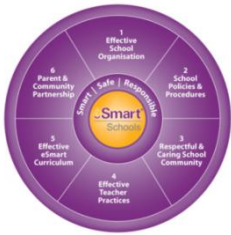


NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,
School Photos Wednesday March 7th
Families are asked to ensure that students are in full school uniform. Students with hair below shoulder level should have hair tied back in a neat and tidy fashion. **Please note that netball skirts, tennis skirts and leggings are not part of Colac PS uniform.**

Athletics: Our whole school athletics is being held on Monday March 26th. Students have begun learning the various sports and requirements of each during PE sessions. Our brand new high jump mat has arrived and I can report that this event is hugely popular with students loving the challenge! If any parents or community members are able to assist on the day please contact Rhys Tillack via the office. All volunteers must have a valid Working With Children Check.

Bus Parking Zones: We have had concerns raised by the bus companies in regards to cars parking in the morning bus zones in Lyons Street at school drop off time. I kindly remind families that the marked zone near the stadium on Lyons Street is a bus parking zone between 8.15am and 9am daily. Please don't pull into this area during these times to allow buses to pull off the street and not block through traffic in Lyons Street. Your co-operation with this is appreciated as we work to keep all of our children safe.

Sports For Schools Vouchers: The Coles Sports for Schools program has started. When you shop at Coles Supermarkets, you will receive a voucher for every \$10 spent. Bring your vouchers into the school office and place them in the Coles box. All the vouchers we collect will go towards purchasing sporting equipment for our students. The more vouchers we can collect the better. Be sure to collect as many as you can from your family and friends too!

Breakfast Club: Our Breakfast Club is running on Mondays and Thursdays from 8am. Our House Captains and Vice Captains run a very organised program where children can come and have some cereal, milo, fruit and other yummy breakfast foods in a safe and social environment. Breakfast club is free for all students and runs until 8.40am.

Preps 2019: Tours and an information session will be held during Education Week – May 21st-25th. Further information will be made available in term 2.



Clean Up Australia Day: Our school will be participating in the schools date of Clean Up Australia

Day tomorrow. Students will help to keep our school yard pristine by assisting to do their extra bit from 2pm. Assembly will follow at 2.45pm.

Kind regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos, Principal

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 7th March: Individual envelopes were sent home with all students last week. The process of ordering and paying for photos is explained on the envelopes. **Do not send envelopes back to school yet. Envelopes must be brought along on photo day.** Family envelopes and spare envelopes are available at the office. Please organise the correct money for the photo envelope before the day as no change is available on the day and office staff will be busy having their photos taken at 8.45am. Or alternatively use the secure easy-to-follow online ordering system via instructions on the envelope. It is a very convenient and secure option for payment. **Please note: School photos cannot be paid for using our EFTPOS machine at the office.** Please contact the office if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Kana: Are you ready to party? Kana is not far away now! – **Saturday 17th March** please return all Kana permission forms as soon as possible.

News from the Kitchen: Room 5 have just finished their four week Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program with Room 6 set to start next week. I have been really impressed with the student's enthusiasm for cooking and their willingness to try new things. We were very lucky to have Nehad Abdelkhalek volunteer on Monday and help us make some traditional Egyptian food – Thank you Nehad - it was delicious!

Student Art Exhibition: As part of the "Colac Otway Arts Trail" (17th and 18th March) our Grade 5/6 students have created self-portraits which will be on display at The Colac Library – 173 Queen Street. Our students work is part of a collaborative project, with other local primary schools work also on display in a "Mini Archibald" exhibition. The work will be on display at the Library until the end of March but as part of the 'Trail' the Library will be open on Saturday 17th March 9am-12pm. For more information about the Colac Otway Arts Trail visit the website www.colacotwayartstrail.com or the Facebook page – there is LOTS to see and do.



ICAS UNSW Testing

ICAS, International Competition and Assessments for Schools, is an assessment program run by the University of New South Wales. Each year students are invited to participate in testing as part of the national competition process. The ICAS competition is high level testing regime that students can opt into with payment by parents. Any student in years 2 to 6 are welcome to participate. Subjects and dates for the competitions for 2018 are:

ICAS SUBJECT	Suitable for	ICAS DATE
Writing	Years 3-6	June 14 th
Spelling	Years 2-6	June 13 th
English	Years 2-6	July 31 st
Mathematics	Years 2-6	August 14 th
Digital Technologies	Years 2-6	May 8 th
Science	Years 2-6	May 29 th

Charges for the tests range from \$9 to \$18. It is recommended that students who undertake ICAS testing are able to work independently as no teacher assistance can be given during the test. For more information: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about> If you would like your child to undertake one of more of the tests, please collect an order form from the office and return with the appropriate money before **March 14th 2018**.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Easter Raffle: We will be holding our Easter raffle on the last day of term. Tickets are 50c each and are being sold in classrooms. We requesting donations of Easter Eggs, or items for the raffle from families.

Market Day: This fundraiser will be held on Sunday 22nd April at the school. We are requesting donations of chocolate blocks and chocolate share packs etc for a game stall that will be run by the kids on the Market Day.

Please leave donations for both of these events at the office, your assistance is much appreciated.

The only other donations we will request for this year will be for the Christmas raffle in December.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Kana is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year with the theme "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow". Our float theme is – "Happy 60th Birthday Kana". The parade is on in 2 more weeks, **Saturday 17th March** and all students are encouraged to participate and dress up in their best party outfit to keep with the birthday theme – happy, bright coloured clothes would be great and a party hat!! Permission forms were sent home with last week's newsletter.

More details about times and meeting point will be provided when the school is notified.

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW

Friday 2nd March

11am-12.30pm

Wendy Grinter

Tash Thompson

12.30pm-2pm

Rachel Hudson

Tammy Mason

LIBRARY NEWS

Cloth Bags: Please provide a cloth type bag for your child to bring their library books home in. Supermarket cloth recycle bags are perfect.

Donations: We have had some wonderful donations of books from families this term. Thank you very much, the children look forward to borrowing them.



CALENDAR

Mar 7th	School photo day
Mar 7th	AGM Colac PS netball club 3.30pm in the library
Mar 12th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mar 14th	ICAS test enrolment due
Mar 15-16th	Yr 5/6 camp-Lorne
Mar 17th	Kana Parade
Mar 19th	School Council 6pm
Mar 26th	Colac PS Athletic Sports Day
Mar 29th	Term 1 finishes
Mar 30th	Good Friday
Apr 16th	Term 2 commences
Apr 22nd	Colac PS Market Day 10am-3pm
May 21-25th	Education Week

SCHOOL BANKING

Rewards: Term 1 rewards are 'Twister power handball' and 'Secret scratch pad'. Several rewards are still available from 2017 and can be redeemed when students have 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token. They are: Colour change markers, Ear phones, Tech pencil case, Smiley keyring and Tablet case. Students can still redeem rewards if they've lost their tokens as totals are available on the website. Please come to the office and see Mrs McCarthy with any queries.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or call into a Commonwealth Bank branch to open an account. Any student is welcome to come to the office to collect a new banking pack to start an account.

KILT NEWS

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.

For Sale: 1 x size 14 - \$50, elastic waist & extra length, excellent condition.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	RUPERT
ROOM 2	VOGUE
ROOM 3	ABBEY
ROOM 4	CHACE
ROOM 5	MORGAN
ROOM 6	ANGUS
ROOM 7	JAYCE
ROOM 8	JAYLAN
ROOM 9	RYLEY
ROOM 10	EMMA
PE	BRAIDEY & ROOM 6
ART	CARTER
LIBRARY	HOLLY H
FRIENDSHIP	BELLA

VALUE OF THE WEEK

KINDNESS

A part of **KINDNESS** is **HELPLESSNESS**. Helpfulness is doing something useful for someone else so that we make life easier for everyone.



COLAC PS NETBALL CLUB

Annual General Meeting: Please note **change of date:** The Colac PS Netball AGM will be held **NEXT** Wednesday 7th March at 3.30pm in our school library.

COLAC BRAVES BASEBALL CLUB

Come and Try Day - Our junior competition continues to grow and gives those children who aren't interested in netball or football, a fun and inclusive sport to play over winter.

Contact Brendan Delorenzo, junior co-ordinator on the email below

Colac Braves Baseball Club

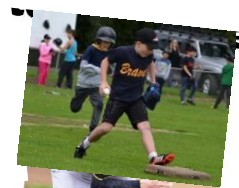
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Sat 17th and
24th of March
10:00am at
Eastern Reserve,
Wilson St

Bring your
friends and come
and try a new
sport



For more information contact us at colacbraves@hotmail.com

