



NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Retirements/Staffing: It is with some excitement for Mr Allan Storer that he will embark on his retirement journey at the conclusion of the 2017 school year. Mr Storer has had a long and dedicated career here at Colac Primary School over a 37 year period and will be missed by many. Mr Storer will be farewelled by students and families at both the Grade 6 Graduation and Final Celebration Assembly at 2.15pm on December 21st. I ask you to share with me in congratulating Allan on reaching this milestone as we farewell him over coming weeks.

The end of the school year will also see Mrs Gill Launer begin her retirement as she has elected to make the break from teaching following a long history of work in Colac Schools. Families will also have the opportunity to farewell Gill at the Celebration Assembly at the end of term.

Tomorrow we farewell Mrs Julie Wallace who has been teaching in room 4 replacing Miss Falla for term 4. We thank Julie for her work in our school.

Thank you: A big thanks to our Kids Hope mentors who are finishing their visits this week. They have made a great contribution to the children they work with and their visits are a fantastic addition to our school. We look forward to Kids Hope returning in 2018. A thank you also to Colac West Rotary Club who have kindly donated some emergency lunches for our students who may require them on occasion. This has been a great support to our school community.

Breakfast Club: Our last Breakfast Club session will be held next Thursday December 14th and Breakfast Club won't run in the final week of school as a stocktake is completed. Thank you to our volunteer students who have supported the running of breakfast club this year. Breakfast Club will return in 2018.



end of the school year and will keep you up to date with plans and progress next year. Some works will occur over the school holiday with quotes approved at our final School Council meeting for:

Room 1	Prep/1	Karisa Walker
Room 2	Prep/1	Abbey Watt
Room 3	Grade 1/2	Matt Messinger
Room 4	Grade 1/2	Denise Mitchell
Room 5	Grade 3/4	Mary-Ellen Robertson
Room 6	Grade 2	Kate Chudoschnik
Room 7	Grade 3/4	Emma Hillman
Room 8	Grade 3/4	Sophie Vernon
Room 9	Grade 5/6	Lachlan McInnes
Room 10	Grade 5/6	Jess Wood
	P.E & Student Support	Rhys Tillack
	Leading Teacher - Intervention	Salome Falla (Terms 2-4)
	Assistant Principal	Jill Newcombe
	Wellbeing	Melinda Williams
	Library	Linda Briffa
	Art & Cooking	Jane McGuane
	Integration Support	Rosy Monaco
	Integration Support	Rebecca Foster
	Integration Support	Lorraine Roger
	Integration Support	Narelle Kerr
	Trainee	Brooklyn Blake
	Trainee	Connor Buchanan
	Chaplain	Jenny Simons
	Business Manager	Julie Menzies
	Admin support	Carolyn McCarthy

- The painting of the deck between the Admin Block and Boyle Wing
- The refinishing of the stadium floor
- The repair of the fire hose storage box and gate on Murray Street
- Replacement and extension of linoleum in the Admin building
- Repair of roof above Room 5
- Power connection to the storage shed

Planning 2018: Our 2018 planning is complete ready for students to enjoy Move Up Day on Tuesday December 12th. All current Prep to Grade 5 students will move into their grades for 2018 and have the opportunity to work in their rooms with their new classmates. All 2018 teachers will be present on the day with the exception of Mr McInnes who is overseas presently. Room 9 will be taken by Miss Falla on Tuesday. Our 2018 Grade Prep students will join us at 9.30am and our current Grade 6 students will be participating in

Volunteers Morning Tea: We invite all volunteers to our morning tea on December 14th at 11.10am in the library. Each of our volunteers is vital to the support of the students and programs at Colac Primary School and we have had many volunteers contribute in the canteen, garden, kitchen, classrooms, at events and Kana. We would like to say thanks at our annual morning tea and hope to see you there.

Fame: Our Grade 4 and 5 students attended a showcase performance of FAME at Colac Secondary College today. The students enjoyed the show and we thank Colac Secondary Staff and students for providing this opportunity for us.

School Buildings: I am very pleased to announce that Colac Primary School has been allocated a further \$200,000 in emergency maintenance funding by the State Government. I will be meeting with the architect before the

transition at the their chosen secondary schools. It will be a busy and exciting day and I ask that parents please work with children on their level of anticipation focusing on resilience in the face of change and accepting that with change often comes great opportunity!

Room number changes for 2018: School Council have endorsed a change in room numbers in our Junior School building. The rooms will be numbered from the left hand side in a clockwise rotation (as seen if entering from the door closest to the office).

Current room #	New room #
4	1
3	2
2	3
1	4

Swimming: Please note that swimming times have been moved forward ½ hour for the last 2 weeks. Years 3/4 swim at 12-12.30pm and years 5/6 swim at 12.30-1pm.

End of year finish: Students will finish school on Thursday December 21st at 3.15pm. Friday December 22nd is a school council approved student free day. Staff will use this day to share data and set up classrooms for 2018.

Kind regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos, Principal

BUZZTECH

Introducing Buzztech's iPad and device maintenance program. Take your damaged devices, waterlogged mobiles, smashed screens to Buzztech for a fraction of the usual repair cost. Receive a token then bring to the school office. When we receive 50 tokens our school gets a free iPad.

Remember: 50 tokens = 1 iPad

Pop into 201 Murray St today with your broken devices or call 1300 970 003

LIBRARY NEWS

A reminder to have a look around the house for any stray library books that may have gone missing over the year. Overdue notices will be sent home with students next week. Check under beds, behind drawers, magazine piles etc. See Mrs Briffa or Mrs Newcombe in the library if you have any queries.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Christmas Stars: During art classes our students have created Christmas Stars which can be found on display at the following shops to help decorate our Shire: Best & Less, Bike Guru, Central Tyre & Auto, Charles Stewart & Co, Colac Art Supplies & Millmans Paperier, Colac Chiropractic Clinic, Colac Area Health Dental Clinic and Reynolds IGA.

The Colac Otway Shire are also running a Lucky Star competition and the details of the competition accompany today's newsletter. So be on the lookout for the Lucky Star and good luck!

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

New Purchases: With the money raised from our movie fundraiser we have been able to purchase some new aprons for the students to

wear as well as a new food processor, tea towels and other kitchen utensils. Thanks again to everyone who supported this fundraising effort.

Thank You: We have had a fantastic year in the kitchen and there are certainly many budding chefs in our school. I would like to say a huge thank you to Pauline Rosevear and Tash Thompson who have both volunteered their time to help in the kitchen during the year – your help has been greatly appreciated by both myself and the students. I am looking forward to more cooking adventures next year.

Jane McGuane



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 20th December. Don't forget to donate, suggestions include wrapping paper, cards and decorations etc.

STUDENT BANKING

Thank you for a great year of School Banking. We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year. There is only 1 more Tuesday to bring in your bank book as student banking finishes next Tuesday 12th December. Don't forget to redeem your 10

silver tokens or 1 gold token so we can order your prize. Prizes ordered next week will unfortunately arrive during the holidays and will be distributed at the start of school next year. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can still be used in 2018. Come to the office to see which prizes below are



still available to you, Mrs McCarthy can show you what is still available.

CALENDAR

Dec 12 th	Transition/Move Up Day
Dec 12 th	Final student banking
Dec 14 th	Final Breakfast Club
Dec 14 th	Volunteers Morning Tea 11.10am
Dec 15 th	Last swimming-yrs 3/6
Dec 15 th	Final Canteen
Dec 16 th	State Schools Spectacular on channel 7 at 7pm
Dec 18 th	X-Factor
Dec 18 th	Yr 6 Graduation Night
Dec 20 th	School Concert-6.30pm
Dec 21 st	Last Day-clean up & pack up
Dec 21 st	3.15pm dismissal
Dec 22 nd	Student Free Day

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW Friday 8th December

<u>11am-12.30pm</u> Gina Larson Jemma Harper	<u>12.30pm-2pm</u> Cassie Monahan Rachel Hudson
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	ANGUS
ROOM 2	LORELEI
ROOM 3	JOSHUA
ROOM 4	OLEG
ROOM 6	SUMMER
ROOM 8	ANGUS
ROOM 9	BEAU
ROOM 10	TYSON
LIBRARY	ASH
ART	IAN
PE	NICOLE & RM 2

VALUE OF THE WEEK PERSONAL BEST

When we are practising our **personal best** we are *steadfast*. We stick to something no matter how long it takes



CANTEEN DUTY NEXT WEEK Friday 15th December

<u>11am-12.30pm</u> Kerrin Coutts Janelle Oates	<u>12.30pm-2pm</u> Carol Balcombe Teghan Fraser
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Breakfast Club

