



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Volunteer's morning tea: Many of our programs, like the kitchen garden program, Kids Hope, canteen and Kana are not possible without the support of our many volunteers. We



have a variety of people support us in so many ways, from mentoring, gardening, reading, serving lunches and helping with our fundraising efforts. All volunteers are invited to share morning tea with our staff on Wednesday December 4th at 11.05am.

CASEA Project with Barwon Health: To further support our students and their families we are partnering with Barwon Health to implement the CASEA (CAMHS and Schools: Early Action) Program in Semester One 2020 for children in Prep to Year 3. The aim of the program is to promote pro-social behaviour, positive self-esteem, social skills, problem solving skills and assertiveness. The CASEA activities will be fun, practical, hands-on and child-focused. The CASEA Team work with families and the children are taught in constructive and engaging ways to improve their capacity to regulate their behaviours and act appropriately, improve social relationships with others and develop their social problem

solving skills. All Prep to Grade 2 parents have received information and a questionnaire from the Barwon Health CASEA Team. Please complete the survey and return it to the School Office as soon as possible.

System Leadership: Part of the role of the principal is to respond to the overall DET system and over this past week I have been involved in much system work. I thought I'd take this opportunity to give you an insight into what the past week has involved by giving you a snap shot of my travels.

Last Thursday I hosted the Barwon South West network meeting in our own backyard. As the Network Chair of Barwon South West my role is to respond to the needs of school principals in our network of 28 schools through providing professional development and sharing technical skills through meeting each term. We celebrated the work of 2019 at Barongarook and welcomed another school to our network for 2020 with Mirripoa Primary School set to open in Mount Duneed.

On Friday I presented my research project to the Victorian Principals Association in Moonee Valley. The project focused on Principal Health and Wellbeing and was well received and has helped inform the strategies offered to principals across the state to meet the

demands of the role. Monday saw me arrive in Werribee to celebrate the achievements of 3 of our very own students at the Education Excellence Awards. These awards acknowledge the continued commitment to education for students who might be in out of home care. These students were selected by school staff and the agencies that support them as they had demonstrated strong enthusiasm for school and learning. Due to confidentiality I can't public name the students, but they know who they are, they know that we as a school are proud of them and they had a fantastic day.

On Tuesday I was part of a principal selection panel for the South West Victorian Region. When schools interview for principals, an experienced principal is required to be part of the employment process. This is an interesting part of my role and one that is time consuming but rewarding.

Wednesday was a great day I was back with you all at Colac Primary School working with our staff and students. Work is underway on class placements, staffing, report writing and the day to day work of teaching and learning.

Today sees me back on the road and I am preparing my newsletter report in sunny Ballarat. I have a workshop day ahead, focusing on school improvement with a number of staff from the South Western Region of Victoria. Focus is on improving student learning outcomes with a particular emphasis on reading and numeracy. I hope to bring some learning back into our school and network as a result of today's workshop. I will head back to Colac this evening to join our 2020 Preps, their families and their buddies for our Information Evening and BBQ. Our Prep teachers will provide a variety of information for our families and I look forward to joining them. So, it has been a busy week and an unusual one; usually all of these events don't happen in a row, but despite the kilometres travelled and the time away from home, all of this work has been important and re-affirms the good work we do here at Colac Primary School as part of the wider DET system.

End of year dates: December is almost upon us and the end of year dates are in our newsletter calendar – please pop these into your diaries and we hope to see you at the

school concert, end of year assembly and other activities 😊

Kind Regards,

Shelby Papadopoulos – Principal

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR BROADCAST

Be sure to tune in to Channel 7 on **Saturday 7 December at 7pm** for a special broadcast of the 2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular. The two-hour broadcast will feature highlights from the live performances as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews. The show will also be simulcast via live streaming on the 7plus app and [7plus website](#).

BOOK FAIR



The book fair was very successful and as you can see from the above photo, we have many new and exciting books for classrooms. Thanks to the school community for supporting our book fair. Thanks to staff and parents who helped with the various timeslots and setting up required.

[Mrs Robertson](#)

VALUE FOR THIS WEEK IS HONESTY

A part of **HONESTY** is **TRUTHFULNESS**. When you tell the truth we can rely on you and trust what you say.



CALENDAR

Nov 28 th	2020 Preps & Buddies BBQ - 6pm
Nov 29 th	Prep/2 Queenscliff excursion
Dec 4 th	Volunteers morning tea-11.05am
Dec 6 th	No swimming this day-yrs 3/6
Dec 7 th	State Schools Spectacular Broadcast-7pm on Channel 7
Dec 9 th	School Council-5.30pm
Dec 10 th	State Wide Orientation Day
Dec 10 th	Last student banking day
Dec 12 th	Grade 6 Graduation Night
Dec 13 th	Last swimming session-yrs 3/6
Dec 17 th	Whole School Concert
Dec 18 th	Class End of Year Celebrations & Colac's Got Talent
Dec 18 th	Last day of classes

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW Friday 29th November

<u>11am-12.30pm</u>	<u>12.30pm-2pm</u>
Gary Wright	Tanya Bath
Helper required	Belinda Lucas

ART ROOM NEWS

To help decorate our town for Christmas this year the Colac Otway Shire, together with other local businesses, provided schools with wooden Christmas tree panels. Participating schools were given one board to decorate and these have then been assembled with another schools tree to create three dimensional Christmas tree. These trees are on display at the memorial square and really do look very festive!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	MIA
ROOM 2	JASMINE
ROOM 3	NED
ROOM 4	ABBEY
ROOM 5	ADA
ROOM 6	AVA
ROOM 7	MILLAH
ROOM 8	HARRY
ROOM 9	SIENNA
ROOM 10	PATRICK
ROOM 11	RYLEY
PE	MILLY
LIBRARY	ZAHLI
ART	ARYANI

SWIMMING

Swimming: All year 3/6's swim on Fridays – until 13th December (excluding Friday 6th December).

THE VALUES WINNER FOR LAST WEEK

**WAS INGRID FROM ROOM 1
CONGRATULATIONS
INGRID RECEIVES A SPECIAL PEN
FOR DISPLAYING OUR SCHOOL
VALUES**

GARDEN NEWS WITH MRS ROSEVEAR

This week in the vegetable garden we planted tomatoes, put marigold seeds into washed tubes with potting mix, labelled and watered them. We harvested beetroot and washed them in water. As we gardened, we ate peas, strawberries and broad beans. The tomatoes from last week look great but some other seedlings have disappeared, eaten by the snails or slugs. The compost heap is full of worms, slowly processing our food waste. 37 kilograms of food waste was added to it this week. Some beetroot went home with the children. These can be boiled, steamed, roasted, barbecued, juiced, grated, made into a



chocolate cake, pickled or eaten raw. The leaves can be included in salads and the bulb can also be used to colour food, dye cloth and as a natural medicine.

If you would like to share our produce bring a bag or basket at 3.15pm on Mondays and see what we have got. We would love to share our produce with our school families. This week we had broccoli, kale, parsley, silverbeet, leeks, garlic, broad beans and lettuce available!

A big thank you goes to our lunchtime helpers this week who dug and raked our empty beds.

Indigenous garden

Many plants are flowering and setting seed. We will be collecting yam seeds to propagate so we can plant more next year. The yams could be harvested but we are letting them stay in the ground for a further year to grow a bigger crop. These and many of the other plants will die back in the cooler months and re-emerge again in spring next year.

Green tip of the week

