



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Students

**Fire Damage:** A fire at our school on Monday evening has destroyed our small music room and damaged a wall and roof of our garage. The fire was lit in our recycling bin between the buildings by a ten year old boy.

The music room will be demolished and the area will be paved with asphalt. The garage will be repaired. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will cover the cost of these works.

I am grateful to Colac Fire Brigade for their prompt response to the fire call and their work in saving music equipment and preventing the fire from spreading. The emergency management section of DEECD had officers here by 7.30am on Tuesday morning and quickly engaged a contractor to begin repairs. I congratulate them also. While this fire was small and did not impact greatly on us it was pleasing to receive offers of assistance from my principal colleagues in the other Colac State Schools.

**Education School Support Officer Week:** The roles filled by ESS employees in our school include bursar, office assistant, library manager, first-aid and support for students in classrooms. We are fortunate to have an efficient and supportive group of people in these roles. I thank Julie, Carolyn, Lorraine, Jean, Rosy, Robyn and Lesley for the wonderful job they do in supporting our students, teachers, parents and myself.

**Drought Relief Grant:** The Federal Government has a program whereby they make \$10,000 grants to schools in drought areas. This is the second year we have received this grant. We will be subsidizing swimming during term four. All classes will attend lessons during the weeks beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. The students will be asked to pay \$1.50 per day. The school will contribute \$8,280 to the

nine day program. We are also paying for year P-4 students to attend Starlab and have paid for year 5/6 students to see "Sadako".

**Illness:** Many of our students have been ill lately with flu like symptoms. Please keep children home until they are well.

**Allan Halliwell-Principal**

## 2009 BIKE CHALLENGE

Years 3/6 children interested in trying out for this year's Bike Challenge are asked to have their bike and helmet at school next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. The Bike Challenge is a competitive but fun way of developing safe riding skills and attitudes. During the next two weeks a group of about 15 students will be chosen to practise before a team of 10 is finally selected.  
Brian Schultz

## NETBOOK COMPUTERS

Year 5/6 students enjoyed computer sessions yesterday with Lori Anderson, an Ultraset coach from Warrnambool. She showed them how to use the 'Monkey Jam' program, which was included in the software package that came with their year 5 Netbook computers. The students are now able to make short animations and then import them into 'Movie Maker' to add sound, captions and effects. We will attach some of the animations to our Colac PS website once they are completed.

## YEAR 4 CAMP INSTALMENTS

If you are paying the year 4 camp by instalments, the fifth instalment is due today, 6<sup>th</sup> August.

## HEAD LICE

Keep checking each week for head lice and ensure that girls have their hair tied back.

## SOCIAL SERVICE

**Jeans for Genes Day:** Tomorrow we will be raising money for Jeans For Genes Day. Students and staff can wear their jeans and bring along a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause. **Please note that this is not a casual day for students, only jeans can be worn with school shirt and jumper.**

What is a Gene? Our genes are tiny instructions that make us what we are. Made of DNA, genes contain inherited information that tells our cells how to carry out specific jobs. Each person has around 3 billion DNA building blocks that make up their genes. If just one letter is wrong, this may cause a genetic disorder. Understanding our genes will allow us to treat and prevent so many devastating diseases.

The Childrens Medical Research Institute (CMRI) is an independent not for profit organisation committed to unlocking the mysteries of disease. Their philosophy is that major advances in prevention and treatment come from research into the fundamental processes of life.

**Daffodil Day:** Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August.

## LIBRARY

Please ensure children bring their library books to school in a bag. Mrs Newcombe needs clean supermarket bags for the library. Please leave them on her desk.

## STAFF CARPARK

Due to students' safety we ask that parents park in Lyons Street when picking up their child or visiting the school. This will avoid students and siblings being nearby when cars are reversing. The only exception is the disabled parking space. Thankyou for your co-operation.

## ART ROOM

Mrs Lamanna needs donations of wool and material scraps for her art lessons. Please leave at the office, thankyou.

## SPARE CLOTHING

Please return spare clothes including socks that children are given at school if they've had an accident.

OUR VALUE THIS FORTNIGHT IS

HONESTY

A part of **HONESTY** is **TRUSTWORTHINESS.**

Trustworthiness means you can be relied upon to do what you said you would do.



**OUR VALUES WINNER IS  
SINEAD LEAMER  
CONGRATULATIONS. SINEAD HAS  
EARNT HERSELF A FREE LUNCH AT  
THE CANTEEN**

## PARENTS CLUB NEWS

**Fathers Day Stall:** Every year we hold a Fathers Day Stall and ask each family to donate a gift for the stall and leave at the office. The stall will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September and gifts will be sold for \$4 each. Suggestions for gifts include: mugs, lollies, garden gloves, socks, hankies, key rings etc. Thank you.

**Bags Of Potatoes:** 10kg (\$12) and 5kg (\$6). See Julie at the office to buy a bag.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at 9am in the staffroom, all welcome.

## PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

### 2009 CALENDAR

Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Council 7.30pm
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jeans For Genes Day-gold Coin donation
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	EMA application due- no Late applications accepted
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Challenge Tryouts
Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Club Meeting
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Daffodil Day
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Rebels Basketball meeting At Elliminyt PS-7pm
Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fathers Day Stall

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	CONOR FLETT
ROOM 2	GRACE CAWTHORN
ROOM 3	HAILEY LADHAMS
ROOM 5	TANILLA MCDONNELL
ROOM 7	LUKE WATTS
ROOM 8	ZHANE RASPIN
ROOM 9	CAITLYN JONES
ROOM 10	SHAYDEN CONWAY
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## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> INSTALMENT

For parents whose circumstances have not changed, there is no need to reapply at this time. However if you:

- a) No longer have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card that was current as at 13<sup>th</sup> July **OR**
- b) Now hold a card current as at 13<sup>th</sup> July **OR**
- c) Are new to our school and have applied previously at your old school **OR**
- d) **Are a new family to the school since the start of the year**

You will need to come to the office to make the relevant changes **NO LATER THAN TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.**

**Remember if you are no longer eligible to receive EMA please contact Julie at the office.**

### CANTEEN DUTY Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August

10am-12pm

12pm-2pm

Lynne Ellemor

Janet Boyd

Kay Bellchambers

Vicki Brown

Chris Casey

Brooke Gillen

### HEALTHY MEALS - HAPPY FAMILIES

**This week's topic: Healthy alternatives to 'sometimes' foods**

Here are some examples of foods to avoid and healthy options to offer instead:

'*sometimes*' *vegies* - potato chips as they are high in fat & salt with no nutritional value

'*everyday*' *vegies* - fresh or tinned vegies

'*sometimes*' *fruit* – dried fruit bars, straps, dried fruit as they are low in fibre & sticky

'*everyday*' *fruit* – fresh fruit or tinned fruit in natural juice

'*sometimes*' *dairy food* – dairy desserts & ice cream, they are usually high in fat

'*everyday*' *dairy foods* - reduced fat cheese, milk or yoghurt

'*sometimes*' *biscuits & cakes* – sweet & oven baked biscuits, sweet cereal bars, cakes & donuts do not give nutritional value

'*everyday*' *biscuits & cakes* – high fibre dry biscuits, fruit or vegetable muffins

'*sometimes*' *drinks* – fruit juices, cordial, sports drinks, flavoured milk & mineral waters, soft drink

'*everyday*' *drinks* – tap water, reduced fat milk are the best drinks for children

### U 12'S AUSKICK

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> Aug – Round Robin

### GMHBA

You could save \$100's off your health insurance and support Colac Primary School. GMHBA offers you simply great value health insurance and now Colac P.S. and GMHBA have created a partnership where new GMHBA members can donate 3.5% of their premium to the Colac P.S. this year and every year you are a member! For a family membership, that could be a donation of over \$100 to the school every year you remain a member with GMBHA. You could help raise \$1,000's for Colac P.S. to purchase much needed equipment.

With another health fund? Switching is easy. To get a quote, visit our Colac branch at 178 Murray St (across the road from Coles) or give us a call on 1300 446422. Be sure to mention that you want a donation to be made to the Colac P.S.

### SPORTS NEWS

**Interschool Sport:** We had a fantastic time competing against St Marys last Friday. Scores were:

**Footy:** Colac PS 11-6 def St Marys 10-7, we won by 2 points. Goals: Cody Downard, Ben McCarthy, Rhys Barry, Brett Dennison, Liam McCarthy & Tim Gibson.

**Netball:** Team A: This hard fought game was a draw, 18 all. Team B: St Marys won.

**Soccer:** This exciting game ended in a draw, 2 all.

**Volleyball:** St Marys won 4 games, 11-3, 11-3, 11-3, 11-0.

Colac PS won 2 games, 11-7, 8-0.

**School Girls Netball:** Next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, we are sending a representative netball team to the State Netball & Hockey Centre in Melbourne. Many thanks to Mandy Mahoney who has volunteered to coach the girls. Our team is: Sarah Wood, Sinead Leamer, Paige Mahoney, Paige Gray, Alannah O'Donoghue, Madelyn Alexander, Bonnie, Jessica Boyd, Emma Storer, Tamar Seabright and Justine Boyd. Good luck girls!!

### REBELS BASKETBALL CLUB

Season 2009/10 begins soon. For those wishing to play this season, a registration form will be available at the school office. Age groups are: 9 & U-born 2000,01,02 must turn 8 by 31/3/10. 11 & U-born 98,99. 13 & U: born 96,97. Forms will need to be completed and presented at the AGM meeting to be held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August at Elliminyt P.S. at 7pm. **Please note: all forms will need to be presented at this meeting, because team selections are being held after the AGM. No late forms accepted due to this decision.**

