

Dear Parents,

Education Week Activities

I would like to thank all of the parents who came along to participate in our kite making activity for Education Week last Tuesday. There were lots of smiling faces as our students ran around the oval to get their kites to fly. There was a distinct lack of wind, so running was important to keep the kites flying. It was also really nice to see the students helping each other out and offering advice in the building and flying of the kites.

We also had a visit from the children who go to the Traralgon South Kindergarten. This is part of our transition program which continues in term 3. It looks like we might have a large number of new Preps in 2015 which is exciting. I met with the parents and took them on a tour of the school while the children completed some activities in the classroom with the Prep/1 students.

Student Free Day Report

Yesterday, the staff and I met at school for our student free day. We covered the new Performance and Development Guidelines for teachers which were put in place two weeks ago. The DEECD has developed a new set of standards for teacher performance to be measured against which we explored in order to develop our understanding of them. We also investigated Bloom's Taxonomy of thinking and how this approach can be used in the classroom to challenge students. Bloom's Taxonomy provides a model to develop low to high order thinking skills in our students. It focuses on the types of activities and the types of questions that can be provided to students in order for them to practise these skills. We also reviewed our whole school theme planner and tried to ensure there was alignment between the themes and the curriculum requirements. We are still working on this as it will take some time.

Working Bee This Sunday

Parents are reminded about the working bee scheduled for this Sunday. We have had a few responses which is good and also a few offers from parents to help this week as they can't make it on Sunday. Lunch will be provided on the day.

Dunalley Primary School To Visit – Can You Help?

I have recently been speaking to Matthew Kenny who is the Principal of Dunalley Primary School in Tasmania. This school burnt down in the bushfires which affected the Dunalley area in January last year. We arranged for some donations of school equipment to be sent across to the school early last year and discussed the option to bring a group of students from Dunalley over to Victoria for a short holiday. After speaking with some of the families in Tasmania, the decision was made to put this event off until this year. The community in Dunalley are now quite keen to be involved and I have scheduled a visit from Monday 25th August until Thursday 28th August. I am hoping to arrange billet accommodation for the students with our families on the Monday and Tuesday night, with the plan to stay in Melbourne on the Wednesday night before they fly

back to Tasmania on the Thursday. I am seeking families to volunteer to provide accommodation for a student for the two nights, so if anyone is interested, please contact me at school or by email. We also have some great support provided by Rotary in Traralgon who are providing financial support, covering the cost of the flights to and from Tasmania. I also plan to hold some fundraising events in the coming weeks to help cover the costs of accommodation in Melbourne.

Joel Fraser - Principal

CROSS COUNTRY

Just a reminder that cross country is on tomorrow here at Traralgon South. The children have been training really hard and should do well on the day. Children will walk the course at 9:45am and first race will be the 9/10 boys at 10:00am. The races will be run in the order below. Races take about twenty minutes each but times are approximate only.

Race 1	9/10 boys
Race 2	9/10 girls
Race 3	11 boys
Race 4	11 girls
Race 5	12/13 boys
Race 6	12/13 girls

Children are to wear school uniform. Hope to see some parents there to support the runners.

~ Kristine Travers ~

Parents & Friends Pie Drive

This term we have decided to have a pie drive to try and raise some more funds to go towards a lockable cabinet/docking station for the iPads that we purchased. Order forms have been handed out today with the newsletter. This needs to be handed in with final payment due by **Monday 16th June. No Late orders will be accepted.** Pies will then be distributed on the last day of term, Friday 27th June.

Thank you in advance to all families for their support. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Renee Gore.

~ Cassie Mayes – P&F Secretary ~

TRARALGON COLLEGE SCHOOL TOURS

Parents of Grades 5 and 6 students are invited to attend a school tour of Traralgon College Junior Campus. The tours will be held at the following dates and times:

- Tour 1 = Wednesday 4th June 10:30am-11:30am
- Tour 2 = Thursday 5th June 10:30am-11:30am

Parents wishing to participate in one these tours must contact the Traralgon College Junior Campus administration on 5174 8733 to book in for a tour. For more information please contact Traralgon College on 5174 8733.

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 23rd May 2014**



Prep/1	Benj Selwyn	For big efforts in his writing.
1/2	Georgia Crowe	For working well during literacy with your reading and writing.
2/3	Alexandra Gore	For her excellent effort and attitude towards school and schoolwork.
4/5	Phoebe Miller	For great work learning her spelling words.
5/6	Georgie Lambert	For high levels of concentration and dedication to her learning.
Principal	Harry Lockett	For being a positive role model and playing "Spotto" fairly.

DATES TO REMEMBER

28 May	Wed	Cross Country Event
30 May	Fri	Graduation Fundraiser Lunch Orders Due In
1 Jun	Sun	Working Bee – 9:30am onwards
3 Jun	Tue	Graduation Fundraiser Lunch Order Day
9 Jun	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
16 Jun	Mon	P&F Pie Drive Orders & Money Due In
27 Jun	Fri	Last Day Term 2 – Pie Orders Delivered



**Working Bee
This Sunday – 1st June**



A working bee has been scheduled for this Sunday June 1st 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.

If you are able to spare any time at all to lend a hand please let us know by returning the slip sent home last week or contact the office asap. Lunch will be provided.



Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 30828kwh which means we have generated 107kwh since the last reading.

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