

Dear Parents,

Our Junior School Council members Emma and Sienna were very respectful in representing our school in the Anzac day march and laying of the wreath at the cenotaph in Traralgon. It seems Anzac Day Commemoration services were well supported across the country as many reports indicated a significant increase of numbers. This was certainly true in Sale at the dawn service I attended as there would have been nearly double the people there has been in previous years. It is also nice to hear many families attended either the dawn or morning service on Saturday morning.



The Men's Shed hosted this month's community dinner last Friday night. They were able to try out their new wood fired pizza oven and provided many lovely home made pizzas. The night was well supported with 100 people booking in for dinner which is a fantastic endorsement of the monthly Friday night dinners. The dessert pizza in particular was a highlight for me, as was the warm atmosphere and friendly conversations.



We had a busy weekend at school with the working bee being held on Sunday. We also had a number of parents come along on Saturday afternoon to cut down some more of our trees which have been identified for removal. It was great to have a number of helpers on Sunday to clear away the mess made from removing

the trees and also tidying up the grounds general. Thanks to the following families for their time and effort in working to improve the school grounds: Pettifer, den Houting, Hagley, Porigneaux, Kamphuis, Crowe, McAllister, Miljons, and Bates. I would also particularly like to mention Kate Miljons who made lovely soup for the workers. There are still a number of trees to be removed which we will aim to complete over the next few months.

### **School Council News**

Our latest School Council meeting was held last night. At this meeting we discussed the possibility of holding a trivia night again this year. We will be combining with the kinder committee however we will still need parents available to help out. If you would like to see the Trivia night continue and you have some ideas about how you can help out, please contact me at the school office. The financial reports were also approved for March.

The Working with Children Check policy was developed and discussed. This policy will be clarified and made available for parents once this has been done and approved by Council.

There was also conversation regarding the need to observe confidentiality in regard to particular items discussed at School Council meetings. Whilst decisions are minuted and a report is made to parents via the newsletter, often details of discussions are required to remain confidential and each member was made aware of these requirements. There was also discussion around appropriate meeting etiquette to ensure all meetings progress smoothly and focus on the topic at hand.

**Joel Fraser – Principal**

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS PIE DRIVE**

Parents and Friends committee are doing a **Pie Drive** again this year. This was very popular last year and we thought with winter coming up why not grab some pies to have in the freezer for those cold nights. Order forms have been sent home today with the eldest in the family and these are due back to school, along with payment, by 14th May.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS MOTHERS DAY STALL

This will be held on Friday the 8th May at 2:00pm. If anyone has any donations for this they would be greatly appreciated. Also small parcels of baked goods can also be accepted (with ingredients noted) on the Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Thu	Parents & Friends Hot Lunch Day
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri	Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri	Parents & Friends Pie Drive Orders Due In
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Fri	Parents & Friends Pie Drive Orders Delivered To School

### YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015



Prep/1	Will Edgar	For always having a go and showing determination in his learning.
1/2	Makayla Elms	For her fantastic effort and determination in her writing.
2/3	Maddie Hodgson	For great improvement in coming down to the floor and being ready to learn.
4/5	Charlotte Mackintosh	For focussing and working hard to improve in Maths.
5/6	Zara Pettifer	For excellent fluency and voice projecting during reader's theatre.
P.E.	Grant Jenkins	For displaying awesome defensive skills during the netball game.
Principal	Dylin Paton	For trying her best during the Maths game 'Buzz'.

## Maths Challenge

It was fantastic to see an increased number of entries in our Maths challenge and pirate treasure map task. As creativity was encouraged for this task, we have awarded certificates to Matilda Peck and Jessica Pettifer who recorded their maps on paper, as well as making a model. The models are on display in our display cabinet and a selection of treasure maps are displayed in the foyer.



This week's challenge is:

### The Bowhill Witch's Cauldron

The witch needs a 24-leg potion to turn her Maths teacher into a frog. She's got Spiders (8 legs) Lizards (4 legs) and Bats (2 legs)

Try to find all the possible spells to turn her Maths teacher into a frog! e.g. 2 spiders, 1 lizard and 2 bats would do the trick.

Be systematic and draw up an ordered list. Make a table of your results. Look for a pattern.

- Extensions 1) The witch needs a weaker potion (16-leg) to turn a Head boy or Head girl into a frog.  
2) The witch needs a strong potion (32-leg) to turn a Headmaster into a frog!

Please note: No animals will be hurt in the solving of this problem.

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## Camp Coonawarra Reports by Grade 4/5

We went to camp at Coonawarra and at the start we went on the giant swing and I went half way. We had lots of fun then we went for a walk at night time and it was fun. Then when we got back we went to bed and I had a good sleep. In the morning I had breakfast and it was good. I had spaghetti and it was yummy. Then we all had a hot chocolate it was hot and very nice.

Then the activity bell rang and we ran and got in our groups and waited for the teacher in our group to come. They were a bit slow but I was patient and waited. Then we did orienteering and it was hard.

My partner was James and he was good at it and we had lots of fun finding the letters. The thing I liked was the flying fox and wall climbing. I got to the top of the climbing wall. It was hard but I did it. Then we did the flying fox. It was high and we got two goes.

**By Riley Palmer**



On Wednesday April 15th the 3/ 4s went to camp. It was a two hour trip to get there. Once we were there the people who worked at Coonawarra told us the rules, activities, groups and cabins. I was cabin 8 with Alex, Marnie, Abbey, and Shenae. I was in group four.

The activities were giant swing, climbing wall, team rescue, hut building, flying fox and archery. The giant swing was 15

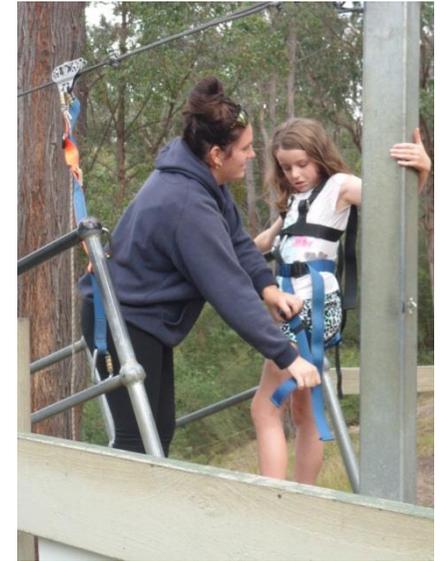
metres high and one person would get in a harness and all the other people pull a rope to make you go higher.

On the first night we did a night walk. It was 1 hour and the second night we had a disco. The boys had to ask the girls to the disco. After the disco we all left to get in our pjs and got our pillows and came back to the room to watch a movie. It was Rio 2.

**By Hunter**



On the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of April Years 3 and 4 went to Coonawarra Camp. The cabin numbers were 1 to 9 on the girls' side and 10 to 18 were the boys side and the teachers were across from us. There were 8 activities and they were giant swing, flying fox, canoeing, team rescue, archery, rock climbing, orienteering and hut building. They were all the activities. We got put into groups and I was group number 4 and I had a buddy that was in my cabin and her name was Hunter. There were 98 kids and there were 7 groups and in each group there were 14 people.



My first activity was the giant swing and I was not going to go on it but I went half way from the top. We got two turns on the giant swing. The first night we went on a night hike and on the second night we had a disco and the boys had to ask out the girls and three boys asked me out to the disco and I choose which one to go with and he is from this school and he is in my grade. I had lots of fun on camp.

**By Marnie**



## HOCKEY SEASON IS HERE!

Traralgon Hockey Club welcomes new players of all ages. Training and games are held at the Federation University grounds, Mary Grant Bruce Drive, Churchill. Training is on Wednesdays at 5:30pm starting 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Beginners are welcome, equipment can be borrowed. For more information contact Juniors coach Anita Charles on 5195 5125 or 0428 164 628. Please note that mouthguards are compulsory for training and games.

# FREE KIDS DENTAL

A \$1000 benefit for eligible kids to use on selected dental services every 2 calendar years.



Dear Principal,

We've got some great news for the members of your school community.

In 2015 the Commonwealth Government will continue to assist an estimated 3.4 million children in improving their dental health through the continuation of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. The government funded dental scheme commenced in January 2014 and continues throughout 2015 aiming to assist eligible children between the ages of 2 and 17 years.

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule currently provides eligible children with a \$1000 free dental benefit\* over a 2 calendar year period and covers selected services including: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free \$1000 benefit\*. To gain access to benefits children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

We know how important it is for children to establish good dental health habits whilst they are young so we encourage you to share information about this government scheme with your school community so more families can take advantage of the scheme in 2015.

We've included some basic information on the scheme overleaf which you can easily share via your school's newsletter, website or social media channels. If you'd like more information or would like access to an image to support the information, please don't hesitate to contact us via [lahnee.obrien@pacificsmiles.com.au](mailto:lahnee.obrien@pacificsmiles.com.au) or on 02 49034226.

We look forward to helping the children of your school smile for life!

Yours Sincerely,

Wendy Bezzina - Regional Manager

\*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating Practitioners for treatments provided to eligible patients.

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