NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

23rd October 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.

October	
Monday 26th October	Swimming Prep – 1.15pm-1.45pm Swimming Year 1 – 1.45pm-2.15pm Swimming Year 2 – 2.15pm - 2.45pm
Wednesday 28th October	Year 5 – Salvos visit – 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 29th October	Walking School Bus
November	
Monday 2nd November	Pupil Free Day – Students not required at school
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup – No School
Wednesday 4th November	Year 5 – Salvos visit – 9.00am-11.00am
Thursday 5th November	Year 1 Party Year 2 Party and Sleepover

KEY DATES -TERM 4

Monday 2nd November	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 2nd December	School Concert
Monday 14th December	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 17th December	Celebration Assembly Students Last day of School - 3.15pm finish

Be Vigilant: Social Media & Technology Use

A reminder to families, particularly those with students in the senior years, about the importance of knowing what your child is doing online.

Please regularly check the apps, games, group chats and platforms your child is using on phones, iPads and computers. You don't need to know everything about every app, but you do need to know what they are using, who they are talking to and what is happening.

It is also completely OK to say **no** to personal phones, social media or unmonitored group chats. Primary school-aged children do not need unlimited access simply because others may have it.

We regularly see small disagreements become much bigger through group chats and social media. What happens online at night or over a weekend can very quickly become a school issue the next morning.

We don't want to police what happens in family homes, but serious online behaviour that impacts the safety or wellbeing of students at school can become a school matter. In serious cases, this can lead to disciplinary action and, where behaviour may be criminal, police involvement.

What parents can do

- Check your child's phone, iPad and apps regularly.
- Know which group chats they are part of.
- Set clear limits around device use, especially at night.
- Keep devices out of bedrooms overnight where possible.
- Talk to your child about what is appropriate to post, share or send.
- Encourage them to leave or mute group chats that become negative.
- Let the school know if an online issue is beginning to affect your child at school.

The message is pretty simple: **stay involved, check in and don't be afraid to set limits**. A little supervision now can prevent much bigger problems later.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

This week in their TRP lesson the Year 1/2 classes practiced mindfulness. They learnt how to make an origami dog to help their minds focus on one thing at a time.
The results of their origami mindfulness are wonderful and it's great that we are learning to practice mindfulness when we do our TRP lessons.

Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Lila Gutierrez**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Ava Edwards**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**Braxden Dix**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Henry Cook**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Spencer Drayton**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Arthur Pope**

Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Hudzon Dix**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Khiara Cook**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Evangelina Coop**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Jaxon Hay**
P.E. **Mr Felekos**	**Kaelyn Ross**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Onyx Morrow**

Happy Birthday to Rav. We hope you had a wonderful birthday this week!
Rav Villapana

Walking School Bus

'Walking School Buses'. Students can join in the fun by getting dropped off **at any of the following points** to walk to school (parents can join in also if you like!):

- **Ellis / Boyle Bus** leaving from Bridge Auto bus stop at 8:20am
- **Watts / Davis / Mills** Bus leaving from Subway corner at 8:25am
- **Coop Bus** leaving from Imperial Drive at 8:40am
- **Rodgers / Coles / Fernando** Bus leaving from Trinity bus stop from 8:35am onwards

Teachers will be at these points *5 minutes prior to leaving at each stop*. Students are welcome to join them at any stage along the walk.

The 'Walking School Buses' will run each Thursday morning until the end of October.

Colac VIC Parent / Carer webinar:
Supporting young people in tough times

headspace National are hosting a free online mental health webinar focused on help seeking and support, especially during times of change, transition and loss.
This session is for adults who are parents, carers and supporters of children and young people.

The session aims to:

- Provide information regarding children and young people's mental health
- Build understanding of grief and loss and ways to support
- Explore the conversational approach to talking to your young person
- Strengthen awareness of local and national support services available to young people and carers
- Grow skills and strategies to encourage help-seeking and self care

When:
Monday 26 October 2026
5:30-6.30 pm AEDT

Where:
Online via Zoom

How do I register?
Click here to register via Eventbrite or scan the QR code below.

All those who register will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages as well as links to resources and support services.

Contact:
For more information email:
programsupport@headspace.org.au

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government

Rotary says NO to DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Join us on
Saturday October 24th
at the annual
Walk for Respect
to help put an end to
domestic violence.

10:30am - 12pm
Memorial Square, Colac

Rotary

Kidsafe VIC

Safe Seats Safe Kids

Free child car restraint fittings and safety checks

When: Thursday 29th October 2026

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Colac Showgrounds,

Pavilion Area, 54 Chapel St, Colac VIC 3250

Book for 1 appointment

Book for 2 appointments

Book for 3 appointments

Program supported by TAC Transport Accident Commission

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CHILDREN'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS

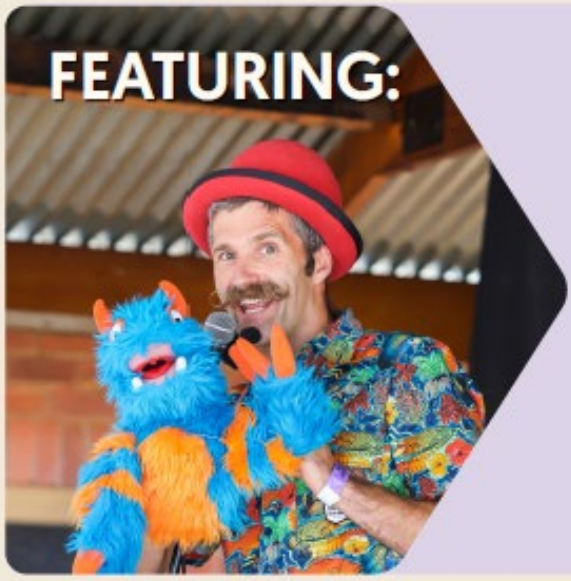
THURSDAY
OCT 29

10am – 1pm
Colac Show Grounds

FREE ENTRY

Families and pre-school aged children are invited to celebrate Children's Week with free entertainment and activities. BYO picnic!

FEATURING:



- Nicholas Ridiculous
- Animal Farm
- Messy play
- The Bulla Ice Cream Van
- Badge making
- Free car seat fittings and safety checks with Kidsafe
- Arts and crafts
- and plenty more!

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PARTNERED BY Colac Otway SHIRE · COLAC AREA Health

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2026 COLAC SCOUTS HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

LOG CABIN SCOUT HALL

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN!

COLAC LOG CABIN SCOUT HALL

OPEN FRIDAY 30TH & SATURDAY 31ST OF OCTOBER

6PM TO 8PM
FOR TRICK OR TREATERS

EXTRA SCARES
FROM 8PM

SUNDAY 10AM TO MIDDAY
NO SCARES, LIGHTS ON WALK THROUGH

ENTRY $5 PER PERSON

ALL FUNDS SUPPORT 2ND COLAC SEA SCOUTS AND THE LOG CABIN SCOUT HALL RESTORATION

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & UPDATES

2nd Colac Sea Scouts

IMAGINE THE FUN

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

Join your local program.

Colac & District Cricket Program

11 Weeks Saturday 9-10am

Starting October 31st at Colac Lake Oval

https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/de8c3a

6 Week Girls-only option