

Dear Parents,

### ***Athletic Sports***

It was a tremendous effort from all of our students who participated in the District Athletic Sports last Tuesday in Traralgon. Our school was successful in winning the day, and it was great to see all of our students trying really hard to earn points for our school. I'm sure many of our students will have qualified for the Division Athletic Sports to be held in Newborough in September. Taylah and Brodie did a great job of accepting the shield and making speeches, thanking the other competitors and helpers.

I too would like to thank all of our parents who came along and helped out. We had a lot of parents helping the Parents and Friends Committee to sell food and drink which was nice to see and greatly appreciated. The work of our parents to help set up and pack up was also very helpful. Thanks to Kristine Travers for her efforts in organising the whole day. Go Traralgon South!!

### ***Census Audit***

Last Thursday our school was subject to a Census audit. As part of this process, all student absences were scrutinised and explanations were sought regarding any anomalies, in particular, absences that had not been accounted for. This process was a great way for our school to look at the processes we have in place in regard to recording student absences and it also elevates the importance of keeping up to date records. Questions I was asked to provide answers to were around students who have had a number of days absence in a row, students who had a number of part absences and absences which were not accompanied by a brief parent letter/reason outlining why the child was away from school. It is a timely reminder to all parents of the importance of notifying your child's teacher either by phone or in writing (email works well too) to ensure our student absence records are accurate.

### ***Email Newsletter and Class Letters***

Parents are encouraged to receive the school newsletter via email. By doing this, we will be reducing the amount of paper used throughout the school and will help educate our students about sustainable practices. We believe that if our whole school community is supporting this approach then our students will develop a greater understanding of how to be more sustainable and why it is so important. Please respond to my email address [fraser.joel.b@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:fraser.joel.b@edumail.vic.gov.au) so I can record your email address. In addition, class letters will be sent home via email from next term.

### ***Unnamed Containers / Lost Property***

We continue to have a number of plastic containers left outside on a regular basis. There would be many hundreds of dollars' worth of containers left on the ground, in the rotunda or on picnic tables. Most of these items are not named which makes it difficult to return them to the owner.

Teachers are leaving tubs outside the classrooms for students to place their

items in during recess and lunchtime. Please ensure any containers are named to help them be returned. The lost property room has several containers for any parents who would like to come in and find any they have lost.

### ***Thanks Parents & Friends***

The Parents and Friends committee recently purchased some pads for the goal posts. The footy goals and netball posts have been covered to prevent any injuries from students who may come into contact with them. I would like to thank the P & F committee for purchasing these for the school.

### ***No After School Program This Thursday***

The Active After School Program will not operate this Thursday due to our student free day. Further sessions will be scheduled for later in the term.

### ***Working Bee – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May***

We have a working bee scheduled for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May beginning at 9:30am. Some of the tasks that will need completing are cleaning the gutters and storm water pits around the school, the bottom playground needs to be cleaned and some weeds need to be removed and garden beds mulched as well. Work will also be required on the vegie garden. We would like to see as many parents come along as possible to ensure we get all tasks completed on the day.

### ***Education Week***

We will be holding a family maths challenge on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at school to be held from 5:00 – 6:00pm. The aim of the evening is to provide a number of maths challenges that families can work on together and enjoy having a bit of fun along the way. We aim to cater for all abilities and promote the important values of persistence, giving effort and team work. It will be great to see everyone here.

### ***District Tennis Trials***

Well done to those students who represented our school in the recent district tennis trials. After competing at school, Nathan, Brodie, Nina and Tiannah played against students from other district schools in a round robin format. While the weather made it very difficult to play great tennis, Nathan has qualified to go through to the next round which will be held this week. He will play off against students from other schools in Traralgon, Morwell, Moe and Churchill.

### ***Student Free Day***

Parents are reminded that a student free day will be held on this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Teachers will be attending Glengarry Primary School to participate in a workshop conducted by James Nottingham. Our teachers attended one of these workshops last year which focused on creating challenge in the classroom. Our aim was to get students to “wobble” and really think hard about what they were learning. This year, we aim to continue to learn about how to make students “wobble”, but also to explore other ways to provide challenge in the classroom.

**Joel Fraser – Principal**

**YOU CAN DO IT  
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS  
For Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013**



0/0	Chloe Mayes	For working hard to read confidently and clearly.
1/2	Grant Jenkins	For being a helpful member of the classroom.
2/3	Sienna Crowe	For an excellent persuasive piece of writing.
4/5	Molly Grist	For excellent achievements in Reading/Comprehension.
5/6	Calvin Landy	For demonstrating high levels of persistence when working with fractions.
	Brodie Goodwin	For being a responsible member of the school and classroom at all times.
Principal	Lizzie Ralph	For being a happy and friendly member of our school.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

9 May	Thu	<b>Student Free Day</b>
10 May	Fri	Mother's Day Stall – 2:00pm
14 May	Tue	Health & Human Relations Parents Info Session – 7:00pm. (Parents of Years 5 and 6 students only)
17 May	Fri	Year 7 Enrolment Forms Due In (Year 6's only)
19 May	Sun	Working Bee – 9:30am
22 May	Wed	Family Maths Challenge – 5:00pm to 6:00pm
27 May	Mon	Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting – Rescheduled due to lack of numbers – 9:15am



**Shhh...don't tell Mum!**

Mother's Day Stall  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
2:00pm onwards

Items priced between  
50c and \$5.00

Please bring a bag to carry your presents home in.

If you would like to make a donation for the stall these can be left at the office.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the stall please leave your name at the office.

**Solar Energy Generation**

The reading this week is 17912kwh which means we have generated 194kwh since our last reading.

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## District Sports Reports by Grade Prep

We went to the running. We won the shield.

By Jessica Ruff

I saw my cousins at the sports. One was named Max and one was named Ryder.

By Belle Gissara

Yesterday I got a 3 in the sprints and sprints was my favourite one.

By Jessica Pettifer

I got 3 on long jump.

By Jayden Henry

I got a 3 at running races.

By Patrick Riley

Our school won the shield. My favourite was kanga jump.

By Chris Bolton

I won the running race.

By Maddison Hodgson

I got a hot dog at the sports.

By Tom Bolton

I ran all the way to Mrs Phillips.

By Jae

Yesterday was the school sports and my favourite was sprints.

By Ben Hagley

I got a 3 for my throwing. I made a new friend.

By Georgia Crowe

I ran to Mrs Phillips at the sports.

By Aidan Prior

I did the sports. We won the shield.

By Benj Selwyn

I got a 2 in running.

By Chloe Mayes

Traralgon South Primary School won the shield. It is at our school. I got 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1 and I made a new friend.

By Harry Lockett

I saw my best friend. Her name is Molly. We ate lunch together.

By Lizzie Ralph

Traralgon South won the shield.

By Patrick Tulloch



## District Sports Reports by Grade 1/2

Yesterday Traralgon South Primary School won by 30 points. We screamed when we won. It was on a Tuesday. Ayva was there and she was in my group.

By Leila Hare

On Tuesday we went to Traralgon to do school sports. I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in sprints and I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in kanga jump and in the rest I came last. At the end Mum said I did a good job and that was the end of the day.

By Gabriella Green

Yesterday Traralgon South Primary School won the shield. My favourite sport was long jump and I got a three on long jump. I got a two on the sprint and another two on shot put. We versed Tyers, Gormandale, Glengarry and Toongabbie.

By Jesse Stevenson

Yesterday all of our school went to school sports at Harold Preston Park. We versed Gormandale, Tyers, Toongabbie, Glengarry and plus us. I had a great time and I was in a group with my friends. In sprint Savannah and I came a draw. It was a traffic jam at the end of school sports.

By Ayva Rohde

On Tuesday I won the sprint. I got a three. I only got twos and threes. Traralgon South won. We had a great time.

By Billy Wheatley

Yesterday I went to sports. I got pushed over, it hurt heaps but I had fun still. I got two threes and four twos. I got a sausage and a Paddle Pop. We won. I was happy.

By Riley Palmer

At the school sports I had fun. Our school won the sports. I had 17 points and Ana had 11 points. At the school sports I looked after Leo, he is a prep. Leo is 5. At the school sports I did Kanga jump and I threw the ball. I got five threes and two twos.

By Phoebe Rhodes

Traralgon South won! We versed Tyers and Gormandale and I got to go under a parachute.

By Lincoln Sturre

On Tuesday it was school sports. We won the school sports. We were against Tyers and Glengarry and Gormandale and Toongabbie. It was at Harold Preston Park. After sports on Tuesday night I got my monster high doll. We went out for tea.

By Savannah Theissing

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April we won the shield and it was really, really, really fun because we did long jump, that's why it was fun.

By Grant Jenkins