

# NEWSLETTER

No 32  
22/10/2009  
Ph: 52312560

Home Page – [www.colacps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.colacps.vic.edu.au/)

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

**President:** Eric Seabright, Kayelene Robertson, Selwyn Ellemor, Jo Gibson, Terry Lingard, Stephen Lawrence, Kevin Boyd, Karyn McGlade, Kylie Carew, Angela Flett, Glenyce Reed, Lorraine Rodger, Chris Angus, Judy Foley.

**PRINCIPAL:** Allan Halliwell A.H. 52311566, Mob: 0417110893

## Dear Parents and Students

**Swimming Costs:** Our swimming program gets underway for years 4/6 on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Federal Government drought relief funding will cover the cost of pool entry and instructors. \$9,000 will be allocated for this program. Parents are to pay \$2 per day to cover bus charges.

**Assistance:** We need some assistance to supervise the male change rooms on pool days. If any fathers are available to assist please let your child's class teacher know.

**Swimming Bags:** Children require a swimming bag large enough to contain all their clothing and shoes. These bags cannot be left in the change rooms while lessons take place. All clothing should be clearly named.

**Online English Assessments:** Next week years prep to three teachers will begin their 'Online English Assessments'. These assessments will cover a range of literacy activities and will provide the school and central office with data describing each child's progress. Assessments will take 30-40 minutes with each child. Mr Abbott and Mrs Rosevear will supervise classes during this time.

**Classes/Staffing 2010:** We are currently planning staffing for 2010. It is important for us to know of students who will be leaving or moving to Colac P.S. for 2010. Please advise Mrs Menzies or Mr Halliwell of any changes.

**Allan Halliwell - Principal**

## BIKE CHALLENGE

Our Bike Challenge team travelled to the indoor tennis centre to participate in the annual

Bike Challenge today. Our team competed very well against other Colac and district schools. Congratulations to our team who came a close second against Alvie P.S. A big thankyou to Mr Schultz who trained the riders each lunchtime and well done team on the great effort!



## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Yesterday students participated in the 'Walk To School' day. Students who either walked to school, walked part of the way or walked to the bus stop were recorded on the day. 123 students participated compared to only 65 students walking to school on an ordinary school day. Thanks to everyone who walked and hopefully students will continue to walk when possible to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Thanks to Miss Reed for organising the day.

## ACTIVITY DAY – PREP / 4

An activity day for year prep to four is next Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October. Notes were sent home yesterday. Children in year prep, 1, 3 and 4 need to send \$1 for the bus (year 2's stay at Colac P.S.) All children in prep/4 need to send back the signed permission slip.

## SWIMMING

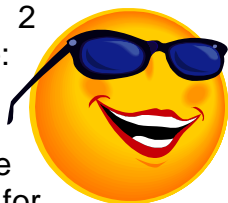
Please ensure **all** items are labelled (including school uniform, bathers, towel and goggles). In the change rooms all school uniform looks the same if it's not labelled.

Swimming bags are available at the office. They are bottle green and water proof with a handy zip pocket. They have a drawstring and comfortable shoulder straps. We have a small amount of current stock at last year's price at \$8.50. When new stock arrives, the new bags will cost \$9.50, as prices have increased since last year. Alternatively we have one swimming bag left from old stock (different style) at \$5. This bag has no shoulder straps or pocket.

## UNIFORM NEWS

**Hats:** bucket hats - \$7 and slouch hats - \$9

**Sunglasses:** We have bottle green school sunglasses available in 2 sizes. Medium: \$7 and large: \$8. All sunglasses have a label to write your name on and come in a protective cover. Come and try on for size.



**Vests:** Vests are a warm alternative during this unpredictable weather. We have sizes 6 to 10 in stock but can order in other sizes at anytime. They are priced at \$12.

**Long Sleeved Polo Shirts:** Available in white and bottle green in sizes 6 to 14, at \$18.50.

## FOUND

Four old photos were found near the school this week and handed into the office. One wedding photo, one holiday snap and two dog photos.

## COLAC SCHOOLS' CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

The Chaplaincy Committee has decided to run its annual Christmas/Supa Slice appeal again this year. Order forms were distributed with last week's newsletter. Spare forms at the office. Orders due back tomorrow, Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## SOCIAL SERVICE

**UNICEF:** We are raising money this term for UNICEF.

**Samoa:** Next month we will have a special fundraiser to raise money for the people affected by the recent tsunami in Samoa. More details in the next few weeks.

## PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

### 2009 CALENDAR

Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chaplaincy Xmas orders due
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Activity Day-yrs p/4
Nov	Swimming-1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks-4/6
Nov	Swimming-2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks- P/3
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Club meeting-9am
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Colac Show holiday
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Cricket yrs 3/6
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fun Food Day
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Musical
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation Day

## 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.

OUR VALUE THIS FORTNIGHT IS

## COURAGE

**COURAGE** is doing things even when they are scary or difficult. When we make mistakes, courage helps us to have another go.



## OUTSIDE NEWS

### BOUNCE INTO BASKETBALL

At Bluewater Fitness Centre on Sun, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov from 11am. This day is not for current basketball players but for any yr 1/2 children who are interested for next year. A parent (just one) is required to help with drills on the day, if you can please ph. Joy on 52346330

### BLINKY BULB SOLUTION TO MERCURY USE

Used light globes & fluorescent tubes are the largest source of mercury contamination in landfills. Mercury is the world's most toxic pollutant, after radioactive substances. In landfill, mercury can convert to methyl mercury, a toxic gas which can escape into the environment. Rotary Clubs have established collection points at local businesses for members of the public to bring their unbroken globes & tubes to. Colac collection points are: Mitre 10 and Budget Furnishings

### ART & CRAFT FAIR

Mercy Place, 85 Queen St Colac  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 6-9pm art exhibition by local schools, drinks & nibbles, entertainment  
Opening by Mr Terry Mulder at 6.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Oct from 10am – 3pm  
Art, crafts, stalls, sausage sizzles, Devonshire teas, lucky tickets, Harley Davidson rides, jumping castle etc  
Enq. Trish 52311669 or 0408 051317

### COLAC URBAN FIRE BRIGADE

Open day & family fun day  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Oct at Colac Fire Station, Rae St  
11am – 3pm. Come along & show your support for the volunteers who protect our communities. Safety & survival talks, junior running demos & demos by Colac fire fighters, all at various times throughout the day. Opportunity to view & explore vehicles, free sausage sizzle, jumping castle & CFA showbags.

**OUR VALUES WINNER THIS WEEK IS  
JYE THOMPSON  
CONGRATULATIONS. JYE HAS EARNED  
HIMSELF A FREE LUNCH FROM OUR  
SCHOOL CANTEEN**

## PARENTS CLUB NEWS

### Upcoming events:

- Fun Food Day: Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Mega Christmas Hamper: We are asking families for donations of non perishable goods eg bonbons, tinned puddings, shortbread, nuts, cards & paper etc to be used to fill a hamper. Donations can be dropped at the office by 4<sup>th</sup> November, thank you.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the staffroom.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	THOMAS RICHARDSON
ROOM 2	HARLEY JACKSON
ROOM 3	RORY SCOTT
ROOM 5	ANNIE ROBSON
ROOM 7	PHOENIX DU
ROOM 8	JAMES TOWERS
ROOM 9	GRACE NICOL
ROOM 10	MACKENZIE LAWRENCE
ART	BRANDEN DANDY

## CANTEEN DUTY

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October

10am-12pm

12pm-2pm

Sandra Lawrence  
Jodie Martin  
Rachael Howard

Sandra Martin  
Jan Phillips  
Sue Quinney