

Dear Parents,

### ***NAPLAN Testing***

NAPLAN testing began this morning for students in Grades 3 and 5. The testing will continue on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Students participating in the testing were given an information flyer yesterday to take home to parents explaining the reasons why the NAPLAN testing is carried out. The information is also posted on the “myschools” website along with the results from all other schools in Australia. Over the past few years, our school has been in the top two schools in the Latrobe Valley in student outcomes in Year 3 and 5 data, and have also been in the top ten when comparing with schools that are similar to ours. This is a great outcome for our students.

### ***Student Teachers***

Our student teachers completed their first week of teaching experience last week, though Miss Lake is expected to return later this week to complete her allocated days. Both teachers are due back in third term to complete another week of teaching experience.

### ***Prep/1 Reading Session***

Parents of students in Grade Prep/1 were invited to a reading information session last week. The session was quite well attended and teachers discussed strategies they employ in the classroom to develop each students' reading ability. Our teachers also provided information to parents about ways in which they can help with their child's reading at home.

### ***Education Week Activities***

Parents are reminded about our Education Week activities which we will be conducting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The theme for this year's activities is “Crack the code with maths”. For this activity, students will be working in small groups and using the program Scratch to create and manipulate a character using coding. Some of our students have used similar programs in the past and have found this type of learning to be quite fun.

### ***Car Park Safety***

The car park is very busy after school each day with lots of cars trying to find a parking spot and children moving in and out around the cars. Unfortunately, there aren't enough car spaces for each car to have its own space. I would like to ask that parents use the spaces available and not park in front of the letter box in particular. This causes the car park to be quite narrow and difficult for vehicles to move in and out. If all spaces are full, please use the available space in Chester Court or the roadside along Keith Morgan Drive. In this case, I would also like to ask parents to collect their

children from the footpath and escort them across the road to ensure their safety.

**Joel Fraser – Principal**

### **SCHOOL SATCHELS**

The school uniform shop now has the student school satchels available at \$6.50 each if you need to purchase a replacement.

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE**

Thankyou so much to parents and teachers who contributed baked goods, donations and their time and effort to the Mother's Day stall on Friday 8th May. The best sellers were plants, jam, baked goods, mugs and chocolates/lollies! The children had a great time choosing their purchases for their Mums. The committee raised \$647 which will go towards purchasing additional iPad Minis later in the year. Thankyou.

Reminder pie drive orders are due in by **this Thursday 14th May by 9:00am**. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Pies are delivered at 12:00pm then sorted so parents will need to pick these up from 3:00pm in the P&F room. The pies are great fresh and also freeze well.

The next Parents & Friends meeting is Monday 1st June after assembly.

### **MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

Latrobe Valley Model Railway Association is holding a model railway exhibition at Kernot Hall, Morwell on 6th June between 10:00am and 5:00pm, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June between 10:00am and 5:00pm and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Entry prices are Family \$15.00, Adults \$7.00 and Children \$3.00.

### **TRARALGON COLLEGE LIKE MINDS TESTING - Thursday 28th May 3:30pm-5:00pm and Wednesday 3rd June 3:30pm-5:00pm**

Like Minds is Traralgon College's select entry Year 7-9 program for gifted and high achieving students. Students are provided with opportunities to extend and enhance their learning beyond the general curriculum. Students are required to be tested for selection into this program and testing for places in the 2016 Year 7 Like Minds class occurs in Term 2 this year. Parents interested in registering their Grade 6 child for testing must contact the Traralgon College Junior Campus. To register for testing, please contact the Traralgon College Junior Campus on 5174 8733.

### **TRARALGON COLLEGE - TOURS OF THE JUNIOR CAMPUS - Wednesday 3rd June, 9.30am-10:30am and Thursday 4th June, 9.30am-10:30am (contd. next page)**

Traralgon College invites parents to make an appointment to meet the Principal and visit the school for a tour. Parents will visit classrooms, see students and teachers at work, and have the opportunity to ask questions about the school and its education programs. Parents interested in booking in for a tour must contact the Traralgon College Junior Campus on 5174 8733.

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## MATHS CHALLENGE

Our winner this week is Emily Grist for her problem solving and working out the ages of the three dogs which were 1, 5 and 9yrs old.

### Arrays

Understanding arrays is an important skill in maths development. It is vital when it comes to multiplication and helps students to visualize the relationship between repeated addition and multiplication. It helps to develop multiplication facts (ie times tables) as students visualize the rows and columns. It also helps them to understand the commutative law ie  $3 \times 4 = 4 \times 3$ . They also see the relationship between division and multiplication through understanding arrays. From simple beginnings, they can build upon these ie  $3 \times 40$  or  $30 \times 40$ .

Our task this week is not so much a problem to solve, but an investigation to carry out. Try to draw or photograph some arrays that you see at home or in the environment. Label them and bring them in to cover our board.  
 Eg.  $2 \times 6 = 12$        $6 \times 2 = 12$        $5 \times 2 = 10$      $2 \times 5 = 10$



DATES TO REMEMBER		
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Thu	Parents & Friends Pie Drive Orders Due In <b>by 9:00am</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Fri	Parents & Friends Pie Drive Orders Delivered To School – pick up from 3:00pm from P&F Room
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Mon	Parents & Friends Meeting – after assembly
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

### YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 8th May 2015



Prep/1	Caity Dalrymple	For good work in her doubling task in Maths.
1/2	Heath Kamphuis	For great mathematical thinking and problem solving.
2/3	Chris Bolton	For great improvement with his writing efforts.
4/5	Marnie Lockett	For persevering with difficult Maths problems.
5/6	Hannah Meyer	For putting in a huge effort with rewarding information during research.
Art/Music	Kyle Paton	For greatly improved concentration in Art this week and creating neat god's eyes.
	Georgia Robinson	For being very creative with her Mother's Day gift by adding lots of detail and colour.
P.E.	Jesse Selwyn	For showing confidence to try new skills in P.E.
Principal	Ayva Rohde	For demonstrating getting along skills in the playground.

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