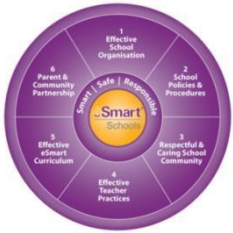




NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

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Student reports: Student reports will be accessible on Compass this afternoon. On Monday families were sent unique logon codes and asked to log into the portal to view the student report for semester 2, 2019. These reports are a snapshot into the students' Achievements and include results linked directly to the students' progress based on the Victorian Curriculum. The layout of the report reflects the views expressed by families when surveyed earlier in the year and it is hoped that families see greater consistency, less jargon and gain a clear understanding of how students are travelling related to their expected level of achievement. If there are any concerns relating to reporting, please phone the school to arrange a time to discuss with your child's teacher. Having read the reports, it is so pleasing to see the level of achievement of our students and the learning growth they have made over the past 6 months 😊

Thank you: to our entire school community for supporting us to have a fantastic year! So much learning and fun has taken place and we have been fortunate to be able to provide so many opportunities for our students. The highlights are plenty and will conclude next week with our

school concert, talent show, class celebrations and final assembly. A final newsletter will go home on Tuesday.

End of year activities and arrangements:

Tuesday December 17 th @ 7pm	Concert (Stadium) – please see back up plans below
Wednesday December 18 th @ 9am-11am	Colac's Got Talent Talent show (stadium)
Wednesday December 18 th @ 11.30am	Class celebrations
Wednesday December 18 th @ 2.30pm	Final Assembly School finishes 3.15pm

We will be finalising our end of year activities with our class celebrations and final assembly on Wednesday. Assembly will be held at 2.30pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us for the assembly.

Concert back up plans: There is some uncertainty about the weather forecast for Tuesday – our Concert day. Please be advised that if the weather is forecast to be 35 degrees or above we will cancel the scheduled evening performance. Students will perform at 11.30am

and parents and friends will be welcomed to attend. If the weather forecast is below 35 degrees, the students will rehearse at 11.30am and perform at 7pm. A decision will be made by 2pm Monday.

Casual Dress: Students are welcome to wear casual dress on the day to celebrate the end of the school year – a gold coin donation is requested which will go towards our term 4 Social Service Organisation – Colac’s own Long Road Appeal.

Move up Day: On Tuesday this week, our students enjoyed some *move-up* opportunities. We sent our current Grade 6 students to secondary school for the day and by all reports a great time was had by all. We welcomed our 2020 Grade Preps to their classroom and all of our grade 1-5 students moved into their 2020 classrooms. The school was buzzing with excitement and the students undertook a variety of activities with their new classmates. It was great to see the level of engagement and enthusiasm displayed by the children.

Grade 6 Graduation: It is with great pleasure that we will join our Grade 6 students and their families at graduation tonight. They have been busy rehearsing today and we look forward to sharing an enjoyable evening with them. We wish them all the best as they embark on their secondary schooling in 2020 and hope they have a great time as they conclude their primary education with us.

Staffing Update: Mr Lachlan McInnes has made the difficult decision to finish in his role at Colac Primary School next week and will be leaving us. Mr McInnes has accepted a teaching position at Northern Bay College in Geelong. We wish Mr McInnes all the best and will miss the contribution he has made for our students.

Farewell from Mr McInnes: *Thank you to all students, parents and guardians - I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Colac Primary. I will look forward to hearing of the success of the many students I have taught and leave with fond memories.*

We are currently in the process of employing a teacher to join 2020 and will advise families as soon as possible of the outcome of this process.

School start: ALL students will start school on **Wednesday January 29th**. Staff will

resume on Tuesday January 28th. This day is a Department of Education mandated curriculum day and students do not attend. The office will be open for enquiries at 8.30am-4pm on this date.

Kind Regards,

Shelby Papadopoulos – Principal

VALUE FOR THIS WEEK IS TOLERANCE



A part of **TOLERANCE** is **PATIENCE**. Patience is being calm and tolerant in difficult situations. It means having self-control.

CALENDAR

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 3.15pm finish

CANTEEN DUTY TOMORROW Friday 6th December

<u>11am-12.30pm</u>	<u>12.30pm-2pm</u>
Gina Larson	Kathryn Oates
Natasha Nelson	Naomi McArdle

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 2	Chuck S
ROOM 3	Summah W
ROOM 4	Jaimie D
ROOM 5	Sienna N
ROOM 6	Ashlyn M
ROOM 7	Dallas D
ROOM 8	Tylah D
ROOM 9	Jaylan R
ROOM 10	Jake H
ROOM 11	Bella L
LIBRARY	Bella L
ART	Maddox H

SWIMMING

Last session will be Friday 13th.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has finished for 2019. It will resume next year. Start date to be confirmed.

THE VALUES WINNER FOR LAST WEEK
WAS DAKOTA FROM ROOM 7
CONGRATULATIONS DAKOTA
RECEIVES A SPECIAL PEN FOR
DISPLAYING OUR SCHOOL VALUES
OF PERSONAL BEST

FUNDRAISING

Our Christmas Raffle is nearly here. The first prize is a beautiful new BBQ worth \$750 donated by the Hynes family. Second prize is a wonderful produce hamper kindly donated by Garden of Eden. We are seeking donations from families for items to create hampers for minor prizes. Donations can be items like colouring books/pencils/textas, games, sweets etc.

Tickets will be on sale at the door (or rather the line) on the evening of the school concert and will be drawn straight after.

Thankyou for all of your continued support in Fundraising this year, it has been a very successful year and we look forward to new projects with the funds raised!

GARDEN NEWS WITH MRS ROSEVEAR

This week we put our garlic out to dry so it will keep for future use. We planted seedlings of Iceberg lettuce, spinach, lobelia for the bees, silverbeet and bok choy. Seeds of corn and carrot were also planted. The broccoli was pruned, we are hoping for a further crop. Many more broad beans were harvested and every red strawberry was eaten! The broad bean plants were used as mulch for the zucchinis which are starting to grow at last. We saw honey bees, hover bees and another unidentified bee. The celery was covered in ladybugs.



This was one child's collection of excess vegetables to take home. It has been great to hear about soups and salads that have been made at home with our vegetables.



These are some of the tools that the children learn to use correctly.



Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants helping to grow 100,000 environmental champions

617 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia are receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant. This is the second round of Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants distributed this year, bringing the total number of schools and early learning centres who have received a grant to 1,155. Based on figures provided by schools, this means more than 100,000 students across the country are getting hands-on in caring for the environment.

Our school has received a grant a \$1,000 to establish a worm farm system to help process the food waste that is collected each week for our compost. The children will be involved in this next year when they come to their gardening sessions. For more information look up www.landcare.org.au and search for our school on the interactive map.

Colac Christmas Lights Tour Bus

Bus departs 7:30pm from
Colac Tenpin Bowling Arcade Carpark

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December

Tour includes Cororooke Christmas Haybale Trail
and Colac Christmas Lights

Tickets \$7 per person.

Trip runs for 3 hours including a toilet break.
Book at www.trybooking.com/BHDTG or limited
seats available on the night for cash payment.

For more information phone 52 321 991
or email admin@ocrfm.org.au

