



Dear Parents,

What a great morning we just had at the Divisional Cross Country held at Churchill. We had 13 students race and 5 made it through to regionals which are held in Warragul in June. All of our students displayed terrific RIPPER values and it was amazing to see several of our students congratulate the winners, giving high fives and pats on the back. They should all feel very proud.

At our Buildings and Grounds committee meeting the other week, we set two upcoming working bee dates. The first one is FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May from 3-4pm. We are hoping that by making it this time we can have as many parents as possible lend a small hand at the time of pick up, even if only for 20-30 minutes. The longer working bee is set for SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 9am onwards. Work isn't strenuous but there are some little tasks that, with many hands, won't take long at all.

I take this opportunity to remind parents of our child safe standards and that the school has systems in place to protect children from abuse and neglect. The standards and policies in place meet all Departmental requirements. We speak to our students about the right to feel safe and put mechanisms in place to give them somewhere safe to disclose concerns they have. This also applies to parents. If, at any time, you believe a child is in danger from neglect or abuse please make sure you make myself or your child's teacher know. We want all of the children to live without abuse or neglect, and the only way we can stop it, is if people speak up.

I also take this opportunity to remind parents that all schools are smoke free zones. I'd like to remind parents to refrain from smoking near the entrances to school and around pick up and drop off times. There are a multitude of new tobacco legislations that recently came into force. Please familiarize yourself at the following website. <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/tobacco-reform> Since 2016 it is illegal in the state of Victoria to smoke in a car with a child under the age of 18.

Next Tuesday, the school is having some open sessions for 2020 prospective parents. We will be running two sessions; one at 2:15 and the other at 6pm. There are some flyers at school if anybody knows of families looking for a school in 2020.

It may have been hard to get through to the school lately via phone as we have been having difficulties with our lines. They still aren't fixed but at least our lines are diverted through the school mobile. If you have difficulty, please keep trying.

As always, please know that my door is always open if you need to discuss any issue. No matter how big or small. It's important to have open communication to ensure we are aware of any issue that may impact the school or your child.

**Adam Downes - Principal**

**GIVE A DAMN. GIVE A CAN - DONATIONS WELCOME!**  
**If you are able to support this appeal, cans of food and other non-perishable items can be sent along to the school this week until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

#### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

Thank you to all who donated such lovely gifts for the Mother's Day Stall and especially to the parents who helped setup and then run the stall. We had such a wonderful variety of items for our kids to choose from that it looked like a gift shop! We are thrilled with our final profit of \$754.60!

#### **ICAS COMPETITIONS**

This year there has been a change to the ICAS competitions. They will still run the same subject areas (English, Maths, Science, Digital Technologies, Reading and Writing), however will now be online and take place in Term 3. Further details to follow as they become available.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We have once again registered to be part of the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. With every \$10 spent at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These can be placed on the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into the collection box which will be in the school foyer. The program commences 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## HOCKEY CLINIC

All students did a great job listening and joining in enthusiastically at the hockey clinic yesterday. Students in Prep/1, 1/2 and 2/3 are welcome to join the free come and try day at Churchill this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8:30am (they have been given invites). Older students might prefer to join Traralgon Hockey Club on Thursday nights at the Grey Street Primary School gym from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Further information contact Anita Charles on 0428 164 628.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

13 <sup>th</sup> May - 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon - Fri	Give a Damn, Give a Can school collection
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri	School Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Tue	District Winter Sports - next round at Traralgon West Sports Complex Open Day for 2020 Prospective Enrolments - 2:15pm - 3:15pm and 6:00pm - 7:00pm
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Fri	Working Bee - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Sun	Working Bee - 9:00am onwards
10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

## RACV Streetscene - Reports by Grade 1

On Monday last week, all classes attended an education session about road and traffic safety with the RACV educator, Louise. These are some of the things Grade 1 learned...

When you are about to cross the road, 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think'. After the cars go away you can walk across the road. When you are walking across a road hold a grown-ups hand so you are safe.  
By Piper Rohde

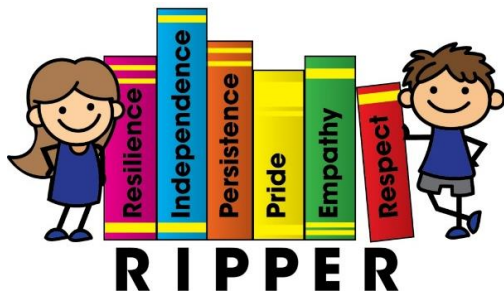
Don't ever walk in the middle of the road. You have to hold hands with an adult or your bigger brother or sister.  
By Hollie Kamphuis

You've got to 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think' when you go across the road. Sometimes you see a lollipop person making sure that kids cross safely.  
By Havana Wilson

Don't ever walk in the middle of the road. You need to 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think'. You have to hold hands while you're crossing the road.  
By Zach Beaty

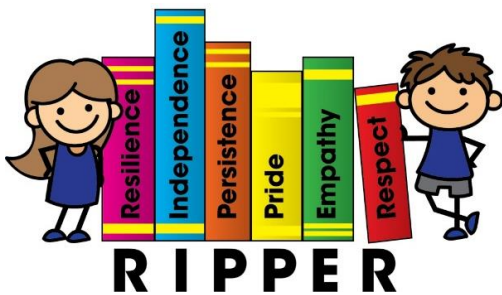


## Student Awards - Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019



1	Zach Beaty	For a fantastic effort with all literacy tasks.
2/3	Sophie Wilhelm	For making interesting connections and wonderings in reading.
3/4	Caity Dalrymple	For showing determination and persistence with her learning.
4/5	Lachlan Pass	For working independently and respecting the classroom roles.
6	Jess Pettifer	For being an amazing role model and always displaying our RIPPER values.
P.E.	Alice Johnson	For displaying resilience during the football match.
	Declan Kamphuis	For showing independence to umpire the football match during P.E.

## Student Awards - Week Ending 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019



Prep	Braxton Kemmink	For showing independence when recording sounds in words.
1	Sophie Warren	For taking pride in all her classwork.
2/3	Indie Hayes	For regularly displaying our RIPPER values and always seeing the "silver lining".
3/4	Seth Perry	For showing independence in his learning.
4/5	Sophie Porigneaux	For being compassionate towards others.
6	Ben Hagley	For always displaying independence in his learning.
Art/Music	Ruby Otuana	For displaying excellent knowledge on string instruments.
	Esther Miljons	For bringing her violin in to school to share her knowledge and playing.

