



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

School Photos – TUESDAY MARCH 24th – please be in uniform 😊

Harmony Week: Thank you to those who participated in Harmony Week. On Monday it was great to see students dressing up in costumes and outfits from around the world. All classes have undertaken work about inclusion and cultural respect and it has been great to see children engaged in learning about other cultures and human rights. Students have also been wearing a touch of orange throughout the week, the colour that represents Harmony.



Badge Presentation: On Friday March 13th we celebrated our student leaders with a formal badge presentation ceremony. Our invited guest was the Mayor of Colac Otway Shire, Mr Jason Schram. Mr Schram spoke with our students about his role in leadership and the expectations of leaders in our community. He provided some sound advice to our students and we thank him for his attendance at this busy time. Mr Schram presented each of our student leaders and student councillors with their badges which they are proudly wearing on their uniforms.



Easter raffle: We are asking for donations for our annual Easter raffle. Donations could include an Easter egg, chocolate, Easter activity pack or the like. Students are able to buy raffle tickets for \$1 in classrooms. Our raffle will be drawn over the PA on Friday March 27th.

Corona Virus Update: We understand there may be some concern in the community with regard to COVID-19. Please be assured that the Department of Education is sending out regular and updated advice to all government schools.

If you or your children are unwell, normal advice applies, you should seek the guidance of a medical practitioner. It is natural that we may suspect that colds or coughs are more serious during this time, however maintaining a calm response with your children will help alleviate their fears and concerns. Again, seeking medical advice is the most appropriate course of action.

It is important to note that good hygiene practices are the most effective means of minimising the spread of COVID-19, and we will continue to encourage these practices amongst our community.

Decisions regarding potential school closures will be made on the recommendation Victoria's Chief Health Officer.

Schools have been advised to minimise group gatherings, therefore upcoming excursions, camps and assemblies have been postponed.

Website: Families are encouraged to visit the Department of Health and Human Services website which has information for the public: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorianpublic-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>



Assembly Arrangements: This week our senior students have come up with a great way to share our school assembly. It has been heartening to see students respond with ideas and resilience in these challenging times and I am hoping we can share the assembly video with you tomorrow through Compass.

Kind regards,
Shelby Papadopoulos
Principal

FUN RUN MONEY

Even though the Fun Run has been cancelled children have continued to raise money which is great. All money raised for the Fun Run must be finalised tomorrow, either online or cash handed into the office. Don't forget your booklets too and choose your prizes.

KANA 2020

Please note that the Kana festival has been cancelled therefore the parade will not take place.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Tuesday 24th March: Photo envelopes were given out to every student on Tuesday. Eldest students also received a family envelope in their pack. Spare family and single envelopes are available at the office. There are 3 ways to order photos and instructions are on the envelopes:

1. Cash
2. Compass portal
3. Order online

CANTEEN NEWS

Cut Lunch: Please be aware that children need to bring a cut lunch tomorrow as there is **no barbecue or canteen tomorrow Friday 20th March**. On a lighter note, Bulla Dairy Foods have generously donated icypoles for students after they've had their lunch. A big thank you to all at Bulla. Notification will be sent out regarding next week's Friday 27th March canteen arrangements.

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

A Message From The Commonwealth Bank:

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school next Tuesday 24th March and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

CALENDAR

Term 1

Mar 16-20 th	Harmony Week
Mar 20 th	Fun Run money/booklets due back
Mar 24 th	School photo day
Mar 24 th	No school banking
Mar 27 th	Easter raffle drawn
Mar 27 th	End of term-2.30pm dismissal

Term 2

Apr 14 th	Term 2 commences
Apr 23 rd	School Cross Country

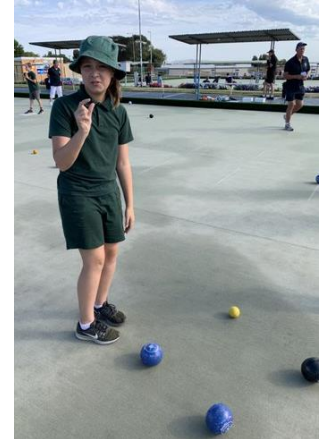
VALUE FOR THIS WEEK IS

COURAGE

Courage is doing things even when they are scary or very difficult.



SPORTS UPDATE WITH MR T



Colac Division Lawn Bowls

Last Thursday 14 Grade 5/6 students travelled up to the Lake Bowling Club with Miss Clark for the first Colac Division Bowls tournament. As students were new to the sport only having 1 practice before the day, students did extremely well. Later in the year the Lake



Bowling Club are hoping to have the grade 4/5 students practice and get more of an understanding before an annual competition is held from 2020.

National Ride2School Day

It was great to see a lot of students walking, riding or scooting to school last Friday. The importance of student activity and health awareness is paramount as they continue to through their schooling.

Colac Division Athletics

Unfortunately, the Division Athletics that were due to be held on Thursday have been postponed due to Covid-19. The sports association is hoping to hold the event next term.

COLAC PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

Enquiries to Natasha Williamson.

COMMUNITY NEWS

REMEMBER THESE SIMPLE STEPS

Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene.

1. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
2. Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
3. Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, including after using the toilet, and before eating.