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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Enrol Now For 2021:

Last week we launched our 'Enrol Now For 2021' campaign, and from all reports, our Virtual Tour was very well received within our school and wider community. Under current COVID-19 restrictions I am limited in my ability to provide parent information evenings and/or school tours, though I encourage any prospective parent to contact me so we can discuss any potential enrolment in greater detail. If you could help spread the word about our amazing school and everything we have to offer, we would be most appreciative.

### School Review:

Unfortunately, not long after last week's edition of The RIPPER Times was published, I received correspondence regarding the postponement of our school review. This has been the second postponement for 2020 since COVID-19 struck, and at present I am not yet permitted to reschedule. Whilst this was frustrating and disappointing news, I certainly support the rationale behind the decision and ultimately, it has been one made to protect the health of our school community. Once I hear more information about when our school review can occur (third time lucky?), I will share it accordingly.

### School Photos:

Please be reminded that John Ansell Photography will be taking our (rebooked) school photos on Tuesday 28 July. Order envelopes will not be re-supplied; however, we have a limited number of spare envelopes should you have misplaced yours. Alternatively, parents can order online at [www.johnansell.com.au](http://www.johnansell.com.au). Spare envelopes and access codes for online orders can be collected from our General Office should you need. John is also happy to receive any phone enquiries, and he can be called on 5174 7714.

### Teaching and Learning:

During Term 2, naturally our attention shifted dramatically towards the delivery of our teaching and learning program into a remote format never experienced before. As a consequence, many of our school improvement initiatives were paused, and as we look to get into a consistent routine of on-site learning (I hope I am not jinxing us here...), we have begun to revisit these to identify what we

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might need to reboot, modify and refine for the second half of the year. One item I would like to highlight to our parent community is the reintroduction of peer observations between teachers. Put simply, peer observations allow our teachers to observe the instructional practice of one another and provide specific feedback in an area the observed teacher had previously identified. Based on research, these peer observations will support us in improving our collective teaching practice, and therefore, student learning outcomes. Additionally, to strengthen our experience and maturity in this space, we will also introduce video recording technology into our peer observations. This is an exciting piece of work and we look forward to the benefits it will bring to both student and teacher learning over the coming months.

Take care

Joel Blythman

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

26 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	ICAS competition online entries close - Years 2 to 6 only
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	School Photos
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday	Online Book Club Loop Orders Close
4 <sup>th</sup> August - 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday & Wednesday	Life Education Sessions

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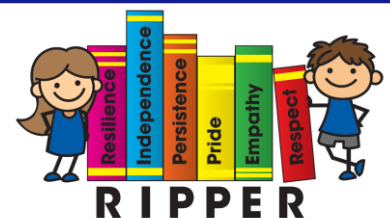
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## DELIVERING THE RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS INITIATIVE...

The Victorian Government is implementing the Respectful Relationships initiative across Victorian schools and early childhood services through:

- A leading and partner schools initiative, providing intensive training and support to Government, Catholic and Independent schools to implement the whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships
- The Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships suite of teaching materials for Prep to Year 12 students

This program covers eight topics and has been introduced to develop students' personal and social capabilities via social and emotional learning.

As a partner school, Traralgon South Primary School delivers this program through our PE/Health classes. Each class is learning the Respectful Relationships curriculum for half an hour each week during their PE/Health class. Our focus so far this year has been on "Emotions". Each year level has a different focus within the emotions unit of learning. From next week, all classes will be moving onto the next topic, "Personal Strengths."

If you would like further information on the Respectful Relationships initiative, please contact me at the school.

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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Lola Phelan	For showing persistence when working in group activities.
Grade 1/2	Archie Coulthard	For persistent good attempts with his writing.
Grade 2/3	Harry Jones	For demonstrating resilience and independence through trying times.
Grade 3/4	Adrian O'Loughlin	For displaying independence in the classroom by always being organised and ready to learn.
Grade 5/6	Maddy Payne	For taking risks in all aspects of her learning, constantly stepping out of her comfort zone.
Art/Music	Matthew Adam	For taking pride with his Indigenous Brojga and using his guide sheet to add markings.
PE	Abbie Rhue	For showing persistence when learning kicking in P.E.
School Captains	Milla Phelan	For being helpful and showing pride in our school.

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## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

**BOOK CLUB** this term will look a little different! It will be an **online catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

You will continue to have access to the wide selection of high value, low cost titles that Book Club has to offer, all from the comfort of your own home!

To find the **catalogue** go to:

[https://scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc\\_520.pdf](https://scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.pdf)

Once you've made your selections, you can order through the **LOOP** page:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

**Due Date** - To place your order as normal go to LOOP by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**Orders** will remain being delivered to the school as normal.

**Printed catalogues** are available from the office if you prefer to collect one.

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