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Weekly Newsletter of Traralgon South Primary School

PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Welcome to Term 2:

I hope everyone in our school community had a wonderful school holiday break, and at the very least, were able to enjoy some time over the Easter public holiday period. Like most terms these days, Term 2 is shaping to be a busy one, with many school events in our calendar already. For those unaware, all known school activities are entered into the uEducateUs Diary, allowing users to see what is upcoming. I encourage readers to review this feature semi-regularly, in addition to keeping an eye on the "Dates to Remember" section of our weekly newsletter.

Welcome to Susan Higginbotham:

Following a vacancy made available with Maddie Kennedy's family leave, I would like to welcome Susan Higginbotham to our staff team as an Education Support (Integration Aide) for the remainder of the 2024 school year. Prior to this appointment, Susan has been employed casually in this role, primarily based at Rosedale Primary School. Susan has quickly established herself as a valuable member of our team and has built some wonderful relationships with students in various grades already, and I trust she will continue to be successful in her role over the coming terms.

Whilst on the topic of new faces, we have recently been approached by a number of tertiary providers to support Pre-Service Teachers (PST) undertake a placement at our school. Beginning this week, Loren Bek will be completing a 21-day placement in the Prep/1 classroom as a part of her Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree with Swinburne University. This will overlap with another PST, Alexandra (Lex) Arnell, who will be completing a 10-day placement in the Grade 1/2 classroom from April 29, with other PST placements scheduled later in the school year.

With a huge staff shortage in the education sector at present, we are pleased to support these PST develop their skillset and capacity at our beautiful school.

Stroll & Roll:

Building on our previous successes in supporting our students to incorporate active transport into their daily routine, earlier this year I announced I would reward the grade that recorded the

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highest average number of active transport events for the term with an extra PE session, delivered by me. As announced at our end-of-term assembly, congratulations to our Grade 1/2 class for winning this reward for Term 1, with the challenge now set for other grades to increase their use of active transport to win this reward for Term 2.

Whilst the initial focus has been on this reward, the primary purpose of our Stroll & Roll program has been on promoting the importance of being active, and the positive impact this has on both our physical and mental wellbeing. I encourage families to look for opportunities to incorporate this into your own daily routines too, creating habits before the weather turns for winter and it becomes even harder to start.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

25 th April	Thursday	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
29 th April	Monday	Scholastic Book Club Online LOOP Orders Close
1 st May	Wednesday	Open Day school tour for 2025 Prospective Enrolments – 12 noon
		Years 5 and 6 students – Traralgon College Awareness Day Excursion
6 th May	Monday	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
10 th May	Friday	Mother’s Day Stall
13 th May – 17 th May		Give a Can. Give a Damn collection week

Traralgon RSL ANZAC Appeal

We will once again be selling ANZAC Appeal items in support of the Traralgon RSL. Prices are \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 and \$20 each. Our School Captains will go to the classrooms each day or you can purchase at the office.



Private Music Lessons

There are 4 spots available for private music lessons conducted here at school by Tania Baldwin currently on a Wednesday. Tania teaches piano, keyboard and guitar. If you are interested and for more information contact Tania on 0448 924 340.

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2024 OPEN DAY



All prospective families for enrolments in 2025 are invited to tour our school on

**Wednesday 1 May 2024 at
12pm.**

School tours can also be arranged for other times, so please contact us if this is your preference. Alternatively, a virtual tour is available on our website.



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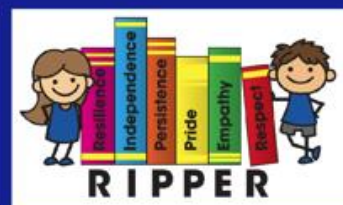
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ParentZone Programs

Registrations are open for ParentZone programs commencing in term 2.

Please note some programs have 2 sessions on offer, 1 online and 1 In person. When registering forms will allow you to select which is preferred.

Our single sessions also have 2 dates so please choose what is better suited for your needs.

Programs we are offering include:

- Let's Talk about Parenting
- Talking Dads
- Parenting Anxious Teens and Tweens
- Tuning into Teens
- Breaking the Cycle
- Living with Autism
- Parenting after Separation
- Tuning into Kids
- Parenting Preps 4-6 years
- Bringing up great kids
- Routines and Boundaries
- Encouraging school Participation
- Dealing with Transitions
- Risky Business
- Sibling Rivalry
- Family Meetings

For full information follow the link:

[Gippsland Parentzone - Term 2, 2024 - Anglicare Victoria](#)

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