PRINCIPALS REPORT

Having almost completed two full weeks at Colac West, I would like to share some of my reflections on what makes this school a great school.
I have met the most delightful students who are well mannered, considerate and very focused on their school work.
I have worked alongside staff that are dedicated and caring.
I have met parents and carers who really want the best for their child and are prepared to work with the school to achieve this.
I have seen an enormous amount of extra curricula programs; planetarium, netball coaching, start smart (the value of money) program, Year 3 and 4 Sovereign Hill camp etc. etc.
The school is extremely well resourced with a new interactive T.V. installed in the education support room last week.
The school grounds are well maintained, full of great play equipment and used to support the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program and all sorts of physical activity.
On Wednesday Rob Vingerhoets was here supporting teachers in the delivery of their numeracy program and the School Nurse completed her assessment of the prep children.
Staff from Bunnings have worked with a small group of students to create a Buddy bench and Andrew Barber has worked with all classes to help clean up Australia.

The parent volunteers continue to turn out amazing lunch orders each Friday which are thoroughly enjoyed by staff and students.
In amongst all these activities the students and teachers have remained focused on the explicit teaching of numeracy and literacy skills.
What a great little school and what a wide range of activities for our students to be engaged in.

KANA 2016
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH
THEME: ‘The Wonderful Otway’s’
On Saturday March 19th we will be taking part in the Kana parade. Our float will be highlighting the Otway’s as the gateway to the Shipwreck Coast and we will be presenting the Colac West “Otway Pirates”. Parents are most welcome to assist as adults will be needed to supervise. We also require a team to decorate the truck earlier in the morning. The truck is set to arrive at around 10:30 am. Children will need to assemble at school at 12:15 pm. We need to be lined up before 12:40 pm for the parade. The parade starts at 1:00 pm. Children are encouraged to dress as pirates, a sailor or a related character. The school has a supply of eye-patches, so tie on your bandana and get ready to say Arrrah….. Permission forms will be sent out next week.
RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
Next Friday March 11th is also National Ride2School Day. Students are encouraged to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. Please remember your helmets where required and that you must be 8 years old to ride, if not with a parent.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE AND CRAZY HAIR DAY.
The Junior School Council will be raising money on Friday 11th of March for the World’s Greatest Shave.
At assembly Holly Bartlett (one of our parents) will be having her head shaved. Students are encouraged to support the cause by donating a gold coin and coming to school with their own crazy hair style. All donations will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. There is a donation box located at the main office for any parents wishing to contribute to this great cause. Don’t forget that everyone is welcome to attend our assemblies.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
Thank-you to Andrew Barber for organising the ‘Clean up Australia’ day activities and equipment for our school. The students were actively engaged in making the beautiful lake look even more beautiful and the junior students did a great job of cleaning up the school grounds. Andrew treated the whole school to an icy pole, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and well deserved.

NETBALL REGISTRATION
Any girls interested in playing Netball for Colac West please come along to the Neball Registration in the Multi-Purpose room, Wednesday 9th March at 3.20 to 3.45pm.
Netball is played on a Friday night and starts on Friday 15th April. If you can’t make it to the meeting, forms can be collected at the office from Katrina. Team sheets are due in by the 18th March.
Fees will be $51 Registration and $49 VFNA Insurance, total of $100 which can be left at the school office with Katrina. Any enquiries please call:-
Nadine – 0438321143
Liz - 0488697219

EASTER RAFFLE
The Colac West P & F are running an Easter Raffle this year and would appreciate any donations you might be able to give. Please drop into School office by Monday 21st March. Many thanks for your support.
Raffle books will going home on Friday to sell.

COMING EVENT

BOOKCLUB IS DUE BACK BY THURSDAY 10TH MARCH.

PLANETARIUM SCIENCE INCURSION
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2015

PRINCIPAL: Peter Nelson: 52312479

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Peter Nelson
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Tony Benson
Rod Swayn
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Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

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Buildings & Grounds
Peter Nelson
Corey Beckett
Rod Swayn
Tony Benson
Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

Curriculum / Policy
Peter Nelson
Yasna Russell
Craig Ware
Judy Jackson

Date: NEXT MEETING: Wednesday March 16th 7pm AGM
General Meeting 7.30PM

PARENTS’ CLUB

Committee for 2016
President: Sharon Jacques
Secretary: Prue Borenstein
Treasurer: Nadine Beckett
Canteen: Yasna Russell

NEXT PARENTS’ CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD:

CANTEEN
TERM 1

4TH MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
LIBBY/ROD SWAYN
12pm-2pm
KIM TUCKER
ELISHA HOLTON

11TH MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
PRUE BORENSTEIN
12pm-2pm
MELISSA STOKES
ELEISHA COXON

18TH MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
LUCINDA HEATLY
12pm-2pm
RACHEL WOOD
KRISTEN PIETSCH

COMING EVENTS

March 5th - Schools Clean Up Day
March 8th - Netball P-6
March 11th - Assembly
March 11th - Ride2School Day
March 11th - House Athletics
March 11th - World’s Greatest Shave
March 14th - Labour Day Holiday
March 15th - Netball P-6
March 16th - Golf Clinic Years 4-6
March 16th - School Council Meeting
March 18th - Assembly
March 18th – Anti-Bullying and Harmony Day
March 19th - Kana Parade
March 21st – Division Athletics
March 24th – Easter Hat Parade 9am
END OF TERM ASSEMBLY 1.30
DISMISS 2.20

SHAVE FOR A CURE

As a fundraiser, we have a parent participating in 'Shave for a Cure' this year.
The big shave will happen on Friday March 11th straight after assembly.
This is also House Athletics Day.
Donations to this worthy cause will be gratefully accepted at the office or online.

Clean Up Australia Day
2nd Colac Sea Scout Group are inviting the community to help clean up Lake Colac on Clean Up Australia Day this Sunday 6th of March between 10am and 2pm.
Participants can register online at www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join or just sign up on the day at the 2nd Colac Sea Scout Hall, located near the Colac Yacht Club off Armstrong Street and Queens Avenue.
Participants are reminded to wear appropriate clothing and bring along a pair of gloves. Rubbish bags will be provided, and there will be a briefing on the day at 10am.

DISNEY ON ICE REMINDER
Fundraiser Friday 1st July

We have 8 seats still available, deposit is $20 per ticket and final payment of $50 per ticket is due middle of May
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The Rotary Club of Colac
Is holding the annual Beechy Rail Trail Run and Walk on Sunday March 20 with added Relay and Bike riding options. The relay teams consist of three members at a cost of $5 per person. The run and Relay begin at 9am from Barongarook, the walk begins at 10am from Gellibrand and the Bikes begin at 8:45am from Barongarook. Registration can be completed here: www.oldbeechyrailtrailfunrun.org.au or pay on the day.