

Dear Parents,

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

This week, we are celebrating Education Week and we had the students from the Traralgon South Kindergarten come and visit. The children joined us for recess and completed a couple of activities to familiarise them with our school. Our Prep/1 students acted as buddies and did some reading, planted seeds and played games together.

This afternoon we held a whole school kite making activity. Our students were arranged in multi age groups to decorate, assemble and fly their kites. This was a fun and engaging activity for everyone.

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

**Parents are reminded about our student free day next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Students are not required at school on this day.**

### ***NAPLAN Testing Completed***

The NAPLAN testing was conducted last week and all students coped with the demands of the test. A note for parents was sent home outlining the purpose of the tests. The original reason for these tests to be conducted was to gauge the ability of individual students at particular stages of their schooling. The addition of the "myschools" website has enabled comparisons between schools to take place.

I would like to thank the Parents and Friends Committee for providing the funds to purchase eight iPad minis for students to use in the classroom. This is a substantial investment into technology which our staff are very keen to use, particularly in group work in either the literacy or numeracy sessions. I know Mrs Game is also keen to use the iPads in her Art/Music lessons as well. It is also exciting to see the Parents and Friends committee are continuing their fundraising efforts in order to purchase a secure docking/synchronising station for the iPads.

### ***Volunteers Needed For Various Jobs Around The School***

A working bee has been scheduled for Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> 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. If you are able to attend the working bee, please complete the return slip attached to this newsletter.

### ***Cross Country Event Next Wednesday***

Some of our students in Grades 3-6 have been busy preparing for the Cross Country which will take place next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Traralgon South. We will be joined by students from Gormandale, Toongabbie, Tyers and Glengarry and will complete a course beginning at the Traralgon South Cricket Oval. Our students who will be participating have been practising three times per week at school in readiness for the event. Parents are welcome to come along and support the runners and a small number of helpers are needed to man the course and ensure students are running the right way. If you are able to help out, please let Krisitne Travers or the office know.

**Joel Fraser - Principal**

### **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 ~*

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS UNIFORMS- ITEM & PRICE CHANGE**

The zip up polar fleece jackets style and price have been changed slightly by our supplier. We will now stock lined polar fleece jackets and these will sell for \$21.00 each. We have a limited number of the unlined polar fleece jackets still available for \$18.00 each.

### **WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO AND GROUP PHOTOS**

There is a copy of the whole school photo on the display board in the foyer along with copies of the Junior School Council, House Captain and Year 6 group photos for viewing. If you would like to order any copies, they are \$17 each and orders with payment will need to be in by Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### **P&F PIE DRIVE – ADVANCE NOTICE**

This term we will be having a pie drive from Out of Dough. This will include family sized pies, packets of pies and sweet pies. Forms will be handed out next week and orders will be delivered on the last day of term.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

|        |     |  |
|--------|-----|--|
| 23 May | Fri | Values For Life Workshop - \$8 per student |
| 26 May | Mon | Student Free Day                           |
| 28 May | Wed | Cross Country Event                        |
| 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 16th May 2014



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|-----------|----------------|---|
| Prep/1    | Kate Edgar     | For fantastic effort in her fairy tale writing.   |
| 1/2       | Esther Miljons | Using great reading strategies during guided reading.   |
| 2/3       | Riley Palmer   | Great improvement with the completion of homework.  |
| 4/5       | Dylin Paton    | For her hard work and concentration on Maths activities.  |
| 5/6       | Chelsi Adam    | For being adventurous and trying new foods on Food Revolution Day.  |
| Art/Music | Lizzie Ralph   | For an excellent collage of a butterfly and teddy bear from the picture story book, "Teddy and the Blue Butterfly". |
|           | Julia Bates    | For an excellent collage of her Babushka dolls on a complementary background.                                       |
| Principal | Hailee Henry   | For being a happy and friendly member of our school.  |

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## **Values For Life Workshop \$8 Per Student**

Parents are reminded about the Values for Life workshop which students will be participating in this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 tomorrow, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 30721kwh which means we have generated 335kwh since the last reading.

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## Food Revolution Day

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May all the grades celebrated Food Revolution Day by learning about eating and making healthy food from scratch. All grades made something different from fresh produce. Grade 5/6 made a rainbow salad wrap while we watched the video of Jamie Oliver making it as well. The grade 4/5 created guacamole with a side of celery and carrot. The grade 2/3 made a Greek yogurt dip with a side of carrot and cucumber. The 1/2 made fresh fruit kebabs. The Prep/1 grade made some delicious fruit smoothies. All students had a great day making these recipes. Food Revolution Day is something that Traralgon South Primary would like to do every year. The meaning of Food Revolution Day was to make kids eat healthy and make everyone eat healthy food for hopefully the rest of their lives.



## RETURN SLIP FOR WORKING BEE to be held Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Please return ASAP  
but no later than Wednesday 28/05/2014 for catering purposes.**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_