



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 10 TERM 2 2020

My Principal report is a little fuller this week, so to help with readability, I have decided to break it up into sub-headings. Hopefully this helps!

COVID-19:

Although probably a topic most are sick of hearing about, I thought it pertinent to again thank our school community for your ongoing support relating to our drop-off/pick-up zones, reduced adult (non-staff) traffic on-site, split yards for student year levels during their breaks, enhanced cleaning routines, and other associated measures introduced to allow us to meet restrictions imposed by various authorities. Hopefully we are now on the tail end of these and with restrictions beginning to ease in our community, perhaps the beginning of Term 3 will see us return to something resembling our 'old normal'. As a positive aside, staff have regularly commented on how our students are demonstrating increased levels of resilience, independence and persistence, three of our RIPPER values, as these restrictions have almost forced this growth upon us.

Reviewing Remote and Flexible Learning:

With our recent return from remote and flexible learning, we feel the final two weeks of Term 2 would provide an opportune time to reflect on our experiences and seek feedback from the school community. In recent days, this has involved us unpacking our experiences as staff, and next week we will use a Department of Education and Training (DET) designed survey to seek feedback from our students. As parents, we are requesting you too participate in this process by completing a short online survey. Links and relevant codes to access this survey can be found under the 'Administration' page of Class Dojo, though please let me know if you are having trouble locating this and I will be sure to pass on the details to you. Collectively, this approach will provide us a well-rounded review and help us to identify aspects of our practice introduced during remote learning that could potentially become embedded, and other areas that we could improve on moving forward.

Planning For 2021:

As strange as it might sound, we are already beginning to look ahead to 2021 and planning for new enrolments. Under the current restrictions, conducting parent tours, open days and information sessions are still forbidden, so we have decided to take a slightly different approach. On Tuesday 23 June we will have Dave Aarons from 'Open2View' coming to film our school, with the intention to produce an approximate 5-7 minute promotional video of our school. This will be posted and shared on our various media platforms, including our website, Facebook page and Class Dojo. Although a 'Media Publication Consent Form' has been completed by all parents upon the enrolment of your child, should you prefer your child to **not appear** in this video, I ask you inform the school before we begin filming next week.

Parent Payments

We have deliberately held off sending reminders home regarding fees owed for Essential Student Learning Items out of respect to the circumstances and impact COVID-19 has had on families in the year to date. The DET and our Parent Payment Policy (available on our website at <https://www.traralgonsths.vic.edu.au>) require us to normally send regular reminders from the beginning of April each year. We kindly ask these payments

are made as soon as possible, though if your family is experiencing circumstances which make it difficult to meet these charges owed, please contact the school to discuss your options in a confidential manner.

Semester 1 Reports:

Semester 1 reports will be sent home with your child(ren) on Thursday 25 June, and as highlighted in previous Principal reports and mandated by the DET, these will be in a modified format due to the impact of our remote and flexible learning program. Teaching staff are now in the final proofreading phase and have spent a significant amount of time ensuring the content provides relevant and meaningful feedback of your child's progress, irrespective of these required modifications.

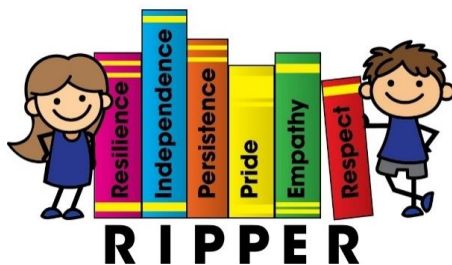
School Photos:

As promised in last week's Principal report, I have contacted John Ansell Photography to identify how best to approach our rebooked school photos on Tuesday 28 July. As a quick summary, they will contact families that made payments for photo packages for our original booking, identifying whether you would like to carry this over, alter, or seek a refund. Order envelopes will not be re-supplied; however, we will be provided spare envelopes should you have misplaced yours. Alternatively, parents can order online at www.johnansell.com.au. Spare envelopes and access codes for online orders can be collected from Karyn in our General Office should you need. John is also happy to receive any phone enquiries, and he can be called on 5174 7714.

Take care

Joel Blythman
PRINCIPAL

RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 12th June 2020



Prep/1	Bowie Ruyg	For being a motivated and independent learner.
1/2	Abraham Gipp	For showing persistence to improve his writing.
2/3	Danielle Game	For demonstrating persistence, resilience and growth mindset to overcome challenges.
3/4	Roy Riseley	For displaying persistence and focus to complete his school work.
5/6	Will Edgar	For his independence in settling into his work. Will still seek feedback but has a go first.
Art/Music	Liam Pass	For displaying independence, persistence and pride while making his clay cup.
PE	Hunter Smythe	For showing persistence during PE tasks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

19 th June	Fri	Entries Close for Maths Competition Years 3-6 only
26 th June	Fri	Last day of Term 2 - 1:30pm dismissal
13 th July	Mon	First Day of Term 3
28 th Jul	Tue	School Photos

DESIGN A BEANIE competition



Draw a picture of your ideal beanie

Make it creative - make it unique



How to enter - Junior School Council will distribute templates for your design. All entries to be submitted to Mr Rilen and the School Captains 24th June with \$2 entry fee.

Judging - All designs will be displayed in the middle area. Every student will vote on which design they think is best, with Mr Blythman having a 'golden brick' of 50 votes!

Prizes

1st Prize - \$40 Toyworld Voucher, donated by Shaky Spear Milk Bar Traralgon

2nd Prize - \$30 Smiggle Voucher, donated by Shaky Spear Milk Bar Traralgon

3rd Prize - \$10 Jump & Climb Voucher, donated by JR's Treemendous Landscapes

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CARRIE'S BEANIES 4 BRAIN CANCER



"Carrie's Beanies 4 Brain Cancer Foundation aims to raise desperately needed funds towards research into the horrible disease that is brain cancer"

www.carriesbeanies4braincancer.com

Nadia Wheatly Author Talk - By Grade 5/6

Today 6 of the 5/6 students took part in an author talk with the author Nadia Wheatly who wrote the book 'My Place'. She gave us some tips on how to write good, interesting stories. Nadia said that you can start with the characters, plot or place but she strongly recommends to start with the place that your story is set. She also said that it is good to base the setting on your home town as that is what you know best. 'To get a good idea of your location you should draw a map,' said Nadia. Nadia gets her inspiration from interesting places. Another thing she suggested was to research the topic, characters and other information before you start writing.

By Abby Riddell and Isobel McAllister

We did a Webinar with Nadia Wheatly the author of 'My Place'. She told us all about where she found inspiration for her book. The inspiration came from where she lived which was a small neighborhood with lots of factories and a grave yard with a large Australian Fig Tree with large roots for sitting on while she was walking her dog. Sometimes when she went she saw children also sitting in the fig tree, she was an aboriginal girl. She also told us to draw a map of our town to make up a story like My Place. When she came up with this idea to write My Place. There was also a bunch of other authors and schools in the meeting.

By Alice & Chris



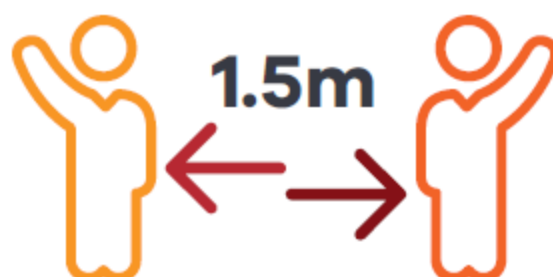
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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



Traralgon South Kindergarten



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Traralgon South, Victoria
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Pie Drive 2020

With winter setting in and school holidays just around the corner, the committee have organised a pie drive with the Traralgon Bakery.

Everyone will receive an order form, spare forms will be located at the kinder. Please encourage your family and friends to get behind this great cause.

All orders **must** be returned to kinder by **Thursday, 18th June**.

To streamline things, we are asking that payment be via direct deposit only. Please use your first initial and surname as a reference

Traralgon South Kinder Inc
BSB: 313140
Acct: 14011002

Orders will be available for collection at the kinder on **Thursday, 25th June**.

Happy Fundraising!

Traralgon South Kindergarten Parents Committee 2020



Wheeler Kids: How to Make a Movie in 12 Days.

Orson Welles did it with *Citizen Kane*. Greta Gerwig did it with *Lady Bird*. Sometimes the first movie you make is just a straight-up masterpiece. Why not get started early?

At this online school-holiday workshop for young storytellers, run by middle-grade author **Fiona Hardy**, we'll do exactly that. Hardy is the author of *How to Make a Movie in 12 Days* – about a young girl, Hayley Whelan, who dreams of making her own horror movie.

Hardy will kick off the workshop by talking about how she wrote the book, and performing some readings from this hilarious and entertaining tale. Then, inspired by Hayley Whelan's dedication to her craft, participants will get stuck into some screenwriting exercises of their own and have a chance to ask Fiona questions. Kids can come with ideas of their own, or just with starry eyes and open minds.

It all happens on **Thursday 2 July**. Participants will need pencils and paper, and you'll be sent a workshop activity sheet by email in advance of the session. Please sign up below!

Suitable for children aged 9–12 years old.

FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP HERE:

https://www.wheelercentre.com/events/how-to-make-a-movie-in-12-days?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=WheelerWeekly%E2%80%93Monday15June2020.&utm_content=version_A&promo=