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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Class Observations:

To provide an update to our school community, the beginning of this term has seen classroom teachers observed by myself and our Learning Specialist, Ben Rilen. The purpose of these observations has been to identify our current level of practice in our implementation of our evidence-based instructional model, referred to as Explicit Direct Instruction. Each observation typically lasts for 30-45 minutes, after which teachers receive coaching feedback on their practice observed. It has been fantastic to witness our teaching staff so willingly participate in this school improvement initiative and welcome the feedback provided, and indirectly, model to our children the importance of learning being an ongoing and important part of life.

Whilst the focus of these observations has primarily been on our teachers themselves, the beneficiaries are our children, as we can be confident the quality of instruction they receive is one that is backed by a large amount of research and evidence, and thus proven to have a positive impact on student learning. This improvement initiative will continue throughout the year, and I welcome parents and guardians to discuss this with our teaching staff if you would like to know more.

Call for Volunteers:

Leading up to Mother's Day (Sunday 12 May), I would like to request any parent/guardian volunteers who would be willing and able to supervise our Mother's Day stall on Friday 10 May. We plan to conduct the stall itself from 11:30am-1pm, with a short time commitment to set-up/pack-up either side of this. If this is something you might be able to assist with, please message or see me in person at your earliest convenience.

Using sales from previous years as a guide, we believe we have enough stock to facilitate this fundraiser without the need for any donations from our parent community, though of course we would welcome any from those that may choose to do so. To provide an early indication, items at the stall are priced between \$2-\$5.

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National Walk Safely to School Day:

Also scheduled for Friday 10 May, I would like to encourage our students (with parent/guardian support) to participate in the 25th annual National Walk Safely to School Day. As many of our school community would know, using active transport as a means to travel to and from school has been a focus of ours over the previous few years, supporting increased levels of physical activity, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and strengthening student wellbeing. Participating in this initiative will also contribute towards our grade competition within the Stroll & Roll program, of which our Grade 1/2 class won for Term 1 and will be receiving their extra PE session with me this Friday afternoon!

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	Monday - Friday	Give a Can. Give a Damn collection week

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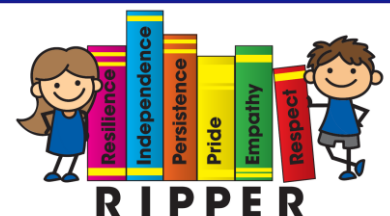
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District Cross Country

District Cross Country will be held at the CATS Cricket Club on Tuesday May 7th. We had school trials earlier this week and your child has been informed if they qualified for the event. There was a need to conduct school trials as our District numbers continue to grow. The number of students in the 9/10 age group particularly was becoming difficult to manage. Below are the times of the races. Please keep in mind they are estimates only and events will run EARLIER if possible.

Students wear school uniform to compete. A complete change of clothes is recommended if the weather is poor.

The expected time table is:

Schools arrive at 9:45am

Course walk at 10:00am or earlier if we can

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATES ONLY

AGE GROUP	RACE TIME
9/10 boys	10.30am
9/10 girls	10.50 am
11 year old boys	11.15 am
11 year old girls	11.45 am
12/13 BOYS AND GIRLS RUN TOGETHER	12.15pm

Regards

Krissy Travers

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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Elise D	For always putting in 100% effort and taking pride in all her school work!
1/2	Otis M	For his positive, friendly and resilient approach to school. Well done on your fantastic effort and good choices.
2/3	Patrick T	For showing persistence to complete learning tasks.
4/5	Connor H	For his persistence in the maths assessment and showing a large amount of growth.
5/6	Amelia S	For her persistence during maths lessons. Outstanding work during our whole number unit.
Art/Music	Max C	For persisting in "smoothing" out his papier mâché to create a successful finish.
	Xave S	For taking pride in his artwork for his papier mâché project.
School Captains	Mahley C	For utilising the buddy bench well.

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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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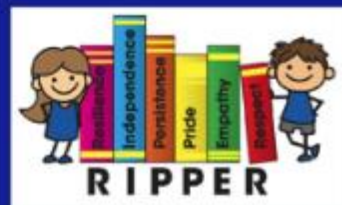
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ENROL YOUR CHILD FOR FREE KINDER IN 2025

Open 1 May until 30 June

Kinder tours on Tuesday 7 May, 3pm to 5.30pm

If your child turns 3 or 4 years of age before
30 April, 2025 they can enrol for **FREE kinder**.



Enrol online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/kinder or scan the QR code, you can also call 1300 367 700 to arrange support to complete the online form.

Enrolments received after 30 June will be offered in order of receipt where places remain available.



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