

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council met on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and below are some of the items discussed.

- *Road Safety*- School Council has endorsed a road safety program to be held at the end of term 2. Activities focussing on road safety will be done in class throughout the week, with a visit from RACV also planned.
- *Working Bee* – The next Working Bee has been set for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 9:00am -12:00pm. If you are unable to help out on the day, the list of tasks are on the front of this newsletter and you may be able to contribute some time prior to this day. Many hands make light work.
- *Vision and Values* – Many hours have gone into consulting with parents, students, teachers and the wider community about the values which we would like to align with our school. The values which received the most votes were presented to School Council and endorsed. You will begin to see these values used around the school and in all school activities.
- *Targeted Teaching* – School Council was updated on the use of the new tracking program and how this is being used to lead more effective teaching and increase student achievement. It is very exciting as a School Councillor and as a parent to see the work that has already occurred this year.

**Karen Pettifer**  
**School Council President**

## PARENTS & FRIENDS MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mothers Day stall will be on Friday 12th May. Any donations would be much appreciated, home-made goodies are lovely but if you are donating baked goods, please ensure you put a list of ingredients on them. We will need helpers on the day so if you are able to help please let Melanie Harkess know by emailing [melharkess12@gmail.com](mailto:melharkess12@gmail.com)  
Thank you.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORMS & BAGS

Thanks to the kind donations from families, we have quite a number of uniform items available for \$2 each. Please see Karyn in the office.

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# Working Bee

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

### 9:00am - 12 noon

On Sunday we have our Working Bee from 9am till midday. There is a range of jobs to complete including; trimming bushes and tree stumps, pressure washing, moving mulch and a sand pit, fixing the playground, re-fixing the display board near the art room and weeding the veggie garden. One of the biggest jobs will be to fix the cubby house on the top playground. If you have any tools or skills that would assist in these jobs please meet at school at 9:00am.



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Dear Parents,

As mentioned by Karen Pettifer in the School Council report below, it is quite exciting to note the level of work we have already completed at school this year. The staff have taken on everything before them, and are working hard to put in place changes outlined in our Strategic Plan and the implementation of our adopted Targeted Teaching model. We have purchased a data tracking program that will track all assessment tasks for students from Prep through to Year 6. We are using this to track students to ensure progression over each and every year. During our meetings we have compiled data walls to view where every student is so we are collectively improving the students at Traralgon South Primary School.

We have also begun working on developing a more structured and coherent curriculum plan. The vision with this is each and every teacher and student is focused on the same learning goal and there is clear progression for students from Prep to Year 6. I know you will be thinking 'isn't there already a followed curriculum?' and you would be right, there is. What we don't have is a clear plan on how that is delivered at TSPS. In the meantime, we are ensuring that we all know where each student is and how to improve their knowledge and skills.

On Wednesday we had our badge presentation assembly with State member of Parliament for Morwell Mr Russell Northe. It was great to see the smiles on the faces of the students who received their badges and letters of congratulations from Russell.



*Pictured are our Junior School Councillors for 2017 - Tom Ottery, Josie Ruyg, Mia Jones, Declan Kamphuis, Sophie Porigneaux, Brody Stevenson, Maddie Hodgson, Sheldon Tassell, Kate Hagley and James Pettifer.*



*Blue House Captains and Vice Captains  
- Rebekah Guy, Charlotte Mackintosh,  
Alexandra Gore and Phoebe Rhodes.*



*Green House Captains and Vice Captains -  
Ayva Rohde, Eric Porigneaux, Jesse  
Selwyn and Tahli Zarh.*



*Yellow House Captains and Vice Captains  
- Marnie Lockett, Riley Palmer, Ella Prior,  
Aidan Prior.*



*Red House Captains and Vice Captains -  
Julia Bates, James Pettifer, Kate Hagley,  
Ben Hagley.*

As previously mentioned, next week we have the nationwide NAPLAN tests for all students in Years 3 and 5. These will run from Tuesday through to Thursday and cover a range of topics in Literacy and Numeracy. Again, these are only one way we assess students and look at how they performed on that particular day on that particular testing format. This is why we test regularly on a range of assessment tasks. As always, if you have any questions or queries please make sure you make an appointment to come and see me.

Happy Star Wars day!

**Adam Downes – Principal**

**YOU CAN DO IT**  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**  
**For Week Ending 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**



P/1	Jace Summers	For being on task and giving 100% effort.
	Amelia Jamieson	For showing persistence when working on her number sentences.
1/2	Natalie Piechota	For showing effort and persistence with all learning.
2/3	Brodie Morris	For working to improve home reading record and finding books he enjoys.
4	Evan Pass	For showing great progress in counting work.
5/6	Jesse Selwyn	For showing reflective thinking when working towards his writing goal.
Art/Music	Seirena Tapai	For her continual positive attitude and outlook to create her best art work.
	Alexandra Gore	For her persistence and accuracy shown in every art lesson.
P.E.	Rohan Piechota	For always listening well and working hard in P.E.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Sun	Working Bee - 9:00am - 12 noon
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri	Parents & Friends Mothers Day Stall
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tue	The Power of One - Anti Bullying Incursion