



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 8 TERM 2 2020

Whilst managing the return to on-site teaching for half our school, our teaching staff have spent the previous week beginning to write Semester 1 reports for students. The Department of Education and Training (DET) have specified these reports are to be more succinct and abbreviated to previous versions, with the remote learning program having a significant impact on our ability to accurately measure student learning progress. The assessment data we do have on student learning progress will not be ignored however, with this held over and incorporated into our Semester 2 reporting instead. Reports will be written for every student, proof-read by at least two others, finalised and then printed for distribution to students/families by the last week of Term 2.

As we prepare ourselves for the return to on-site schooling for our Year 3-6 students next week, I would to again remind parents of the drop-off/pick-up zones we have established. These are again attached to this newsletter for your reference, and they come into effect from Tuesday 9 June. These zones were established to minimise the congregation of adults during peak periods, meeting social distancing and gathering restrictions also in place within the community. This is an alternative to staggered start and finish times to our school day, which we are assuming would have a significant impact on the wider school community and one we would likely all prefer to avoid. We are unable to provide a timeline for how long these restrictions will continue, though we will keep you informed through our normal communication channels as it evolves. If you have any feedback regarding your experiences of our pick-up and drop-off zones, our enhanced cleaning routines, or any other matter related to our return to school, please let me know so we can make more informed decisions. Obviously, we are bound by the guidelines set by various authorities, but your feedback and experiences are important to us.

To repeat a point made in last week's newsletter, over the last month or so I have been reading about the history of our school and it has been interesting to learn about the various challenges faced over the previous 141 years. There is a strong likelihood that this term will also be looked back upon as a significant one in our school history, and collectively, we should all be proud of how we have responded to the challenge. I believe capturing this moment in time will be worthwhile reflecting on in future years, so I would like to collect photos of your experiences throughout this term. Please send photos you would like to share through to our school email address (traralgon.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and I will begin to collate these on behalf of the entire school community.

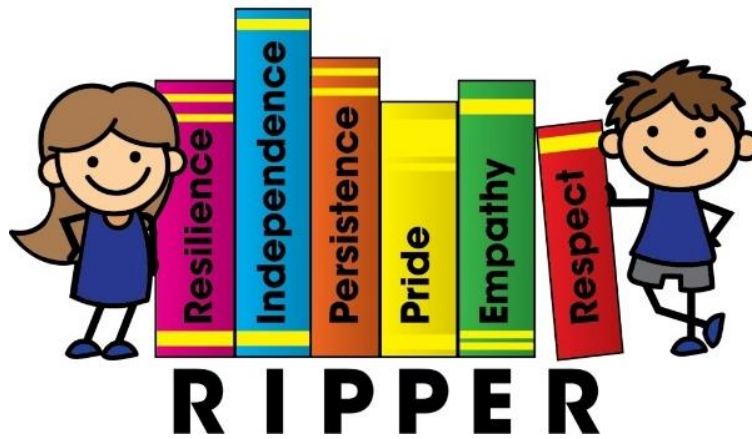
Take care

Joel Blythman
PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

8 th June	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9 th June	Tue	Years 3-6 students return to school
26 th June	Fri	Last day of Term 2 - 1:30pm dismissal

RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 29th May 2020



Prep/1	Tahlia Rhue	For independence and persistence with her learning tasks.
1/2	Havana Timmerman	For her persistence and resilience.
2/3	Amelia Sims	For displaying pride and persistence in her work during remote learning.
3/4	Sophie Wilhelm	For constantly uploading her school work to Dojo and displaying all of the RIPPER values.
5/6	Alika Perry	For being an active participant in her remote learning, reflecting on her work and making adjustments to improve.
Art/Music	Matilda Peck	For being a RIPPER student and fantastic participation in our live lesson.
PE	Oliver McInnes	For always showing respect and displaying a positive attitude during PE.

TRARALGON COLLEGE - ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 NOW OPEN

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to hold our scheduled information session for prospective students and parents. As an alternative we have produced a number of short videos offering information about Traralgon College and the programs that the school runs. These videos are able to be accessed via the Traralgon College Facebook page and the Traralgon College website <https://www.traralgc.vic.edu.au/>

Over the coming days and weeks we will be adding further videos from our staff and students, so follow us on Facebook to get regular updates or visit our website to download an enrolment form.

If you require further information about Traralgon College or enrolling your child for 2021 please do not hesitate to contact us on 5174 8733.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE TOMORROW

Issue 4 of the Scholastic Book Club is now open online for orders. Please go to

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents> if you would like to place an order.

Book Club online orders will close on Thursday 4th June.



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

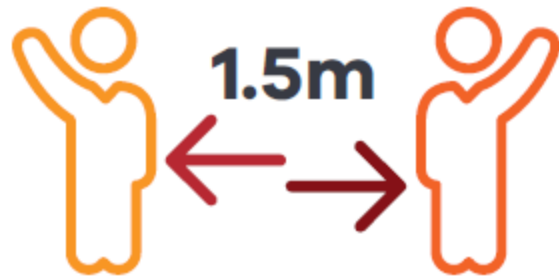
If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs



- wash your hands regularly.





SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ZONES

To ensure our school community meets various COVID-19 social distancing requirements when parents are dropping off and/or collecting their child(ren), please note the designated zones we have established below. Adhering to these allows us to avoid any complications associated with staggered start and finish times, which in turn maintains a level of normality for all members of our school community.

These zones will be applied from **Tuesday June 9 2020**, until further notice. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**CATS CRICKET OVAL/
PRE-SCHOOL
CAR PARK:**

Year 4-6 students

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Immediately vacate the school as soon as you are able.
- Only students and staff to enter the school grounds. Parents may enter the school grounds only when essential, and this time must be minimised.
- If parents are on-site for essential purposes, social distancing measures must be followed.

BUS STOP:
All bus travellers



ALL PEDESTRIANS:

Exit school via relevant gate

MAIN CAR PARK:
Prep—Year 3 students,
plus all siblings from
any year levels