

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Students:

Fathers Day BBQ: We were delighted to host eighty fathers or grandfathers yesterday for a barbecue lunch. Students were thrilled to have their special visitor at school. Thanks to our choir and Mrs Newcombe for singing for our visitors. Thankyou to staff and students who assisted with the barbecue.

Book Parade: Tomorrow we are looking forward to seeing lots of students dress as a book character. The book parade has been a tradition during Book Week or Literacy Week for many years. We would love to see lots of parents view the parade at 9am in the Activity Centre.

Staff Leave: Mrs Robyn Hay will be taking a week of long service leave next week. Enjoy your break Robyn! Mrs Mardi Steven, our reading recovery teacher, will be taking leave from Tuesday until the beginning of term 4. Mardi will be holidaying in Bali.

Busy Lunchtimes: Many students have been busy at lunchtimes this term; Mr Brauer has been training our basketball squad for the Colac interschool competition on 11th September, Mr Schultz has a keen group of cyclists in training for the bike challenge which will be held during term 4, Mrs Newcombe has conducted some choir sessions and some dance classes, our chaplain Jenny has conducted indoor playgroups and Mrs Jean Newcombe has opened the library for interested students. I thank these members of staff for their effort in arranging these activities for our students.

Student Absences: A number of students have been absent for large periods of time. It is vital that students attend school unless they are ill. It is worth noting that students who miss 18 days of school per year miss the equivalent of one year of schooling during their school life.

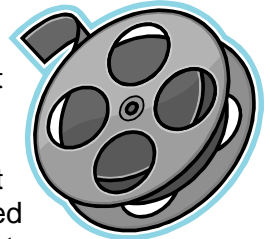
Allan Halliwell-Principal

CONTACT DETAILS

Please update phone numbers, particularly mobiles or change of address if details have changed recently. It's important to have up to date contact details especially if we need to phone you if your child is ill. Just ring the school or send a note with your child if you prefer.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Movie Night: We are having a Movie Night featuring the new Pixar movie "UP" on Friday, 11th September at 6.30pm at COPACC. This animated comedy/adventure is about a cranky old man and a young boy who fly to South America in a floating house suspended from helium balloons. Tickets are available at **the school office**. Adults: \$13 and child/concession \$10. Families are asked to bring along a plate for supper.



STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones Children's Services are offering vacation care at our school in the activity centre during the September/October holidays. Children between the ages of 5-12 years are welcome to book in. Care operates from 7am-6pm Monday to Friday for both weeks. Bookings are essential on 1300 665699. A timetable was sent home with last week's newsletter. Spares are available at the office.

EMA CHEQUES

EMA cheques are available at the office for families that qualify.

YEAR 4 CAMP 7th – 9th OCTOBER

Parents are reminded that all camp forms should be forwarded to their child's teacher by Monday, 7th September to enable final arrangements to be made. If you're paying for the camp in full, payment is due by Thursday, 17th September.

If you are paying the year 4 camp by instalments, the last instalment is due Thursday, 17th September also. Don't hesitate to contact the classroom teacher if there are any queries.

READING CHALLENGE

Students have been participating in the Victorian Reading Challenge since March. They were required to read either 15 or 30 books by the end of August. 133 students completed the challenge in that time. Well done on a great effort and keep up the good work!

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

To cut down on the amount of printing we do here at the school we would like as many families as possible to receive the newsletter via email. If you'd prefer to receive the newsletter this way simply go to our website www.colacps.vic.edu.au/ to subscribe to it. Click on the newsletter link, click on subscribe to newsletter and fill in your details. The newsletter will be emailed to you each Thursday. Alternatively leave your email address details at the school office. Lots of families have already taken up the offer and as a result the number of newsletters printed this week will be much lower.

HEAD LICE

We've had some recent cases of head lice. Please keep checking each week for head lice and ensure that girls have their hair tied back.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Daffodil Day: Thanks for supporting The Anti Cancer Council annual fundraiser by wearing yellow. We raised \$92.40

ART ROOM

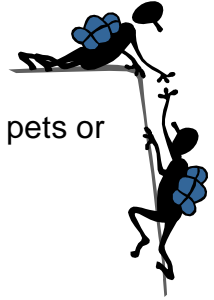
Clean stockings or pantyhose are required for art classes. Please leave at the office.

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

OUR VALUE THIS FORTNIGHT IS

KINDNESS

A part of **KINDNESS** is **CARING**. You can care for yourself, for other people, for pets or for special things.



MORE PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Fathers Day Stall: The stall will be held tomorrow, Friday 4th September and gifts will be sold for \$4 each. Children can bring along a clean plastic bag to put their special gift in to take home.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 7th October at 9am in the staffroom.

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

2009 CALENDAR

Sep 4 th	Book Parade-9am
Sep 4 th	Fathers Day Stall-\$4 gifts
Sep 11 th	Interschool Basketball
Sep 11 th	Movie Night 'UP' at COPACC-6.30pm
Sep 14 th	School Council 7.30pm
Sep 17 th	Year 4 Camp Money Due
Sep 18 th	Term 3 ends
Oct 5 th	Term 4 commences
Oct 7-9 th	Year 4 Camp-Anglesea

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	SARAH PARSONS
ROOM 2	RILEY CAREW
ROOM 3	BRANDEN DANDY
ROOM 5	RACHAEL MARTIN
ROOM 7	DAISY WARREN
ROOM 8	BONNIE
ROOM 9	MAGGIE ROBSON
ROOM 10	MICHELLE LLOYD

CANTEEN DUTY

Friday, 4th September

10am-12pm

Chris Casey

Karen Copeland

Kathy Dowie

12pm-2pm

Michelle Warren

Janet Boyd

Vicki Brown

KIDS – GO FOR YOUR LIFE

This week's topic: The Unseen Riches of Active Play

Active play does not just fill children's time. It is through play that children of all ages form lifelong skills, such as:

- Decision making & problem solving skills
- Resilience
- Self-belief & self confidence
- Independence
- Creativity & imagination
- Skills in dealing with change & the mindset to 'keep going'

Just as important is children's ability to express feelings, laugh, have fun and mix with other people. This helps to develop:

- Communication & social skills
- A sense of belonging
- An understanding of social skills
- Friendships & patience
- A sense of 'give and take'
- Team work skills
- An understanding of children, such as those with disabilities or from different cultures

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5/6 Interschool Sport vs Colac West: Our last day of Interschool Sport will be played against Colac West tomorrow. Netballers and socceros travelling to Colac West need to return permission note and \$1.50 for the bus by tomorrow. Footballers and volleyballers will play at Colac P.S. Matches against Sacred Heart on August 21st had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Students have had their \$1.50 refunded.

Interschool Basketball: Our basketball teams are training at lunchtimes in readiness for the interschool competition on 11th September.

REBELS BASKETBALL CLUB

Dates for the 2009/2010 season are as follows:

Registration Night: will be at 4pm on Thursday, 17th September at Bluewater Fitness Centre. The cost is \$35. Look for the Rebels registration table.

Junior competition: commences week beginning 12th October.

Squad tryouts: will be held at Bluewater Fitness Centre on 6th and 13th September.

U12's(born 1999/2000)boys & girls 9.45-11am

U14's(born 1997/98)boys & girls 11am-12noon

Bring along a basketball and drink.

BASKETBALL UMPIRES NEEDED

Umpires (old & new) are needed for 2009/2010 season. Do you know of a past umpire who may be interested? What night would suit? What grade are you interested in? We are keen to develop new juniors & adults to start and 'have a go'!! Fridays will remain U9's & junior umpires will be placed with senior/experienced umpires to learn the ropes.

All enquiries to Melissa Hammond

Junior umpires co-ordinator

Ph. 52314332 or 0438 624360

Email: melissa.hammond2@bigpond.com

IRREWARRA CRICKET CLUB

U14's players are needed, experienced or first time players are welcome. Training nights will be in town & home games 10 mins away at Irrewarra. Registration day is at KFC this Sat, 6th Sept between 10-12noon. For more info call Jaccob Rodda on 0406121041 or Brent Hay on 0419135049

COLAC INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

Sports available in term 4: rebound cricket, soccer & netball, tennis & tennis coaching.

Birthday parties too. For all enquiries ph.

Michael Mullen on 52314788

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.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Presented by Otway Calisthenics Academy Sat 17th Oct at Mamre Hotel, Pirron Yallock Tables of 8-10, \$35 ticket includes bus from Colac, delicious meal & an entertaining night of fun & general knowledge, silent auction & light entertainment. First bus leaves Colac High School car park at 6pm then on the half hour, last bus at 7.30pm. Tickets limited, enq ph. Michelle 0428380613 or tickets from Food On Forest, Forest St