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WELCOME TO 2015
Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone. We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday. At school today, 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. It is fantastic to see the children so well turned out and eager to begin work. Thankyou to all parents/carers for the way your children have presented at school. A special welcome to our new ‘Preppies’ and to new students at other levels and their families joining our Colac West community. Also to our new staff in Miss Menzies who has worked hard in preparing the Prep room and Stephanie our new trainee - welcome! We have commenced the year with 112 students, compared to 97 last year which is a positive for the efforts in our whole school community. Word is finally filtering out there about Colac West. The Preps all look great in their new uniforms and are happily enjoying their new adventure with the assistance of their Year 6 buddies. We are looking forward to a prosperous year at Colac West in 2015.

NO KIDS IN HOT CARS!
While the summer holidays may be over, the warm weather continues throughout term one, so it's important for schools to share the message with parents that leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death. The temperature inside a car begins to rise as soon as the door closes, and within minutes it can be double the temperature outside. So if it is 30 degrees outside, it can be more than 60 degrees inside a car in just a few minutes. With smaller bodies and under-developed nervous systems, young children are at much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

NOTICES SENT HOME
On Friday we are sending 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.

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SLOW DOWN – SCHOOL'S BACK
School speed limits apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users - children.
All Victorian drivers are reminded that school speed limits will apply across Victoria from Thursday 29 January 2015.
Speed limits will be reduced to either 40km/h (permanent around Colac West) or 60km/h outside schools in the morning from 8am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm.

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

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.

NEXT MEETING
PARENTS’ CLUB
Monday 2nd February, 2015
7.30pm at Colac West Primary School Staff Room. Supper provided.
Everyone welcome particularly our families that are new to the school.
The meeting will discuss our Welcome BBQ and family night and our upcoming Autumn Harvest Fair.

NEXT MEETING
SCHOOL COUNCIL
Thursday 5th February, 2015 at 7.30pm
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
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Tony Benson
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Curriculum / Policy
Peter Nelson
Deb Howlett
Craig Ware
Judy Jackson

Date: Next Meeting:

PARENTS’ CLUB
Committee for 2014
President: Libby Swayn
Vice President: Sharon Jacques
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COMING EVENTS

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