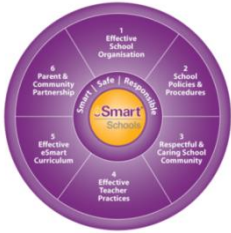


NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

School Upgrades: A lot of work was done to improve our school over the holidays, which many of you have noticed and commented upon. The upgrades have made a huge difference and are being enjoyed by students and staff.

The main works have been:

- Upgrade of lino and extension of lino in Admin/Library building
- Installation of reverse cycle heating/cooling units in Rooms 5, 6 & 8 (rm. 7 coming soon)
- Painting of deck area near Art room
- Restaining of stadium floor
- Installation of electricity to shed
- Replacement of roof above entrance to Roberts wing

Upcoming School Works: I have met with the architect today to begin the process to approve the removal of timber window-frames throughout our school and the replacement of these with aluminium frames. This works is being funded by the State Government under emergency maintenance funding as our windows are in need of replacement due to their age and deterioration. A tender process will begin shortly and works will commence this semester. Regular updates will be provided through the newsletter.

Student Leadership Positions:

Our Grade 6 students presented late last week with their applications and presentations for student leadership positions. It was fantastic to be able to hear their passion for the school, their acknowledgement of what school means to them and to see their maturity develop as they explained how they have learnt to overcome challenges and be the best they can be. Following this process I proudly announce our student leaders for school and house leadership positions to you all today. All students should be so proud of the effort, courage and resilience they have displayed 😊

| School Leadership | |
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| Captains | Vice Capatins |
| Anabel Wilson Hunter Ellis | Ella Jones Kyan Genua |

| House Leadership | | |
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| House | Captains | Vice Captains |
| Dingoes | Tyson Jones Nicola Heinze | Jara Jacobson Reegan Brown |
| Koalas | Amali Kennedy Jesse East | Bailey Milburn Jade Witcombe |
| Kangaroos | Tiarn McMahon Jayden Browes | Angela Hay Liam Bell |

Classroom Helpers & Volunteers: If you wish to help out as 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.

Student absences: The DET policy on notifying families of student absence will be changing state-wide in March this year. This policy mandates that the school phone the family of a 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.

Thank you: Thanks to Mr Whitcombe and Mr Kennedy for assisting our staff to fix the partition between rooms 1 & 2. We would not have been able to achieve the result we did without your help!

School Council Elections: Each year government schools across the state carry out School Council elections. This year we have:

3 parent two year vacancies
1 Department of Education and Training (DET) two year vacancy

Nomination forms are available from the school office and they should be completed in full and returned to school no later than 4pm Monday 19th February.

Should we receive more nominations than vacancies it will be necessary for us to conduct an election. Council members attend 8 meetings for the year (with no more than 3 missed) and meetings are held on 3rd of Monday of each month at 6pm.

Election Timetable:

February 8th - Notice of election and call for nominations

February 19th - Nominations close at 4pm

February 22nd - Display list of candidates at the general office if there are more nominations than vacancies.

February 27th - Distribute ballot papers if an election is required

March 13th - Ballot closes at 4pm.

Kind regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos, Principal

OFFICE NEWS

Parent Payments: Students were supplied their class materials at the start of the year. 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. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to that student.

Student Absences: If your child is absent and you have not let the school know through a phone call or through the Skoolbag app 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 has received a medical consent form which will cover all excursions for Semester One. This form is a 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. Please return Semester One Medical Consent forms ASAP. Excursions consent forms will still be required to be signed by parents for ALL excursions.

2018 PREPS

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

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW

Friday 9th February

11am-12.30pm

Joni Chapman

Janelle Lloyd

12.30pm-2pm

Anne Murnane

Debbie Bell



CALENDAR

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| Feb 8 th | Nominations for School Council |
| Feb 12 th | Breakfast Club begins 8.15-8.40am |
| Feb 16 th | Kilt orders due |
| Feb 19 th | School Council nominations Close at 4pm |
| Mar 7 th | School photo day |
| Mar 12 th | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| Mar 15-16 th | Yr 5/6 camp-Lorne |
| Mar 17 th | Kana Parade |
| Mar 26 th | Colac PS Athletic Sports Day |
| Mar 29 th | Term 1 finishes |
| Mar 30 th | Good Friday |
| Apr 16 th | Term 2 commences |

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Tomorrow: Our school canteen commenced last week. Prices are still the same as last year and if you require a price list please collect one at the office.

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 were sent home with last week'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. So far we have had only 20 replies and we require around 35 volunteers for the canteen to continue. Please return forms by **TOMORROW** to enable a roster to be sent home as soon as possible. Please note that you must have a current Working with Childrens Check.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Student banking day is Tuesdays and commenced last Tuesday. Preps and current banking students will receive a school banking pack once they have arrived. Students in any year level are welcome to start school banking. commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or visit a Commonwealth Bank branch to open an account or alternatively collect a banking pack at the school office soon.

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.

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. Frozen yoghurts must be ordered with lunch orders, children cannot bring money to the canteen window on Fridays.



KILT NEWS

New Kilts: Orders & payment for new kilts are due in by next Friday 16th February. Only one bulk order will be placed. 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 16th 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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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| ROOM 1 | MAX |
| ROOM 2 | CAIDEN |
| ROOM 3 | NATASHA |
| ROOM 4 | HANNAH |
| ROOM 5 | SCOUT |
| ROOM 6 | NATE |
| ROOM 7 | XAVIER |
| ROOM 8 | CHLOE |
| ROOM 9 | DANIEL |
| ROOM 10 | ISAIAH |
| PE | AURORA & RM 9 |
| ART | MIA O |
| LIBRARY | ELISHA-LEE |



VALUE OF THE WEEK HONESTY

When you are **honest** you tell the truth and you own up when you have done something wrong.



THE VALUES WINNER FOR LAST WEEK
WAS

SOPHIE FROM ROOM 5

CONGRATULATIONS

**SOPHIE RECEIVES A
FREE LUNCH FROM OUR SCHOOL
CANTEEN FOR DISPLAYING OUR
SCHOOL VALUES**



**JAYCO BIKE RIDERS TACKLING
QUESTIONS FROM OUR STUDENTS AT
LAST WEEKS JAYCO BIKE TOUR**

COLAC PS NETBALL CLUB

Registration Forms: Forms have been sent home today with girls and boys aged 7 and over who have expressed interest in playing for the Colac Primary School netball club this season. Please return by Tuesday 27th February to enable teams to be arranged before the CDNA general meeting.

Annual General Meeting: The Colac Primary School Netball AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st March at 3.30pm in our school library.