



Dear Parents,

This Friday from 3:00pm till 4:00pm we are holding a working bee to complete some smaller jobs around the school. These tasks are simple and won't take long with many hands. Some examples are; cleaning the tables in the eating area, washing and cleaning the bubbler troughs, weeding some gardens and moving playground mulch to the correct area. On Sunday we have another working bee from 9:00am onwards that will be focused on installing our RIPPER garden bollards and larger jobs such as spreading garden mulch and tree pruning.

Unfortunately we had 27 late students this morning, where every grade was impacted. We understand that the weather may have been a factor but we'd love to see all our students here before the 9:00am bell. A reminder to parents that for every time a student is away, we require a new note detailing the specific reason of the absence, unless it is a con-current absence. This is a Departmental policy, not just something for Traralgon South. In the note, please make sure you give a valid reason and not just state that your child was away, we will know that. The following has been lifted from a Departmental document: *The principal is responsible for determining if the excuse provided for an absence is reasonable for the purposes of the parent meeting their responsibilities under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. A principal should use their discretion in making this decision.*

There are a myriad of reasons that I've seen for students missing school. I'm not sure if it was the best or the worst excuse, but a reason given by a parent for an absence was they got a new cat and wanted the student to bond with it! In this case the absence was coded as 'Parent choice- unauthorized'. All absences without a note are listed as unexplained. This is why our teachers will continually follow up absences that do not have a reason. Our preferred method for notification is a written note but it can also be through email to the school, Class Dojo or phone call. Thanks for your ongoing support with this.

The weather this week has been a bit of shock! Where possible, we love our students to be outside and releasing some of their energy, but sometimes we enact our severe weather policy when it is just too cold and windy. Lots of thought goes into this decision. When inside, students have the ability to choose which room they go into, as each room will have a different activity ranging from a quiet movie to having a dance from the 'Just Dance' clips.

Thanks to all those students, parents and families who have taken time to wish me well given the news on Friday. It has been a tough decision for me to leave Traralgon South, however I am excited for the next challenge. Friday's assembly when I told the students was an emotional one; I'm not looking forward to the final assembly at the end of term!

Adam Downes - Principal



Note of Appreciation Give a Damn. Give a Can

On the week May 20 -26 The Rotary Club of Traralgon Central conducted its community 'Give a Damn. Give a Can' project. You may have seen the ads on WIN network or observed the red collection bins on the kerbside. Keep a look out too in the LV Express for an appreciation note that will include your school.

Traralgon South PS amassed a terrific collection of 155 cans/items - a wonderful effort by the students and school community. The numbers collected this year around 10,000 we anticipate, are sufficient to keep the Vinnies Food Bank going for 5 – 6 months. Each month the Food Bank helps out between 40 and 50 families. More than 75% of the total collection is raised via eleven Traralgon and District schools...Government, Catholic and Independent.

The RC of Traralgon Central promote Give a Can as 'kids giving to other kids,' believing, as does the school, the importance of giving.

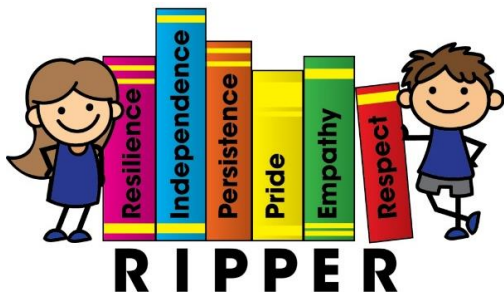
On behalf of the Rotary Club, we thank your school community for your support of this annual project

Ian Whitehead. RC of Traralgon Central.

DATES TO REMEMBER

31 st May	Fri	Working Bee - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
2 nd Jun	Sun	Working Bee - 9:00am Onwards
6 th Jun	Thu	Book Club Orders Due In
10 th Jun	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
11 th Jun	Tue	Student Free Day

Student Awards - Week Ending 24th May 2019



Prep	Ahliana Summers	For taking pride in our class library and keeping it tidy.
1	Murray Riseley	For his persistence with all learning tasks.
2/3	Milla Phelan	For always showing respect and empathy towards others.
3/4	Tayla Leviston	For always taking pride in her work.
4/5	Isobel McAllister	For displaying resilience and persisting when solving difficult maths problems.
6	Georgia Crowe	For always displaying independence in her learning.

WINTER SPORTS

On a blustery day we headed off to Traralgon for the sports. The footy team won three of their five matches and ended up third out of five teams, which was a great achievement. A huge thank you to Stui Stevenson for coaching and Ross Gore for being our goal umpire. Also thank you to the other parents who did time keeping, brought snacks along and helped out in any way.

The netball girls won two out of four matches. A big thank you to Maleah Travers for coaching the girls. They all had fun and competed well against some very strong teams.



~ *Kristine Travers* ~

TRARALGON LIBRARY

Mitch Vane, illustrator and artist, more than likely best known for her illustrations in the Little Lunch Series (made famous by the ABC) will be holding a free drawing workshop for interested students and teachers at the Traralgon Library on 19 June from 4 pm to 5 pm. Writing materials, paper and pencils, will be supplied by the Library. Participants are encouraged to register for this event at <https://drawing-fun-mitch-vane.eventbrite.com.au> .