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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Prep – Year 6 Swimming Program:

It has been really great to watch all of our students participate in our P-6 swimming program over the previous week, with almost another week ahead of us before we finish. All of our students have involved themselves in the lessons with energy and enthusiasm, and aside from the occasional misplaced item of clothing, students have been able to organise themselves quite well too. As we move into the final half of the program, students will have an opportunity to develop rescue techniques, with these lessons also requiring students to wear clothing over their bathers. Please refer the Administration page of Class Dojo for more details on this aspect.

As previously stated, we have deliberately timed this program in the lead up to summer given the increased likelihood of students enjoying our nearby beaches, rivers, and waterways over the upcoming warmer months. Additionally, conducting the program as a whole school event condensed into 10 consecutive school days has provided us some flexibility with our staff to student ratios, which is also a positive aspect. However, I would like to invite parents the opportunity to provide feedback to us about your experiences of the program, helping us in both our post-event review and preliminary planning for 2022. If you have anything to share, please message me directly on Class Dojo or see me in person.

Take care

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

3rd to 16th November	Wednesday	Swimming Program begins – November 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 & 16
10th December	Friday	Whole School Excursion – Inflatable World Moe - \$20 per student – more information to follow
		Year 6 Graduation
17th December	Friday	Last Day Term 4 – Early Dismissal at 1:15pm

RSL REMEMBRANCE DAY

Once again we will be supporting the RSL’s Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal. Items are priced between \$1.00 and \$6.00 each. Our School Captains will be visiting the classrooms for those who wish to support the appeal.



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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Grade P/1	Luke D	For persisting in writing and listening for sounds to record.
Grade 1/2	Buddy D	For his fantastic efforts in literacy and particularly Sounds-Write.
Grade 2/3	Liam P	For displaying respect and independence in the classroom.
Grade 4/5	Tom O	For demonstrating our RIPPER values through his efforts in MAPPEN learning tasks.
Grade 5/6	Roman S	For his independence during whole class work. His standard of writing has been brilliant.
Music	Adrian O	For his musical abilities to play the guitar, write songs and perform them.
Principal	Adrian O	For always displaying great energy and enthusiasm in PE.

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Managing illness in schools and early childhood

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to **stay at home** when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

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Support for your kids to get active

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities.

As children return to sport over the coming months, the Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps [eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities](#).

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment.

The program also provides a special consideration stream to support children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round three of the program close at 5pm Tuesday 30 November.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the [Get Active Victoria website](#).



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BASKETBALLERS WANTED Traralgon Domestic Under 8's



We are looking for boys and girls born in 2015/2016 of all abilities who are interested in trying basketball in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. The key focus is to educate all players on; basic game-format, rules, and most importantly, teamwork. All matches will be played with modified rules and adjusted ring height to make for a comfortable, yet competitive learning environment. Under 8's will also focus on passing, ball-handling, footwork, and of course shooting.

Under 8's Summer Season starts February 2021.

To register please go to:

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/8603d0>

Enquiries to: domestic@traralgonbasketball.com.au

Traralgon Amateur Basketball Association

Established in 1947



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