

Dear Parents,

Maths Night

We held a Maths Family Challenge last Wednesday night as part of Education Week. The idea behind the event was to encourage families into our school and provide some open ended maths challenges to parents to complete with their children. We had a number of families in attendance and had quite a few laughs as some of the tasks proved to be quite difficult. Some parents even resorted to 'googling' the answer on their smartphone! Prizes were awarded for the most creative answers with an emphasis on how the problem was solved, rather than just the correct answer.

District Cross Country

A group of our students from grades 3 – 6 participated in the district cross country last week. We had a very strong group of students who took part with 16 runners qualifying for the Zone cross country to be held on Thursday 6th June, which is a fantastic effort. I would like to thank Mrs Travers for her co-ordination of the event and also Karen Pettifer for the time spent preparing and practicing in the weeks leading up to the run. Students who qualified for the zone run can still practice at lunch times on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Senior Students Secondary Awareness Day

Students in Grade 5 and 6 attended Traralgon College as part of the Secondary School Awareness Day. This day was designed to give all students an experience of secondary school, regardless of which school students will attend for their secondary schooling. Our students had a tour of the school, taking a look at the school facilities and completed an Art and PE activity.

Parents & Friends Update

The Parents and Friends Committee held their Annual General Meeting yesterday after assembly. We have had quite a good response to the note in last week's newsletter regarding the current state of the committee, so it was nice to see ten parents in attendance at the meeting with a couple of apologies. A new executive was elected with Renee Gore the new President. Claire Prior was elected to the Secretary's role and Christine Lambert will continue on as Treasurer. It is fantastic to have some new people involved as it will strengthen the committee by building on current fundraising activities.

I also would like to thank Andrea Cheetham and Rhonda Miller who are the outgoing President and Secretary as they have put in a tremendous amount of effort over the past few years. Both mums will stay on the committee this year. For any other parents who would like to be involved in the Parents and Friends Committee, the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 24th June after assembly.

Litter In School Grounds

The amount of litter in the yard has reduced over the past two weeks which has been pleasing to see. The litter was becoming quite a problem as it seemed that there was more and more rubbish each day, with few students taking responsibility for their wrappers. To increase our students understanding of

waste minimisation, we will be holding a "Rubbish Free Day" on Thursday 13th June. On this day, the rubbish bins will be put away with the emphasis being on students bringing "nude food" to school, that is, food that does not need a wrapper. We encourage students to bring containers for their lunch items where possible and any waste, such as wrapping, is taken home. Please try your best to have a rubbish free lunch.

Joel Fraser – Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

On the 17th of May the Junior School Council representatives from each grade gathered for another meeting. We talked about the fairy tale dress up day we were thinking of holding. It is now decided that we will be holding a fairy tale dress up day with all the money raised from the day going to La Trobe Hospital and West Gippsland Hospital children's wards.

We also further discussed the idea of getting music for our school bell. This is still undecided, but hopefully by our next meeting a decision will be made.

Our last conversation was about getting more four square courts. Four square is a popular thing to play in winter because most of the time it is raining, so four square is a great undercover game. We think we really need more grids because we currently only have one.

That's all we have to report, but remember, if you have any ideas about a fun day or fundraiser tell your class junior school council rep.

Taylah and Brodie – Grade 5/6

ARTROOM

Thank you to the parents who have donated items for the art room recently. At present, we no longer need cardboard boxes and plastic containers as we are well stocked with these, however we still need 1.25 or 2 litre plastic lemonade bottles. We are also doing lots of textile type activities where we are using a lot of wool, so any balls of wool that you no longer need would be greatly appreciated.

RECORDER

Every Tuesday students learning to play the recorder have a recorder lesson. A reminder for students to remember to bring their recorder and music folder to school on this day. Any recorder practice that your child can do at home during the week would be very beneficial to Tuesday's lesson.

~ Thank you - Yvonne Game ~

Active After School Program

Just a quick note to let you know that on Wednesday nights for the next three weeks we will be doing Netball activities and minor games. On Thursday nights we will be doing Hockey skills. Please enrol if you would like to join in these activities. Forms are in the stand in the foyer.

See you there - Ashlee and Jayde Travers

DATES TO REMEMBER

5 June	Wed	Book Club Due In – Cheques payable to Traralgon South PS
10 June	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
13 June	Thu	Rubbish Free Day
24 June	Mon	Parents & Friends Meeting – 9:15am
28 June	Fri	End of Term 2 – 1:30pm Dismissal

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 24th May 2013



0/0	Georgia Crowe	For persisting to improve in writing.
1/2	Ryan Murphy	For working hard to continually improve his writing.
2/3	Hannah Meyer	For enthusiasm in her reading.
4/5	Ana Varela-Pereira	For always being kind, friendly and co-operative when socializing with others.
5/6	Logan Alexander & Jake Groves	For creating accurate details during the mapping activity.
P.E.	Mia Sturre	For excellent efforts at District Cross Country.
Principal	Julia Bates	For always having a big smile on her face and being friendly.

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District Cross Country Results

Congratulation to our whole cross country team for putting in such an awesome performance on the day. Luckily for us the weather was fantastic and the children had lots of supporters out on the course cheering them on. We have sixteen children who have qualified for the Zone trial which will be held at Churchill on Thursday June 6th. Our lunchtime practises obviously paid off with these excellent results. I would like to thank Karen Pettifer for running with the children at lunchtimes as well as clearing an access track for spectators and measuring out the distance for the course. These efforts are much appreciated by the students and staff alike. Well done to everyone who participated in the event and best of luck to the students going on to the next level of competition. I have listed the students who are going on to Zone.

Results 9/10 Boys

Harrison Meyer 1st Blake Henry 2nd Jake Wheatley 6th

Results 9/10 Girls

Hannah Meyer 1st Teagan Schoolderman 3rd Zara Pettifer 3rd
Phoebe Miller 4th Nina Cook 5th Mia Sturre 6th

Results Boys 11

Calvin Landy 2nd

Results Boys 12/13

Logan Alexander 4th Jake Groves 6th

Results Girls 12/13

Sophie Richmond 1st Taylah Adam 2nd Amelia Bolton 3rd
Lauren Miller 5th

~ Kristine Travers ~

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 18325kwh which means we have generated 122kwh since our last reading.

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Maths Night Photos

