NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

21st 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

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	
Monday 24th August	Book Week Dress Up Parade – 9.00am – 10.00am
Tuesday 25th August	Book Week Open Night – 5.00pm -7.00pm
Thursday 27th August – Saturday 29th August	State Schools Spectacular - Melbourne
September	
Wednesday 2nd September	Father's Day Stall – Prep to Grade 2 at 2.15pm
Thursday 3rd September	Father's Day Stall – Grade 3 to 6 at 2.15pm
Friday 4th September	Father's Day Breakfast – Catch up Fathers Day Stall Winter Sport – CSW vs Elliminyt @ CSW
Monday 7th September - Wednesday 9th September	5/6 Camp - Tandara Halls Gap

STUDENT FREE DAYS

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

There is plenty to look forward to over the next few weeks at Colac South West. Book Week is about to take over the school, our netballers are heading into a Grand Final, our State Schools Spectacular dancers are off to Melbourne, and we have another round of school improvements ready to begin in the September holidays.

Updated School Policies
A number of our school policies have been reviewed this month and presented to School Council. These include the Child Abuse (Including Grooming) Policy, Class Placement Policy, Dogs at School Policy, Duty of Care Policy, First Aid Policy, Health Care Needs Policy, Homework Policy, SunSmart/Sun Protection Policy and our new Allied Health Policy. All of these policies are now available on our school website for families to refer to. A reminder from our SunSmart Policy that **school hats are required from Monday 31 August (Week 8)**. Our new Allied Health Policy also outlines the process for professionals such as speech pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists and physiotherapists working with students onsite. We want to continue making these supports available at school where we can, while also making sure we meet our child safety and duty of care requirements. Most Allied Health sessions will take place in the library when library classes are not running.

Book Week Next Week
Book Week is finally here next week, and it is always one of the great weeks on the Colac South West calendar. Our Book Week Dress-Up Parade will be held on Monday 24 August from 9:00–10:00am in the BER Gym. Families are very welcome to come along, and I'm sure there will be some fairly impressive costumes making their way through the gates on Monday morning. Then on Tuesday 25 August from 5:00–7:00pm, we will hold our Book Week Open Night and Doors Exhibition. This is always a really well-supported night, with families and friends able to wander through the school and see the work staff and students have put into this year's doors.

Facilities Work Around the School
We are excited to be moving into **Stage 2 of our renovations** *(Stage 1 was the Senior classroom renovations over last summer)* during the September school holidays. Work will begin pretty much as soon as we finish our Celebration Assembly on the final day of term. New carpet will be laid through the **front entrance, office areas, library and into Room 11**, with parts of the the library also being painted.

Grand Final Bound
A big congratulations to our **Colac South West Friday Night Netballers**, who are through to the **Under 13 Grand Final** tonight. The game is at **5:30pm on Friday 21 August at Eastern Reserve**, so if you are around, head along and give the students some support. Well done also to the coaches and all of the students who have represented Colac South West across the different teams this season.

State Schools Spectacular
Our State Schools Spectacular dancers head to Melbourne next week for their final rehearsals before the big performance next Saturday evening. Well done to **Miss Watts**, who has put a huge amount of time into preparing the students and getting their routines ready for the performance. A big thank you also to **Bulla Dairy Foods, Aviso Integral and one large anonymous donor** for supporting the trip. Their contributions have helped make the Melbourne experience much more accessible for our students and families, which we really appreciate.

Father's Day Reminder
A reminder that our Father's Day Gift Stalls are coming up soon:

- **Wednesday 2 September – Session 5:** Prep–Year 2

- **Thursday 3 September – Session 5:** Years 3–6
- **Friday 4 September:** Catch-up purchases following our Father's Day Breakfast

Bike Ed Coming Up
Our **Years 3–6 Bike Ed program** has traditionally run during the final two weeks of Term 3, but this year it will instead take place across the **first two weeks of Term 4**. More information about the program, including bikes, helmets and session times, will be shared with families closer to the start of Term 4.

Good luck to our netballers and State Schools Spectacular dancers over the next week, and enjoy Book Week!

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

We are looking for a few parents/guardians to help at our Father's Day Stall. If you have some free time on either Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd of September from 2.00pm for up to an hour we would love your help. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

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GEM Chats Emotional Literacy

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 emotional literacy.

Try these prompts:

- What **emotion** do you feel right now and why?
- What are **some emotions** you have felt today/this week? How did you **identify** them?
- Describe a moment from your day when you **felt excited**.
- What emotions have you noticed today in your **friends**, **teachers** or **family members**? How did you recognise these emotions?
- What could you do today/tomorrow to **experience a positive emotion**?

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

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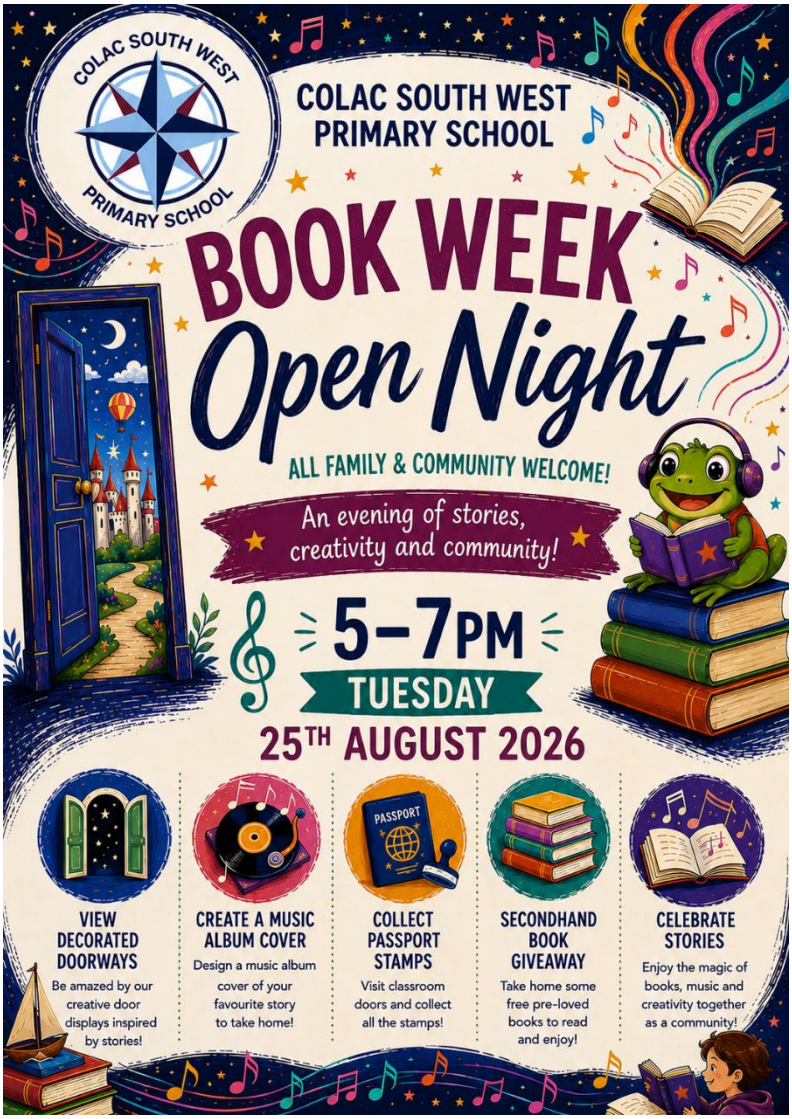


Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Kaiden Groves**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Kobie Hughes**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**Jake Haslem**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Josh Kirkman**

Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Thomas**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Rav Villapana**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Harper Baker**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Koopa Spokes**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Sarah Douma**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Zayden Brown**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Felipe Martinez**
P.E. **Mr Felekos**	**Zander Gill** **Mahalia Shoul**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Charlie Ingwersen**

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

Logan McLean
Amy Williamson

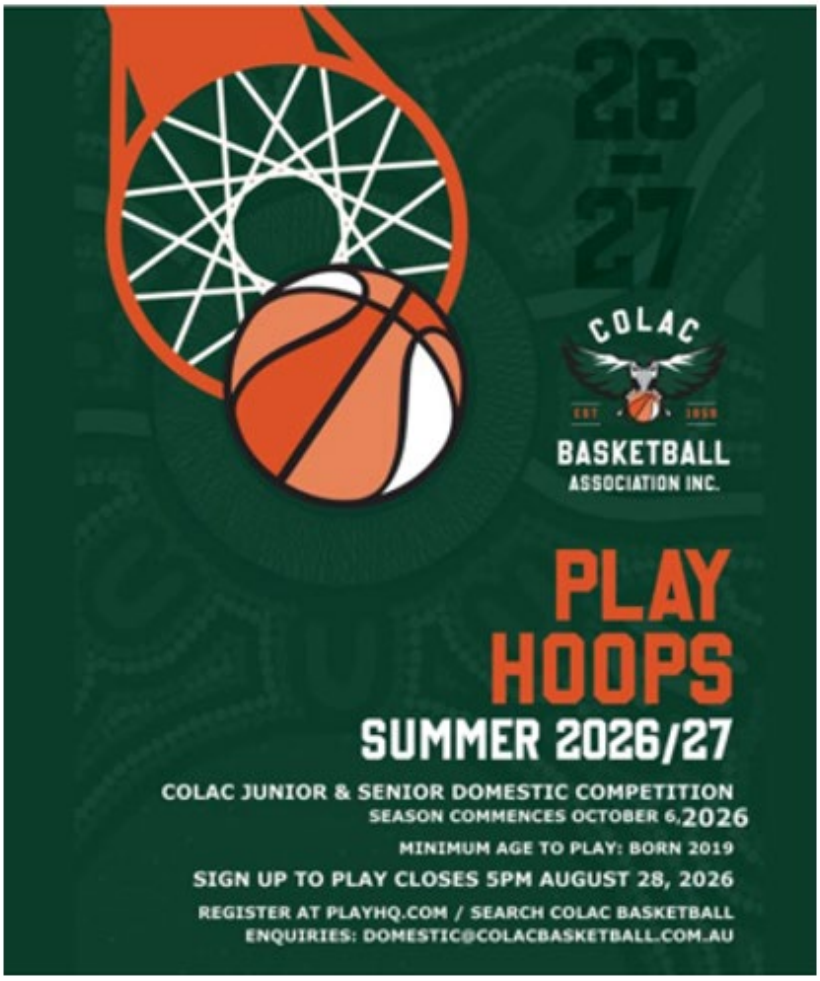
Colac Basketball Association

2026/27 Summer Domestic Basketball Season

Sign Up to Play!

Register Now: https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/e7eeec

Registration closes on 28 August, with teams to be released by 18 September.



GOOD TIMES! GREAT TUNES!

OCR FM SPICKS and SPECKS

THEMED MUSIC TRIVIA AND GAMES NIGHT!

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

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

SCAN ME

OR BOOK ONLINE:
https://www.trybooking.com/DOHQM

FOR FURTHER DETAILS EMAIL
admin@ocrfm.org.au

OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON
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98.3 FM 88.7 FM
your local radio

WE WANT YOU!

CITY UNITED CRICKET CLUB

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THE KNIGHTS

GIRLS 9–14
JOIN OUR JUNIOR TEAM!

FEMALES 15+
JOIN OUR WOMEN'S TEAM!

- EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED
- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
- ACCESS TO OUR INDOOR TRAINING FACILITY ALL YEAR ROUND!

PLAY. GROW. BELONG.

BUILD SKILLS · MAKE FRIENDS · HAVE FUN!

Open to Colac Otway Shire Youth aged 12-25

2026 YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

FOCUS:

LOOKING THROUGH MY LENS

Enter now! Showcase your photography skills for a chance to win prizes!

Submit your entry:
colacotway.vic.gov.au/2026YouthPhotoComp
or scan the QR code

Entries Close:
Friday 4 September at 11:59pm

Colac Otway SHIRE

ENGAGE!

VICTORIA State Government

YOUTH FEST

FREE workshops for young people aged 12-25!

YOUTH SOUNDCHECK WORKSHOP

Interested in music and live events? This workshop is for you!
Learn about the basics of sound production, lighting, and event setup.

Friday 25 September
10:00am - 12:00pm

Colac Neighbourhood House
6 Myers Street, Colac

YOUTH DJ WORKSHOP
WITH DJ BARKSY

Learn how to DJ including mixing, beat matching,
and track selection

Friday 25 September
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Colac Neighbourhood House
6 Myers Street, Colac

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Register now
www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Youth-Events