Welcome!
This week we welcomed Anshdeep K and her family into our school community! Anshdeep has joined the 3/4C team and we wish her and her family an enjoyable and productive association with our school!

Student Free Day
Our first student free day is scheduled for THIS FRIDAY 26th of February. NO STUDENTS are required at school on this day. The school office will be open, however teaching staff will not be accessible.

Welcome Night / Twilight Sports!
Thank you to all those families who came along to our Welcome Night last week. It was a lovely night where our kids engaged in a sporting obstacle course set up by Mr Hackett and our parents and staff had the opportunity to mingle and chat.
Big thanks to our P&F for organising the BBQ, and those who were able to contribute on the night.

Athletics Carnival
Due to continuing improvement of our school oval, our Athletics Carnival will be held at Central Reserve NEXT Thursday, 3rd of March. Students in Years 3-6 will commence at 9:30am, and the Prep - 2 students will join them at 12noon. Students will be bussed from school to the reserve and back again at the end of the day. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch and plenty of fluids to get them through the day and don’t forget to dress in your school house colours. The forecast at this stage is a pleasant 23 degrees!

If any parents are available to assist with the activities on that day, please let us know at the office. The more helpers we have, the better the experience for our kids. A schedule is attached to this newsletter for your information.

Fruit supplies
At the moment we are unable to access the ‘Second Bite’ program that we have used in the past to supply fruit for those students who don’t have it. If any families have any excess home-grown fruit or vegetables that they are happy to donate to the school, any items would be gratefully received.

School Photos
Next TUESDAY, 1st of March are our school photos. Please ensure your child is in full, correct school uniform on that day, including black shoes (if it is a sport day for your child, please pack their runners). There is a preference that polos are white and bear our school logo, rather than navy, if possible.

Our Year 6 students were issued with their unique Year 6 polos and jackets today—so these will be the uniform required for them on photo day.

Parent Teacher Meetings
Today your child received a note outlining the process for our Introductory Parent Teacher Meetings. These will take place on Wednesday 9th of March, between 2 and 6pm. The timeslots allocated are 10 minutes, reflecting that it’s early in the year and the purpose of the meetings is for parents and teachers to get to know each other, and for parents to inform teachers of the needs of their child as they see them. Teachers will NOT be able to convey in depth academic achievement information at this stage. We look forward to seeing you all in and around our school on that day!

Angela Hall
Principal
Canteen
Friday 26th February, 2016
STUDENT FREE DAY
NO CANTEEN

PARENTS & FRIENDS
Remember to join our facebook page so you can keep up to date with all that is happening.

A huge thank you to our hot cross bun sponsors who have paid for all our ingredients. So now all bun sales go directly to the new school fence. Order forms will be out shortly so start asking everybody if they want to order our delicious and profitable buns. Please support our sponsors and say thank you to them for helping our school. We would like to thank LJ Hooker for their amazing donation of $400, also Borwicks Trading, Colac Toyo-ta, Plants Plumbing, Colac City Bowls, CMTP, Pam Shaw Remedial Massage, Tyre Power, HF Richardson and little Tykes Family Day Care. Thank you.

Thank you to the parents who helped on the BBQ at welcome night. Great effort by the dads especially. We raised $475.00. Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th March 10 am canteen. See you there.

Easter raffle donations needed. Anything Easter. Please leave at the office.

Kerrin Irvine
(President)

INFORMATION FOR PREP STUDENTS
Next week prep students will begin attending school on a Wednesday. They have made a great start to school, settling in very well. Next Thursday, 3rd March we will be holding our school sports. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Shorts and runners are also encouraged. These can be worn to school.

Thanks,
Norma & Lynice

NETBALL
If anyone’s son/daughter is interested in playing netball this year, could you please collect a form from the school office and fill in all details and return it to school by Monday 29th February.

For more information call Nicole Walter on 0433 717 244.

SCOUTS IS BACK FOR 2016!
Scouting is for boys and girls. It is a great way for young people aged 6 to 26 to socialise with others their own age and have a great time filled with fun, friendship and adventure.

For more information about 2nd Colac Sea Scout Group, find us on Facebook or phone Jonathan on 0439 329 713.
**SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday March 1st**

Photo envelopes have been sent home. If you wish to have a sibling photo envelopes are available from the school office. Please make sure you have the correct money in your envelope as we do not always have enough change at the office to cater for everyone.

Thank you.

**SRC INFORMATION**

The SRC will be holding a Pyjama Day on the 10th March. All money raised will go towards The Good Friday Appeal.

**CSEF Applications**

If you are in receipt of a Centrelink Benefit you may be eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursion Fun (CSEF). Primary student’s rate is $125 per year. This money can be used for camps and excursions conducted throughout the year. If you are eligible please call into the school office and complete a CSEF form (bring your Centrelink care with you), forms must be completed by Monday 29th February.

Thanks,
Lorraine Cole
Business Manager

**BEECHYRAIL TRAIL RUN & WALK**

The Rotary Club of Colac is holding the annual BeechyRail Trail Run and Walk on Sunday March 20 with added Relay and Bike riding options. The relay teams consist of three members at a cost of $5 per person. The run and Relay begin at 9am from Barongarook, the walk begins at 10am from Gellibrand and the Bikes begin at 8:45am from Barongarook registration can be completed here: [www.oldbeechyrailtrailfunrun.org.au](http://www.oldbeechyrailtrailfunrun.org.au) or pay on the day.

**KANA 2016**

The Kana theme this year is ‘Our Wonderful Otways and the parade will be on Saturday 19th March at 1:00pm. Every year our entry in the Kana Parade is well received and popular with the students who love to participate in this whole school/community event. This year we will be having a large dinosaur on our float and we would like the children to dress up as anything from the Otways which could be a dinosaur, glow worms (we have 10 small costumes available at school—first in for these), trees etc. There will be no time set aside for making costumes at school so these will need to be made at home. If you require any materials for costumes please get in touch with me and I will help out if I possibly can. Further details regarding the parade will be published in the newsletter as they become available. I am looking forward to a successful joint venture with students, parents and teachers.

Caroline McCallum.

My child/ren ______________________________________________ will/will not be participating in the Kana Parade on Saturday 19th March at 1:00 pm.

I am/am not available to assist on the day.
Thank you to our sponsors....
Elliminyt Primary School Athletics Day
Thursday March 3rd Central Reserve

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### Senior (3-6) events
- Shot put
- Discus
- Long jump
- Triple jump
- High jump

### Junior rotation events
- Mini sprints
- Egg & spoon
- Target throwing
- Sack race
- Obstacle course
Colac Basketball Association
Under 9s Competition 2016

To be eligible to play under 9s this season, the player must turn 8 years of age before March 31st 2016.

Our Under 9s will start the season on Sunday the 28th February 2016. This initial Skillsday session will be a 1 hour basic introduction to the game of Basketball along with ball handling skills and information for the coming season. Times to be advised starting from 9.30am onwards and times will be allocated.

The season will then commence with games from mid March with either 1 or 2 games per week for 5-6weeks.

You will need to contact your club to advise of your attendance or apology for skills day. There is no charge for the skills session & Introduction. Registration for the Competition will be advised. You will be asked for your preferred game days and whilst we can accommodate everybody we will try and find suitable days to suit majority.

Hawks: Anna Melville 0407520931
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Saints: Chris Dell 0438312474
Demons: Laurence Missen 0408053102

Mandy Murnane
Secretary
Colac Basketball Association
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