

Dear Parents,

Education Week Activity

Last week, our students enjoyed learning about coding and how it can be used to create a simple animation. We used the program Scratch, with groups of older students helping students in the younger year levels. Some of the clips have been published online so I encourage all parents to talk to their child about the activity.

School Council

Our School Council met last night and approved three new school policies. These policies are required as part of the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority and will be available on the school website or upon request at the school office. The three policies are: Working With Children Check Policy, Staff Information Register Policy, and the Record Of Student Medical Conditions And Management Policy.

Our School Council also discussed the school's Annual Implementation Plan for 2015, identifying maths coaching and Professional Learning Team meetings as our major strategy to improve student outcomes whilst also incorporating the use of ICT. Other areas which our school will focus on are the transition processes between year levels. Another focus is to continue to develop a safe and secure learning environment for our students by improving our student well-being processes. A copy of the plan is posted in the foyer at the front office for you to view if you wish.

I also discussed the current investigation into corruption of some senior officials in the Education department. The investigation is focussing largely on the use of "banker" schools which our school is not one of. Our school financial activities are audited on a regular basis and recommendations are often made to improve our processes which are presented to our School Council. Each school council meeting, our finance sub-committee will review the financial reports and monitor spending in budget areas as a way to ensure spending is aligned to our annual budget.

New Reporting Software

Mrs Dinelli and I completed an online workshop last week to learn about the new student reporting software, Accelerus Light. We then in-serviced the staff to ensure they understand how to use the new system. Fortunately, Accelerus Light is very similar to Quickvic reporting, however it is far easier for teachers to use. Parents will not see too many

differences in the report format. The major changes at this stage will be the removal of the A-E rating system. In its place, each student will be rated on a five point scale from "well above expected level" to "well below expected level". There will also be additional work habits that are assessed and a five point scale will also be used in this area. There will still be comments made about what each child has achieved, their areas for further development, what the school will do to improve their child's learning and what parents can do at home. There will also be comments made about each child's progress in Art, Music, and PE. If you have any questions regarding student reports, please contact your child's teacher or myself.

Traralgon College Awareness Day Next Tuesday

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending Traralgon College for Awareness Day next Tuesday 2nd June. The purpose of Awareness Day is to prepare students for their transition to secondary school in the next two years. It gives students a better understanding of some of the different subjects that are offered at secondary school. It benefits all students regardless of which school they end up enrolling in. Permission forms have been sent home with these students today and these need to be returned by Monday 1st June.

Joel Fraser – Principal

MATHS CHALLENGE

Three families completed the ship challenge last week. The answers were: the French ship carries tea to Genoa and the Spanish ship carried corn to Port Said. Our encouragement award for the week goes to the Ruff family. It was interesting to see how each family used the information to identify the ship, its cargo and destination.

This week's challenge is:

The Problem

There are six A Grade netball teams in the local inter-school netball tournament. During the tournament, they all need to play each other once. How many matches will be played once they have done this?

Extension

If another team joined the tournament, how many matches would be played?

What is the pattern for the number of games and can you devise a rule?

You may wish to adapt this activity to your own team sport of choice.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
28 th May	Thu	P&F Lunch Order Day
29 th May	Fri	Book Club Orders Due In
1 st June	Mon	Parents & Friends Meeting – after assembly
2 nd June	Tue	Years 5 & 6 Awareness Day Traralgon College
8 th June	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 22nd May 2015**



Prep/1	James Guy	For his excellent skills and beautiful manners.
	Brodie Morris	For having a go and hearing sounds in words.
1/2	Jayden Henry	For working hard during writing sessions to achieve his goal.
	Cassie Matthews	For working hard on her writing goal and showing consistent improvement.
2/3	Savannah Theissling	For being a mature and responsible student assisting other students with computer programs.
4/5	Eric Porigneaux	For working out effective systems and tables in Maths.
5/6	Teagan Schoolderman	For growing confidence and contributing to class discussions.
Art/Music	Julia Bates	For demonstrating persistence when painting her plastic bottle fish.
	Abbey Caldwell	For excellent paint mixing skills to create the best colour for her plastic bottle fish.
P.E.	Evan Pass	For being a supportive 'coach' during P.E. sessions.
Principal	Sienna Crowe	For being a happy and friendly member of our school.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

What a perfect day we had weather wise for our Cross Country event. It was fantastic to see so many children participating and parents supporting them. Our team this year had eighteen runners with a great many progressing to the next level which will be held at Churchill on Thursday June 4th. We look forward to those students representing our school in this event. Congratulations to ALL runners. It is a big ask to run these distances and a great effort by all who are willing to have a go!



Those progressing through to Division level are:

9/10 Boys

Eric Porigneaux 4th

Kyle Paton 6th

11 Boys

Jake Wheatley 1st
Sam Gissara 2nd
Jesse Selwyn 3rd

11 Girls

Hannah Meyer 1st
Ruby Bates 2nd
Kiara Tapai 4th

12/13 Boys

Blake Henry 1st
Harrison Meyer 2nd

12/13 Girls

Emma Hagley 2nd

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SOMERS CAMP REPORTS BY GRADE 4/5

Here are some of my highlights of Somers camp! On the first day I met this really nice girl her name was Teiah and we were in the same room. As we got introduced to the staff, there were two helping teachers that were all the way from Japan! Their names were Kiss and Phim! For the first day we just did games to get to know others!

On the second day I did the Challenge Swing (giant swing). I went up 8.5 meters high but the swing was 18 meters high! On the last day I went to the top! That night I went on a night hike and I saw 7 ring-tail possums and two Tawny Frog Mouths!

On day 4 we had to make a fire and cook damper! I did art and I got green paint all over me and I looked like a walking green monster! That night it was the concert! There were a lot of humorous plays that were performed! Ruby played Star Wars on her recorder! We had my play on the 2nd last day and I was Queen Elizabeth!

On day 6 it was the DISCO!!!! ☺ I got into the semi-final, then final and the grand-finals. Then.....I WON!! I won out of the girls! We had so much fun at the disco! That was the best night of the week!

On the last night we did the campfire! Jeff did a humorous Cinderella and we were certainly LAUGHING! I had an amazing last day. He was saying things like instead of 'puff' he said 'fup'!

By Anva

On Tuesday the 28th of April, Tommy, Connor, Lachy M, Blake J, Ollie, Anya, Dylin, Ruby, Zoe and I went to Somers camp on the bus. It took 2 hours to get to Somers Camp. When we got there we had a look around then we had lunch. Here is a list of the Activities: art, archery, bike ed, boating, bush craft, challenge swing, drama, high ropes course, initiative activities, library, low ropes course, orienteering, rock climbing\abseiling, flying fox, surfing, swimming and environmental studies.

On day 4 I did the challenge swing. It was 18.5 metres high. I went to the top of the very big and high swing. Also another highlight was the high ropes course because it was challenging and it gave you a bit of an adrenaline rush. In environmental studies I got to hold a python that was about a metre long. Its name was Wilbur and it was quite a heavy python. Another highlight was when I got to go on the flying fox. It was about 6 metres high and was about 25 metres long. There were night activities. My favourite activity was the campfire night and the disco. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I enjoyed it.
By Reuben

On Tuesday some of the grade 5s and 6s got to go on Somers Camp. When we got to camp we were told our hut and group number, I was in hut 3 and my group is 4. In every group there is 20 kids. When we got there we got to unpack then we settled in. The next day all of the groups got to do their 1st activity. The 1st night we had a games night games night is a night when you get to know everyone in the group. My group did a game when you had to pass a balloon with your arms. It was fun but hard at the same time.

Some of the activities were: The challenge swing was 18.5 metres high. On the flying fox you got to race your team mate. The HRC when you went up on ropes. In boating the girls got to splash the boys. In E.S we got to hold a guinea pig. IDR, when you fell, you fell into a net. My highlights were: Screaming on the swing and almost wetting my pants racing one of my friends on the f.fox and finally making new friends on camp.

By Dylin

On the 28th of April some schools in Traralgon, Morwell and Yarram got to go on the bus for a two hour trip to Somers Camp. It was really annoying when half way there we had to stop so some people could go to the toilet. Then we started heading back on track to camp. When we got there we had to get out of the bus and play on the asphalt so the bus people could take the kids luggage out and when all the luggage was out people got it and went back on the asphalt and waited quietly so they could tell us which huts we were in.

The activities we did were Environment Studies, archery, challenge swing, flying fox, orienteering, high ropes course, boating, getting to know each other, bird watching, rock climbing and Abseiling.

When we did Environmental Studies we had 4 sessions and 2 were boring and 2 were awesome. The two I enjoyed were when we held a python and the 2nd was bird watching and the other boring ones were just hanging around and filling in things in our book.

A fun fact: the challenge swing or big swing at Somers camp is the biggest swing in Victoria, it is 18.5 metres high.

By Tommy

FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY DINNER

This Friday, CATS Playgroup are hosting the Friday night meal with schnitzel and vegies being on offer. Please RSVP to tsda.netSPACE.com if you would like to come along to this great community event.

CALLIGNEE MARKET

**Come & join us on Sunday, 31st May
at the Callignee Hall from 9.00am**

There will be crafts, jewellery, produce, cakes, plants, perfumed candles and collectables. Activities for children will include mini horses in May and mood music will be provided. The stalls are arranged in and around the hall so weather is no great problem. There will be a tempting array of foods in keeping with the season on sale. Interested in a stall ? Ring Terry & Erika Algie 5195 5212 or 0409 512 688.

****Must have booked in to comply with current Council regulations.**

TRARALGON COLLEGE – YEAR 7 2016

- TRARALGON COLLEGE LIKE MINDS TESTING - Thursday 28th May 3:30pm-5:00pm and Wednesday 3rd June 3:30pm-5:00pm
- TOURS OF THE JUNIOR CAMPUS - Wednesday 3rd June, 9.30am-10:30am and Thursday 4th June, 9.30am-10:30am
- Contact the Traralgon College Junior Campus on 5174 8733.

PARKY'S WONDERLAND PLAY DAY

We are hosting a party play day on 20th June at our Parky's Wonderland located at 5353 Princes Highway. With the price of admission you can enjoy a complimentary sausage sizzle, face painting, lolly bags and a visit from Parky. On that day only, we will be giving 20% off any future party bookings made that day.