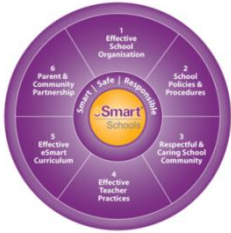


# NEWSLETTER

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### SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

**President:** Matt Lucas, Raelene O'Donoghue, Richelle Warton, Danielle Veitch, Sam Brien, Natasha Thompson, Carol Balcombe, Susan Hampshire, Shelby Papadopoulos, Julie Menzies, Jill Newcombe. Jess Wood, Abbey Watt.

**PRINCIPAL:** Shelby Papadopoulos Mob: 0407 041 133 **(Emergency Only)**

### Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

**Class Structure 2018:** Our class structure for 2018 has been finalised. A lot of work goes into ensuring students have the best access to learning possible, as staff consider academic, social and behavioural needs. Students will be advised which classes they will be in on the morning of Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> and they will then spend the day in their

Prep/1
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Grade 1/2
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Grade 2
Grade 3/4
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Grade 5/6
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new class as part of our annual Move Up Day. This is an exciting time of the year for the children and I encourage families to be positive as they support the children to approach the changes with resilience and enthusiasm. Returning staff for 2018 are Mr Lachan McInnes and Mrs Denise Mitchell and we have a new teacher, Miss Sophie Vernon joining our team.

**Circus Oz:** What a fantastic evening we had last Friday evening with our Grade 5 & 6 students performing as part of the Tin Top Tour with Circus Oz. The tricks the children had learnt were very impressive and they had a ball! A big thank you to Circus Oz and teachers Miss Wood and Mr Storer for their work with the children.

**Victorian State School Spectacular 2018:** Our proud tradition of involvement in the Mass Dance section of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular will continue in 2018 with Colac

Primary School being offered 16 places for students to participate in next years event. Further details about this opportunity will be released shortly.

**School crossings:** Please note that the school does not manage the school crossing in surrounding streets near our school. The crossings in Chapel, Lyons and Murray Streets are managed by the Colac Otway Shire. If the Shire are unable to have crossing guards on all crossings due to staff absences we will inform families as soon as we are made aware using the Skoolbag app. Colac Primary Staff are not permitted to undertake the role of crossing supervisor. If you have any concerns please contact the Colac Otway Shire directly.

**School Council Dinner:** Our final School Council meeting will be followed by a dinner with School Councillors on Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank our School Council for supporting our school during 2017.

**Riding To School:** Please ensure that students riding to school are accompanied by an adult if they are in Prep to Year 2 as their traffic awareness is limited. Our Bike Education program begins in Year 3 and teaches basic road safety.

**End of year finish:** Students will finish school on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3.15pm.

Kind regards,  
Shelby Papadopoulos, Principal

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

**Raffle Tickets:** 10 tickets for the Christmas raffle were sent home recently. Please sell to family and friends to support our school and return as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn at the School Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.



Wow!! Look at the first prize of the Christmas raffle of a Fire Pit filled with goodies which will be drawn at the School Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We are still asking for donations of the following suggestions to bulk up our minor prizes:

- Pencils
- Textas
- Chips
- Nuts
- Chocolates

A big thank you to the families who have already donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## STUDENT BANKING

There are only **2** more Tuesdays to bring in your bank book as student banking finishes on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Don't forget to redeem your 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token so you can receive your prize before the end of the year. Come to the office if you're not sure what prize to choose, Mrs McCarthy can show you what is still available. A note with your child's token total will be sent home with today's newsletter if they are eligible to claim a prize by the end of the year.

## STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE

A flyer was sent home recently regarding a book drive. Please bring along your donations of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand or new books by **tomorrow** and hand into your classroom. A huge thank you to families who have already generously donated boxes of books, they look amazing. Student Council will deliver the books to The Salvation Army for distribution to needy families in time for Christmas and which will certainly help bring smiles to childrens' faces.

## CALENDAR

Yr 3/6 swimming -Fridays for 3 weeks	
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	2018 Preps/buddy BBQ
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Drive finishes
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Council meeting
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Transition/Move Up Day
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Final student banking
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last swimming-yrs 3/6
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	State Schools Spectacular on channel 7 at 7pm
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	X-Factor
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Graduation Night
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Concert-6.30pm
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day-clean up & pack up
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.15pm dismissal
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Student Free Day

## CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

11am-12.30pm

Tash Thompson

Stacey Alfred

12.30pm-2pm

Renee Wood

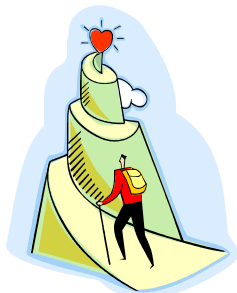
Carol Hernandez

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	IMOGEN
ROOM 2	MAX
ROOM 3	TAHLIA
ROOM 4	KHADIJA
ROOM 5	CIARA
ROOM 6	WILLIAM
ROOM 7	JAYLAN
ROOM 8	ASHTON
ROOM 9	KYA
ROOM 10	KAYDEN
PE	MILLAH L & RM 8
FRIENDSHIP	LIAM O, TORI

## VALUE OF THE WEEK PERSONAL BEST

Part of **Personal Best** is being clearly focused on what you are doing. It is being *purposeful*.



## SPARE CLOTHING

Please ensure infant children have a spare change of clothes in their bag. It's handy to have a change of underwear and socks if they have an accident while at school.

## CANTEEN DUTY NEXT WEEK

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

11am-12.30pm

Courtney Williamson

Jemma Harper

12.30pm-2pm

Kerrin Coutts

Rachel Hudson

## ASTHMA NEWS

This week's topic is: **Improve Air Quality**

1. Make your home a smoke free zone.
2. Use an efficient rangehood over your stove and extractor fans in the bathroom
3. Use electric cooking appliances as they do not produce gaseous fumes
4. Avoid open fires as they produce smoke
5. Avoid evaporative cooling systems because they humidify the air
6. Choose refrigerated reverse cycle systems because they take the moisture out of the air & adjust if cold air is a trigger

Others tips/facts in future newsletters include: **Cut down on dust**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHRISTMAS CAROL-ALONG

Presented by Colac Schools Chaplaincy Committee on Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm at Colac Uniting Church, Hesse St. Sing along to joyful Christmas carols & hymns & share a lovely afternoon tea. Donation: \$5

### CONNECT – INFORMATION FOR MOTHERS/CARERS

CONNECT is a trauma informed program focusing on strengthening the relationship between mothers or carers & children after family violence. Focused on children aged 8-11yrs Program Structure is 10 weekly sessions starting next year, Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018. Info session Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm-2pm at Meeting Room 4, Colac Library – no cost. RSVP at Barwon CASA/Minerva Imogen or Jen on 52224318 or [admin@barwoncasa.org](mailto:admin@barwoncasa.org)