

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Students

Principals' Conference: I will be attending the Victorian Principals' Association Conference and Council meeting on Thursday and Friday of this week.

School Uniform: A number of students have not been wearing school uniform of late. In most cases students have school windcheaters but are choosing not to wear them. If families need assistance to purchase uniform please approach Mrs Menzies or me.

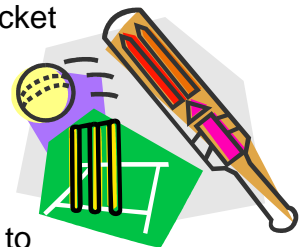
Building Works: The planning stage for our stadium has gone on longer than predicted due to Department Education and Early Children Development's requirement for cost cutting. I am hopeful that tenders will be called by the end of this month. The architect has stipulated that the demolition of our Activity Centre be delayed until the end of the building program. This will allow canteen and PE classes to continue uninterrupted.



Secondary School Visits: Year 6 students who will be attending Colac Secondary College will have 3 morning visits to the school on 11th, 18th and 25th November between 9am and 10.40am. Their orientation day, when they will also attend Colac Secondary College, will be Tuesday, 8th December.

Buddy Program: Our year 5 students have begun visits to kindergartens as part of our buddy program. We will have 16 prep students next year so each child will have 2 buddies to assist their transition to our school.

Cricket Clinics: Cricket clinics for students in year 3-6 were conducted at our school today. A Kanga cricket team (girls and boys) will be selected to represent our school at an interschool cricket tournament on Wednesday, 11th November at the Central Reserve. Students interested will have an opportunity to try out for these teams during the next couple of weeks.



Allan Halliwell - Principal

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

On Wednesday, 21st October schools across Australia will participate in 'Walk To School Day'. Our school promotes fitness and this promotion aims to demonstrate that walking to school is a good way to start. Walk to school or Walk to the bus stop or Get out of the car several blocks before school and walk the rest of the way. It's important that parents talk to students about a safe route to school and accompany young students.



UNIFORM NEWS

Hats: It's time to start wearing school hats again. Prices are: 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.



Swimming Bags: 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 two swimming bags left from old stock (different style) at \$5 each. These bags have no shoulder straps or pocket.

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.

Spare Clothing: Our supply of spare trackpants is currently very low. We would welcome any donations of trackpants or shorts for our 'spares box'.

BIKE CHALLENGE

A team of 10 students is currently preparing for the annual Bike Challenge to be held on Thursday, 22nd October. Parents are asked to

ensure that bikes and helmets are at school each day for practice. Please direct any queries to Brian Schultz at any time.



COLAC SCHOOLS' CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

The Chaplaincy Committee has decided to run its annual Christmas/Supa Slice appeal again this year. Order forms have been distributed with today's newsletter. Spare forms at the office. Orders due back on Friday, 23rd October.

BUS CHANGES FOR 2010

Due to the closure of the Colac Secondary College-Murray Street campus next year bus timetables and changeovers are currently under review and there may be slight changes for your children. All bus travellers will be receiving letters in the mail late November/early December with new pick up and drop off times as well as any new changeovers that your children may have. Could all new bus application forms for 2010 please be returned to the Colac Secondary College ASAP.

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 21 st	Walk To School Day
Oct 23 rd	Chaplaincy Xmas orders due
Oct 29 th	Activity Day-yrs p/4
Nov	Swimming-1 st & 3 rd weeks-4/6
Nov	Swimming-2 nd & 4 th weeks- P/3
Nov 4 th	Parents Club meeting-9am
Nov 6 th	Colac Show holiday
Nov 11 th	Interschool Cricket yrs 3/6
Dec 2 nd	Fun Food Day
Dec 3 rd	School Musical
Dec 8 th	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 VALUES WINNER THIS WEEK IS
RACHAEL MARTIN
CONGRATULATIONS. RACHAEL HAS
EARNT HERSELF A FREE LUNCH FROM
OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

OUR VALUE THIS FORTNIGHT IS

PERSONAL BEST

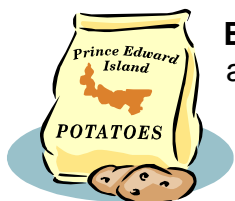
A part of **PERSONAL BEST** is **MODERATION**.

Moderation is about having enough of something – not too much, not too little but just the right amount.



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

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



Upcoming events:

- Fun Food Day: Wednesday, 2nd 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 4th November, thank you.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 4th November at 9am in the staffroom.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1	BIANCA PEARCE
ROOM 2	WILLIAM VEITCH
ROOM 3	OSCAR DOWIE
ROOM 5	SINEAD LEAMER
ROOM 7	TAYMEN GATTI
ROOM 8	PAIGE GRAY
ROOM 9	LEE MARTIN
ROOM 10	SAM MAHONEY
ART	DANA MERRETT

CANTEEN DUTY

Friday, 16th October

10am-12pm

12pm-2pm

Suzanne Jackson
Lynne Ellemor
Joy Parsons

Kathy Dowie
Louisa Lingard
Mandy Mahoney

REBELS BASKETBALL CLUB

Scorers Information Night: There will be a basic scorer's clinic on Tuesday, 20th October at 7.30pm at 85 Harris Rd, Elliminyt (Tracey Tann's home). This is really worth attending (and very easy to follow), especially for new families to basketball this year. So don't leave it up to the same parent every week to score your child's games, come along and be prepared!! Some teams have scoring rosters.

Please RSVP to ttann@wetnet.com.au or 0438 058 409.

Game days:

Wednesdays - 11 & U Div 2 boys and girls.

Thursdays – 11 & U Div 1 boys and girls,

Thursdays - 13 & U boys and girls.

Fridays – 9 & U boys and girls

Game Fees per game: 9 & 11 Under - \$4,
13 & Under - \$5

Registration Fee: Players who have not paid their \$35 fee must do so before the start of the game. If the fees are not paid players cannot take the court.

OUTSIDE NEWS

COLAC & DISTRICT IN 2 CRICKET PROGRAM

Rego Day: Sat 17th Oct at Western oval,
9am-9.45am

For boys & girls, ages 5-10yrs

Season: Oct 17th-12th Dec, Saturdays 10-11am at Western oval. For more

details/register online visit

www.in2cricket.com.au

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 23rd Oct 6-9pm art exhibition by local schools,
drinks & nibbles, entertainment

Opening by Mr Terry Mulder at 6.30pm

24th & 25th 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 25th 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.