Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Thank You And Farewell Glenyce: After 33 years Glenyce Reed is retiring from her role at Colac Primary School. Glenyce has been a dedicated member of staff and over the past week we have shared many memories of her time at the school. Glenyce will be missed but we know she will enjoy the next stage of her life and will no doubt spend time watching her beloved Geelong Cats and following the Aussies in the cricket. Best wishes Glenyce!

Class Structure for 2017:

Classes are being timetabled for next year and students have all met their new teachers as friends as part of our Move Day last week. I have outlined the staff roles below to assist in your knowing who your child’s teacher is and what room they are in. Please ensure over the holidays that student uniform and property is labelled with your child’s name and room number to limit the amount of lost property collected at school.

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Specialist Area: Staff Member:

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### Leadership Team:
- Principal: Shelby Papadopoulos
- Assistant Principal: Jill Newcombe
- Leading Teacher: Salome Falla

School Concert: Thank you to all for your preparation for tonight’s concert. Students are to arrive in classrooms at 6.45pm for roll marking and last minute costume touches. Parents are reminded that the concert commences at 7pm. The gates to the oval will be open for parking. Raffle tickets will be sold prior to entry for those wishing to purchase these before the raffle is drawn at the conclusion of the concert. There are 5 prizes to be drawn including our first prize of a 43” HD Led flat screen television, two large Christmas hampers, $100 Ace Airport parking voucher, and a Jiffy Car Clean voucher. Thank you to everybody who has donated raffle prizes and bought tickets.

Entry tonight is a gold coin donation. See you there!

End of year arrangements: Tomorrow we will be finalising our end of year activities with our class breakups and final assembly which will be held at 2.15pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us for the assembly. Students are welcome to wear casual dress tomorrow to celebrate the end of the school year.

On Monday and Tuesday (until 1pm) we will be cleaning and setting up for 2017 and normal classes will not run. Students will be supervised during this time if attending.

Curriculum Days 2017: On Monday January 30th staff will resume for the year. This day is Department of Education mandated curriculum day and students will start school on Tuesday January 31st. Further curriculum days for 2017 are Wednesday March 1st and Monday May 1st. These days will focus on professional learning for teachers in the areas of wellbeing and literacy.

Happy Holidays to all: On behalf of the staff and students of Colac Primary School we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. We hope all of our students, parents, families and friends remain safe and healthy throughout the break. We look forward to welcoming our new students and their families in the 2017 school year and wish our departing students all the best in their Secondary schools.

Kind Regards, Shelby Papadopoulos

### STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

**End Of Year Report:** The Preps have had a great term with the program. With the spring rain we were able to work in the garden right to the very end. We planted potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, sweet corn, capsicum and egg plant so there will be plenty of produce for term 1 in 2017. The preps have created many wonderful dishes in the kitchen, one of their favourites, and mine too, was the apple and rhubarb crumble. The children have done a wonderful job in the garden and kitchen for the size and age of them.

**Thank You:** Unfortunately I will not be involved in the program next year and I thank all students, staff and helpers for a very rewarding 2 years. Also a very special thank you goes to Julie and Deb, who without their assistance, the children would not have got as much out of the program as they did.

All library books are due back **TOMORROW.** Any enquiries to Mrs Newcombe in the library

### PARENTS CLUB NEWS

**Christmas Raffle/Hamper:** A big thank you to families who donated items for the Christmas Hamper. The raffle will be drawn at the school concert tonight.

**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. We still need volunteers please. Timeslots are as follows:

- 8am - 11am
- 11am – 1pm
- 1pm – 4pm

Call the office and leave your name or alternatively ring Sharyn Anderton on 0423176948 if you are unsure of your plans but can be contacted the week commencing 9th January.
CALENDAR

2016

Dec 15th  TONIGHT School Concert
           7pm- raffle drawn

Dec 16th  Casual Day
           X Factor – 9am
           Class break ups – 11.30am
           Final assembly 2.15pm

Dec 19-20th  Teachers setting up for 2017
              No classes (Tues 1pm pick up)

2017

Jan 14th  Colac Custom Car &
          Bike Show-12 more
          Volunteers required

Jan 30th  Teachers resume
          School office opens
          9am – 4pm

Jan 31st  School resumes for students

Mar 1st  Curriculum Day

May 1st  Curriculum Day

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1  MILLAH
ROOM 2  HARRY
ROOM 3  AIMEE-LEE
ROOM 4  IDRIS
ROOM 7  ASHTON
ROOM 9  FAITH, CHLOE, JAYDEN, HUNTER, BRODIE
ART  LORA & JACOB
PE  REEGAN & RM 8
ASSEMBLY  RUBIE, BRYCE, WILL, OAKLEY
          JORDAN, ZARA
          CHAYTON, TEGAN
          THOMAS T, JONAH, JAMES

OUTSIDE NEWS

PRE XMAS FUN FOR KIDS
Let us entertain the kids... whilst you finish up those last minute Xmas jobs
Inflatable Fun Park, Laser Tag and Beach Volleyball, 3 hours of FUN!
Mon 19th Tue 20th Wed 21st December
9am-12pm $20 per child inc. fruit snack.
At Colac Indoor Tennis & Sports Centre
112 Main Street, Elliminyt
Limited places, book now 52314788
www.colacindoorsports.com.au

VALUE OF THE WEEK

KINDNESS

A part of KINDNESS is PEACEFULNESS.
Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm and it comes especially in moments of quietness.