Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Staff farewells: At the end of the school year we will be farewelling a number of staff. I would like to thank them all for their contribution to Colac Primary School and wish them well as their lives move in different directions. Long serving staff member Glenyce Reed who has worked at our school for 33 years is retiring at the years end. Glenyce has seen many changes at Colac Primary School during her time and one of her highlights was taking our schoolgirls cricket team to the MCG. We will also be farewelling Lachlan McInnes, Heath Hackett, Haley Murphy, Emily Collins, Louise Vaughan, Sharyn Newton, Julie Jacobson, Katrina McKay and Jorja Parker.

Volunteers Morning Tea And Thank You: Yesterday we held our thank you morning tea for all our wonderful volunteers who give up their time throughout the year to assist with: Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, canteen, Kids Hope, classroom programs, sport, School Council and fundraising. Thank you to you all for volunteering your time and your skills.

School Concert: Students are to arrive in their classrooms for roll call at 6.45pm. Students are to be in their costumes ready to go. Families please make your way to the stadium to be seated. Entry is by gold coin donation. Our concert is an opportunity for students to showcase a class performance and have some fun before school breaks up so please come along and enjoy the show which starts at 7pm.

Buddy Barbecue: Last Thursday we held our prep buddy barbecue. Our year 5’s met their buddies at the gate as they arrived and enjoyed a barbecue tea and plenty of fun in the playground while parents attended a small information session. Thanks to Miss Falla, Miss Watt and other staff who assisted on the night.
State Wide Orientation Day and ‘Move up’ day: Students this week enjoyed some great opportunities to meet new teachers, make new friends and even visit new schools. Our Grade 6 students report that they enjoyed the day at their secondary school and our 2017 Grade Prep students settled straight into their classrooms and were well supported by their buddies. All other students moved into their new classes and we had a great day with many new staff also joining us. Thank you to parents who have supported our transition program and will continue to support their children as they move into a new stage of schooling next year.

Primary School Fishing Competition: Congratulations to our Grade 5 & 6 team who attended the fishing competition at Peterborough last week. The team put in a great day of fishing and won the competition. The children were so very pleased! Thank you to Andrew Barber, Allan Storer and Jean Newcombe for organising and taking the children on the day.

End of year arrangements: On Friday December 16th 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. On Monday and Tuesday (until 1pm) we will be working towards set up for 2017 and normal classes will not run.

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.

Kind Regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS
All library books are due back as soon as possible. Overdue notes have been sent home with students. Please check at home, under beds and behind dressers. Any enquiries to Mrs Newcombe in the library.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS
Raffle Tickets: Please return books and money by TOMORROW. Tickets will be sold at the concert where it will be drawn that night.

Christmas Raffle/Hamper: Don’t forget to donate to our Christmas Hamper. Thanks to families who have already brought their donations in. Please bring to 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.

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. We still need at least a dozen more volunteers to fill timeslots. Please support our fundraiser by returning the reply slip by TOMORROW or call the office and leave your name.

MISSING
A student is still looking for her large Furby, the small Furby has been returned. If you have seen the large Furby please return to room 3.

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW
Friday 9th December 2016

11AM-12.30PM Stacey Alfred
12.45PM-2PM Karen Wade
Cassie Monahan Wendy Grinter

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE
Redeeming Rewards: Any prizes redeemed from now on will be delivered next year.
CALENDAR

2016

Dec 8th  TONIGHT School Council 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 break ups – 11.30am
           Final assembly 2.15pm
Dec 20th  Clean & pack up. Students Dismissal 1pm

2017

Jan 14th  Colac Custom Car & Bike Show-12 more Volunteers required
Jan 30th  Teachers resume
          School office opens
Jan 31st  School resumes for students

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1  SAM
ROOM 2  ETHAN
ROOM 3  RACHEL
ROOM 4
ROOM 5  LUCY
ROOM 6  LEWIS
ROOM 7  THOMAS
ROOM 8  MEAH
ROOM 9  KIARA
ROOM 10  ASHLEE
ART  CAIDEN
PE  WILLIAM
FRIENDSHIP  RISITH & RM 3
ASSEMBLY  RACHEL
SUMMER,ELLA,
XAVIER, CHLOE B,
SIENNA,TRISTAN,
AMALI, LUCY,
NIXON,
LEWIS,RILEY H,
ANGELA, ELLA C,
JACK,RILEY W,
CHASE

VALUE OF THE WEEK

KINDNESS

A part of KINDNESS is HELPFULNESS.
Helpfulness is doing something useful for someone else so that we make life easier for everyone.

OUTSIDE NEWS

FREE BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT
TONIGHT December 8th from 6pm till 8pm at the Colac store. This is a fun night for all the family to enjoy and come along to.
We have Free Kids D.I.Y Christmas gifts, games, Jumping Castle, Bake Potato Van (Tea provided), Balloon Artist, and Santa making an appearance. **This is all Free!**

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT NATIVITY
The Colac City Band are looking for young people who would like to be part of the Carols By Candlelight Nativity story on Fri 16th Dec. No previous experience necessary, as acting required will be guided by the narrator. Costumes will be provided. A rehearsal & costume fitting will be held at the Colac City Band rooms (down the hill past Botanic Café at the lake) this Sun 11th Dec between 1pm-3pm. To register interest please contact sutter.bronwyn.b@edumail.vic.gov.au