

Dear Parents,

Working Bee – Thanks For Your Help

We had quite a good turnout at our Working Bee on Sunday. We were able to get all of the jobs done around the school that we had hoped to do and we even finished a bit early. It was great to see we had some expertise from a few dads who quickly replaced the retaining wall. We also had plenty of mums and children who busily piled up many wheelbarrows full of mulch from around the yard and the paths. Along with pruning the shrubs, cleaning our drains, burning the heap and pressure washing the outdoor tables, it was quite a busy and productive day. I would like to thank the families who were able to spend a few hours on Sunday helping out, including the Pettifer, Bolton, Hagley, Bates, Elms, Ruff, Rohde, Tulloch, Matthews and Porigneaux families. The school is looking marvellous at the moment and it is thanks largely to the contribution these families have made.

Tree Safety Assessment

The trees in our playground are currently being assessed to ensure they are healthy and any hazards are removed. After a student was tragically killed earlier this year from a falling branch at a school in New South Wales, the School Council has opted to have this assessment done due to the large number of trees located in our playground. Our school prides itself on the natural environment in which our students play and learn and it is vital that the school ensures it is also a safe environment. In the coming weeks, when I receive the report, there may be works taking place to remove some hazardous trees or branches. We will endeavour to minimise the amount of trees to be removed and will also consider replanting parts of the playground to ensure the natural environment is preserved.

Graffiti On Weekends – Have You Seen Anyone?

It is disappointing to note that there have been some cases of graffiti in our playground over the weekends. On a number of occasions, there has been writing on the art room wall which has been noticed early on Monday mornings. Even more disappointing is that it appears that some of our ex-students have been putting the graffiti there. I ask everyone involved in our school community to please keep a lookout on the weekends and report any suspicious or dangerous behaviour to the police. It is also a good idea to note the names of those people you see using our playground as they may know more about what is taking place.

Traralgon College Awareness Day This Thursday

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending Traralgon College for Awareness Day this Thursday. 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. Those students who have not yet returned their permission slip need to do so by tomorrow 4th June.

Zone Cross Country This Thursday

Also on Thursday, students who qualified for the Zone Cross Country will be competing over at Gaskin Park in Churchill. We had eight students qualify for this event with another three named as emergencies. I look forward to seeing our students compete and represent our school and district as best they can. Also, permission forms for bus travel need to be returned by tomorrow 4th June.

Dunalley Primary School Visit

Last week I wrote asking families to host students from Dunalley Primary School in Tasmania. I would like to thank the families who have already offered to support this project and ask if any other families would also be able to help host a student or two for two nights on the 25th and 26th August this year. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact me at school or by email.

Joel Fraser - Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS PIE DRIVE

Order forms for the P&F Pie Drive were sent home last week with the eldest in the family. If you did not receive yours please contact the office if you would like one. Order forms and payment are due in by **Monday 16th June at 9:00am 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 ~

DATES TO REMEMBER		
5 Jun	Thu	Years 5 & 6 Awareness Day at Traralgon College Zone Cross Country
9 Jun	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
16 Jun	Mon	P&F Pie Drive Orders & Money Due In P&F Meeting – 9:15am approx. after assembly
27 Jun	Fri	Last Day Term 2 – Pie Orders Delivered

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 30th May 2014**



Prep/1	Heath Kamphuis	For showing resilience and confidence in his Waste Warrior speech.
1/2	Hannah Thomson	For having a go even when she's not sure of the answer.
2/3	Julia Bates	For great improvement in reading and organisational skills.
4/5	Teagan Schoolderman	For consistency and improvement with her running.
5/6	Elyse Gordon	For being a responsible member of our classroom.
Art/Music	Patrick Tulloch	For demonstrating excellent persistence when learning a more difficult finger knitting last week.
	Cassie Matthews	For being an excellent role model and helping her peers with finger knitting.
Principal	Blake Jenkins	For having a great sense of humour and enjoying a laugh.

ARTROOM NEWS

A very big thank you goes to the Rohde Family for all their hard work in making our printing sessions in the art room a whole lot easier and safer. Last term I asked whether any families could help out in making some wooden table supports for our lino printing sessions. Nathan gladly offered to make them, which involved a lot of measuring and cutting. Charli and Ayva also did a lot of work with the sanding and varnishing of them. They look very professional, so thank you Nathan, Charli and Ayva for all the work you've put in to making them. The students are looking forward to putting them to good use in a couple of weeks time!

~ Yvonne Game ~



CROSS COUNTRY REPORT



Well done to all the students who took part in the Cross Country event held last Wednesday. The weather was kind to us and the children did an excellent job of representing our school. The following children have advanced through to the Zone level which will be held next Thursday June 5th at Churchill starting at 9:30am with walking the course.

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| 9/10 Girls | 1 st Teagan Schoolderman |
| | 2 nd Hannah Meyer |
| | 3 rd Mia Sturre |
| 9/10 Boys | 2 nd Sam Gissara |
| | 3 rd Eric Porigneaux |
| | 6 th Jake Wheatley |
| 11 Boys | 2 nd Blake Henry |
| 12/13 Boys | 3 rd Calvin Landy |

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 30923kwh which means we have generated 95kwh since the last reading.