NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

7th August 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

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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 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
September	
Friday 4th September	Father's Day Breakfast & Stall Winter Sport – CSW vs Elliminyt @ CSW

STUDENT FREE DAYS

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

It's been another busy week at Colac South West Primary School. This week I'd like to share a few reminders for families, some practical strategies to help our studentscontinue building their resilience, and why those first few minutes of each school day really do matter.

Parent/Caregiver Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department of Education invites a randomly selected group of families from every government school to complete the **Parent/Caregiver Opinion Survey**. This year's survey opens on **Monday 17 August**, with selected families receiving information directly from the Department about how to participate. The feedback from this survey is incredibly valuable. It helps us celebrate what's working well, identify areas for improvement and shape our planning for the future. If you're invited to participate, I'd encourage you to take the time to complete the survey. Every response helps us continue to improve the education we provide at Colac South West Primary School.

Helping Children Through Big Emotions

At school, we want every student to have plenty of good days and, hopefully, a few extraordinarily great ones. We also know there will be days when things don't go to plan. Acknowledging how children feel and supporting them calmly is important. Blaming others or joining in with the "he said, she said" rarely helps and can often make a small problem much bigger.

A few simple strategies at home can make a real difference:

- Listen calmly, acknowledge their feelings and avoid rushing to solve the problem.
- Ask questions such as, *"What can you do differently tomorrow?"* or *"What part of this can you control?"*
- Remind them that one difficult moment doesn't make an entire day bad.
- Encourage them to reset, keep trying and return to school ready for a fresh start.

When home and school work together with consistent messages, children build resilience, confidence and the skills to work through life's inevitable ups and downs.

The First 30 Minutes Matter (acknowledging morning can be the hardest part of the day)

The first 30 minutes of the school day are some of the most important. This is when classrooms settle, morning routines are established, instructions are given and the learning for the day begins. Students who arrive on time start the day feeling calm, organised and connected, while those arriving late can miss important information and often begin the day trying to catch up. Five or ten minutes late might not seem like much, but when it happens regularly it adds up to hours of lost learning across the year. Thank you to the many families who make arriving at school on time a priority each morning. It really does make a difference to your child's learning and helps set them up for a successful day.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

Celebrating Principals' Day – Friday 7 August 2026

On Friday 7 August, we celebrate Principals' Day, an opportunity to recognise and thank our school leaders for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to our school community.
We acknowledge the important role principals play in supporting students, staff, and families, while leading teaching, learning, wellbeing, and school improvement every day.
We thank Mr Davis and Miss Baulch for the care, guidance, and vision they bring to our school community.

Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Zander Gill**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Charlie Hill**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**All Room 3 Students**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Myra Williams**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Spencer Drayton**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Jasper Gill**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Lincoln Hill**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Charlie Ingwersen**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Febriana Assuncao**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Ahliah Ross**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Arthur Pope**

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

Amiri Schonewille
Mason Bennetts
Matilda Jeffs
Hunter Hugyecz

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!

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GOOD TIMES! GREAT TUNES!
OCR FM
SPICKS and SPECKS
THEMED MUSIC TRIVIA AND GAMES NIGHT!
Good Tunes & Great Times!
SATURDAY
22ND AUGUST
7:30PM
at the
COLAC RSL
ENTRY:
$15 PER PERSON
(OR $10 FOR OCR FM MEMBERS)
MAXIMUM OF
8 PER TEAM
BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES, DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
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