

DATES TO REMEMBER		
16 th May	Wed	Parent Information Session - VCOP - 7:00pm
21 st - 25 th May	Mon-Fri	Give A Damn Give A Can collection week
22 nd May	Tue	Incursion for whole school - A Slice of Vaudeville - \$6.00 per student
23 rd May	Wed	Open Day for prospective parents 10:00am - 11:00am

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GIVE A DAMN GIVE A CAN 21st - 25th May

Each year the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central conducts a canned food appeal. Last year the club collected over 7500 tins of food for needy families. This lasts the Vinnies food bank just 5 months. But it does mean St Vincent de Paul can meet the needs of the Traralgon community for the full 12 months.

Each classroom will be collecting donations of canned goods and the classroom with the most donations at the end of the week will be receiving half hour of free play! Please support Rotary and our local community with this worthy cause. There is no minimum or maximum amount - just what you can send along, if you can!



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Dear Parents,

This week has been an incredibly busy one with NAPLAN testing for our Grade 3 and 5 students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The students should be commended for their efforts and we really appreciate them all putting in 100% the whole time. It has been great to see students push through, even when they feel the work is hard, to make sure they give their best and to be so proud of themselves afterwards. Great job, Grade 3 and 5, and thanks to the Grade 2s, 4s and 6s for your best efforts during the disruption.

The most important time for student learning is first thing in the morning. This is when the teacher settles the class, goes through the schedule for the day or for the session and sets up the expectations for the day. Instructions, given once clearly to all students, are most effective for the smooth flow of a lesson and for the best outcomes for students. Taking a teacher away from the class to repeat instructions for a late student, takes away from time that they could be providing 1-1 intervention for a student who has misunderstood, needs support or needs further challenge.

A number of students arrive at school late regularly. Occasionally, circumstances happen that are unavoidable and these late instances are understandable, but the teachers would appreciate your support in improving the regular late arrivals that have been taking place, so that their time is most focused on improving the outcomes for all of your children.

The Grade One students will be taking part in a dental screening program provided by Latrobe Community Health on 14th June. This program requires your consent and students have received the consent forms in class. These forms must be returned by the 12th June. If you have any questions about the program, LCHS will have a representative at the school on 4th June between 8:45 and 9:15am to respond to your queries. Alternatively, you can contact LCHS on 1800 242 696.

Our staff have recently renewed their Asthma Management Training as part of the Department's annual requirements. This has raised discussions about the provisions that we have in place for students with asthma. The school is unable to share spacers between students. The spacer used for students who take Ventolin (or similar other medications) is important to improve the effectiveness of the medication and to assist younger children in being able to breathe in the spray. **We ask that all children who use asthma medication at the school have their own**

Ventolin kept at the school along with a spacer. Please also check that your child's Asthma Management Plan is up to date. If you have any issues or questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to talk with Karyn or myself.

Tonight is our VCOP Information Session at 7pm. We have invited all parents in to hear more about this new framework for supporting writing at the school. This will be fun and informative, but most importantly will also provide some very simple strategies that you can use at home to support your child.

Next week, we have our Open Day for prospective parents for 2019. If you know of a family who is considering where to send their child, particularly for Prep, please encourage them to come along between 10-11am for a tour of the school with our School Captains and to have any questions answered. They will be able to see the Prep class engaged in normal learning; this is the best time to make decisions about whether the school is right for your child.

In Term 3, Grade 4 and 6 students will take part in a Healthy Children's Evaluation Study with Deakin University. The school has been involved in this study twice before in 2016 and 2014. The study will involve taking the measurements of children in Grade 4 and 6 and recording them. There will be an opt-out option for parents that will be provided in term 3 prior to the study taking place, however in preparation Deakin University have requested the names, genders and dates of birth of the students involved. Please contact me at the school to discuss in the next week if you have any concern about the provision of this information to the university and I will ensure that it is withheld for your child. Please note that this is not asking you yet to make a determination of opt-out and you can allow the information to be provided and then still opt your child out of the study next term.

What a busy time!

Dan Swallow - Acting Principal

RECORDER

Lessons have begun for students who started learning the recorder last year. Could you please remember your book and recorder for Thursday lessons.

A note will be going out very soon for students who would like to learn the recorder this year. Any questions please ask me.

~ Yvonne Game ~