

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2, I hope everyone had a restful break and are ready to get back into some exciting learning over the next nine weeks. The short week last week was a nice way to ease back into the school routine and it is all systems go this week.

ANZAC Day

I would like to thank Tiannah and Kaitlyn in Grade 6 who attended the Anzac Day service in Traralgon on Friday and laid a wreath as part of the commemoration ceremony. This is something our school is involved in each year and a great way to show respect to the armed services who have and are continuing to protect us and our country. It was also nice to see a number of students attended a service on Friday to commemorate Anzac day.

No Riding In School Yard

All students are reminded about the use of bikes, scooters, ripsticks, etc on the school grounds. Students are allowed to use these items while travelling to and from school, however, while at school it is important that they are placed in the appropriate area until it is time to go home. Riding bikes, scooters, ripsticks, etc can be quite dangerous, particularly around the school building with so many people in a small area. It is also important to take care on the roads and in the school car park.

Students must also ensure they wear a helmet if riding their bikes in the school grounds after hours.

Children need to remember to ride on the left hand side of the road, and look carefully for cars and trucks before crossing the road. It is important that everyone remembers the safe road rules to ensure nobody gets hurt.

Trivia Night Planning

Our School Council will again be holding a Trivia Night this year to help raise funds to upgrade our ICT equipment which is used by our students. Each year in our school budget we are able to allocate a small amount of funds towards the purchase of new laptops and we also ask for parents to pay a voluntary levy for ICT equipment, however, this isn't enough to ensure we always have up to date equipment. Currently, some of the laptop computers we use in the classrooms are more than five years old, which can make it difficult for the students using them as they are prone to errors.

The Trivia night held last year was quite successful, not only raising over \$3000, but also bringing the community together for a great social evening. We are aiming to make this year's event bigger and better than last year and are asking for parent support in forming a committee to ensure this event

runs smoothly. Last year we had a small community who worked really hard and were able to achieve a great outcome. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact the school office and register your interest.

Values For Life Workshop - \$8 Per Student

Parents are reminded about the Values for Life workshop which students will be participating in on Friday 23rd May. The program will provide students with strategies to help build and keep friendships and help students develop confidence in who they are. The program will also cover areas such as building resilience and the importance of maintaining students' self esteem when faced with a difficult task. Two workshops will be provided on the day, one will be targeted at students in Grade Prep – 3, whilst the other will cater for students in Grade 4-6. The cost will be \$8.00 per student. These workshops complement our school's focus on explicitly teaching values to our students as well as the welfare assistance we provide to students on a needs basis.

Term 2 Active After School Program

The Active After School Program will continue this year. The program will run on Tuesdays (badminton) and Wednesdays (skipping) and is a **free** program. Again this term, sessions will start after school and will finish at 4:45pm. The school will provide an afternoon snack for those children participating in the program. Children from Prep through to Grade 6 are welcome to attend, with badminton sessions beginning next Tuesday 6th of May at the Traralgon South Badminton courts. Students will need to be picked up from the courts after the badminton session on Tuesday and from the school on Wednesday.

Parents will need to complete a permission form if their child would like to participate in the program. These forms can be picked up from the school foyer. A student roll will be marked at the beginning of each session and we ask that a note be provided from parents if students **will not** be taking part in a particular session.

Joel Fraser - Principal

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

As most of you would know, our Uniform Shop sells second hand uniforms that are kindly donated by families. All second hand uniforms sell for \$2 per piece.

If anyone has any unused/unwanted uniforms to donate, it would be greatly appreciated as all of this money goes towards our children through the P & F Committee. Donations can be handed to the office or to Becky Matthews (Uniform Shop Coordinator). The Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning straight after assembly.

P&F MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Parents & Friends Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday 9th May. There will be a variety of items for children to purchase. More details in next week's newsletter.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL EASTER RAFFLE 2014

We would like to thank the Traralgon South school community for their continued support with this year's Easter Raffle. The amount raised was approximately \$560.00. Fourteen prizes were raffled off on the last day of school which was great to see. Congratulations goes to all those winners and we hope everyone had a great Easter.

From the Junior School Councillors & Catherine Allen (J.S.C. co-ordinator)

LIBRARY ASSISTANCE/HELP NEEDED

I urgently require help with processing new library books for students from Prep to Grade 6 to borrow. If you are available through the day or after school for an hour or two could you please contact me (Monday's an exception as these are staff meeting days). Library tasks are easy tasks with minimal fuss or bother, however they are time consuming. A few people could easily get through the work in less time. Processing books entails writing on stickers and placing them on books, stamping books, covering books with contact and entering all new books on our computer system. Could you please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to assist with this task so the students can borrow these new books this term.

Thanking you kindly - Catherine Allen

RECORDER GROUP

It was a wonderful to start our recorder lessons last week. We have 2 groups learning to play – an intermediate group, consisting of students from last year and a new group of beginners, very eager to play as well. Students were given their music book and in this book are the songs that we will cover during our sessions. It would be good if your child could spend a little time each week revising what we have covered – remember a little practice every day makes such a difference to their confidence and ability to play the recorder. Remember – LEFT HAND AT THE TOP OF THE RECORDER!! Also please remember to have your music book and recorder each Tuesday.

Thanks for your cooperation - Yvonne Game

VALLEY ART FESTIVAL

With today's newsletter is a flyer promoting the upcoming Valley Art Festival. The students that were going to perform at the Multi-Cultural Festival earlier in the year will now get a chance to perform at the Art Festival. On Friday May 9th our students will perform at the Uniting Church, Park Lane in Traralgon at 11:00am. We hope to see you all there.

~ Yvonne Game ~

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PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE

The P & F Committee have been busy running and planning some great fundraising events. Remember ALL the money raised by the committee is raised for the sole benefit of our children so make sure you support our fundraising activities when you can.

To date we've purchased satchels for each student to help store readers/homework books etc. We've also held a successful Hot Cross Bun Drive and a warmed Hot Cross Bun & milk day, which was very well received by everyone.

A new initiative for our fundraising efforts this term is the introduction of weekly lunch orders to be held every Thursday. Orders will need to be into the box at the front office by 9am Tuesday mornings. A menu was sent home in school bags yesterday, however if you didn't get one and would like one please see Karyn.

At our monthly meeting yesterday, it was agreed to purchase eight mini iPads for the students to use on a rotation system in the class rooms. And with the money that we hope to raise from our weekly lunch orders and our future planned Mother's Day stall and Chocolate Drive, it's our aim to also purchase a lockable storage/charging station cupboard for the mini iPads.

"WANTED" - Volunteers are always needed, even more so now with our lunch order days. If you have a spare hour or two on a Thursday and/or if you can help out with other events please let myself, Cassie Mayes or Naomi Selwyn know. As the saying goes ... Many hands make light work.

Renee Gore - P & F President

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 30263kwh which means we have generated 655kwh since the last reading.

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DATES TO REMEMBER		
9 May	Fri	Music Group Performing 11:00am – Valley Art Festival P&F Mother's Day Stall
12 May	Mon	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
23 May	Fri	Values For Life Workshop - \$8 per student
26 May	Mon	Student Free Day
9 Jun	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 24th April 2014**



Prep/1	Kai Little	For a great start to term 2.
1/2	Chloe Mayes	For using great reading strategies.
2/3	Gabriella Green	For excellent organisation in writing.
	Rebekah Guy	For consistently reading at home every night.
5/6	Kaitlyn Algje	For your keen interest in solids, liquids and gases.
Principal	Sienna Crowe	For being a responsible member of our school.

Letterland Village

Last term the Prep/1 grade had a Letterland day. We dressed up as Letterland people and we brought food that started with our letter. We had a party.



We made a Letterland village from boxes, cardboard and paper. We decorated with our letters and things that start with our letters. There is a castle, a zoo, a fire station, a garden and a light house.

Can you please come to look at our Letterland Village. It will be in the middle area from tomorrow (Wednesday) until Friday. We hope you come and have fun.