

Dear Parents,

Education Week Activities

Parents are reminded about our Education Week activities which we will be conducting next Tuesday 20th May. On this day, children from the Traralgon South Kindergarten will be visiting our school to complete activities with our Prep/1 students. This will also be a good opportunity to show prospective parents around the school in preparation for 2015 enrolments. Later in the day our whole school will be participating in a kite making activity and we are encouraging all parents to come along and participate.

Trivia Night Committee Meeting

Planning for the Trivia Night continued with a meeting held this morning. We identified a number of local businesses to approach in order to seek donations for the night. We are more than happy for parents who were unable to make the meeting to join our committee or offer support in any way. We are also asking if parents know of any one around the Traralgon South/Callignee area who would like to promote their business by providing a prize or donation, to either approach them or contact me at school so I can follow up with them. It is already shaping to be another great night and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

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 have been given an information flyer 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 and teachers.

Values For Life Workshop - \$8 Per Student

Parents are reminded about the Values for Life workshop which students will be participating in next 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, please make payment by next Wednesday 21st May. 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.

Volunteers Needed For Various Jobs Around The School

A working bee has been scheduled for Sunday June 1st from 9:30am - 3:30pm. We will be working on replacing the retaining wall which runs next to the netball court, as well as repairing the weatherboards on the cubby house and clearing the drains and gutters around the school.

We still have a few smaller jobs to be done like clearing some of the paths around the school, mulching garden beds, removing temporary fencing and general gardening. If any parents are able to spend a short amount of time during the school day or after school to complete some of these tasks, please let me know as any support is greatly appreciated.

Student Free Day Monday 26th May

Parents are reminded our next student free day is scheduled for Monday 26th May. On this day, students are not required at school. The staff and I will be developing our understanding of Bloom's Taxonomy and how it can be used effectively in the classroom, plus we will also work on developing a Personal Learning continuum for use during lessons. This continuum will focus on identifying what students will actually be doing if they are exhibiting personal learning skills.

Joel Fraser - Principal

KITE MAKING FOR EDUCATION WEEK

Next Tuesday May 20th we will be having a kite making afternoon beginning at 2:00pm. The children will all have the opportunity to decorate their own kites and then assemble them. We will then go down to the oval to fly them. Any parents who are able to come and help out are most welcome to attend. Junior School Council has funded the purchase of the kites and we thank them for their support.

~ Kristine Travers ~

SAND PIT TOYS NEEDED

If you have any unwanted toys at home which would be suitable for use by the students in our sandpit, could you please send them along to the office. Small cars, plastic dinosaurs, sandpit buckets and spades, shapes, anything at all that you think would be suitable will be very much appreciated.

~ Thanks – Karyn ~

P & F MOTHERS DAY STALL

On Friday afternoon we held our annual Mother's Day stall. There were plenty of items for children to choose from and it was a delight to watch kids shopping with their siblings and helping each other select special gifts for their mums. A very big thank you to everyone who donated items and baked goods for the stall, they were a hit with the kids and very much appreciated by the committee.

~ Renee Gore – P&F President ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

20 May	Tue	Kite Making Activity For Education Week – 2:00pm
23 May	Fri	Values For Life Workshop - \$8 per student
26 May	Mon	Student Free Day
1 Jun	Sun	Working Bee – 9:30am onwards
9 Jun	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 9th May 2014



Prep/1	Abby Riddell	For her excellent efforts in all of her school work.
1/2	Evan Pass	For using great reading strategies to work out tricky words.
2/3	James Pettifer	For excellent effort with his homework.
4/5	Zoe Bolton	For her hard work attention to detail in all classroom tasks.
5/6	Hannah Cheetham	For her highly developed independent working habits.
P.E.	Ella Prior	For being so focused on improving her ball skills.
	Jae Paton	For showing determination and maturity to learn ball skills.
Principal	Tiannah Goodwin	For being a positive role model for all members of our school.

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P&F LUNCHES UPDATE

We've now held two Thursday lunch order days and what a fantastic contribution by families and also by volunteers helping each week. If this kind of contribution continues we will have the money for our lockable storage cabinets in no time! Attached to this newsletter is an updated menu, which now includes steamed dim sims, party pies and large sausage rolls.

PLEASE NOTE: All wraps ordered from now on will NOT be Gluten Free unless the envelope specifically asks for a GF Wrap. Normal Wraps will be \$3.50 and GF will continue to be \$5.

Salad in rolls will also now include grated carrot and sliced cucumber. If your child does not eat these items please list on envelope.

Thank you again for the great feedback and don't forget to **add your name to the volunteers list** at the office if you can give an hour of your day to help on Thursdays.

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 30386kwh which means we have generated 123kwh since the last reading.

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The Valley Art Festival by Anya – Grade 4/5

On Friday 9th of May the 4s,5s and 6s who were in the multi-cultural festival went to The Valley Art Festival in Traralgon. We performed at the Uniting church. It was fun! At 11:00 we performed: 'Trepanging' 'It's a Small World' and 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'. We performed it nicely and had fun. We also did individual performances. They were: 'Doll House', 'Tarantella', 'The Little Birch Tree', 'Dark Horse', 'Favourite Things', 'Edelweiss', 'Doh a Deer' and more. When we were done we got interviewed and put on Win news. We voted on Trepanging. So we performed the song and we were thrilled to be on the news! It was a bit nerve racking. Before we went to we stopped to get an ice cream at Hungry Jack's. It was yummy! I wish we could have that experience again! It was a great day! I loved it.



Art Festival by Emily – Grade 4/5

Some of the grade 4/5/6 went to the Uniting Church. We left at 10:00 for a fun day. The teachers that came were Mrs Landy and Mrs Game. There were amazing pictures to look at before we started. At 11:00 the songs we performed all together were 'Trepanging', The



Lion Sleeps tonight and 'It's A Small World'. In the song 'It's A Small World' some people chose to dress up from different countries. Before the day Mrs Game let us get into groups and choose songs to perform if we wanted to. Some of the songs were 'Dark Horse', 'Edelweiss', 'My Favourite Things', 'Do Re Me', 'Little Birch Tree', 'Tarantella', 'Doll House' and we had a comedy show at the end. When we finished we had a bit more of a look at the art work and the Win News came and we got to go on TV for a little snippet. Then a lady got an interview. While we were waiting for the bus we got to go to Hungry Jack's and get a soft serve. The soft serves were nice and the day was lots of fun and I wish I never had to leave.