



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents, Students and Staff

**Building updates:** Thank you to everyone for their patience over the past week as the library and administration areas were painted. The results are great with a nice clean look and the colour scheme will be updated across the school in coming months. Classrooms and common areas will be painted during school holiday periods.

The electricians have been in this week and are in the process of connecting the switches to the high windows in the library and Room 11. It is hoped this is completed shortly.

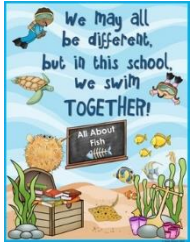
School Council will consider quotes for a shade sail over the decking area and for tree removal works. I will continue to keep you updated via the newsletter.

**Compass:** With only a few minor glitches, the full roll out of Compass is being well supported by families. Please be reminded that all school communication will now occur using Compass. We will no longer be using Skool Bag or See-Saw. Student absence notifications are also

being sent via SMS using the Compass portal, so please be sure to log in and make sure your contact details are up to date. If you have any questions or access issues, please pop in to see us at the office.

**Colac Schools Fundraising:** All Colac government schools will be undertaking fundraising for Blaze Aid on Friday March 6th, 2020. Students will be encouraged to wear casual on the day and bring along a gold coin donation that will go towards our collective fundraising efforts to support those impacted by the bushfires this summer. Robyn Hyde from Blaze Aid said that, "Estimates are coming in from Gippsland that there is around 60,000kms of fencing to do there, while one shire in NSW estimate 75,000kms to be cleared and rebuilt." Colac Government Schools are pleased to be working together to support Blaze Aid and provide an opportunity for students to be part of the reconstruction of Australia's rural areas and farming infrastructure. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for Blaze Aid, please

find information at: <https://blazeaid.com.au/>  
Blaze Aid are desperate for volunteers aged 12years to 80+.



**We may be different but in this school we swim together:** All students in Grades Prep to 2 received a surprise today from Mrs Newcombe and I to encourage their learning in a happy, healthy and inclusive environment. At Colac Primary School we value diversity and promote rights, resilience and respectful relationships. We hope that students have made great connections within their classes this year and encourage you to speak with teachers if you have messages of success or concern.

**Student Leadership Positions:** There are many student leadership roles at school, formal and informal that students undertake as part of their learning journey. Each year we undertake a process to select our School Captains and House Captains alongside other important roles like social services, house points and environmental monitors. Students in the senior section of the school were given an opportunity to nominate for positions and present a prepared speech to school staff and peers. It has been a huge task and the students applying are to be congratulated on their effort and attitude; many certainly presented their personal best and courage. I am proud to announce the following Student Leaders for 2020:

**School Captains:**

Imeth & Zara

**School Vice Captains:**

Lara & Bodhi

**Koala House Captains:**

Zanthe & Banjo

**Koalas Vice Captains:**

Rory & Bella

**Kangaroos House Captains:**

Sophie & Georgia

**Kangaroos Vice Captains:**

Millah & Riley

**Dingoes House Captains:**

Nixon & Timothy

**Dingoes Vice Captains:**

Sharrene & Angus

**Kind Regards,**

**Shelby Papadopoulos – Principal**

## CALENDAR

### Term 1

Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Council nominations Close-4pm
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Council meeting-6pm
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dream Car art forms due
Mar 3-4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/6 Lorne Camp
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Athletics
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ride2School Day
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kana parade-‘Not all heroes wear capes’ theme
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	School photo day
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Colac Division Athletics
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 1
	<b>Term 2</b>
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term 2
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Cross Country

## TOYOTA DREAM CAR ART CONTEST

Students in grades 3 to 6 have been designing cars in Art to enter in the Toyota Dream Car Competition. Simply by entering this competition our school has received some wonderful art supplies. The top 8 Australian entries will win a \$275 VISA gift card with one lucky overall winner receiving a \$2,500 voucher for themselves as well as a \$2,500 voucher for their school! In order for me to send these entries to Toyota each student requires parent/ guardian permission and the entry forms have been supplied to all students to complete and return to school no later than **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

## 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. Thanks to families who have already donated, it is much appreciated.

## KILTS

**Secondhand Kilts:** 1 x size 10/12 - \$20

1 x size 8 - \$45

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.

**New Kilts:** Box pleat tunics are available in sizes 4G to 10G (\$42) and the bib is detachable to become a kilt if preferred. Smaller children prefer this style as it helps to hold the kilt in place. Kilts are available in sizes 12G to 10L (\$45). All sizes have an adjustable waist and side button, zip pocket, 2 inverted box pleats front and back, and have a left hand side zip opening. We have most sizes in stock and can order in any sizes as required.

### OFFICE NEWS

**Confidential Medical Forms:** Please return Semester One Medical Consent forms which were sent home recently. Complete both sides of the form, sign and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Students in year 5/6 must have their forms returned before attending camp.

**Centrepay:** Families wishing to set up Centrepay as an easy option to help with costs throughout the year are welcome to come to the office to discuss this process with Julie.

### EFTPOS:

Colac Primary School has EFTPOS. You can pay school fees, uniform etc with your EFTPOS debit or credit card instantly at the office.

### Camps & Excursion Fund

**The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** provides \$125.00 for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Please contact Julie at the office with any queries.

### Parent Payments:

Students have been supplied their class materials, stationary and books. The breakdown of parent payments is:

### School books & stationary costs:

\$125 per student.

### Kitchen Garden Program:

\$10 per student (each student will participate for one term throughout the year).

### CANTEEN NEWS

**Rosters:** A roster has been sent home today to volunteers who are rostered on for term 1. I have also emailed the roster if we have your email address on file. Please mark your dates on the calendar or swap.

**QuickCliq:** Please ensure you have the correct room number on your child's lunch order as last week several children still had last year's room number on their order. This will avoid any confusion when lunch orders are delivered to the wrong room.

**The cut off time for ordering lunches each week is Thursday nights at 8pm. Late orders after the cut off time attract a \$2 fee per order.**

QuickCliq support line is 1300 11 66 37 or visit [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

### CANTEEN DUTY

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

11am-12.30pm

Naomi McArdle

Nadia Couper

12.30pm-2pm

Roshini Gundawardane

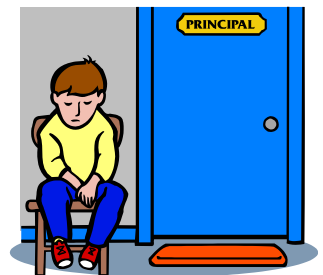
Kayla Craddock

### ICY POLES

Lemonade icy poles are selling at the canteen window at Wednesday lunchtimes for \$1 during the warmer months.

## VALUE FOR THIS WEEK IS RESPECT

A part of **RESPECT** is **TACT**. Being tactful means telling the truth, but in such a way that you do not hurt someone's feelings.



### SCHOOL BANKING

**Bank Packs: Tuesday** is School Banking day. Prep students and new students received a school banking pack last week. Any student is welcome to come to the office and collect a school banking pack to open an account or alternatively visit the Commonwealth Bank.

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

## KANA 2020

The theme for The Colac Kana Festival 2020 is **Heroes and Villains** and will be held on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Given the devastation of the recent and ongoing bushfire crisis we would like our float to reflect Heroes who do not wear capes - with a focus on celebrating our first responders – fire fighters, police officers, ambulance, volunteers, animal rescuers, medical staff etc. Students will be encouraged to dress up with this theme in mind – **Not all Heroes Wear Capes!**

This date always comes around very fast and we would love to have some volunteers this year to help with decorating our school float. If you are able to assist please contact Jane McGuane to discuss.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

RM 1	ZOE
RM 2	BLAKE
RM 3	JASPER
RM 4	VOGUE
RM 5	CARTER
RM 7	ZAVIER
RM 8	TYLER
RM 9	TIM
RM 10	ZARA
RM 11	SOPHIE B
PE	TIMMY
ART	CHLOE B
LIBRARY	EMILY H

### GARDEN NEWS WITH MRS ROSEVEAR

Ms. Ash's room were busy on Monday, setting up another worm farm, collecting broad bean seeds, pulling out cornflowers and finding insects. They also trimmed the soft growth off the broccoli plants and fed them to our resident chooks.

We planted some swan plants – “A swan plant is a **perennial** that has attractive white flowers



and large seed pods. It is a major source of food for the Monarch butterfly”  
[gardenguides.com/96235-grow-swan-](http://gardenguides.com/96235-grow-swan-plant.html)

[plant.html](http://plant.html) Perhaps some Monarch butterflies might find them next summer.

Thank you to the Beck family who have donated to our school many cuttings of pig face. It is a native plant that flowers in spring and summer, then produces deep-red fruit that can be made into jams, chutneys and pickles. The juice from the leaves can also be used to help relieve skin burns, bites and stings. We have planted them in both the indigenous and vegetable gardens.



### Compost

We found lots of plastic ziplock bags in our compost bins this week. These can be taken home and reused many times. See if your child can remember to bring them home to you. This will save plastic and money.

### SPORTS UPDATE WITH MR TILLACK

We have an extremely busy term. Students have begun fine tuning for each athletic event leading up to our CPS Sports and the Colac Division event. The **CPS Athletics day** will be held on **Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March** here at school. For our new Prep parents, the students will be required to wear their ‘house colours’ (**Kangaroos – Red, Koalas – Blue, Dingos – Yellow**).

The Grade Prep – 2 students will undertake a range of fun games, working on some of the fine motor skills needed once they reach Grade 3 and above. The Grade 3 – 6 students will be undertaking a range of events such as shot put, discus, 800m, hurdles, high jump etc. These students will be split into age groups on the day. Those Grade 3 – 6 students who do extremely well will qualify for the **Colac Division Athletics** on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at the Central Reserve. For those family members that may be free either day, it would be great to see you there supporting the students.

In addition to the athletics day, we also have National Ride2School day on **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March**. **Ride2School** is a nationwide program delivered by Bicycle Network, designed to support schools to encourage, empower and enable more students to get physically active on their journey to school by walking, scooting or riding. Something exciting may be happening on this day, so watch this space.