



# NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

**President:** Matt Lucas, Richelle Warton, Danielle Veitch, Barbara Beck, Natasha Thompson, Susan Hampshire, Natasha Williamson, Jemma Harper, Shelby Papadopoulos, Julie Menzies, Jill Newcombe. Jess Wood, Karisa Walker.

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

## Dear Parents, Students and Staff



## Assembly: Assembly will be held tomorrow at 2.45pm in the stadium.

Assembly will be held on the even weeks of term. Parents and friends are always welcome to attend. Other assembly dates for term 1 are February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Mobile Phone Ban in Victorian Government Schools:

In 2019, the Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, announced a new mobile phone policy for every government school in Victoria. The new mobile phone ban comes into effect from **Term 1, 2020** and requires that students who bring mobile phones, smart watches or other communication technologies to school must have them switched off and they must be handed into the office for secure storage for the duration of the school day.

In the event of an emergency or if you need to contact your child, I ask that families contact the staff in the school office who will pass on a message as needed.

**Insurance:** Please be aware that the Department of Education and Training and Colac Primary School does not carry insurance for any student, staff or volunteer's belongings and personal items brought into school. Children are encouraged not to bring items of special significance to school.

### School Council Election process:

Each year government schools across the state carry out School Council elections.

This year Colac Primary School has:

3 parent two year vacancies

1 DET two year vacancy

Nomination forms are available from the school office and they should be completed in full and returned to school **no later than Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of February**. Current School Council members with term of membership concluding may renominate. Should we receive more nominations than vacancies it will be necessary for us to conduct an election. I encourage parents to consider nominating as it provides a real opportunity to take part in the decision making processes within our school.

Council members attend 8 meetings for the year (with no more than 3 missed) on the third Monday of the month at 6pm.

### **What is a School Council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students (based on policy not operational decisions).

### **School Council election timeline:**

February 7th Notice of election and call for nominations

February 17th Nominations close at 4:00 pm

February 24th Display list of candidates at the general office if there are more nominations than vacancies.

February 24th Distribute ballot papers if an election is required

March 6th Ballot closes at 4:00 pm.

### **Corona Virus, updates and Compass:**

Relevant communication continues to be sent - out to families via Compass in line with DET and Department of Health advice. Each time this advice has been updated, the updated advice is provided on Compass. Mandarin translation is also attached if it has been supplied by the relevant government bodies. All families, please ensure you have access to the Compass application either through your phone, ICT device or computer. The application can be accessed via the Internet, so can be accessed at the Colac Library on available computers. If you need assistance with your log on, please contact the office. Please note only

parents and carers of enrolled children can be provided log on codes.

**Morning Supervision:** Please be aware 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.

**Kind Regards,**

**Shelby Papadopoulos – Principal**

### CALENDAR

2019

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|-----------------------|--|
| Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Canteen commences-<br><u>Quickcliq orders only</u> |
| Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>   | First assembly-2.45pm                              |
| Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>  | School Council nominations<br>Close-4pm            |
| Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>  | School Council meeting-6pm                         |
| Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Assembly   |
| Mar 3-4 <sup>th</sup> | Yr 5/6 Lorne Camp                                  |
| Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Assembly   |
| Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Assembly   |
| Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>  | School photo day                                   |

### 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.

### 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**

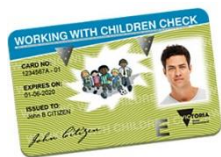
**The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** provides \$125.00 for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families

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 can assist in this process, please come to the office with any queries.

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



A reminder that all support staff, volunteers and visitors in school and community settings are required to have a valid Working with Children Check. Applications, renewals

or change of details can be found at: <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

### 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 tomorrow. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Volunteer forms were sent home with last week's newsletter with your eldest child. Please return your form if you are intending to help out. A roster will be sent home once there are enough helpers.

**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](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

## VALUE FOR THIS WEEK IS KINDNESS

We can be **KIND** by practising *peacefulness*. You can help create a peaceful environment by using peaceful language. You don't yell, name-call or gossip.



### SCHOOL BANKING

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

Christian's



Bus Co.

### 2020 School Town Bus prices

\* These tickets are purchased from the bus driver.

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| *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

## BUSES

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

## GARDEN NEWS WITH MRS ROSEVEAR

We had some great lunchtime helpers this week. They weeded and raked our garden ready for new plants.



Ms Ash's room harvested our crops of potatoes. They found purple potatoes and new brown potatoes.

Some of the children helped to set up our first new worm farm. Landcare and Woolworths have provided us with a grant which will enable us to set up 5 new worm farms to process our food waste. These will produce worm casings

and worm liquid to use in our garden as a fertiliser.



## COLAC OTWAY ROVERS SOCCER CLUB

Pre season training sessions commence tomorrow night (Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb) from 5.30-6.30pm U12/U15's & run through February at Central Reserve hockey grounds. The club encourages anyone who is interested to attend, even if you just want to try it out. More info contact Tom Davis (President) on 0467 976 993 or message the Facebook page

**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