

Dear Parents,

HAPPY STAR WARS DAY!

It was great to have Leonie back at work this week after her time off after the holidays. Leonie fulfils many roles within the school, however her main role is to support learning within classrooms with the most need. Some of her many roles include taking small groups of children to work on phonological awareness, assisting students during instruction time, giving students an extra hand where required or sitting down with students during working time to help explain tasks further. There is never anything Leonie baulks at and it's a pleasure to have her caring smile back in the school.

Next week our Grade 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests for language conventions, spelling, reading, writing and maths. These tests are one of many measures that are used to track our progress as a school and are designed to be a diagnostic tool used to track trends over time. They show a snapshot of how students performed on that day on that particular evaluation tool. Whilst they are used by us to look at student data, they do not always give an accurate snapshot of where that student is performing. I always like to think that every task we give our students is an assessment piece and we should use that as feedback as to what they know, and what should be taught next. If you have any queries about NAPLAN please see your child's teacher or myself.

Over the next few weeks we will have workmen throughout the building as they repair damage caused by the flood last December. We have already had desks and bookcases replaced through the admin offices and some classrooms and concentration will now turn towards cupboards and running boards that soaked up water. Whilst this is going on workmen will be looking for further damage such as carpet disintegration, possible mould under cupboards and assessing other areas affected by the flood. We will aim to keep disruption to classes at a minimal level as we progress through this work. Discussions are continuing with the central office of the department to try and ensure an event like this doesn't happen again.

This week classes will be sending home their class letters that aim to keep you up to date with what is happening across the school. I apologise for the lateness of these letters as the teachers had them to me earlier in the term, however they just received them back after I had checked them. The class letters are an important part of our communication strategy between school and home.

May I please remind parents to come and seek a staff member if there are any issues in our yard or you witness a student distressed. It is important that staff deal with issues and that matters are not taken into the hands of parents. We understand that at times issues can cause certain emotions, however these are normally the times where emotions can cause us to behave in a way we not usually behave. It is important to let any staff member know so we can follow it up with respective families.

This week we are ordering more iPads to be used in the classrooms thanks to funds raised by the Parents and Friends Committee. We are looking at doubling our current quota of iPads which are used in numerous ways in the classrooms. We particularly thank the Parents and Friends Committee for all of their hard work fundraising, but also thank all of our families for getting behind the fundraising efforts to purchase this equipment that will help improve the outcomes of students.

Adam Downes – Principal

School Council Report

Last Wednesday evening, School Council members were fortunate to attend a school governance training held at Traralgon South Primary School, along with School Councillors from other local schools. The governance training covered roles and responsibilities, legislative requirements, common issues and how School Council can support the school & Principal to achieve the best outcomes for students.

Prior to this training, Adam and myself along with a few presidents from other schools, attended a separate training for School Council Presidents. The evening was very informative and will no doubt assist us in running an effective School Council into the future.

Following the training, Traralgon South School Council met to review and discuss the Annual Implementation Plan (for improving student outcomes), and the 2015 Annual Report to School Community. This Annual Report will soon be available for all community members to view.

Karen Pettifer- School Council President

PARENTS & FRIENDS MOTHERS DAY STALL

This will be held on this coming Friday, 6th May from 2:00pm onwards. Thank you to those families who have kindly donated items for the stall. Small parcels of baked goods can also be accepted (with ingredients noted) on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
 For Week Ending 29th April 2016



P/1	Roman Sturre	For starting his work promptly.
1/2	Alice Den Houting	For a high level of enthusiasm in reading.
3	Lulu Thomas	For persisting to improve and complete her persuasive writing.
4/5	Marnie Lockett	For having a go at working out meanings of her 2 words.
5/6	Mia Sturre	For always displaying a great work ethic.
P.E.	Declan Kamphuis	For displaying confidence and persistence when learning ball skills.
	Natalie Piechota	

DATES TO REMEMBER

6 th May	Fri	Mothers Day Stall – 2:00pm onwards
13 th May	Fri	Year 7 Placement Forms Due In
17 th May	Tue	Parents & Friends lunch orders due in – 9:00am
19 th May	Thu	Parents & Friends Hot Dog Lunch
20 th May	Fri	Camp money due in
25 th – 27 th May	Wed - Fri	Years 3 and 4 Camp at Camp Rumbug - \$265 per student
2 nd June	Thu	Years 5 and 6 Awareness Day at Traralgon College



Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall



This Friday, 7th May
2:00pm – 3:30pm

Gifts range from 50c to \$5.00.

Please send along a carry bag for your children to bring their gifts home in.

50 DAYS OF SCHOOL BY GRADE PREP/1



I had half a sandwich. I had half an orange - Shakira

Yesterday we had 50 days of school and we played lots of games - Max

I had some sandwiches – Seth

I wore ½ of my school uniform and had half a cake. – Jack R

Yesterday I had 50 days of school. For Maths we played race to 50 and a find the numbers. It was fun. – Roman

50 days of school. Immi and I were the only ones to have our hair up. – Mia

We celebrated our 50 days of school. I had half a school uniform and half of my school lunch. – Nahla

Yesterday it was half way day at school. – Caity



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