



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Students:

Movie Night: Please support our Parents Club movie fundraiser on Friday evening. Details are included later in this newsletter.

Sports Stadium Tenders: Tender documentation is almost complete for our sports stadium. We now hope that tenders come in within budget. A builder may be selected by the time we return from the term 3 vacation.

Solar Power: A solar power system is due to be installed on 28th September. The solar panels will be placed on the roof of the Roberts wing. The power generated will be measured and we will receive a corresponding discount on our power bills. This system has been funded under the Federal Government's Solar Schools Program.

Staff Leave: I will be taking the last three days of term as long service leave. Mrs Foley will be Acting Principal in my absence. Mrs Angus will be taking five weeks of long service leave from the beginning of term 4. I wish Chris a very happy and restful break. Mrs Jade Lo Ricco will replace Mrs Angus.

Book Parade: Well done to all parents who went to the trouble of finding dress ups for last Friday's parade. We had a significant number of parents and grandparents along to view the parade.

English Assessments: All Victorian schools will be required to conduct English assessments online for years prep/2 students during term 4 between 12th October and 6th November. Each assessment takes 30-40 minutes per student and will be conducted with one student at a time. This requirement is a huge workload for teachers and will require alterations to the normal working day. Students in years 3-6 complete online assessments independently.

Allan Halliwell-Principal

VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER – VSN

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) is introducing a unique student identifier known as the Victorian Student Number (VSN). A new central system, the Victorian Student Register (VSR) will maintain student identifying details, associated VSNs, and records of enrolments and exits from education providers. A brochure is available from the school office.

FOOTY FEVER DAY

On the last day of term, Friday 18th September, we will be having a footy fever day. Dress up in your favourite footy colours and donate a gold coin for State Schools Relief.

MOVIE NIGHT – TOMORROW NIGHT

Our Movie Night featuring the movie "UP" is on tomorrow night at 6.30pm at COPACC. Tickets are available at **the school office**. Adults: \$13 and child/concession \$10. Families are asked to bring along a plate for supper.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again it's nearing the end of term and our lost property box is overflowing with jumpers. Please feel free to come in and check the box for any missing items your child is not bringing home. Jumpers will go to charity at the end of term.

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.

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Term 4's canteen roster is being sent home today. Please mark your duty in your diary or swap if your day doesn't suit.

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.

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

If you're paying for the camp in full, payment is due by next Thursday, 17th September.

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

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

Due to the prevalence of head lice we request that girls and boys with long hair tie it back at school. Please keep checking for head lice every week.

ART ROOM

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

**OUR VALUES WINNER IS
JAMES TOWERS
CONGRATULATIONS. JAMES HAS
EARNT HIMSELF A FREE LUNCH AT
THE CANTEEN**

OUR VALUE THIS FORTNIGHT IS RESPECT

A part of **RESPECT** is **TACT**. Being tactful means telling the truth, but in such a way that you do not hurt someone's feelings.



MORE PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Fathers Day Stall: We hope all fathers enjoyed their day and special gifts that children purchased at our Fathers Day stall last Friday. Thanks to families who donated a gift and a big thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers who helped purchase extra gifts as well as wrapping them.

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 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	Footy Fever Day-gold coin
Sep 18 th	Term 3 ends - 2.30pm pick up
Oct 5 th	Term 4 commences
Oct 7 th	Parents Club meeting-9am
Oct 7-9 th	Year 4 Camp-Anglesea

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	JOHANNA SCOTT
ROOM 2	SUZIE DU
ROOM 3	HEIDI VEITCH
ROOM 5	DARIA QUARRELL
ROOM 7	TIM GIBSON
ROOM 8	RHYS BARRY
ROOM 9	JACK FOLEY
ROOM 10	JAYDEN NEALE
ART	TAHNEE PEARCE

CANTEEN DUTY

Friday, 11th September

10am-12pm

Lynne Ellemor

Jodie Martin

Joy Parsons

12pm-2pm

Brooke Gillen

Louisa Lingard

Mandy Mahoney

KIDS – GO FOR YOUR LIFE

This week's topic: A time for active play, everyday!

It is crucial for all children to be active for at least 60 minutes everyday. This time can be built up throughout the day and includes finding time for outdoor play, in structured settings such as a sport or swimming lessons **or** in unstructured settings, such as backyards or parks. Being active everyday does not always mean travelling far, nor do you need a lot of money. There are plenty of low cost, local play spaces, such as the park, that your child can enjoy.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5/6 Interschool Sport: We had our final match last Friday against Colac West and just managed to finish the games before the rain came pouring down! In volleyball the games were very close. Colac West won 3 games, 11-9, 11-5, 11-9 and Colac PS won one game 11-9. The footballers had a great game too. Colac West won 13/11 to 8/6. The netballers had fun and enjoyed meeting the West girls. Team A won 38-6 and team B won 40-4. In soccer our players helped out West because they didn't quite have a team. Colac PS won 5-0.

Interschool Basketball: Our basketball teams are training at lunchtimes in readiness for the interschool competition tomorrow. Girls will begin around 9.30am and will be back in time for a lunch order. Boys will leave school at 11.30am and not return until 3pm, therefore they will need to bring along a cut lunch and a drink.

REBELS BASKETBALL CLUB

Teams: Girls teams have been distributed with today's newsletter. Boys' teams finalised next week.

Dates for the 2009/2010 season are as follows:

Registration Night: will be at 4pm next 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: please note change of date & times - 2nd week of tryouts will be held at Bluewater Fitness Centre 16th September.

U12's (born 1999/2000) boys & girls 5.30pm

U14's (born 1997/98) boys & girls 6.30pm

Bring along a basketball and drink.

COLAC INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

September school holidays: Tennis clinics on

Wed, 23rd & Fri 25th Sept. \$12 for 2 hours, coach is Michael Mullen

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

Birthday parties too. For all enquiries on the above sports ph. Michael Mullen on 52314788

COLAC & DISTRICT IN 2 CRICKET PROGRAM

Boys & girls aged 5-10yrs

Rego day this Sun, 13th Sept at KFC

10.30am-12noon **or** register on the first day of play, Sat 17th Oct at western oval, 9am-9.45am

Season: Oct 17th-12th Dec, Saturdays 10-11am at western oval. For more details/register

online visit

www.in2cricket.com.au

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