Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

State School Spectacular:
Thank you to the entire school community for their support of this year’s State Schools Spectacular. It was a fantastic event and was enjoyed by many parents, grandparents, students and families. We are very proud of our performers who had a great time. The show will be broadcast on Channel 7 on December 3rd, 2016.

As the school holidays are approaching, you may have plans to travel on Victoria’s roads. Significant rain is expected to fall over much of Victoria over the next few days, which may result in flooding.

Because of this rainfall, there is an increased risk to those travelling on our roads, and it is possible that houses across the State may be impacted as well.

I urge you to heed the following advice from emergency services:

**You** should never drive through floodwater – it only takes about 15 centimetres of water to lose control of your vehicle.

**Drive** to the conditions around you and be aware of road hazards such as mud, debris, damaged roads and bridges.

**Roads** in your area could be damaged by the bad weather so plan your journey and monitor Vic Traffic for road condition updates and any road closures see: [Vic Traffic](http://www.colacps.vic.edu.au/)
Never swim, walk or play in floodwater, it is dangerous and may contain hazardous debris or toxins.

If your property is at risk of flooding, please raise belongings onto tables, benches or beds and if you are on a farm, consider moving your livestock to higher ground.

Remain informed with emergency broadcasters to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest conditions and if possible, make sure your neighbours are aware of the situation.

For more information, see: Vic Emergency

End of term arrangements:
Term 3 concludes tomorrow at 2.30pm. We will be having Footy Colours Day tomorrow, so students may wear their footy gear and colours to school. A gold coin donation is requested and this will go towards our term 3 social services recipient State Schools Relief.

Term 4 begins on Monday October 3rd.

Have a safe and happy holiday break!

Kind Regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos
Principal

| CALENDAR |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sep 16th        | Footy Colours Day |
|                 | Gold Coin Donation |
|                 | LAST DAY OF TERM - 2.30pm FINISH |
| Sep 20th        | Students Art Exhibition |
|                 | Official opening 6pm |
|                 | Movie Fundraiser “The Secret Life Of Pets” |
| Oct 3rd         | Beginning of Term 4 |
| Oct 13th        | P/4 Activity Day |
| Oct 14th        | P/6 Disco |
| Oct 20th        | Bike Education |
| Oct 20/21st     | Years 3/4 Warrnambool Camp |
| Nov 4th         | Show Day Holiday No School |

Walk to School Month

VicHealth’s Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

Walking to and from school can also give you more time to connect and chat with your kids, and the opportunity to meet up with other local families along the way. Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss safe routes to school and talk about road rules, safe crossing points, stranger danger, etc. in the lead up to Walk to School. For further information please visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

If you can’t walk all the way, your child can still get involved – simply drive part way and walk, ride or scoot the rest!

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DAIRY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package, students with parents in the dairy farm industry can benefit from a one-off payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). Students whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm, are eligible for the payment. Evidence is required. A once-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016 to be used towards camps, sports, excursion and/or other education expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

Application forms are available from the office.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
Term 3 Report

This term grade 3 & 4 have been very busy with the kitchen/garden program. In the garden between the rainy days they have been wheel barrowing bark chips, soil and compost mix to its designated area, planting, weeding and watering.

With term 3 being mostly winter there were many sessions we couldn't get into the garden. During these times the students enjoyed activities such as Anatomy of a Seed and Leaf Hunt and Rubbing.

Also this term the students researched their own recipes coming up with many delicious dishes such as Silver Beet Frittata, Rainbow Chard and Feta Pasta, Pumpkin Soup, Pumpkin Pie (very American), Pumpkin & Vegetable Gratin, Caramelised Onion & Chard Pizza, Gnocchi with Tomato & Basil Sauce, Baked Potatoes & Savoury Crepes with Sweet Pancakes.

As always a huge thank you goes to Deb & Julie for their help throughout the term. With their help the students gain a better understanding of the skills needed in the kitchen.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Respect:

We show **respect** by being **thankful**. We are grateful for what we have and appreciate the little things in life.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**COLAC INDOOR TENNIS & SPORTS CENTRE**

Open to Girls and Boys for all Sports!
Register individual or team entries.

**SOCCER Competition**: Grades 1 & 3, and 3-6. Scheduled matches, 6 to a side, starting Monday 5th Sep then 11 weeks plus finals. Season cost $110.

**Strikers**: Preps & Grade 1 & 2’s. Skill based soccer drills followed by a game. Starting Thu 6th Oct, 40 minute sessions and runs for 9 weeks. Cost $90.

**NETBALL Competition**: Rebound for Grades 2-4 & 4-6. Scheduled matches, 6 to a side, starting Fri 2 Sep for 9 wks plus finals. Cost $85.

**TENNIS Hot Shots** Coaching for all grades. Call Paul on 5231 4788 at Colac Indoor Sports Centre or text 0425792949. *Kids love the high energy games!*

**BLUEWATER TERM 4 SWIM SCHOOL**

Direct Debit MEMBER Confirmation week – September 12-18
Pay By Term Membership Re-Enrolment – September 12-18
NEW ENROLMENTS - From September 19th

For more Information or to book as assessment contact:
BLUEWATER on 52329551

**THE AMAZING CHASE**

The Pursuit For Knowledge
WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
FREE to ENTER – includes Pizza & Drinks
Teams of 2-3 members
Under 12 must have older supervisor
ENTER BY 16TH SEPTEMBER
FORMS AVAIL: Youth Hub & Mixx Fm
Race start 10.30am at Youth Health Hub
final destination is up to YOU TO FIND???
More info: Emma Warton 0400131697
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