice gratitude.

Try these prompts:

- What are you grateful for today?
- Share a moment that made you smile.
- How can you support someone tomorrow?
- What was the best part of your day?

In 21 days of practising gratitude, you rewire your brain to start scanning the world for the positives. You become three times more likely to notice a positive.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

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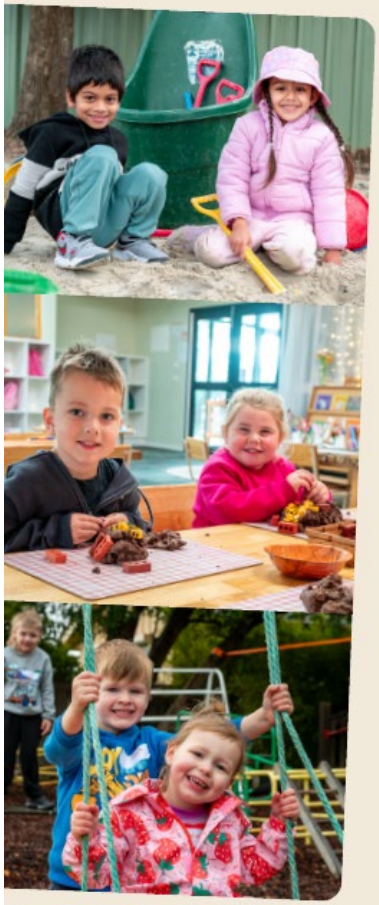
Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Maddie Mooney**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Aurora Coop**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**Peter Williamson**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Sophie Dowell**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Scarlett Theodore**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Psalmody Twemlow**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Jaxon Hay**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Georgie Fenton**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Robert Craig**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Archie Wajlerski**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Kaushiki Sharma**

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.

FREE kinder in Colac!



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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