Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

2017 Prep Buddies Barbecue: Our buddies have concluded their visits to our 2017 preps at the kindergartens and they have made some great connections. Our transition program will continue with our Prep BBQ for 2017 Grade Prep students, their families and our buddies on Thursday, December 1st beginning at 5.45pm. Grade 5 buddies will need to be here at 5.30pm so they are ready to greet their buddies at the Lyons Street entrance at 5.45pm. The barbecue will include a parent information session and will conclude at 7pm. Our Preps will then undertake their orientation visit on Tuesday December 6th. We really look forward to welcoming our Prep children and their families to Colac Primary School.

School Council: On Monday night we had to cancel our School Council meeting due to the severe weather that struck Colac just after 4pm. Agenda items will be carried over to the meeting on December 8th which will commence at 6pm at the school. Following the meeting a dinner will be held which all School Councillors are invited to attend, to acknowledge their contribution throughout the year.

Staffing and structure for 2017: At this stage of the school year I am working with the leadership team to allocate staff for 2017. A detailed process is involved to ensure that our students are supported educationally to reach their full potential. There will be staff changes in 2017. I hope to inform the community shortly of this information as we conclude interviews next week.

Michael Wagner: Last week we had Michael Wagner visit our school and what a great time we had listening to his stories about his authorship of many books. Students have been busy borrowing Michaels’ books from the library and his visit has had a great impact on the reading of many children.

Breakfast Club: Today regular attendees received the first part of a two part breakfast club pack. This pack will allow the children to continue having their favourite breakfasts over the school holidays and is a thank you to the many students who have supported our program this semester.

Kind Regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos
Principal

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

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 was sent home recently 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 are $1 each. 1st prize is a Television, 2nd prize is the Christmas hamper and 3rd prize a voucher for ACE airport parking.

Raffle Tickets: Raffle tickets have been sent home to randomly selected families. Please return books and money by next Wednesday 30th November. Each full book sold will go into a draw for a book seller’s prize of a $25 Coles Myer Gift Card. Tickets/raffle books are also available at the office or at the concert where it will be drawn that night.

Ticket Selling: If anyone is able to spare an hour on Thursday 1st December to sell tickets down the street please contact the office.

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Redeeming Rewards: Students need to redeem their tokens for a reward by Tuesday 29th November if they want to receive their prize before the end of the year. Any prizes redeemed after this date will be held over until term 1 next year. Year 6’s will need to redeem by 29th November if they want their prizes before they leave.

Out of Stock: Jump Skip Ropes and Bush Fly Fans are now out of stock. Wriggly Glow Worm supplies are getting low, so get your tokens in fast.

Last Day: 13th December – last day for school banking.

VISITORS SIGN IN/OUT IPAD

All parents and visitors who are working in the school are required to sign in 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. Parents also need to use the ipad if their child is arriving late or leaving early e.g. unwell or appointment. This will ensure that absences are parent approved and not unexplained.

HEAD LICE TIPS

- Massage any type of hair conditioner onto dry hair and into the scalp until complete coverage is achieved. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or run around
- Combing sections of the hair with a fine head lice comb is important to ensure all head lice are removed. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue. Pay particular attention to the back of the neck and behind the ears when looking for lice
- Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.
- Although we do our best it is possible that even with the most thorough treatment we can leave behind a couple of healthy lice which would create a new batch of lice. Therefore it is important to repeat the treatment every week which will tackle those undetected hatchlings.
- If someone in the household has head lice, it is highly recommended to check all family members for head lice.
- For more information and facts on head lice please ask to speak to Mrs Rodger at the school for some top tips

VALUE OF THE WEEK

TOLERANCE

Tolerance is accepting things you can’t change or things that you wish were different.

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CALENDAR

Nov 29th  Last chance to redeem school banking tokens
Nov 30th  Xmas raffle books/money due
Dec 1st   2017 Prep/Buddy BBQ 5.45pm
Dec 1st   Raffle ticket selling
Dec 2nd   Yr 5/6 Fishing Competition For selected students
Dec 3rd   State Schools Spectacular Broadcast on channel 7
Dec 6th   Transition Day & Move Up day
Dec 8th   Prep/2 Queenscliff excursion
Dec 8th   School Council Meeting / Dinner – 6pm
Dec 9th   Year 6 fishing excursion
Dec 12th  Year 6 Graduation & reports Sent home
Dec 13th  Last day for school banking
Dec 14th  Yrs 3/6 swimming activity
Dec 15th  School Concert 7pm-raffle drawn
Dec 16th  X Factor – 9am Class Activities – 11.30am Final assembly 2.30pm
Jan 14th  Colac Custom Car & Bike Show-volunteers needed
Jan 31st  Term 1 begins

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1    TIMMY
ROOM 2    RHARNI
ROOM 3    CHLOE
ROOM 4    MIA
ROOM 5    DAKOTA
ROOM 6    JUDD
ROOM 7    EMME
ROOM 8    RICKY
ROOM 9    ZARA
ROOM 10   CONNOR
ART       ELLA C
PE        DALLAS & RM 6
FRIENDSHIP BROCK
ASSEMBLY  XANTHA, TYLAH, HANNAH, MILLY, CHAYTON, ASHLEE DAKOTA, RACHEL JESSE, NOAH T JACOB

OUTSIDE NEWS

LEARN MAGIC
Birregurra PS on Sun 27th Nov
9.30am-3.30am $150 incl. material & online access. Bookings essential call Barb 0428841670
www.discovermagic.com & watch the video for parents

PUBERTY CLUES
A fast moving session looking at the many changes that occur at the time of puberty for 10-12yr olds.
Mothers & Daughters: At Colac Area Health in
Otway Tutorial Room OR
Wed 7th Dec
At Birregurra Community Health Centre on Fri 2nd Dec
All sessions 6pm – 8pm
Cost: $10 per couple, bookings essential by phoning 52325140

CANTEEN DUTY NEXT WEEK
Friday 2nd December 2016
11AM-12.30PM  12.45PM-2PM
Janelle Oates    Gina Larson
Andrea Ivermee  Kerrie Coutts