LEARNING TO LEARN
During the past week students have been involved in Quality Beginning – Learning to Learn activities in all classrooms. This stage of the term has ended and is celebrated tomorrow with the whole school tabloid morning. Instead of the normal Student of the Week, this week's awards are called the Learning to Learn Awards and these will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

TABLOID SPORTS
Tomorrow, Friday February 5th the whole school will be involved in Tabloid Sports from 9:30-12:30. These are organised by Educational Sports Carnivals. This time will also include a break for recess. This will be a very enjoyable activity for the children. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the fun, even help out if they wish. Activities start shortly after Assembly.

FAMILY BBQ
We are looking forward to another great night at the upcoming Family BBQ on MONDAY FEBRUARY 15TH. Thankyou to our P&F members who are working to make the BBQ an enjoyable success. We should also congratulate them for all the support they have planned in the coming year!

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Photo day is Friday 26th February. Envelopes and information will be coming home shortly.

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE
As we have several children who suffer from a severe nut allergy could we please remember that Colac West has a 'No Nuts Policy'. This means that the following items cannot be brought to school; Packs of nuts, peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches, fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts, chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts, cakes made with nuts. We have a policy not to use nuts in any of the food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut free products, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut free traces. This all comes under the banner of being a 'Kids-Go for your Life' school. A common sense approach is required to minimise risk and exposure to nuts, however, it is never possible to guarantee a school site is nut free. If your child has a nut allergy and we are not aware of it, could you please inform us as soon as possible.

LEARNING TO LEARN Award
Principal's Award Nikki Pearce
P1M : Menzies Nathaniel Cox/ Ebony Crabbe
1 / 2: Moore Georgia Bartlett/ Luke Dimasi
2/3 Gray/Hutson Alexis Cole/ Henry Zappelli
4 / 5: Jackson Tyler Parsons/ Elias Clark
Yr 5/6 Cole Ashley Winiata/ Matthew Swyn
Arts Malakai Dempsey-Silk
Music Bella Burke

contd.
WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE contd.
Your assistance would be much appreciated in assisting parents who have children who may have a life threatening reaction. Thankyou.

BADGE PRESENTATIONS
The badge presentations for School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Councillors will be held at Assembly next week, Friday February 12th at 9:00am. Simon Dewar, CSC School Principal will be presenting the badges. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

SKOOLBAG
At Colac West we use the Skoolbag App. available to be downloaded onto iphones, ipads etc. This has turned out to be a very effective communication tool in the home/school partnership. It certainly assists in knowing what is happening at Colac West and is an easy way of advising of absences. If you require more information, please see Katrina at the office.

HOAX PHONE CALLS
A message to parents: We wish to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please contact us.

SUNSMART - HATS ON
Please remind your children that Term 1 is a ‘Hats On’ Term. All students are expected to wear a broad-brimmed hat while playing outdoors at Recess and Lunch. Children without a hat will be restricted to sitting under the Oak tree. It is in everyone’s best interests to get into the ‘hat habit’ again as soon as possible. New hats can be purchased.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
From a student point of view the year has started smoothly. All classes have been involved with Learning to Learn activities during the first week. Our Year 6 students have worked closely with the Prep students in the buddy program helping them get used to school life. PE started today for all classes with Mrs Hutson which is good for us all and a lot of fun. Tomorrow we have the Tabloid Sports after assembly between 9:30 and 12:30. The House Captain and Junior School Council elections are also happening. As well, Barwon Water activities are coming up in all classes shortly. Thankyou.

SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP 2016
In May this year, 17th to the 25th, schools in our Network have the opportunity to send a few students to Somers Camp. This is for Year 5 / 6 students only. Brochures are on display on the student noticeboard and more information about the Camp is available at www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au As is normal procedure students will have the opportunity to nominate and then successful participants will be drawn out of a hat. More information will become available as the camp gets closer.

REMINDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK
• Please return MEDICAL FORMS as soon as possible.
• Also any changes to STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS.
• Friday - Assembly 9:00, Tabloid Sports P-6

DISNEY ON ICE REMINDER
Fundraiser Friday 1st July
We have 11 seats still available, deposit is $20 per ticket and final payment of $50 per ticket is due middle of May.

BOOKCLUB ORDERS
BOOKCLUB is due back by Friday 12th February.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Developing the qualities of leadership and responsibility is an important element of the curriculum at Colac West. Over the 7 years that students are here at our school, we aim to provide them with a range of opportunities to grow in self-confidence and take on increasing responsibilities. Little steps like taking charge of their own home reader and homework all assist students to become responsible for their own actions. As students become more independent, we provide them with the skills to take on wider school responsibilities and begin to show leadership skills in small and large groups. Taking on a monitor role in the classroom or school yard helps students to gain a sense of satisfaction and a feeling of being part of a larger community. Leadership is about having a go at something. You don’t have to be the ‘boss’ to be a leader. You need to be prepared to take on some challenge and see it through. Leadership must be demonstrated. As American industrialist Henry Ford said, “You can’t build a reputation on what you are going to do.” Leadership requires enthusiasm, passion and a positive attitude for what it is you want to complete or change. Leadership is also about working with and trusting others to achieve a common vision. We have many examples of strong student leaders in our school. The Junior School Council is just one example. Others include House Captains, School Captains, Bus Monitors, Buddies, Office Messengers, Canteen Monitors and many classroom and school representative roles.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2014
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

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Peter Nelson
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Curriculum / Policy
Peter Nelson
Deb Howlett
Craig Ware
Judy Jackson

Date: Next Meeting:

PARENTS’ CLUB
Committee for 2014
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 2016
5th FEBRUARY
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
KIM TUCKER
12pm-2pm
LIBBY SWAYN
CONNIE WILSON

COMING EVENTS
February 5th - Assembly
February 5th - Tabloid Sports P-6
February 10th - Prep Testing (as per timetable)
February 12th - Assembly (Badge Presentations)
February 15th - Family BBQ
February 15th & 16th - Barwon Water visit P-6
February 17th - Prep Testing (as per timetable)
February 19th - Assembly February 24th - Prep Testing (as per timetable)
February 25th - Parent Interviews
February 26th - School Photos
February 26th - Schools Clean Up Day
February 26th - Planetarium school visit P-6
March 1st - Start Smart
March 2nd - Rob Vingerhoets (Maths)
March 3 / 4 - Year 3 / 4 Camp
Sovereign Hill
March 11th - Assembly
March 11th - Ride2School Day March 11th - House Athletics
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