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Chaplaincy

This form is very important please return!
The Victorian Government has entered into a National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) agreement with the Commonwealth Government that provides funding for chaplains over four years from 2015 to 2018. Colac West has been offered two years of funding under this agreement. Chaplains support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. They work closely with wellbeing and allied health staff in schools to support students and their educational outcomes, staff, families and the wider school community. Schools must obtain written consent from parents/guardians prior to the provision of chaplaincy services. Please fill out and sign the Chaplaincy form that has come home today and return to school as soon as possible.

Relay for life – HOPE BANNER

Reminder

Student Free Day
This Friday February 20th

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
We received three nominations for School Council in the Parent category and one nomination in the Education Department Employee category. The number of nominations is the same as the number of vacancies, so we will not need an election. It therefore gives me great pleasure to announce that the nominated people are duly elected as School Councillors. Our new Councillors are:
- Anthony McDonald (re-elected)
- Anthony Benson (re-elected)
- Yasna Russell
- Katrina Hammond (re-elected)
- Peter Nelson (re-elected)
We are looking forward to these people joining (or rejoining) our team as we work together for the school.

Parent Interviews
All parents should receive today, 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 27th 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.

ASSEMBLY INVITATION
We cordially invite parents, carers, family and friends to come to our student led Assembly on a Friday. This term we have Thursday assemblies on February 26th and March 12th due to school commitments. The children really enjoy sharing this special time with their peers and others. Please take the opportunity and come along and be part of the Colac West Community.

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLETS
Today each class will be sending home some type of Parent Information Booklet / Sheet. This is just to familiarise parents with some of the routines and expectations from each class.

PARENTS CLUB
Parents Club has had a busy start to the year with the organisation of last Monday’s Family BBQ and next month’s Autumn Fair. Thank you to all families and staff that have supported these events. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd February at 7:30pm in the staff room. We would love to have your involvement if you are able as we are always looking for new ideas.
If you are unable to make the meetings but would still like to be involved, regular notices can be emailed to you or sent home with the children. Please leave your name at the office and details so we can send on information.

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&F 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 ACTIVITIES
We welcome Mr Dewar from CSC to our special assembly today for the badge presentations. On Monday morning we had Melbourne Cup winner 'Sub Zero' at school for a visit. He answered many questions from students and was very well behaved. On Tuesday all classes were involved in Barwon Water activities with Fernando and completed a range of activities. A reminder not to come to school tomorrow as it is a staff PD Day. Next week Andrew Barber has a 'Clean Up' activity with 4/5 on Wednesday. Parent Interviews are on Thursday, as is next week's assembly. School photos are on Friday so we need everyone in full school uniform for that. It is also Schools Clean Up Day and a 'Wiggles' group from CSC are performing for our Preps. Thank you.

SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY
National Schools Clean Up Day is coming up on Friday February 27th. All classes will be involved in cleaning up our school grounds (infants) and immediate surrounding streets (middle & upper). This will happen after School Photos are completed. Our 4/5 class is involved with Andrew Barber in a "Clean Up" activity next Wednesday.

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

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.

YEAR 3/4 QUEENSLIFF 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.
There is an option of paying the camp money by making weekly payments if you wish to do so. Send your weekly payments in clearly named envelope to the office or class teacher. More information will be coming home shortly. Payment due 13th March.

SCHOOL BANKING
Wednesday will be the day to send your books along to school.

HATS ON
A reminder that as a Sunsmart school all students are required to wear a broad-brimmed hat when outside during Terms 1 & 2.

BUS FARES
City bus fares are $1.10 one way and now $2.20 both ways.

CRICKET COLOURS DAY

COLAC WEST SCHOOL BAGS ARE AT THE OFFICE $35.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
FOR 2015
PRINCIPAL:
Peter Nelson: 52312479

PRESIDENT:
Anthony McDonald

Anthony McDonald
Katrina Hammond
Judy Jackson
Peter Nelson
Corey Beckett
Connie Wilson
Tony Benson
Rod Swayn
Yasna Russell
Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

Finance
Buildings & Grounds
Curriculum / Policy

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

MARCH 6TH
9.30am – 10.30am
LIBBY SWAYN
PRUE BORENSTEIN
12pm-2pm
PAM HAY
MELISSA STOKES

FAMILY BBQ

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