

Dear Parents,

It has certainly been very chilly in the mornings but when we have clear beautiful days like today, it makes taking the ice off the car in the mornings seem more tolerable. I hope you all had a lovely long weekend.

Teachers have been busy putting the final touches on student reports and it's been pleasing to read all the wonderful achievements this semester. Reports are written after a raft of ongoing assessment has taken place and the comments reflect what the student has achieved.

We have made some adjustments to the way our reports are written and hopefully this provides parents with a more informative report. Instead of dot points for the achievement session we have moved to writing narrative paragraphs. This has come from feedback from the parent opinion survey and work we did as a staff on the purpose of our reports. We have also added a student reflection page completed by the students with no input or correction from the teacher. A major emphasis of MAPPEN and current research looks at students being reflective and writing their own reports, noticing where they need to improve. Reports will be sent home at the end of next week.

Tonight we have our last opportunity for parents to have input into our self-assessment for the school review. As previously mentioned, every four years schools re-write their strategic plans and reflect on their progress as a school for the past plan. Our new Strategic Plan will be developed this year and we are in the middle of writing our self-assessment. The session will begin at 5pm and run for approximately one hour.

Next Monday we also have a parent information session on reading with students in Grades Prep-3. Unfortunately this will also coincide with the Parents and Friends meeting that has been scheduled. We will start the reading session at 9:30 to allow P&F to start and do some organisational items, then if required they can re-convene after the reading information session. I am sure we will be able to work it all out!

I had a conversation with a parent last week about how as adults we rarely carry cash money anymore with Paypass technology and EFTPOS so readily available. We spoke about the need to occasionally 'borrow' money from our children's piggy banks for smaller items such as pizza lunches and lunch orders. My children always write down how much I take or try to inflate the amount several weeks later in the hope I had forgotten. The mum I was speaking to said her daughter now automatically charges interest! So when the mum grabbed \$20 for the lunches, the daughter said 'you now owe me \$21!' I thought this was very entrepreneurial, quick-witted and shows how much our kids think, but also reminds me as a parent to have some money on hand to keep the loan sharks at bay!!

**Adam Downes – Principal**

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA  
CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISER**

**WHEN: THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE @ 10.45AM.**

**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES 9.00 – 10.45AM**

**BRING: CASH DONATION FOR CANCER COUNCIL AND  
A SMALL PLATE OF MORNING TEA TO SHARE**

**PARENTS WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN.**

**NON-BREAKABLE TEAPOTS ARE SOUGHT FOR  
ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES IF YOU CAN LEND ANY  
PLEASE.**



**PARENTS & FRIENDS ELECTION DAY BBQ**

Parents & Friends are running an election day BBQ on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Traralgon South Hall from 8:00am onwards. End time will depend on who can help out. Volunteers are needed to fill the roster so if you are able to donate some of your time please email Melanie Harkess at [melharkess12@gmail.com](mailto:melharkess12@gmail.com) and let her know what time/s you will be able to assist. Please include your contact details so Melanie can get back to you.

## NETBALL TEAM AND DISTRICT WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

The mixed netball team was lucky enough to have a training day against some Traralgon teams today. We won all our matches but didn't play finals as we were using it for practice only. We will now compete next Tuesday in Traralgon against other Districts. Next Tuesday will also see us fielding a football team as well as a girls soccer team. Well done to the netball team for their efforts today and best of luck to all teams for next Tuesday. Permission notes for that will go home today as well. A big thank you to Karen Pettifer for scoring and team managing and to Jayde Travers who was our umpire for the day.



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## GRADE 6 COMMUNITY DINNER GRADUATION FUNDRAISER THIS FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, our Grade 6s will be running the community dinner as a fundraiser for their graduation from 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. The menu is spaghetti bolognese with apple pie and cream or ice cream for dessert. Cans of drink will be available to purchase and the bar will not be open. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$8 per child. It would be great to see you all come along and support the fundraising efforts of our Grade 6 students, as one day your child will also be fundraising for their graduation!

Please RSVP to [communitydiners@outlook.com](mailto:communitydiners@outlook.com) with the number of people attending or pop in and see Jeneen who can RSVP on your behalf before Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4:00pm.

We are also looking for donations of raffle prizes and ingredients for the night. If you can help out at all, please email Jeneen at [fowler.jeneen.f@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:fowler.jeneen.f@edumail.vic.gov.au). We look forward to sharing the evening with you!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

15 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed	Self-Evaluation Session for Parents – 5:00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Thu	P&F Pizza Lunch Day
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser – Community Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon	Parent Session – Helping with reading for parents of students in Years Prep-3 after assembly
		Parents & Friends Meeting after assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Wed	Whole School Photo/Group Photos - Orders Due In
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Thu	JSC – Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	Last day of Term 2 – Early Dismissal – 1:30pm

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Energetic Gymnastics Club in Traralgon is running a school holiday program for primary school children of all abilities on Tuesday - Thursday in both weeks of the upcoming holidays. You can drop your children off for half a day in the morning; 9am – 1pm or afternoon; 1pm – 5pm or for a full day; 9am – 5pm. Book in online at [www.energeticgym.com.au](http://www.energeticgym.com.au) or call 5174 0131 for rates and further details.

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