Dear Parents, Students and Staff:

Hoax telephone calls to schools: I would like to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools over the past week that the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Staff have been briefed this week on appropriate procedures and although we hope not to have to use these we are confident of our ability to evacuate or lock down students in a calm manner if required to do so. If you have any questions please contact me and please re-assure your child (if they ask) that staff are here to keep them safe and lead them through the process if we are required to.

School Leaders: Congratulations to our 2016 School Captains: Charlotte Hardy, Faith Duve and Vice Captain Anneleise Towell.

Colac Car Show: Thank you to the volunteers who assisted at the Colac Custom Car Show BBQ. This was a huge effort led by Carol Balcombe and Sharyn Anderton with support from Karyn McGlade, Brian Kilfoyle, Kay Bellchambers, Danni Veitch, Shelby Papadopoulos, Natasha & Darren Williamson, Matt Lucas, Richelle Warton, Sue Spence, Tash Thompson, Pauline Rosevear, Colleen McDonnell, Mia Kilfoyle, Kiera Anderton.

Parking: After a recent Council inspection around the school it is timely to remind parents that there are parking restrictions both before and after school in both Murray Street and Lyons Street. I have included the relevant information from the Road Safety Act. Please be advised that the P with a circle and cross is a no parking sign, but you are permitted to drop off and pick up children as you remain in your vehicle (or no more than 3 metres from it) and take 2 minutes or less to do so. As you know children can be unpredictable, so we all need to take care to slow down, teach our children road safety and be aware of where we park. Parents are reminded that the school car park is for staff and disabled use only. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.
Photographs of children at school: As we begin a new school year, I would like to remind families of their personal responsibilities when photographing students at school. Many events that the students participate in are ones we would like to keep for our photo albums and to share with friends; but in the current age of digital communication, we need to be careful. I remind parents that they may photograph their own children at school events but are not permitted to distribute or publish photographs of children other than their own without parental consent. This means that if you take a photo of your child/children it is your choice if you publish it on Facebook etc., but you may not publish a photo of your child with other children without consent to do so. Students are also asked not to use their own personal devices to photograph each other at school and are reminded that iPods and phones should remain at home. It is a tricky time with the prevalence of mobile phones and associated technology so I urge our school community to be respectful of student privacy and proceed cautiously when it comes to utilising social media.

Road Safety Act: No parking signs (1) The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, unless the driver- (a) is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods; and (b) does not leave the vehicle unattended; and (c) completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within the required time after stopping. (2) For this rule, a driver leaves a vehicle unattended if the driver leaves the vehicle so the driver is over 3 metres from the closest point of the vehicle. (3) In this rule- required time means- (a) if information on or with the sign indicates a time-the indicated time; or (b) if there is no indicated time-2 minutes. Breaching these laws is a $60 fine.

School Council: Notices have gone out to each family this week regarding school council elections for 2016. Nomination forms are available from the office and are due on February 9th.

Changes to uniform sale: Uniform will be available for purchase at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. **Please note this change in uniform sales times.** It is hoped that this assists families when coming to the office to purchase uniform as Carolyn McCarthy, our uniform co-ordinator will be available to assist you. Office hours are 8.30am-4.00pm.

**Kind Regards,**  
**Shelby Papadopoulos**  
**Principal**

**MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS**

Please return Semester One Medical Consent forms ASAP. The form was sent home with last week’s newsletter. Excursions consent forms will still be required to be signed by parents for **ALL** excursions. Thank you.

**Kind Regards,**  
**Shelby Papadopoulos**  
**Principal**

**2016 PREPS**

Preps will not attend on Wednesdays during February. Wednesdays during February are used for testing.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Our school canteen will commence tomorrow. Price lists are being sent home with today’s newsletter. **PLEASE DISCARD LAST YEAR’S PRICE LIST.** The price list will also be on the skoolbag app and on our website. A form was sent home with last week’s newsletter requesting parents’ help throughout the year. Forms are due back by next Tuesday 9th February to enable a roster to be sent home as soon as possible.

**CANTEEN DUTY THIS WEEK**

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**YEAR 5/6 CAMP**

The payment of $160 for the year 5/6 camp must be made by tomorrow morning. Students must be at school on Monday morning (8th February) by 7.45am and they will return at 5pm on Tuesday afternoon.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome back to everyone. Book borrowing will begin for all classes next Tuesday and Wednesday. We have had a problem with our library’s computer so borrowing has not been possible. All children should have a cloth bag
to put their books in. These help keep the books clean and undamaged. Please help your child to find a safe place to keep their library book at home and remind them to return them each week. Times are:
Tuesdays – Rooms 1, 4, 6, 8, 10
Wednesdays – Rooms 2, 3, 5, 7, 9

SCHOOL HATS
All students need to wear their hat until April 30th. Hats are available in slouch ($10) or bucket style ($8) and come in small, medium, large and extra large.

VALUE OF THE WEEK
KINDNESS
Kindness can mean being of service. It is looking for ways to help others rather than waiting to be asked.

2016 YEAR 6 MEMENTO TOPS
If you have ordered a year 6 memento top, $35 payment is due TOMORROW Friday 5th February. This is the only order that will be placed for the year.

VISITORS SIGN IN/OUT BOOK
All parents and visitors who are working in the school should sign the visitors books at the office. This will allow us to account for you in the event of an emergency and is necessary as part of our Emergency Management Procedure.
We also have a sign in/out book for parents to use if they are picking up their child during school hours or arriving late. This will ensure that absences are parent approved and not unexplained.

SCHOOL BANKING
Preps and current banking students have received a school banking pack today to take home. Students in any year level are welcome to come to the office and collect a school banking pack if they wish to start an account.

CALENDAR
Feb 5th
Yr 5/6 camp $160 due if paying in full
Canteen commences
Feb 5th
Yr 6 memento hoodie payment due $35
Feb 8/9th
Yr 5/6 Anglesea camp
Feb 9th
Canteen volunteers form due
Mar 4th
Curriculum Day (student free day)
Mar 7th
School Athletics day
Mar 9th
School Photo day
Mar 19th
Kana Parade
Mar 24th
End of term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)

ART ROOM NEWS
Hello from the Art Room! My name is Jane McGuane and I am excited to be Colac PS’s specialist Art Teacher for 2016. Just a reminder if all students could please have an art smock clearly labelled with their name that can be left at school. The theme for Kana this year is “Our Wonderful Otways” and the students will be creating work around this theme in the coming weeks. The Kana parade is Saturday 19th March and all students are welcome to participate on the day and ride the float. A permission form will be sent home next week that will need to be completed, signed and returned to the office as soon as possible.
All completed art work will be kept at school this year, until the end of the year. In keeping the work at school this will assist with assessment, displays, exhibitions and competition entry such as the Colac Show. The students will create a folio which will also hopefully prevent work from being damaged as it makes its way home! The student work will be on display in the school corridors and Art Room as it is completed and I will also provide updates, in the newsletter, throughout the year to keep you informed of what the students are creating in the Art Room. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress in Art or would like to see their work in progress please feel free to contact me. I am really excited about starting a new year in the Art Room and cannot wait to see what amazing work our very creative students will produce.
Did you know? The temperature inside a parked car can be 20°- 30°C hotter than the outside temperature.

**OUTSIDE**

23°C

**INSIDE THE CAR**

45°- 55°C

**DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN CARS**