NEWSLETTER

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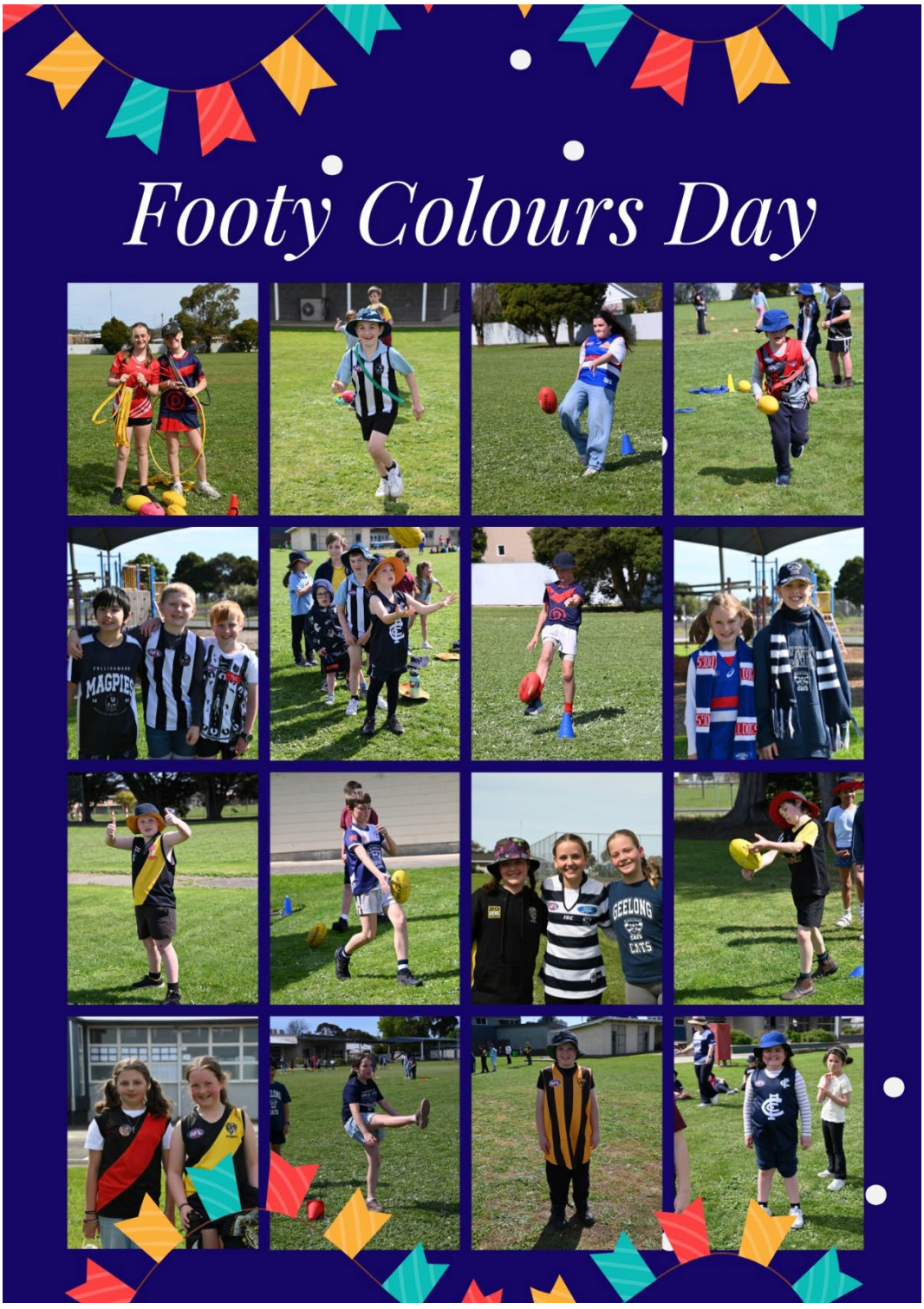
Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

9th 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 12th October	Colac Division Basketball - Bluewater
Tuesday 13th October	Musica Viva – Whole School Incursion
Wednesday 14th October	Years 3-6 Bike Ed during PE & 3-6 Sport
Thursday 15th October	Walking School Bus Whole School Photo 9.00am sharp Bike Ed Challenge Year 5 Come and Try day CSC
Friday 16th October	Years 3-6 Bike Ed during PE & 3-6 Sport

STUDENT FREE DAYS

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

It has been a really positive first week back at Colac South West, with students settling quickly into routines and plenty already happening across the school.

Bike Ed Underway

Our **Years 3–6 Bike Ed program** has kicked off this week and has been a great way to start the term. Students have been working on bike handling, safety, road awareness and confidence, with plenty more to come over the next couple of weeks. It is always a really practical program and one that our students get a lot out of.

A Fresh Look Through the Middle of the School

Anyone who has been through the main building this week will have noticed a fairly significant change. Our new carpet has now been laid through the entrance, office area, library and into Room 11, while the new library configuration is also beginning to take shape. It has really freshened up the central part of the school and is another step in gradually improving our learning spaces and facilities.

Multi-Purpose Room Update

The long-awaited Multi-Purpose Room floor project has also progressed. It is certainly a slow process, with the project being managed centrally through Melbourne, but the planning and approval work continues to move forward. We know families have been waiting a long time for this work to happen, and we will continue to provide updates as the project moves through the next stages.

Child Safety and Wellbeing at Colac South West

Colac South West Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. We have zero tolerance for child abuse and are committed to protecting children from harm. This year we have reviewed and updated a number of policies that sit within our child safety and wellbeing framework. These include:

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Abuse (Including Grooming) – Identification and Response Policy and Procedures
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Duty of Care Policy

We have also updated our **Allied Health, Class Placement, Dogs at School, First Aid, Health Care Needs, Homework, Parent Payment, Privacy, Sun Protection and SunSmart policies**. All policies can be viewed or downloaded from the **Policies page on our school website**.

Our students and families are important partners in keeping children safe. If you have any concerns about child safety at any time, please contact **me as Principal on 03 5232 1170**. All child safety concerns and complaints are taken seriously. We also welcome feedback on how we can continue to improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. Families are always welcome to give feedback via our CSW Feedback Portal CSW Policy Feedback Form – Fill out form

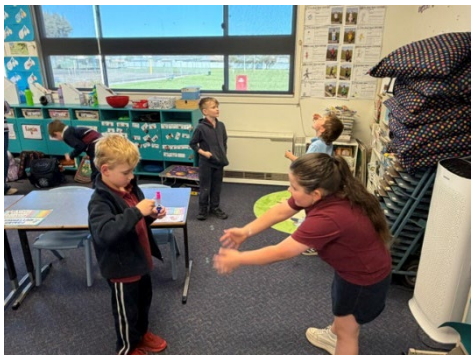
A great start to Term 4 — hopefully the momentum continues.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

As we move through Term Four our classes continue to work on The Resilience Project but are also combining aspects of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (or RR for short) with a focus on Topics 7 and 8 which are Gender and Identity and Positive Gender Relationships.

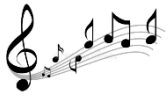
The Year 1/2 classes have been learning about Emotional Literacy in their classrooms. They made boats using aluminium foil. They then filled them with blocks to show how sometimes our emotions can build up and overflow.

They also learnt about things that we can and can't control and they got to blow bubbles to practice controlling their breathing and their bodies.



Meanwhile our Prep students have been focusing on Respectful Relationships and drawing pictures of the things that they like. The discussion was around the fact that we all like different things which is what makes us all different and unique in our own way.

Stars of the Term

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Amy Williamson**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Edie Simpson**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**James Craig**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Charlie Cole**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Benaiah Twemlow**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Rav Villipana**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Ocelia Magno Tilman**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Ahliah Ross**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Arabella Tatnell**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Zayden Brown**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Bodhi Gass**
P.E. **Mr Felekos**	**Martha Kleindiest**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Robert Craig**

Happy Birthday to these students. We hope you both have a wonderful birthday!
Myra Williams
Spencer Drayton

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.

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Psalmody Twemlow and Max Lloyd on their selection to represent the Colac area at the Regional Athletics in Ballarat today. Psalmody participated in Long Jump and her best jump was 2.77m, placing her 9th overall. Max's event was Shot Put and he threw 7.22m.
Congratulations to both of these students in representing not only Colac South West Primary School, but the Colac area and many thanks to Petra for providing transport to and from the event.

Bike Education Snaps

PURPLE UP.

SHUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DOWN.

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

IT'S TIME TO PURPLE UP!

Get your school involved in the

Walk for Respect.

Wear purple, bring your school community together and take a stand against domestic and family violence.

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY TEACHER. EVERY STEP.

Safe Communities. Stronger Futures.

WILL YOUR SCHOOL PURPLE UP

GOLD COIN DONATION to support the Rotary Club of Colac Otway who organised the Walk for Respect.

Rotary Club of Colac Otway | Colac Salvos

CDFNL
COLAC AND DISTRICT
FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

LEAGUE ANNOUNCEMENT

NETBALL

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

13 & UNDER 2ND DIVISION

SEASON	MINIMUM AGE	EOIS OPEN UNTIL
2027	10 BY START OF ROUND 1	SAT 17 OCTOBER

The CDFNL is looking to introduce a new netball division to get our younger community involved in an inclusive, healthy and fun environment.

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

EOIs are open with all CDFNL clubs. Contact the club you would like to join.

Scan the code or use the link in this post for club contact details.

OUR LEAGUE. OUR COMMUNITY.

DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSION

OCR FM

98.3 FM Colac
and District
88.7 FM Coast

Streaming Live @ www.ocrfm.org.au

OPEN STUDIO

HELP TO CELEBRATE
35 YEARS
OF COMMUNITY BROADCASTING

SATURDAY 17TH OF OCTOBER

10AM TO 1:00PM

Come in to the OCR FM Studio at
Shop 6 in the Tenpin Bowl Arcade

2ND SEA SCOUTS COLAC

HOSTS

SELLERS
$25
PER SITE

Colac

Swap Meet and

Collectables Market

11TH OCTOBER

9AM - 1PM

PUBLIC ENTRY - $5 ENTRY

UNDER 14 FREE

COLAC RACECOURSE

FOOD VANS

COFFEE VANS

Goosebumps®
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

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."

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