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WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone. We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday. At school, we had an enjoyable start to the new school year, with all the children quickly settling in and working hard in their classes with their teachers and support staff. It is fantastic to see the children so well turned out in uniform, with hats, and eager to begin work. Thankyou to all parents/carers for the way your children have presented at the commencement of the school year. A special welcome to our 12 new ‘Preppies’ and to 3 new students at other levels and their families joining our Colac West community. Welcome back to Matthew Claridge and his family after their extended break. We have lost 2 students due to a relocation, but have replaced them with new students to our school. We feel extremely lucky to have every one of you. The Preps all look great, mostly with big smiles, in their new uniforms and are happily enjoying their new adventure with the assistance of their eager and supportive Year 6 buddies. A special welcome to our new staff, Mrs Hutson who is taking PE and working in the 2 / 3 room, Darcy our trainee, Andrew Barber who has a support role on Monday and Tuesday and Davida in the Library on a Friday morning. As far as our Chaplains, Jenny will again be working Tuesday’s and Andrew Cox is now in all day Thursday.

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 from the front office.

BUDDY PROGRAM

What a fantastic start to the year from all our Year 6 Buddies. They are showing tremendous maturity and leadership as they look after and care for the 12 new students in Prep, assisting them in many ways. It is also pleasing to see other caring students helping out when needed. Please commend them when you see them for the fantastic contribution they are making. We cannot underestimate the value of a buddy in a Preps start to school. You only need to ask the older children and listen to their responses.

NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY

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Welcome back from Andrew and Jenny (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! Jenny is available on Tuesday again this year and Andrew on a Thursday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
The first School Council meeting for 2016 is being held next Wednesday for the present School Council. We will then be calling for nominations to join School Council as we have a parent and a Staff vacancy this year. If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor, please discuss the role with current members. Council provides guidance, leadership and support. Our Council works extremely well and is a strong link to our community.

LEARNING TO LEARN
Over the next week all Colac West students will be involved in the Learning to Learn program.

This is a program aimed at settling students into the school year by providing a range of activities to assist with organization, self-esteem, values, responsibilities, opportunities and success. The You Can Do It Program also forms a major part of helping to set up the classroom and the year ahead. Our Foundation for Term 1 is ‘Getting Along’. At the second Assembly next week, awards will be Learning to Learn Awards.

STAFF NEWS
Welcome to our new staff members this year and also to those in different and ever changing roles. Our trainee Darcy has enthusiastically commenced his role, working closely with students and staff. Sarah (Ms Gray) has joined for this year by Jane (Mrs Hutson) in the 2 / 3 room. Jaylah and Shai have extended roles in Educational Support providing Integration and Learning Instructor support. Jackie is also a Learning Instructor and has the ES Co-ordination role. Mr Ware has also taken on another role in Student Support to add to his Art and Music. Andrew Barber has also joined us in a Learning Instructor/Student Support role on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Hutson is providing PE classes to all levels on a Thursday. Davida will also be assisting teachers with Library on a Friday morning. We wish them all the best in their ventures. All staff are currently operating the Learning to Learn Program in their classrooms. Mr Ware will commence Art and Music next week, along with Mrs Hutson and PE. Library will start in Week 3. Miss Menzies will also commence Prep testing on Wednesday, please refer to the roster for Preps required at school on each Wednesday during February.

TABLOID SPORTS
Next Friday 5th Feb, the whole school will be involved in Tabloid Sports run by Sports Carnivals Australia from 9:30-12:30, with a recess break. 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. There is no cost for this activity as it is funded by the Activities Charge.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS
February 3rd - School Council Meeting 7:30
February 3rd - Prep Testing (as per timetable)
February 5th - Assembly
February 5th - Tabloid Sports P-6
February 10th - Prep Testing (as per timetable)
February 12th - Assembly
February 15th - Family BBQ
February 15th & 16th - Barwon Water visit P-6
February 17th - Prep Testing (as per timetable)
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
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Date: Next Meeting:

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