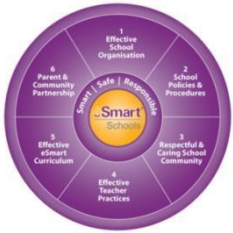




NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Welcome to all new and returning students!
Assembly will be held next Friday at 2.45pm in the stadium.

It certainly is great to be back and the students have begun the school year well. I visited each of the classrooms this week and children were very positive to be at school and were looking forward to the year ahead. Please continue to encourage your child to look for the positives in school so that they continue to develop a love of learning and socialising whilst making the most of all of the opportunities that will be on offer to them this year.

A big welcome to our Prep students who commenced their first day of school on Wednesday. All Prep students were well supported by their families, teachers and buddies and had a very successful day.

****Photo in next week's newsletter****

Assembly: Our full school assembly will be held fortnightly commencing next week. Assembly will be held on the even weeks of term in the stadium at 2.45pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Assembly dates for term 1: February 7th & 21st, March 6th & 20th.

Staffing update: We have welcomed some **new staff** to Colac Primary School this week.

Included below is a full staff list. We encourage parent involvement and request that you contact the office (5231-2560) if you would like a staff member to phone you or to arrange an appointment.

Staff for 2020

Principal Shelby Papadopoulos
Assistant Principal Jill Newcombe

Classroom teachers

Room 1 Karisa Walker
Room 2 Sarah Baulch
Room 3 Ashlee Holmes
Room 4 Mary-Ellen Robertson
Room 5 Sophie Vernon
Room 7 Michelle Fraser
Room 8 Scott Kenyon
Room 9 Kate Chudoschnik
Room 10 Jess Wood
Room 11 Rebecca Clark

Specialist Staff

Rhys Tillack Physical Education
Jane McGuane Art/Kitchen
Linda Briffa Library
Melinda Williams Wellbeing

ES staff

Jean Newcombe, Lorraine Rodger, Rosy Monaco, Leonie Walker, Katie McDougall, Rebecca Foster, Sam Gaylard, Narelle Kerr, Amie Facey and Beth Marwood

Intervention & Support

Jenny Hillman, Rhys Tillack and Linda Briffa

Administration

Julie Menzies and Carolyn McCarthy

Chaplain

Marni Briffa

Gardening

Pauline Rosevear

Trainees

Bonnie Shepherd and Rhys Walter (IT)

Classroom Helpers & Volunteers: If you wish to assist the school 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. The canteen is also run with the assistance of volunteers, so if you are available please contact Carolyn McCarthy. Please note that all volunteers in a school setting require a current Working with Children Check. <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Social Services: Each term our students fundraise for a charitable cause. This allows students to be involved as global citizens and educates



them about the different agencies and support organisations that service our community and country. This term's fundraising efforts will support Blaze Aid. Blaze Aid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed. Blaze Aid volunteers work in disaster-affected areas for many months, not only helping individuals and families, but also helping rebuild the local communities. Blaze Aid are beginning work in East Gippsland and we are proud to be supporting their work through our social services activities this term.

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.

Early Pickups, Late Arrivals and Morning Supervision: Please be aware that students who arrive late for school must be signed in by a parent/guardian at the front office. Students who need to leave early will also need to be signed out and collected from the front office. Parent pickup outside of regular times cannot occur directly from the classroom as students must be signed in and out using the Compass Kiosk that is located at the office.

Please also note that student supervision commences at 8.40am. It is advised that students not be at school before this time. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Coronavirus: Parent communication was sent out this week regarding the DET and Department of Health advice. Students at school are being encouraged to wash hands regularly and undertake appropriate hygiene measures. There are no reported cases of the virus within our community and no students have been excluded from school. Exclusion will only occur if a student or staff member has been diagnosed with the virus or is in close contact with someone who has.

Victorian State Schools Spectacular: Our school has again been accepted to participate in the Mass Dance section of the VSSS 2020. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and auditions will be offered to students in Grades 5 & 6. Sixteen students will be selected and one emergency. Cost of involvement, which includes travel to rehearsals in Camperdown & Melbourne and cast t-shirt is approximately \$180 per student. Students will be auditioned on Monday 3rd February next week during lunchtime. Jackets may also be offered for purchase closer to the event and will cost approximately \$45.00. The State Schools Spectacular Squad will be required to rehearse regularly during lunchtimes and at home. It is a big commitment but one that is very rewarding for students.

Kind Regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos – Principal

CALENDAR

2019

Feb 3 rd	State Schools Spectacular Auditions at lunchtime
Feb 4 th	Student banking commences
Feb 7 th	Canteen commences
Feb 7 th	First assembly-2.45pm
Feb 21 st	Assembly
Mar 6 th	Assembly
Mar 20 th	Assembly
Mar 24 th	School photo day

OFFICE NEWS

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.

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).

Camps & Excursion Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides \$125.00 for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card/pension card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. If you applied last year you do not need to reapply. If you do not have a current Health Care Card can you please let Julie know as soon as possible.

These funds are held at the school and are allocated to camps, excursions and activities.

Parents with valid cards are requested to bring the card to school and fill out an application form at the office. Julie Menzies will assist in this process. Parents can commence applying from Monday. Further information has been included with today's newsletter.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen commences next Friday 7th February. Volunteer forms have been sent home today with your eldest child. Please consider volunteering for our canteen, children enjoy seeing a family member helping out.

New Prep Families: Don't forget to register on Quickcliq if you wish to order from the school canteen each Friday. A flyer was in the prep showbags.

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.

What if my child is unwell on the Friday, how do I cancel my order?

BEFORE 8PM CUT OFF: Login to your account and select ACTIVE/CANCEL ORDERS. Locate your order and select CANCEL on the left hand side of the order. **AFTER CUT OFF:** Contact Quickcliq on 1300 11 66 37 or notify our office by 9am via Compass.

Frequently Asked Questions: A flyer is on our website if you have any questions regarding Quickcliq or contact the QuickCliq support line on 1300 11 66 37 or visit www.quickcliq.com.au

VALUE FOR THIS WEEK IS KINDNESS

Kindness can mean *generosity*. Generosity is all about sharing and freely giving to others.



SCHOOL BANKING

Bank Packs: Tuesday is School Banking day. Prep students and new students will receive a school banking pack shortly. 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.



**2020
School Town Bus prices**

* These tickets are purchased from the bus driver.

*Single	\$1.20
*Return	\$2.40
*Weekly	\$11.20

Half Yearly \$118.00*

Yearly \$235.00*

**these tickets are a 50% saving across the year and must be purchased from the Christian's Bus Co office. Enq: 52312203*

* This ticket allows the student to use the Colac Transit Service during the school holidays and on Saturdays as per the Colac Bus Timetable

School Contract Buses (Country Runs):

For information regarding School Contract buses please call Kerrie O'Connor at the Colac Secondary College on 5231 9800.

Please be aware the School Contract buses (country runs) are designed to transport approved students only.

Students cannot be issued bus passes for sporting purposes (football / netball training) or for going to a friend's house.

Bus Travel: Families who have indicated that students are regular bus travellers must notify the school of any transport changes prior to 1pm so bus rolls can be managed to reflect who should be on a bus on any given day. Students will not be granted permission to change buses without consent from the bus co-ordinating school, Colac Secondary College. We also request that parents remind students travelling on buses that they must immediately line up at the bus shelter when the bell goes at the end of the day as buses cannot wait for students.

CUBBY HOUSE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Outside School Hours Care is available at The Cubby House 91 Pound Rd from 3.30pm-6pm. Free pick up from school and snacks provided. To register or enq: 52314811

PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers: During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.



For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us. School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schools/privacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.