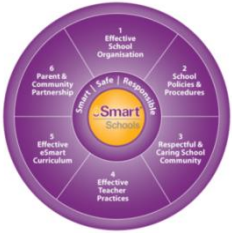


# NEWSLETTER

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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, Welcome to the 2018 school year:

It has been a busy start to the school year with Colac Primary School welcoming back returning students and meeting students new to the school this week. We had our 2018 Prep students begin their education with us this week and it was a very exciting time for them and their families as they attended their first day of school.

### Our 2018 Prep Students:



It will be an action packed start to the term for all of our students as we will hold our school athletics, participate in the Colac Kana Festival, begin our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for Rooms 5 & 6, continue our Buddy Program, see our Grade 5/6 students off to camp at Lorne and assist all students to make a

solid start to their learning for the year. We look forward to seeing our students embrace the opportunities presented to them this term and encourage parents to become involved in any of our extra events if available and as classroom helpers.

**Watering Thanks:** Thank you to the following families for their generous donation of time to water our school gardens over the holidays – they are looking great!

- Elborough Family
- Veitch Family
- Lucas Family
- Williamson Family
- Loricco Family

**Assembly:** Assembly will now be held on **FRIDAY's** each week at 2.45pm in the stadium. Parents & Friends are most welcome to attend.

**Classroom Helpers and Volunteers:** If you wish to be a classroom helper please see Mrs Jill Newcombe our Assistant Principal. Alternatively think about volunteering for the kitchen/garden program and contact Jane McGuane for cooking and garden times. Please note that all volunteers in a school setting require a current working with children check.

**Staffing Update:** Our new staff have joined us for the beginning of the school year and have been widely welcomed already by the community. Staff joining us are:  
Sophie Vernon – Grade 3/4 Room 8  
Connor Buchanan – Trainee  
Brooklyn Blake - Trainee

Sam Gaylard – Integration

Lachlan McInnes – Grade 5/6 Room 9

Please note that Mr Allan Storer will be assisting staff for the first few weeks and Ms Falla is undertaking a professional learning program for Term 1.

**Parent Payments:** Students have been supplied their class materials and have been busy getting their stationary and books organised. I have outlined the breakdown of parent payments below:

School book & stationary costs - \$125 per student

Kitchen Garden Program - \$10 per student

Total for 2018 - \$135 per student. Payments are due at the office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Parents can also set up Centrepay or direct debit. Please see Julie in the office.

**Application for Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding:** The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. All families with Health Care cards are requested to bring the card to school and fill out an application form at the office. Julie Menzies will assist in this process. Parents can commence applying from today. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to that student.

**State Schools Spectacular:** We are pleased to announce that Colac Primary School has again been selected to participate in the mass dance section of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Students in Grade 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to audition next Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm. We have 16 places available for our State Schools Spectacular Squad and will also select one emergency who will perform if required. Participation cost is approximately \$180 all up which covers travel to all regional rehearsals, 3 trips to Melbourne for rehearsals and the show and the 2018 Spectacular t-shirt. Jackets may also be offered for purchase closer to the event and will cost approximately \$45. The State Schools Spectacular Squad will be required to rehearse regularly during lunchtimes and at home. It is a big commitment but one that is very rewarding for students.

**After School Pickup:** Some of our communal spaces can get very congested at the end of the school day. To allow students enough room to

access their locker areas and bags, parents are requested not to wait for students in corridor areas. Please organise for your child to meet you outside of the school building. Teachers will assist younger students to collect bags and personal items as they leave. Your assistance in this matter would be very much appreciated.

**Student Absences:** The DET policy on notifying families of student absence will be changing statewide in March this year. This policy mandates that the school phone the family of child/children if they are absent on any given day without notification to the school at the earliest possible opportunity on the day of the absence. What this means is that if your child is absent and you have not let the school know through a phone call or through the Skool Bag of the absence before 9.15am the office staff will phone you to follow up. Please ensure that if your child is absent you let us know prior to 9.15am.

**Medical Consent Forms:** Each child will this week receive a medical consent form which will cover all excursions for Semester One. This form is not an excursion consent form, but is consent for staff to obtain medical assistance for your child whilst out of the school. These forms will be stored in the office (confidentially) and taken by the staff member of the class to each excursion the child is involved in, along with the excursion consent form which will be sent home prior to the excursion as usual. This form needs to be returned to give permission for your child to attend. It is imperative that if your child's medical circumstances change during the semester a new form is filled out promptly. Please return Semester One Medical Consent forms ASAP. Excursions consent forms will still be required to be signed by parents for ALL excursions.

**Bus Travel:** Families who have indicated that students are regular bus travellers must notify the school of any transport changes prior to 1pm so bus rolls can be managed to reflect who should be on a bus on any given day. We also request that parents remind students travelling on buses that they must immediately line up at the bus shelter when the bell goes at the end of the day as buses cannot wait for students. For all school contract bus (country runs) information please contact Kerrie O'Connor at Colac Secondary College, the bus co-ordinating school on 52319800. For all town bus enquiries please contact Christians

Buslines on 52312203. Town Bus fees are \$1.20 one way, \$2.40 both ways.

**Student Property:** Students and parents are reminded that any personal property brought to school is done so at your own personal risk. Whilst we try our best to ensure that all property remains safe, the school is not responsible for lost or damaged property as a DET Government School we carry no insurance for personal items. Mobile phones and the like should **not** be brought to school by students. Students who ride bikes to school are advised that they should be locked up with a secure lock in the bike rack. Students riding bikes and scooters are also reminded that helmets **must** be worn when riding to and from school and bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school grounds.

**Tissues:** We are again requesting that families **supply one box of tissues per child** to their classroom teacher for use by the class this year. If each child supplied a box of tissues this would ensure that collectively our budgets can put towards other educational supplies. In 2017 the school saved almost \$500 through your donation of a box of tissues each!

**Teacher Professional Practice Days:** Under the 2018 Government Schools Agreement, teachers are entitled to one professional practice day free of classroom teaching duties per term. This means that children will have a relief teacher on this day while their regular teacher will use the hours to plan, assess and undertake professional learning. These days are not days off for students and the teacher will have planned the classroom activities and learning program which will run as usual.

**Kind regards,**  
**Shelby Papadopoulos, Principal**

### 2018 PREPS

Preps will not attend on Wednesdays during February. Wednesdays during February are used for individual Prep testing.

### CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**11am-12.30pm**

**Kerrin Coutts**

**Gary Wright**

**12.30pm-2pm**

**Carol Hernandez**

**Cassie Monahan**



### CALENDAR

<b>Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Canteen commences</b>
<b>Feb 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>State Schools Spectacular auditions-1.45pm</b>
<b>Mar 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School photo day</b>
<b>Feb 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kilt orders due</b>
<b>Mar 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School photos</b>
<b>Mar 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Mar 15-16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr 5/6 camp-Lorne</b>
<b>Mar 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kana Parade</b>
<b>Mar 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 1 finishes</b>
<b>Mar 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Apr 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 2 commences</b>

### CANTEEN NEWS

**Canteen Tomorrow:** Our school canteen will commence **tomorrow**. Prices are still the same as last year and if you require a price list please collect one at the office. Preps will not start canteen until next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February as they finish school at 1.30pm tomorrow.

**Orders:** Please write your child's name, room number, and order clearly on a brown paper bag and place money inside. Students must hand in orders in their classrooms by 9am.

#### **Volunteers Required:**

Forms accompany today's newsletter requesting parents/grandparents help throughout the year to do canteen duty. Please consider helping out, there is no handling of money required and it's a great way to meet other members of the school community. Please return forms by next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to enable a roster to be sent home as soon as possible.

### ART

Please ensure children have an art smock for their art classes. Art smocks are available at the office for \$13.50 and come in sizes small, medium and large. An extra order of smalls will arrive later next week.

### SCHOOL BANKING

Student banking day is Tuesdays and commences next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Preps and current banking students will receive a school banking pack next week, once they have arrived. Students in any year level are welcome to start school banking. You can visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) or visit a Commonwealth Bank branch to open an account or alternatively collect a banking pack at the school office next week.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**Library Bags:** Every child needs to have a library bag to carry their books home in. The supermarket cloth type are great as are large pencil cases or plastic folders. Preps receive a prep bag from their class.

### SKOOLBAG APP

*Skoolbag* is an app that gives you the most up to date Colac PS newsletter, calendar events, allows you to contact the school, report student absences and set up your own alerts for school events and activities. The app is **free** for you to download and parents can enquire at the office if they have any questions.

### ICY POLES

Junior School Council sell lemonade icy poles at the canteen at Wednesday lunchtimes for \$1. Please note that icy poles are not available at Friday's canteen, only frozen yoghurts.



### KILT NEWS

**New Kilts:** Orders for new kilts will be placed mid February as we have a new uniform supplier. Prices are as follows:

Sizes 4 – 10: \$70

Sizes 12 – 16: \$75

All kilts will have an elastic waistband. **Order forms are at the office. Forms and money are due in by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.** Waist and length measurements are detailed on the order form and delivery will take about 5 to 6 weeks. **Please note that kilts are not a compulsory part of Colac Primary Schools uniform.**

**Second hand Kilts:** If you have a second hand kilt at home, bring to the office to sell and we will advertise it on the newsletter. These kilts are sold at various prices according to their condition.

## VALUE OF THE WEEK HONESTY

**Honesty**  
means you  
can be relied  
on not to lie or  
cheat



### ASTHMA PACKS

Notification will be sent home in the coming weeks if students don't have a current Asthma Plan on file, which should be updated every 2 years.

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

We have registered with "Stuck on You" Fundraising. For all your labels and gifts visit <https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser> and use the fundraising code **COLACPRIMARYSCHOOL**. Our school will receive 20% commission on all sales.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**SOCCER COMPETITIONS:** Fun, high energy game for girls & boys. Competition starts Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Individual & Team entries.

**SOCCER COACHING:** Fun program for Preps & Grade 1's Thursdays 3.45pm

**MUM's Mat PILATES:** whilst kids play Mondays 9.00am \$10 casual drop in. All enq: Colac Indoor Tennis & Sports Centre 112 Main St Elliminyt. Ph. 52314788

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