**PARENT INTERVIEWS**
All parents should receive tomorrow, their time slips for introductory interviews next Thursday. If you requested an interview and did not, receive a slip please contact the office. Interviews run from 1:00 until 4:30. Students are to attend school as per normal times. The only alteration is that lunchtime will be at 12:30 instead of 1:30.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
School Photos are on next Friday February 26th commencing with staff photos before school. All students need to be in school uniform for the photos. The Prep class will be up first, followed by 1 / 2 class about 9:20 and working our way up. There will be House Captain, JSC, Year 6 and School Captain photos taken also. Family photos are taken generally close to recess, with the whole school photo the final item on the agenda.

**FAMILY BBQ**
We had a great afternoon on Monday at the Family BBQ, despite some cooler and threatening weather. Kids and their families all seemed to enjoy themselves, spreading all over the yard with eating, activities and socialising. A big thank you yet again to our P&P for their great organisation and many hours spent in planning and preparing. Thanks also to the teachers for their time and a special thank you to all who pitched in to help with the clean up at the end – teamwork really does make the job a lot easier!

**‘Student of the Week Award’**

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**INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE**
At Colac West there is no whole-of-school student accident insurance/ambulance cover in place and parents/guardians are reminded about this and are advised that: o parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and o parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers Personal property is often brought to school by students and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, students and visitors should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I am able to announce the outcome of this year’s School Council Elections. Three vacancies in the parent category received four nominations. All are filled and one co-opted position also. As a result, we do not need to have an election and I have great pleasure in declaring Corey Beckett and Rod Swayne re-elected. Thankyou to Adam Chambers who has retired from School Council and at this stage his position will remain vacant. Welcome to Daniel Borenstein who fills a position and Glenn Bartlett who has been co-opted on for 2016. We thank both of you for your commitment to Colac West and your children. In the staff category, we had two vacancies and two nominations. Again, there is no need for an election. I therefore take equal pleasure in declaring that Judy Jackson and Craig Ware are both duly re-elected. I am looking forward to working with all members of our new Council. I congratulate the school community on their fine judgement in selecting quality representatives. It is true that we have been well served by the ongoing quality of our School Council over many years, and this will again be very important in 2016. Please note: This first Meeting of the new Council will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting – both on Wed 16th March, starting at 7:00 pm.

GONSKI FUNDING

A message from the AEU: Gonski funding is already making a difference in schools across the country – with more one-on-one support, smaller class sizes, more professional development for teachers, and targeted programs to improve literacy, numeracy and school engagement. Education funding policy is emerging as a key political issue, in the upcoming federal election and our goal is to secure bipartisan support for the full 6 years of Gonski needs based funding because we want more children to get the support they need at school.

LEARNING INITIATIVES IN 2016

Over the next 2 years, we will receive funding to improve the learning of all our students. While emphasising help for the lowest achievers, we aim to lift the overall learning standard across the school. In the future, this should lead to greater opportunity for all children at West. This year we add further improvements as we build on the established foundation: • Consultant, Rob Vingerhoets will return to our school on several occasions to build on the work in Maths classes • Jackie Rippon, Shai Mulder and Jayla Brook will continue their work assisting groups and individuals. Andrew Barber, Andrew Cox and Jenny Simons will also continue working with individuals and groups • We will increase the number of children at all levels receiving one-on-one Reading help – this involves Jackie, Jayla, Shai, Andrew and Marg Tongs • Purchase more Reading resources and introduce the CAFE Reading Comprehension program • Various experts will come to the school to work with the teachers on Professional Learning Communities • The Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs will re-commence as enrichment to our Reading and Numeracy teaching and ‘The Big Write’ will continue in all classrooms as a substantial component of Literacy, along with THRASS Spelling • We are looking for ways to resource a much needed boost to our Literacy stocks can access a whole school sequential levelled program in future years. Finally, Chinese as our LOTE component will operate in Prep/1 and 1/2 as part of the mandated approach to Languages throughout the State It is clear that we will again have a very, very busy year. However, the staff are all very positive. We have had a very good start and we are looking forward to the challenge.

NOTICES

All forms must PLEASE be completed and returned to school office to update our information.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2015
PRINCIPAL:
Peter Nelson: 52312479
PRESIDENT:
Anthony McDonald

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Katrina Hammond
Craig Ware
Judy Jackson
Peter Nelson
Corey Beckett
Connie Wilson
Tony Benson
Rod Swayn
Deb Howlett
Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

Finance
Peter Nelson
Katrina Hammond
Anthony McDonald

Buildings & Grounds
Peter Nelson
Corey Beckett
Rod Swayn
Tony Benson
Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

Curriculum / Policy
Peter Nelson
Deb Howlett
Craig Ware
Judy Jackson

Date: NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday March 16th 7pm AGM
General Meeting 7.30PM

PARENTS’ CLUB
Committee for 2016
President: Sharon Jacques
Secretary: Prue Borenstein
Treasurer: Nadine Beckett
Canteen: Yasna Russell

NEXT PARENTS’ CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD:
MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 7.30 at School

CANTEEN
TERM 1

19th FEBRUARY
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
PRUE BORENSTEIN
12pm-2pm
ELLIS CLARIDGE
KIRSTEN CHAMBERS

26th FEBRUARY
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
PETA MAUNDER
12pm-2pm
MARY FLAHERTY
JOANNE COWIE

4TH MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
LIBBY/ROD SWAYN
12pm-2pm
KIM TUCKER
ELISHA HOLTON

11th MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
PRUE BORENSTEIN
12pm-2pm
MELISSA STOKES
ELEISHA COXON

COMING EVENTS
February 19th – Assembly
February 22nd & 23rd - School Nurse
February 24th - Prep Testing (as per timetable)
February 25th - Parent Interviews
February 26th - School Photos
February 29th - Planetarium school visit P-6
March 1st - Start Smart
March 1st - Netball P-6
March 2nd - Rob Vingerhoets (Maths)
March 3 / 4 - Year 3 / 4 Camp
Sovereign Hill
March 5th - Schools Clean Up Day
March 8th - Netball P-6
March 11th - Assembly
March 11th - Ride2School Day
March 11th - House Athletics
March 14th - Labour Day Holiday
March 15th - Netball P-6
March 16th - Golf Clinic Years 4-6
March 16th - School Council Meeting
March 18th - Assembly
March 19th - Kana Parade

THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY
MC – Donita Flaherty
Acknowledgement – Rolson Weston
Pledge – Jensen Wilson
Student Activities– Siobhan Benson

SHAVE FOR A CURE
As a fundraiser we have a parent participating in 'Shave for a Cure' this year.
The big shave will happen on Friday March 11th straight after assembly.
This is also House Athletics Day. Donations to this worthy cause will be gratefully accepted at the office or online.
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