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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Shot Put Success: Congratulations to Chloe Copeland who came 5th in an 18 girl squad and achieved a personal best in Shot Put at the State Primary Track and Field event yesterday. Chloe threw an amazing 8.87metres from one of her 5 attempts. Well done Chloe and thank you for representing our school with such pride!

Happy World Teachers Day: Tomorrow is World Teachers Day as declared by UNESCO. This is an important day to acknowledge the contribution teachers make not only to the running of our school, but more importantly to the lives of the young people that they work with on a daily basis. On behalf of the extended Colac Primary School community I would like to extend my thanks to all of our teaching and support staff who do some amazing work in our community. Thank you.

Room 5 EXTERNAL Wall: This week we had some bricks come loose on the external wall of Room 5. This area has now been fenced off as a precaution and builders are assisting how best to remove and replace this section of wall. The area between Room 5 and Rooms 9 & 10 (Portables) is off limits to all students, staff and parents. Please detour around this area via the East or West of these buildings. Thank you for your co-operation.
News from the Art Room: Last Term students from Grades Prep to Grade 4 created posters for Barwon Water’s - National Water Week poster competition. I am proud to announce that two of our students received prizes for their fabulous entries – Congratulations to Declan Vuzem who received 2nd place in the Grade 1/2 category and to Emme Elborough who took out 3rd place in the Grade 3/4 category.

E-Smart: Colac Primary School recently achieved full E-Smart accreditation through the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. This is a great acknowledgement of the work undertaken to educate students on how to be safe in the Cyber world. Thank you to Mr Allan Storer who led this work. Mr Storer provides the following safety tip for parents at home: “Always monitor primary aged children when they are using the internet or social networking, including on phones, iPods, iPad and computers”.

Bike Education Challenge: Last Thursday I was lucky enough to see our cyclists compete in the Colac Bike Education Challenge. Brock, Zach, Ian, James, Ben, Cayleb, Thomas, Hunter, Trent (emergency) and Matariki (emergency) all took their turn to ride through the course with great care paying particular attention to road safety rules. The boys displayed great skill and excellent behaviour during the excursion.

Beyond the Bell: is a local group made up of representatives across Colac Otway and beyond. Its aim is to improve Year 12 attainment in our area. As part of this work, a snapshot of our communities attitudes towards education is being sought. It would be great if as many of you as possible are able to complete the online survey to assist with this research.

http:// surveymonkey.com/r/Attitudes_to_Education.

Grade 3 & 4 camp: Our students had one day of great weather and one that was very challenging! They had a great time exploring Warrnambool and particular highlights were Flagstaff Hill and meeting Maremma dogs from Oddball. Much of the experiences they undertook while on camp will be followed up as part of the curriculum this term which is focussed on coastal environments. Thank you to all staff and volunteers for their assistance in planning and attending the camp.

Kind Regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos-Principal

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Fun Food Day: Next Thursday 3rd November Parents Club are having a Fun Food Day for lunch. An order form was sent home last week. Students can order a sausage in bread, juice box or water and a killer python or popcorn all for $4. Extra sausage and bread is $1. Please return orders by Monday 31st October. Spare forms at the office.

Colac Custom Car & Bike Show: On Saturday 14th January 2017 Colac Primary School will be hosting a barbecue as part of our fundraising for the year. A flyer has been sent home with today’s newsletter asking for parent helpers for various timeslots on the day. Please support our fundraiser by returning the reply slip by Friday 9th December.

Christmas Raffle/Hamper: Every year we have a Christmas raffle and we ask families to donate items for a hamper. Suggestions include: Christmas themed items, decorations, non perishable foods, small toys etc. Items can be left at the office. Tickets will be $1 each for the raffle and they will be available shortly. 1st prize will be a Television, 2nd prize a voucher for ACE airport parking and 3rd prize will be the Christmas hamper. We will also be looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets up the street. More information soon.

ODD SHOES
Can all parents from the infant wing, particularly room 3, please check their daughter’s school shoes. We have a girl left with a pair of odd shoes at the moment and no one else has come forward complaining that their shoes feel strange. Please see photo of the odd shoes below, one pair is size 9 & ‘ponytails’ brand, and the other is size 10 & ‘Exist’ brand.
It’s handy for infant children to have a change of underwear and socks too if they have an accident while at school.

**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**COURAGE**

Courage is doing things even when they are scary or very difficult.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

- ROOM 1: SUMMER
- ROOM 2: JACK
- ROOM 3: ASH
- ROOM 4: CHLOE
- ROOM 6: NIXON
- ROOM 7: DAKOTA
- ROOM 8: AXLE
- ROOM 9: JOSIAH
- ROOM 10: SOPHIE
- ART: TAKIRA & IAN
- PE: JAKE H & RM 2
- FRIENDSHIP: AXLE, RYLEY, TYSON
- ASSEMBLY: ADAM RM 1, RHARNI RM 2, RACHEL RM 3, MAYA RM 4, BEAU RM 5, MORGAN RM 6, KODHI RM 7, NATHAN RM 9

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE**

Due to increased threat of flood the Otway Plains District Scouts Haunted House is relocated to **Colac Guide Hall (opposite the police station)**

This is a family friendly Spookfest. Please note this will be a clown free zone! Sun 30th Oct – 5.30-8.30pm All ages Mon 31st Oct – 5.30-7pm Trick or Treaters

Mon 31st Oct – 7-9pm ONLY THE BRAVE

$5 entry