NEWSLETTER

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Respect Engage Achieve Care Honesty

Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School.

16th 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.

October	
Monday 19th October	Swimming Prep – 1.15pm-1.45pm Swimming Year 1 – 1.45pm-2.15pm Swimming Year 2 – 2.15pm -2.45pm
Wednesday 21st October	Year 5 – Salvos visit – 9.00am-11.00am Hot Shots Tennis School Council Meeting – 6.00pm
Thursday 22nd October	Walking School Bus
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

STUDENT FREE DAYS

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

Every Learning Minute Counts

Schools are incredibly busy places, and Term 4 is certainly no different.

There was probably a time when schools began to wind down as the end of the year approached. Programs eased off, attendance could drift a little and everyone started looking towards the summer break. Modern schools are very different. We continue to push right through to the end of the year because every learning minute counts.

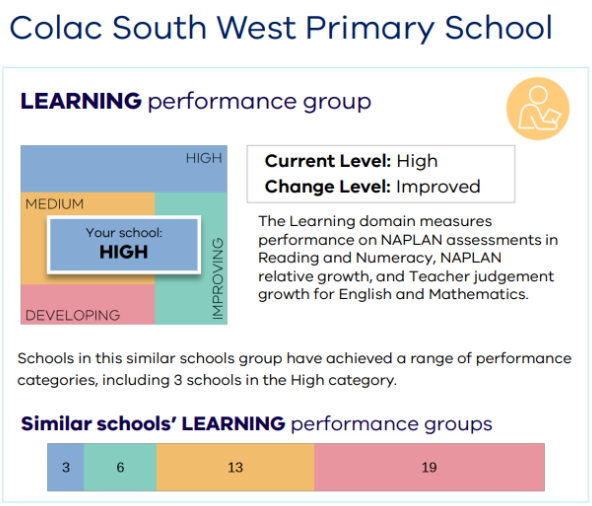
The cumulative impact of missed days is quite significant. If a student misses around five days across a normal school year and then begins taking another five days off towards the end of each year, that becomes around 130 missed school days across Prep to Year 12. That is well over two full terms of learning missed through what can sometimes feel like the occasional day here and there. It is also months of missed playtimes, friendships, classroom conversations, sporting activities and all of the other experiences that make school important.

Of course, children get sick and there will always be legitimate reasons to miss school. Our message is simply that when students are well, we want them here—right through until the final day.

A Huge Learning Achievement for CSW

We received some fantastic news this week about our school's learning performance.

Colac South West has now been rated **High** in the Department of Education's Learning Performance Group, with our performance also identified as **Improved**.



Our school is compared with approximately 40 Victorian schools with similar characteristics such as size, location and student demographics. Of those schools, **only three are currently rated in the High category**—and Colac South West is one of them. The Learning measure includes NAPLAN performance in Reading and Numeracy, NAPLAN relative growth and teacher judgement growth across English and Mathematics.

This is a huge achievement for our school and reflects the work that has gone into improving teaching and learning over the past couple of years. Most importantly, it reflects the effort of our students and the work of our teachers and Education Support staff every day. We certainly won't be standing still, but it is important to stop occasionally and recognise progress when it happens.

Top three in our similar-schools group for Learning in 2026 is something our whole school community should be proud of.

Xavier Davis
Principal
Colac South West Primary School

Stars of the Week

Room 11 **Miss Mills**	**Zander Gill**
Room 5 **Mrs Ellis**	**Hector Hay**
Room 3 **Miss Rodgers**	**Jake Haslem**
Room 4 **Mrs Coles**	**Huxley Gass**
Room 6 **Miss Fernando**	**Kaushiki Sharma**
Room 7 **Miss Watts**	**Ryder Saddington**
Room 9 **Mr Coop**	**Jackson Ubadillah**
Room 8 **Mrs Boyle**	**Eleesiah Gass**
Room 10 **Mr Balboni**	**Maddison Bertram**
Library **Mrs Allan**	**Grace Ingwersen-Gray**
Art **Mrs Allan**	**Sarah Douma**
P.E. **Mr Felekos**	**Ava Edwards**
Music **Ms Trewavas**	**Hector Hay**

Happy Birthday to these students. We hope you both have a wonderful birthday!

Scarlett Theodore
Kaushiki Sharma
Connor Wolfe
Sebastian Woods
Lily Crosbie
Khiara Cook

Walking School Bus

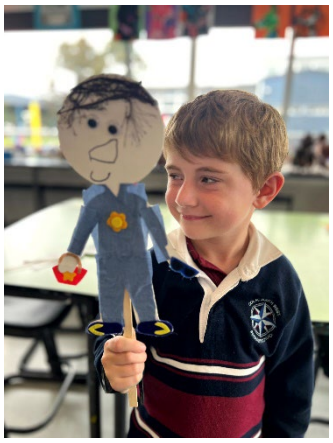
'Walking School Buses'. Students can join in the fun by getting dropped off **at any of the following points** to walk to school (parents can join in also if you like!):

- **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.

More Prep Puppets



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

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

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

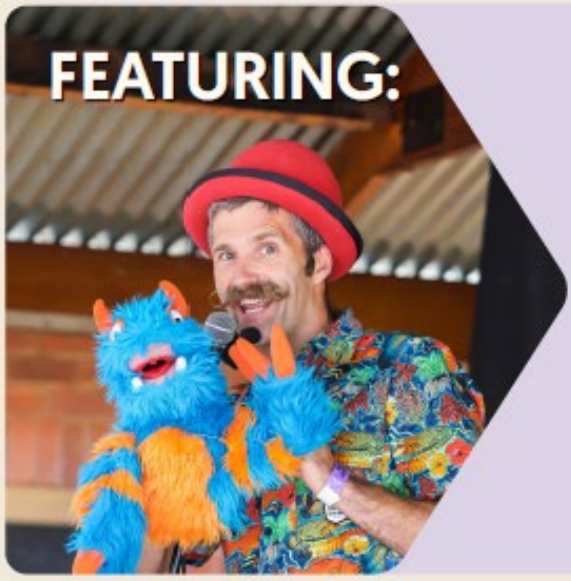
THURSDAY
OCT 29

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

ALL WELCOME!

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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

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