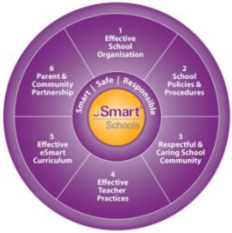


NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

The Circus Is Coming: We are very privileged to be welcoming **Circus Oz** to our school from November 20th to 24th. Circus Oz will be conducting workshops with our Grade 5 & 6 students and these students will have the opportunity to be part of the Circus Oz performance that will take place in Colac on the evening of November 24th. Further information will be provided shortly but please mark this date in your calendar.

Remembrance Day: We will be marking Remembrance Day on Monday as part of our school assembly. We hope to have a special guest speaker from the Colac RSL who will join us to share the importance of this occasion with students.

Poppy Appeal: Our school has a range of Remembrance Day items for sale from the school office. Poppies are \$2 and \$5, wristbands are \$3, bag tags are \$4 and pens are \$5. Leading up to Remembrance Day our senior students will visit classes to show children the items available.

School Building update: We are nearing the completion of our school refurbishment and it is hoped that the fences will be removed shortly. The buildings look great and further work can commence on other areas of the school once the fences are removed. We are inviting parents and friends to join us for a **WORKING BEE** on **Friday November 17th anytime from 3.30pm-**

7pm. We will be providing Pizza for dinner and parents are encouraged to bring in gardening tools.

Return To School: It has been great to see all of our students as I begin my return to work. The children have shared some fantastic stories of their activities during my absence telling me how much they enjoyed Footy Colours Day, the Grade 3/4 camp, the swimming program and excursions to the Shrine, P-4 activity day, the 12 Apostles and Tower Hill. It sounds like so much fun and learning has occurred and the children are excited about the term 4 events planned. I would like to thank the school community; students, parents and staff for their support throughout my recovery and understanding as I continue to undergo rehabilitation for my shoulder whilst returning to work on a part time basis for the foreseeable future. A big thank you to Jill Newcombe and Salome Falla who have undertaken Acting Principal roles during my absence. Jill Newcombe will continue to share the role of Principal with me until the conclusion of term 4.

Staffing Update: Salome Falla has commenced a professional learning course through the Department of Education that focuses on school leadership and improvement. The course is co-facilitated by Monash University and Salome was selected from a number of candidates across the state. As part of her learning Salome is undertaking a

placement at Somerville Rise Primary School in Mornington. Salome will be working as part of the schools leadership team to further her skills and development. She will remain on placement until December 6th and will return to Colac Primary School for the conclusion of term 4. During Salome's absence Mrs Julie Wallace will remain in Room 4 for the next 4 weeks.

2018 Prep Students: Our Prep BBQ will be held on November 30th. 2018 Prep families will receive invitations from their Buddies next week. All 2018 Prep families will be invited to the BBQ for an information session and school familiarisation. Grade 5 Buddies will also be required to attend to support incoming Prep students. The BBQ commences at 5.45pm. Buddies are thoroughly enjoying their visits to Kindergartens and we look forward to meeting our new Prep students.

School Uniform: There has recently been much discussion about school uniform in the media. The uniform policy of Colac Primary School is compliant with all Government guidelines and a copy of the policy is available on our website.

Garden: We are looking for volunteers to assist us in the maintenance of the school garden over the Xmas school holiday period. If you are able to assist in anyway please contact Julie Menzies on 52312560.

Kind regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos, Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Christmas Raffle Donations: The Parents & Friends are seeking donations from families for the Christmas raffle prizes. Our major prize is a Fire Pit and we are seeking items to compliment it. Examples include marshmallows, chocolates, lollies, utensils, gourmet sauces and so on.

We are also seeking family board/card games, further confectionery, and colouring items like pencils, books or craft packs to make up minor raffle prizes. Please bring to the office. The families in our school work in many areas. If your business or place of work might like to donate something, please let us know! Any donation great or small would be greatly appreciated!

Final Meeting: Our final fundraising committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 9am in the staffroom. We will be finalising 2017 and discussing plans for 2018. Hope to see you there, all welcome.

SOCIAL SERVICE/STUDENT COUNCIL

A flyer has been sent home with today's newsletter regarding a book drive. Please bring along your books and hand into your classroom by Friday 1st December.

SWIMMING

Swimming: Commenced last Friday for grades 3/6 concluding on Friday 15th December. Please ensure **all** clothing, towels and goggles are clearly named. Students will be back at school in time for canteen.

Swimming Bags: We have 'eco' swimming bags for sale for \$13.50 which are made from recycled plastic bottles. They are waterproof, have an internal zip pocket, secure Velcro fastening with drawstring toggle, adjustable shoulder straps and a printed name patch on the back to write your child's name.

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW Friday 10th November

11am-12.30pm

Pauline Grimmer

Tracey Ferrari

12.30pm-2pm

Tammy Mason

Jane Russell

CALENDAR

Yr 3/6 swimming -Fridays for 6 weeks
Nov 14 th T-20 Cricket-yrs 3/4 teams
Nov 15 th Final Fundraising Committee meeting-9am
Nov 17 th Working Bee-3.30pm-7pm-Pizza afterwards
Nov 20-24 th Circus Oz
Nov 30 th 2018 Preps/buddy BBQ
Dec 1 st Book Drive finishes
Dec 12 th Transition/Move Up Day
Dec 15 th Last swimming-yrs 3/6
Dec 18 th Yr 6 Graduation Night

SPARE CLOTHING

Please ensure children have a spare change of clothes in their bag. Alternatively if your child has been sent home in spare clothing please wash and return as soon as possible. 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

RESPECT

A part of **RESPECT** is **CLEANLINESS**.

Cleanliness means bathing regularly and keeping your body clean. It means wearing clean clothes.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	HARRY
ROOM 2	KADEN
ROOM 3	RHUBY
ROOM 4	CALEB
ROOM 5	RICKY
ROOM 6	XANTHA
ROOM 7	SCOUT
ROOM 8	NICOLE
ROOM 9	NICOLA
ROOM 10	TIARN
PE	ASH & RM 5
LIBRARY	NICOLE
ART	BODHI

CANTEEN DUTY NEXT WEEK

Friday 17th November

<u>11am-12.30pm</u>	<u>12.30pm-2pm</u>
Lynne Ellemor	Lana Crabbe
Cassie Monahan	Elisha Currer

THIS WEEKS SPORTS UPDATE WITH MR TILLACK

Congratulations Liam Bell

Well done to Liam for making it through to the Primary Schools Regional Golf Final to be played on Tuesday the 14th of November at Curlewis Golf Club. Liam was selected after his wonderful round at Colac GC in Term 2. Golf is a tough game at the best of times, let alone on unfamiliar courses so well done and all the best!

Good Luck to our Grade 3/4 T/20

Cricketers

On Tuesday we also have our Grade 3/4 cricketers heading off to the Central Reserve for the T/20 Blast. We are well represented with 2 boys and 2 girls teams in the competition. This term students have been working on their bowling, batting and fielding skills and have shown some wonderful improvement, with some students not knowing what cricket was, let alone knowing how to play at the start of the term! It was very hard selecting the teams, with 24 boys and 23 girls wanting to play. Well done to those in the team, and for those who missed out, keep practicing and trying your best, but most of all having fun. Permission notes have been sent home today with team members including emergencies. Please return as soon as possible.

Out Of School Cricket

A reminder also to any students wanting to play/learn about cricket after school, Dylan Slater is running an u12's competition at the central reserve on Wednesday nights for Grade 3-6 students (4-5:30pm) and Cricket skills/games for those learning the game on Saturdays from 10-12 I believe. If interested best to call him on 0497 292 648 or email at dylslater@outlook.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sat 11th Nov The Colac RSL Sub-branch Inc. President & Committee invite the community to Remembrance Day Commemorative Service at

Colac Memorial Square at 10.30am. Followed by BBQ & cold drinks available for purchase from 11.30am. All monies raised will support veterans & families in our community

Enq: Teghan Fraser 0420 909 658

FAME THE MUSICAL

Presented by Colac Secondary College & Red Door

Tues 5th Wed 6th & Thu 7th Dec @ 7pm
CSC Performing Arts Theatre. Public tickets on sale at CSC office from 9am Thu 9th Nov. \$20 adult/\$15 student/\$60 family. Enq: CSC office - 52319800