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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. Your assistance would be much appreciated in assisting parents who have children who may have a life threatening reaction. Thankyou.

QUALITY BEGINNING
During the past week students have been involved in Quality Beginning – Learning to Learn activities in all classrooms. This stage of the term ends tomorrow with the whole school tabloid morning. Instead of the normal Student of the Week, this week’s awards are called the Quality Beginning Award and these will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

‘Learning to Learn Award’

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<th>Principal's Award</th>
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<td>PREP: Menzies</td>
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<td>Olivia Blazely/Thomas Stokes</td>
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<td>4 / 5: Jackson</td>
<td>Mal Dempsey-Silk/Rolson Weston</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6 Cole</td>
<td>Sebastian Hay/Asha Crockford</td>
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BUDDIES
What a fantastic effort from all our Year 6 Buddies. They are showing tremendous maturity and leadership as they look after and care for the new students in Prep. Please commend them when you see them for their fantastic contribution they are making.

TABLOID SPORTS
Tomorrow, Friday February 6th 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.
NOTICES SENT HOME
- Parent payment for Materials, Requisites & School Activities.
- Medical Form
- Student Information Update
- Canteen Helpers Form
- Religious Instruction Parent Consent Form

All forms must be completed and returned to school by Monday 9th February.

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

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. This week’s camp note is due back tomorrow, more information will be coming home shortly.

HEADLICE
This week we conducted a whole school headlice check. Headlice are an ongoing concern in all schools. A few cases of headlice were discovered. Notices were sent home to ALL students following this. Please check your children’s hair and treat accordingly if required. Thank you to our qualified team who provide this valuable service to our school.

BOOKCLUB
The first bookclub of the year will be sent home tomorrow.
BOOKCLUB is due back by Friday 13th of February.

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.

FAMILY BBQ
We are looking forward to another great night at the upcoming Family BBQ on MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH. 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!

AUTUMN FAIR
Due to a clash of events in Colac, it has been decided to change the date of our Autumn Fair. It will now be held on Friday March 20th between 4:30pm and 8:00pm. This is unfortunate, however a wonderful Autumn Fair will still eventuate. More information shortly.

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 helping them get used to school life. Tomorrow we have the Tabloid Sports after assembly between 9:30 and 12:30. The House Captain and Junior School Council elections are fast approaching. We also have a Melbourne Cup winner 'Sub Zero' visiting and a day of Barwon Water activities happening shortly. Thankyou.

HATS ON
A reminder that as a Sunsmart school all students are required to wear a broad-brimmed hat when outside during Terms 1 & 4.

CHAPLAINS CHATTER
Welcome back! (and welcome to school, Prep families!) We hope you had a great break over the holidays and are feeling fresh for the new year. If you’re like us it can take a little while to settle into the routine again and that can be a bit tiring. So, how about setting some time to celebrate any little achievements made in the first week or two. It doesn’t have to be anything big, a special tea, movie night, family trip to the park or some little way of saying well done (to each other), keep up the good work!

Our hours for this year are: Monday 1pm - 3.20pm (Andrew) Tuesday 9:00am - 3:20pm (Jenny) Thursday 8.30am – 1.00pm (Andrew)

Best Wishes, Andrew & Jenny.

This Week at Assembly
MC – Erika Winiata
Acknowledgement – Douglas Hunter
Pledge – Tianna Beckett
Student Activities – Rupert McDonald
House Points – Tayla Petersen/
Flynn Wisbey

Community news
COLAC TABLE TENNIS
COME AND TRY OUT FOR FREE FEBRUARY 2ND, 5TH, 9TH, 12TH FROM 7PM – 8.30PM AT THE GUIDES HALL (OPPOSITE POLICE STATION)
LEARNERS, FAMILIES, YOUNG AND OLD. WELCOME PHONE: 0428527522 / 0488015961

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Anthony McDonald

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Peter Nelson
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Tony Benson
Rod Swayn
Deb Howlett
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Rod Swayn
Tony Benson
Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

Curriculum / Policy
Peter Nelson
Deb Howlett
Craig Ware
Judy Jackson

Date: Next Meeting: Thursday 5th February, 2015 at 7.30pm

PARENTS’ CLUB

Committee for 2014
President: Libby Swayn
Vice President: Sharon Jacques
Secretary: Prue Borenstein
Assistant Secretary: Ellis Claridge
Treasurer: Nadine Beckett
Canteen: Davida McDonald

CANTEEN

FEBRUARY 6th
9.30am – 10.30am
DAVIDA MCDONALD
12pm-2pm
DAVIDA MCDONALD
YASNA RUSSELL

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

REMINDER
NO CANTEEN ON 20th MARCH

CANTEEN ORDERS
ONLY STRAWBERRY FROZEN YOGHURT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR. NO OTHER FLAVOURS BEING MADE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5th - School Council Meeting
February 6th - Assembly 9:00
February 6th - Tabloid Sports P-6
February 11th - Prep Testing Session 2
February 13th - Assembly
February 16th - Racing Victoria 'Sub Zero' P-6
February 17th - Barwon Water P-6
February 18th - Prep Testing Session 3
February 20th - STUDENT FREE DAY
February 25th - Prep Testing Session 4
February 26th - Parent Interviews
February 27th - School Photos
February 27th - School Photos

Change of DATE!
2015 AUTUMN HARVEST FAIR

Friday March 20th
4.30am 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.
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