NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

30th 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

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.

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
Monday 9th November	Swimming Prep – 1.15pm-1.45pm Swimming Year 1 – 1.45pm-2.15pm Swimming Year 2 – 2.15pm - 2.45pm
Wednesday 11th November	Year 5 – Salvos visit – 9.00am – 11.00am

KEY DATES -TERM 4

Monday 2nd November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 2nd December	School Concert
Tuesday 8th December	2027 Prep Orientation Day 10am – 1.30pm 2027 Prep Parent Info Session – 12.45pm – 1.30pm 2027 Year 7 Orientation Day
Monday 14th December	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 17th December	Celebration Assembly Colour Run Students Last day of School - 3.15pm finish

Our New School Polo

After a long process of looking at designs, gathering feedback and considering how we want our school uniform to look into the future, we have now decided on our **new Colac South West polo shirt**. The new design keeps our navy base, with maroon and light blue panels and our school logo clearly displayed on the front. We are really pleased with the final design and think it gives Colac South West a much stronger and more consistent school identity. The next step is sizing. As soon as we receive sizing samples from the supplier, we will let families know and begin the sizing process.

Importantly, **every student will receive one new polo top free of charge**.

Current uniform will still be able to be worn through 2027 as we transition across, so there is no need for families to replace everything immediately. It has taken a while to get to this point, but I think the end result will be worth it.

How We Respond to Bullying

It is also timely to remind families about the key steps within our school's **Bullying Prevention Policy**. Bullying is not the same as a single disagreement or one-off incident. Bullying involves repeated behaviour, a misuse of power and behaviour that causes harm. When a bullying concern is raised at school, our process is to:

- record the concern and ensure school leadership is informed
- speak with the students involved, including witnesses where appropriate
- contact families where needed
- investigate the concern as quickly and fairly as possible

- put appropriate supports, consequences and follow-up in place.

Our aim is not simply to punish. We want to stop the behaviour, support the student affected, help students take responsibility for their actions and, where possible, repair relationships. We also encourage families to let us know about concerns early. The earlier we know, the sooner we can respond.

Social Media & Technology – A Short Reminder

A reminder to families, particularly those with students in the senior years, to stay involved in what your child is doing online.

Australia now has a **minimum age of 16 for accounts on many major social media platforms**, including Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok and Facebook. While the legal responsibility for enforcing these restrictions sits with the platforms, parents still play the most important role in knowing what their children are accessing online. Messaging apps and group chats are not automatically covered by the under-16 restrictions, but that doesn't mean they are risk-free. We regularly see small issues become much bigger through group chats, particularly overnight and on weekends. For primary-aged children, the message to families is pretty simple: **know what they are accessing, check their devices and group chats, and don't be afraid to say no or set limits.**

World Teachers' Day

Today is **World Teachers' Day**, and it is a good opportunity to recognise the wonderful teachers we have at Colac South West.
We are a relatively small school, but our staff continue to help us do big things each and every day. Our teachers know their students well, work incredibly hard behind the scenes and continue to push for strong learning, great opportunities and a positive school culture.
A big thank you to our teaching staff for everything they bring to the school. We are very lucky to have such a committed group of people working with our students.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Zach Limbagan**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Jim Jeffs**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**Ava McKeown**

Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Pippa Reimers**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Spencer Mooney**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Rainer Day**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Lily Crosbie** **Sadie McKeown**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Ruby Hay**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Madelyn Edwards**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Donald Graham**
P.E. **Mr Felekos**	**Archie Wajlerski**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Henry Cook**

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

Laila Martinez
Amos Martin
Max Ohrwalder

Walking School Bus

'Walking School Buses'. This week we had our last Walking School Bus for October. Thank you to all the teachers and everyone who joined one of the buses.

Bike Ed Challenge

Congratulations to the Colac South West Bike Ed Challenge team finishing in second place in the recent Bike Ed Challenge against other local Primary Schools. Well done to everyone!

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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

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2nd Colac Sea Scouts

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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