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HOUSE CAPTAINS & JSC
Congratulations to all students who nominated as leaders this year. We again had a huge number of children prepared to put themselves forward. We acknowledge each and every one of them. Although only a few will wear the House Captain badge, we can already see the vast well of leadership potential in our senior school that we are confident will see a great example being set for the younger children.

Successful candidates this year are:

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Calvert: Rupert McDonald & Erika Winiata
Austin: Sebastian Hay & Sarah Morrow
Dennis: Flynn Wisbey & Tahlia Omachen
Robertson: Sebastian Primmer & Asha Crockford

The following students have been elected as 2015 Junior School Council representatives. We wish them well in their leadership roles.

CLASS JSC REPRESENTATIVES
1/2 Moore: Regan Jacques & Annalise Nicholls
2/3 Gray/Ware: Kelyn Wilson & Neelufa Ali
4/5 Jackson: Rolson Weston & Ashley Winiata
5/6 Cole: Tianna Beckett & Kyan Brown

Badges will be presented at the Assembly of Thursday 19th February by Simon Dewar, Principal CSC.

REMINDER
STUDENT FREE DAY
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

‘Student of the Week Award’

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SCHOOL CAPTAINS
This year we have decided to elect two School Captains at Colac West. As a school that promotes leadership amongst all students, this is the logical step to take to enhance our present system. Students being representatives of our whole school community is something we promote and encourage. As well as House Captains and JSC members this is certainly a position that should be respected and those selected be very proud of attaining. This year we congratulate Rupert McDonald and Sarah Morrow who will fill this role for 2015.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
Please note that next week’s assembly will be held on Thursday due to the student free day on Friday. At this assembly, School Captain, House Captain and JSC badges will be presented. Parents are most welcome to attend this occasion. Our special guest presenter is Mr Simon Dewar, the Principal of Colac Secondary College.

BOOKCLUB
BOOKCLUB is due back by Friday 13th of February.
CRICKET COLOURS DAY
To participate in Cricket Colours Day, students and teachers are encouraged to wear their favourite cricket teams colours, dress as their favourite player, paint their face or any other way they can get into the spirit of the Cricket World Cup. This is a voluntary activity for interested persons and happens tomorrow Friday February 13th. The Cricket World Cup commences on Saturday with Australia versus England at the MCG.

RETURN NOTICES SENT HOME
All forms must be completed and returned to school office to update our information.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Photo day is Friday 27th February. Envelopes and information will be coming home shortly.

YEAR 3/4 QUEENSCLIFF CAMP
This year the Year 3 and 4 children will be attending a camp at Queenscliff. This enhances our Humanities studies based on the Sea and Marine Life. The Camp will be on Thursday the 19th & Friday the 20th of March. Children will participate in different activities while at Queenscliff. The cost of the camp is $125. Please think about your child attending this camp.

FAMILY BBQ
The Family BBQ is on next Monday February 16th between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Please return catering notes if you haven’t already. 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 and are working towards with activities such as the Canteen, Autumn Fair and catering. It’s a great time to join our Parents and Friends group!

AUTUMN FAIR
The Autumn Fair is fast approaching - Friday March 20th between 4:30pm and 8:00pm. Please keep this date free to attend this activity which is presented by hard working members within our school community.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
School life has swung into motion at Colac West. Thanks to students and staff who have supported the Cricket Colours Day today, as the World Cup starts on Saturday. The whole school enjoyed the Tabloid Sports last Friday, even though it was pretty hot. There were many great speeches from those hoping to be a House Captain on Tuesday. Congratulations to all who were elected. Junior School Council members were also picked this week and there is a special assembly next Thursday for all badge presentations. We also have a Melbourne Cup winner 'Sub Zero' visiting on Monday morning and all classes are involved in Barwon Water activities on Tuesday. A reminder that there is no school next Friday for students due to a staff PD Day. Thankyou.

This Week at Assembly
MC – Jensen Wilson
Acknowledgement – Flynn Wisbey
Pledge – Courtney Norman
Student Activities – Aidan Barnhart
House Points – Tayla Petersen/ Flynn Wisbey
House Captains Report-Rupert McDonald

BULLYING – What can parents do?
■ Often children won’t talk about the bullying situation to parents or teachers – they often don’t show signs.
■ Great deal of bullying rarely occurs in front of adults.
■ Parents need to actively listen and empower their children to talk about the bullying behaviour and not be afraid to speak their mind.
■ Speak openly and honestly, empathize, gather information and facts.
■ Break the situation down – but don’t turn a molehill into a big mountain.
■ Take notes, record the responses, ask questions: what happened, who is involved, when did it occur, what did you do and who did you speak to?
■ Deal with feelings first and reassure your support.
■ Try to understand and learn about what is/not bullying and explain expected behaviour and suggest solutions if qualified.
■ Early intervention is the best solution. Should you notice symptoms or signs – do something – take action – ask for help if you can’t manage.
■ Speak to the child care/ kindergarten teacher, school or organisation involved.
■ Ensure your child develops resilience and empathy by being assertive and having good communication skills.
■ Your child should understands the consequences of bullying as perpetrator or victim.
■ Don’t add to the problem, stay calm and seek assistance, reassure it’s ok to express feelings.
■ Don’t advise or suggest that your child react or retaliate – often bullies will want a reaction. Bullies prefer the victim keep quiet as this is their way of maintaining control.
■ Develop your understanding and skills of bullying and social media – often there is a gap between the parents interpretation and understanding to that of their child’s.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
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Peter Nelson: 52312479

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Judy Jackson
Corey Beckett
Connie Wilson
Tony Benson
Rod Swayn
Deb Howlett
Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

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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: Thursday 18th March, 2015 at 7.30pm

PARENTS’ CLUB
Committee for 2015
President: Libby Swayn
Vice President: Sharon Jacques
Secretary: Prue Borenstein
Assistant Secretary: Yasna Russell
Treasurer: Nadine Beckett
Canteen: Davida McDonald

UPCOMING EVENTS
February 13th - Assembly
February 13th - Cricket Colours Day
February 16th - Racing Victoria 'Sub Zero' P-6
February 16th - Family BBQ
February 17th - Barwon Water P-6
February 18th - Prep Testing Session 3
February 19th - Assembly 9:00
February 20th - STUDENT FREE DAY
February 25th - Prep Testing Session 4
February 25th - 4/5 Clean Up Australia Activity
February 26th - Assembly 9:00
February 26th - Parent Interviews
February 27th - School Photos
February 27th - Prep 'Wiggles' CSC visit 11:30
February 27th - Schools Clean Up Day
March 6th - Assembly
March 6th - Jim A 5/6 10:00
March 6th - Division Swimming Trials
March 9th - Labour Day Holiday
March 11th - Golf Clinic 4/5 & 5/6
March 12th - Assembly 9:00
March 13th - First Aid Sessions P-6
March 13th - House Athletics
March 13th - Ride2School Day
March 18th - School Council Meeting
March 19th & 20th - Year 3/4 Camp
March 20th Autumn Harvest Fair
March 23rd - Division Athletics
March 27th - Easter Hat Parade
March 27th - Division Football & Netball Trials
March 27th - Dental Prep visit 11:30
March 27th - Assembly 1:30

Change of DATE!
2015 AUTUMN HARVEST FAIR
Friday March 20th
4.30pm to 8pm
Join us in a celebration of the Autumn Harvest at Colac West Primary School on Ligar St.
For more information please contact Sharon-5231 6730; Libby-5235 1273.

CANTEEN
FEBRUARY 13th
9.30am – 10.30am
DAVIDA MCDONALD
LUICINDA HEATLY
12pm-2pm
DAVIDA MCDONALD
KIRSTEN CHAMBERS

REMINDER
NO CANTEEN ON 20TH MARCH
STUDENT FREE DAY
FEBRUARY 27th
9.30am – 10.30am
DAVIDA MCDONALD
RACHEL WOOD
12pm-2pm
ELLIS CLARIDGE
ELEISHA COXON

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This week Benjamin B Bear meets Mr Bean in front of The Cambridge Satchel Company (England).

Murray Street Veterinary Clinic and Hospital

Dr. David Broomfield B.V. Sc (Hons)
Dr. Caroline McCarthy BSc BVMS(Hons)

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