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AUTUMN HARVEST FAIR
What a wonderful evening last Friday! The weather could not have been better and the final result - outstanding. Congratulations to our hard working and dedicated Parents Club for organising such an event for our school, particularly the students. However, the positive feedback from all areas of the local community helps to inform everyone that Colac West is heading in the right direction. It was also great to see us on the front page of the Colac Herald. Not only the Fair, but the recognition of some wonderful programs happening in our school. Thanks must also go out to local community members and businesses that supported the day. Without their generosity it would be difficult to run such an occasion. The tremendous array of raffle prizes was testament to this. It is days such as this that support programs for your children, such as the swimming program, whole school excursion and performance opportunities. Well done and thankyou.

‘Traffic Light Awards’

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‘You Can Do It’ Award
Flynn Wisbey

A BUSY TERM
The students and staff have worked hard over this short but busy Term. The staff, students and Parents Club are all ready for a break. Our new Prep students have settled in well thanks to Miss Menzies, Jackie, Kathy and their buddies. Our school has been highlighted in the community by our efforts at Kana and the Autumn Fair amongst other things. We have had visits from Sub Zero, St John First Aid, Clean Up activities, Ride2School, Athletics, CSC, Kana, Sports and the Fair. Thanks to everyone for a successful Term and don’t eat too many Easter eggs. Colac West is the Best!

AFTERNOON TEA
Tonight, Thursday March 26th we are holding an afternoon tea for Mrs Shirley Smith’s retirement and to recognise her service of 24 years to Colac West Primary School. School community members are welcome to attend if they wish. It will commence at 3:45pm in our multi-purpose room.

Happy Easter to all families in our Colac West community. We hope you and your children have an enjoyable time in the holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back ‘safe and sound’ next Term.
SWIMMING
A reminder that during Term 2 all Year 1-2 students will be participating in a swimming program. This will happen on a Friday for a half hour lesson between at Heather’s Swim School. Groups will be time slotted in this period. The program will commence in Week 3, May 1st, and run for 6 sessions. A permission slip should have come home yesterday. This must be filled out and returned prior to participation. The cost for swimming has been set at $5 per session ($35 total). Part or all can now be paid at the Office. There is a stipulation that if students have not paid, either upfront or on the day, they will not be allowed to attend.
We thank our wonderful Parents Club who are paying more than half the cost of this program.

SMOKING BANS
New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances.
- From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.
- Officers from councils will be responsible for enforcing the bans, and will take an education approach, making sure smokers understand the new laws. However, an infringement penalty of $147 could apply to adults caught wilfully breaking the law.
- Council officers have been given power to enter school premises to monitor and enforce the ban.
However, this is subject to permission from the school principal and, if permission is provided, the inspector must be accompanied by the school principal or a person acting on their behalf. It is anticipated that the focus for council officers will be on those smoking within four metres of school entrances, and that the power to enter school premises will be used sparingly.

THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS
Special thanks to the students who attended Camp last week. All reports have been wonderful about the way you presented and conducted yourselves. Thanks to the staff for organising and attending the Camp. Well done to Flynn Wisbey who has qualified for the Regional Football Trials in Geelong next term. A great effort and good luck!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
Since our last assembly all classes have had very helpful first aid sessions with Julie from St John Ambulance. Thanks to all who rode and walked for Ride2School Day also. The House Athletics were also held and well done to all students and thanks to our group of helpers. It was a big day with the Kana parade and well done to all who participated. We had nearly 70 on our float and a group of parents walk with us as well, finishing with the Encouragement Award. Also, thank you to our helpers at the working bee prior to the Fair. The vegetable garden and playground are certainly looking much better. We had a team of athletes go to the Division Competition on Monday at the Central Reserve and even though it was wet they performed very well. Congratulations to Sohail who competed at the Division Tennis Trials last week. It was great to see so many students wearing something orange for Harmony Day. The 3/4 Campers had a great time in Queenscliff and were involved in heaps of fun activities. Congratulations to our participants in the football and netball trials. Great work from Flynn who goes on to try out in Geelong. The Autumn Fair was again a success and thanks to all who helped out and also for attending. Our Year 6 students attended the CSC Open Night last night as part of their preparation for secondary school. Tonight is Mrs Smith’s afternoon tea here in the multi-purpose room to thank her for her time at Colac West. Thankyou.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP
7TH - 8TH MAY
Notes went home this week with Yr 5/6, asking students intention regarding attendance at our Cooriemungle Camp on 7th – 8th May. If you haven’t returned it, please do so tomorrow.

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS
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Tony Benson
Rod Swayn
Yasna Russell
Adam Chambers
Andrew Barber

Finance
Buildings & Grounds
Curriculum / Policy

Date: Next Meeting 13th May at 7.30pm

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
TUNING IN TO KIDS
All parents and carers welcome....
• Would you like to learn how to:
• be better at talking with your child?
• be better at understanding your child?
• help your child learn to manage their emotions?
• help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
• teach your child to deal with conflict?
A six week parenting program for parents of children aged 5-12 years (age flexible)
Where: Otway Blue Room
2.28 Connor Street (corrugated blue room next to car park)
Colac Area Health
When: Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm
21st April, 28th April, 5th May, 12th May, 2nd June and 9th June.
Contact: Tamara Holmes – ATAPS
Children’s Counsellor 5232 5379

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This week BENJAMIN B BEAR is visiting Halls Gap Zoo and getting to know the Red Panda.

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