Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Election Day: Don’t forget to vote this Saturday in the Victorian State Election. Colac Primary School is a polling station and members of the community are welcome to head to the stadium to vote between 8am and 6pm. BBQ sausages and hamburgers will be on sale as well as a selection of items at our stall. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to assist on the day and happy voting!

Golf Scholarships: Jacoby, Cayleb, Charlotte and Connor C were all awarded junior memberships to the Colac Golf Club following their outstanding performance in the Active After Schools Golf Clinics held weekly this term. These four students were selected by the club and this generous offer made on Tuesday evening. All students are happily taking up their membership and we are so pleased for them and grateful to the Colac Golf Club for supporting junior talent.

Parent Input on extra-curricular activities: Please find attached a quick survey that I am asking parents to complete about extra-curricular activities. Your responses to this survey will help us to plan the extra-curricular offerings in 2015 and provide valuable feedback to staff on the programs that have been run. If these could be returned to the office by December 11th that would be appreciated. Thank you.

Move Up Day/State Wide Transition: December 9th is the State-wide Transition Day and Move Up Day at Colac Primary School. Our Grade 6 students will be heading to their secondary schools for the day and are required to make their own way there and home. Our 2015 Prep students will join us at 9.30am and will be in their classes in Rooms 3 & 4 for the morning. These students will need to be collected from school at 12.30pm. Our current Grade Prep to Grade 5 students will move up into their classes for 2015 at 9.30am. Students will be with their new classmates for the remainder of the day and where possible students will also get to spend the day with their teacher for 2015. This is an exciting way to transition through the school and builds upon the success we had with Move Up day last year. It was evidenced that students felt more comfortable knowing early on who their classmates and teacher were for the following year and this supports success in the area of
transition. We look forward to a great day on December 9th.

Volunteers morning tea: Have you helped us out this year in the garden? As a canteen helper? In the kitchen? Been a Kids Hope Mentor? A classroom helper? If so, we invite you to our Volunteers Morning tea on December 11th at 11am. Please return the slip attached to the newsletter so we can cater adequately. We would love to see all of our volunteers there to share in morning tea to thank you for your work with us this year.

2015 Family contributions: Booklist cost for all students in 2015 remain at $115.00 per child. This contribution covers stationary, photocopying, art supplies and classroom requisites. A $10.00 computer levy is also applied to each child. All families are expected to pay booklist/levy costs and those with financial hardship are requested to make contact with the school to arrange a payment plan. All students will be participating in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for a term next year requiring a $10.00 payment. This means that the total payment required per student for 2015 is $135.00. This reflects our work to keep costs down and reasonable for families with the loss of the regular EMA payment for former eligible families. Camps, excursions and swimming programs are all outside of this and parents are encouraged to set up Centrepay or a regular direct debit to assist with the management of these costs. If you require further information or assistance on this please contact Julie Menzies in the office or come and see me.

Somers Camp: Our 5 campers returned back to school yesterday and all had an awesome Somers Camp experience. Here some statements by the girls about Somers Camp
Johanna: The camp was a really good challenge because I had to meet a lot of new people
Mirabi: The activities there are really, really good.
Heidi: It’s a great opportunity to make new friends.

2015 Major Fundraiser: Colac Primary needs your help! Details in next week’s newsletter.

Shelby Papadopoulos
Principal

Upcoming dates: Please mark in your diary

Nov 29th – Election Day – BBQ & stall
Dec 4th – 2015 Prep Buddy BBQ
Dec 8th – School Council meeting/dinner
Dec 9th – Transition/move up day
Dec 11th – Volunteers Morning Tea-11am
Dec 11th – Grade 6 Graduation Night
Dec 15th – Staff vs students basketball
Dec 16th – Tabloid Sports
Dec 17th – Prep/6 Concert at 7pm
Dec 18th – Final Day Of School – X Factor & Class Parties-3.20pm finish
Jan 17th – Custom Car Show BBQ-keep this date free

BACK TO SCHOOL AT HIP POCKET
The original Bata Scouts school shoes are back! Hip Pocket Workwear at 62 Queen Street in Colac will donate $5 from every pair of Bata Scouts school shoes sold, towards our school. All school shoes are fitted by trained fitting staff. Please consider checking out the Bata school range at Hip Pocket for your child’s school shoes for next year.

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW
Friday 28th November 2014

11am-12.30pm 12.30-2pm
Sandra Lawrence  Pauline Grimmer
Helper required  Joni Chapman

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Tokens Total: A note has been sent home with school banking students today who have earned 10 tokens or more and need to redeem a gift from their prize sheet. If the total is 10 tokens too many (ie. they have redeemed a prize recently and the total is incorrect) please let Carolyn know at the office. So don’t forget to redeem your 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token for your school banking reward. If students have misplaced their prizes sheet please come to the office for a replacement one. Some prizes are very popular and stocks are low so don’t leave it to the last minute to choose a prize.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
Active After Schools sports program finished up this week. Thanks to Mrs Rodger and Mr Brauer for their time and support of the
program throughout the 7 weeks of golf and tennis.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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**CHAPLAINS FRIENDSHIP AWARD**

CONNOR MC

**THE VALUES WINNER FOR THIS WEEK IS**

THOMAS FROM ROOM 2

**CONGRATULATIONS**

THOMAS RECEIVES A FREE LUNCH FROM OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN FOR DISPLAYING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**HONESTY**

Honesty means you can be relied on not to lie or cheat.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Overdue Books:** During the next few weeks, notices for overdue books will be sent home. If you cannot find the book, please write on the note and return it to school. We will then follow it up in the classroom and the library.

**Bags:** We still need clean supermarket bags in the library.

**Christmas Ideas:** The owners of the bookstore ‘Cow Lick’, in Murray Street opposite the Memorial Square, very generously offer 10% of all sales be given back to Colac Primary School. So when you purchase anything from ‘Cow Lick’ please mention our school and they will keep a tally which we can then turn into BOOKS for our library. What a great idea leading up to Christmas.

**REBELS BASKETBALL NEWS**

Game times for tonight are as follows:

**TONIGHT** Thursday 27th November – **U11 girls:**

Rebel Emeralds 4pm at Colac Primary
Rebel Garnets – 4.40pm at Colac Primary

PLEASE NOTE – NO UNDER 11 BOYS THIS WEEK

**VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA**

**THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER – 11AM**

Have you helped us out this year in the garden, canteen, kitchen or as a classroom helper? If so, we invite you to our Volunteers Morning tea

I / We will be attending the Volunteers Morning Tea on Thursday 11th December at 11am

**Name:**__________

Please return the slip by Tuesday 9th December