NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

11th September 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.

September	
Friday 18th September	Last day of Term – 2.15pm Finish Celebration Assembly – 9.15am Footy Colours Day

STUDENT FREE DAYS

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

Year 5/6 Tandara Camp

I had the pleasure of spending Monday and Tuesday with our Year 5/6 students at **Tandara Camp in Halls Gap** this week. More than 40 students attended across the three days, with plenty packed into the program including a visit to the zoo, bushwalking, archery, the giant swing and lots of time together outside the classroom setting. Camps are always a great chance for students to build independence, friendships and confidence in a different environment. Thank you to all of the staff who attended and helped make the camp such a successful experience for our students.

Celebration Assembly and Footy Colours Day

Next Friday we will wrap up Term 3 with our **Celebration Assembly at 9:15am in the library**. This is always a great way to finish the term as we celebrate our Stars of the Term, recognise students with strong attendance and look back at some of the many events and achievements from across the past ten weeks. Students will also take part in **Footy Colours Day activities from 12:30pm**. A reminder that students will be **dismissed at 2:15pm next Friday** for the end-of-term early finish.

Student Scholarships

The Department of Education manages a range of scholarships for eligible students. These are available for students who:

- complete **Grade 4 through to Year 11 in 2026**, or
- are enrolled in **Year 12 in 2026** and plan to undertake tertiary study in 2027.

Applications are assessed on areas such as academic achievement, participation in school and community activities, and financial need. Scholarships may be one-off payments or support students across the duration of their course. Applications open on **Thursday 1 October 2026** and close on **Monday 1 February 2027**. Families can find further information, including eligibility and application details, through the Department of Education's Student Scholarships (web link https://www.vic.gov.au/student-scholarships) information.

School Uniform Update

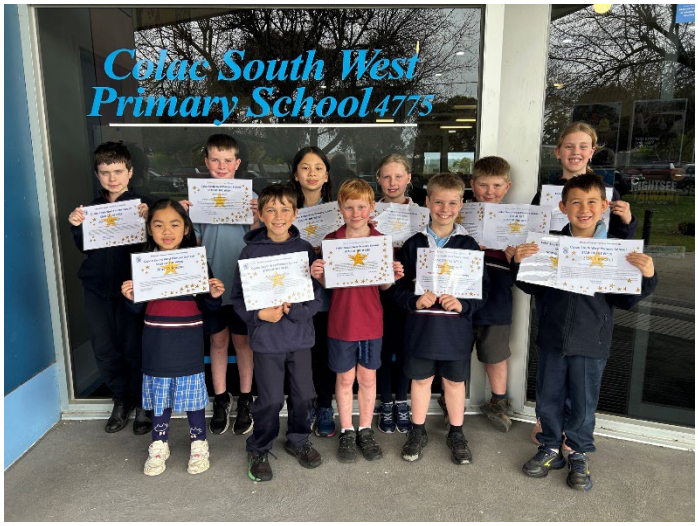
We have now received our first design options for a refreshed **Colac South West school polo shirt**. At the moment, we have a number of uniform options and colours that are very similar to Colac West Primary School. As we continue to build our own school identity, we think there is an opportunity to make our polo shirt more clearly ours. The first design options will be shared with the school community next week for some initial feedback. It is an exciting little step in continuing to strengthen the identity of Colac South West Primary School.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Mav Villapana**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Zion Tamang**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**Liam Hay**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Jack Ladhams**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Jace Chappell**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Amos Martin**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Foster Elliot**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Sonny Currer**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Evangelina Coop**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Ella Kirkman**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Liam Hay**
P.E. **Mr Felekos**	**Madelyn Edwards**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Zion Tamang**



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

Maddie Mooney
Ava McKeown

ED CONNECT Australia

MID YEAR UPDATE

COLAC SOUTH WEST PRIMARY

A warm welcome to the new volunteers who have more recently joined!

3	75	70
Total Volunteers	Hours Given	Students in the Classroom or Program with a Volunteer

Volunteer with EdConnect Australia

Our school is a member of the EdConnect Australia program, providing us with trained learning support volunteers who help students achieve success - in school and life.

Just one hour per week makes a life-long impact!

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved, contact EdConnect below.

'I have found every week to be a rewarding and joyful time.'

'The students seem genuinely happy to see me arrive. Waving and saying 'Hi."

Phone 1800 668 550
Website www.edconnectaustralia.org.au
Email edconnect@edconnect.org.au

Follow us

Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts

For more information contact 2nd Colac Sea Scout Group on Facebook or email gl.2ndcolac@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Scouts VICTORIA

Birth Certificate Pop Up Day

Free support to obtain birth certificates

To be supported and access FREE birth certificates, families need to bring one of the below:

- Centrelink Health Care Card; or
- Centrelink Pension Concession Card; or
- Disability Support Pension Card

Please bring with you on the day

Three forms of ID are needed such as:

- Drivers License, Medicare card, and Centrelink card (Health Care Card; or Centrelink Pension Concession Card; or Disability Support Pension Card)
- If the child is subject to a permanent care order, please bring evidence that you have parental responsibility for the child

The following will be provided

- Justice of the Peace onsite on the day to certify your identification documents
- Stations set up to support with each step of the application process
- Printer, scanner, postage onsite to complete birth certificate application

We recognise that without a birth certificate access to many fundamental services is simply impossible. To obtain or replace a Birth Certificate, births must be registered and all application details must match the existing registration records.

Meli is hosting a pop-up event to support families to obtain a birth certificate from Births, Deaths and Marriages

When

Wednedsay the 7th of October 2026
11am - 3pm

Location

Meli Wydinia Kindergarten
19 Dunoon St, Colac VIC 3250

If you would like to book a time, please scan the QR code. Also please come along when it suits you and we will support you as quickly as we can.

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meli.org.au

WE WANT YOU!

CITY UNITED CRICKET CLUB

EST. 1969

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!

Robertson Street Playground Renewal

Council is ready to commence the Robertson Street Playground Renewal.

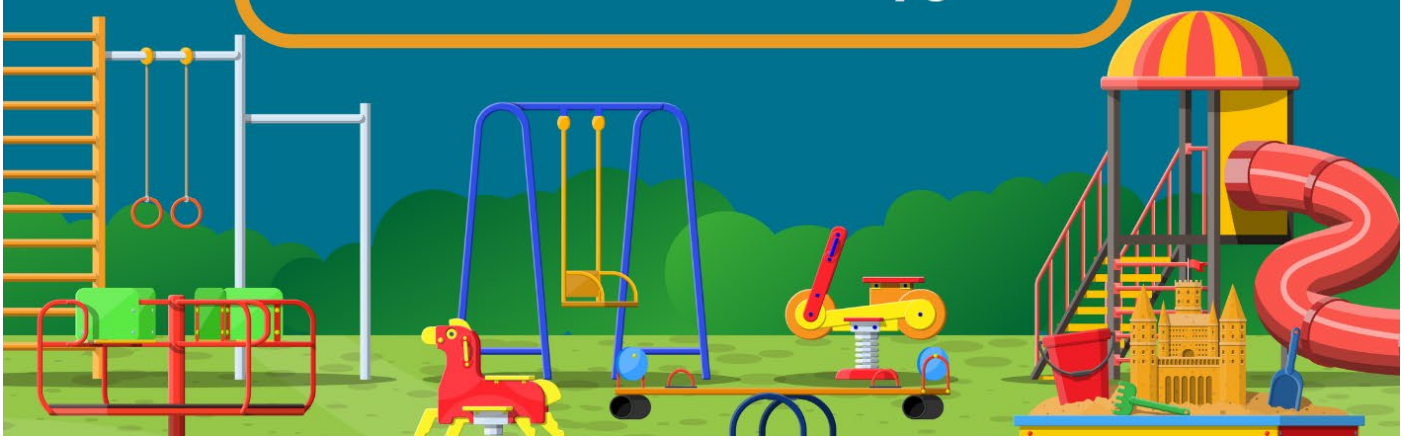
Share your ideas at the community drop-in session and let Council know what you would like to see included in the playground design.

Drop-in Session

Tuesday 22 September 2025

3pm - 5pm

at the Robertson Street Playground.



GIRLS/WOMENS
FEMALE FOOTBALL 2027
COME & TRY SESSION
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
SUNDAY 13/9 2026
CENTRAL RESERVE COLAC- 10AM
@COLAC TIGERS HOME GROUND
★★★
SCAN THE QR CODE OR CONTACT MATT WALSH - 0427337089
U10/U12/U14/U17 & SENIORS

Barwon Downs

Members of the public are invited to join us for International Observe the Moon Night on Friday Night, Sept. 18 at 7pm.
The free event will be held at Barwon Downs Community Hub
1599 Birregurra-Forrest Road, Barwon Downs
(Behind the CFA Fire Station).

Full Moon names
The 12 traditional full Moons are the Wolf Moon, Snow Moon, Worm Moon, Pink Moon, Flower Moon, Strawberry Moon, Buck Moon, Sturgeon Moon, Harvest Moon, Hunter's Moon, Beaver Moon and Cold Moon.

Strawberry Moon 2026

Buck Moon 2026

Tidal Locking
The far side of the Moon can never be seen from Earth. The Moon whirls around Earth with one side always facing our planet — and it's not as unusual as you would think.

International Observe the Moon Night is a worldwide public event that encourages observation, appreciation and understanding of our Moon and its connection to space science, exploration, and human culture.

Facebook

See you there.

BDAG
Barwon Downs Astronomy Group

email:bdag2026@gmail.com

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