



Dear Parents,

Hopefully you all enjoyed reading the reports that were sent home yesterday. As I read all of them, it was great to see the progression and hard work that has happened over the first semester. We have think we have listened to feedback over the years and have continually improved our reports to give an accurate picture of every child, including their interests, and strengths and weaknesses. We are still working on our communication with home to let you know what the students are learning about. More will come next term!

I apologise for the old photos on the reports. We were unable to get the new photos to the company before the technician went on leave. It will be fixed for the end of the year.

The selection process for the new Principal is close to the end and we are hopeful to be able to name the successful applicant by the end of the week, however it may not be able to be announced until next week given Departmental processes. We will work hard to ensure our school community is aware as soon as we are able to, via our normal channels.

Although it's been an emotional last week here it's also been a wonderful time to spend with students, staff and parents. I said to School Council at our last meeting, it's been great to reflect on the changes and positive outcomes that have come in my time here at Traralgon South. From our RIPPER values, to MAPPEN, to improvement in outcome data, to seeing key measures improve beyond expectation, to a greater focus on teaching and learning, to an agreed structure and practices across the school. There are still many areas I would have liked to improve and see through, but I leave Traralgon South in the belief that it is in a better place.

I am grateful for everything that Traralgon South PS has taught me over the past 4 years. There have been some positive, negative and pretty robust discussions with students, parents and staff in my office in that time, but I am thankful for all of them, as they have helped me to continually improve my leadership. I am thankful for the trust the entire school community has placed in me to do the job that I love. Nothing would have been possible without that.

I'd like to openly thank Karyn Birkett for her support over the years. Even though I might not get all of my paper work in on time and she has to chase me for certain things, I could not have achieved what I have without her support. She has always been there to make sure I've eaten on those busy days or to filter out requests from external providers so I could spend my time with staff, parents and students.

I feel truly blessed to have been able to lead such a wonderful school with committed staff to improve the teaching and learning for TSPS. Most of all I am grateful to have made a difference.

**Adam Downes - Principal**

**Afternoon Tea for Adam  
TOMORROW**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

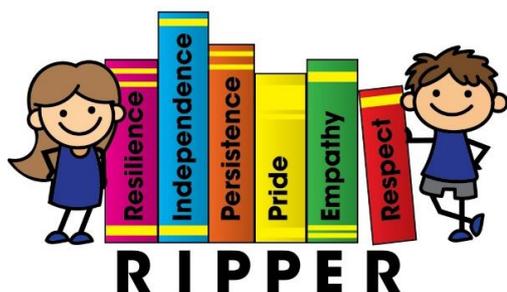
**All parents are invited to come along to farewell Adam on the 27<sup>th</sup> June in the Multi Purpose room. If you could bring a plate of afternoon tea to share, that will be appreciated. This is being organised by the parents, so if you have any queries please contact Renee Paulet.**

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Our total is now at 11,050 points! Stickers need to be sent in NOW please - we need to work out what we can afford to order before the end of the first week back next term, so I need to get it finalised. Thanks so much to everyone for your support.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Thu	Parents Afternoon Tea for Adam - 3:30pm - 4:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	End of Term 2 - <b>1:30PM Dismissal</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Mon	Term 3 Begins

## Student Awards - Week Ending 21st June 2019



Prep	Hunter Harkess	For showing independence to find words around the room to help him with his work.
1	Harvey Hodgson	For showing persistence and pride when publishing his Dojo narration.
2/3	Emma Bates	For showing independence and connections with her learning about the water cycle.
3/4	Immi McAllister	For showing great persistence and pride with her Maths challenge.
4/5	Abby Riddell	For encouraging others to follow our RIPPER values.
6	Jayden Henry	For being a thoughtful and helpful member of our classroom.
Art/Music	Lachy Pass	For excellent skills in managing the drum circle in Music.
Principal	Declan Kamphuis	For showing great persistence and pride with his Maths challenge.

## LATROBE CITY BRASS BAND

Ever wanted to know what it's like to **play a Brass instrument?**

Want to try a trumpet? Are you tantalised by a Tenor Horn?

Or is it all about the bass?

**WE WANT YOU!**

Come and try some brass instruments with no obligation within a family friendly, fun filled environment – we have members aged 9 to the nearly 90's.

**Beginner Training Band** Program is for Primary School aged people and up!

**No experience** is necessary.

If you are curious about learning a new skill or instrument **this is the band for you!**

You will be welcomed by a variety of friendly, experienced players to help you on your journey in a support environment where mistakes are ok!

We invite you to come along and meet us. We meet every **Tuesday** from **6:30pm to 7pm** (and beyond for those who have more experience) at the Morwell Town Common Pavilion Band Room (corner of Elgin and Chapel Streets, (The Wooden Park) - Morwell).

For all enquiries contact 0413 809 965 or come and visit on a Tuesday.

Our band programs will be running over the school holidays!