

Dear Parents,

School reports will be sent home tomorrow, using the new report format. As mentioned last month, the new report format is quite similar to the old style, with a few minor differences. Teachers have commented on the same areas as they have done in the past, though you will notice a change with the removal of the A-E rating system and the inclusion of a five point scale ranging from “well above expected level” to “well below expected level”. There will be additional work habits assessed and a five point scale will also be used in this area.

### ***Parent/Teacher Interviews – Book Online***

Parent/Teacher interviews have been scheduled for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress and is a part of our reporting procedures. As mentioned earlier this term, we are using a new appointment booking system with details attached to this newsletter. For those parents who do not have the internet or are having difficulty accessing the web page, you will be able to come in to the school office and speak to Karyn who will be able to help you out. We require all parents to make an appointment to meet with their child’s teacher as this is an important process for keeping communication open between school and home, and parental engagement in student learning has significant benefits for student outcomes.

### ***Lost Property***

Our lost property box is overflowing with a large quantity of school uniform items that have not been claimed. If your child is missing a school jumper, please remind them to check the lost property box at school. Any items unclaimed by the end of this term will be returned to the uniform co-ordinator for sale as a second hand uniform. There are also quite a few plastic containers that need to be collected.

### ***End of Term Early Dismissal***

Parents are reminded that the last day of term will be this Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> June. As we have done in the past, school will conclude at 1:30pm on this day without having a lunch break. It is a good idea to ensure students have enough food during recess time. We will conclude the term with a short assembly from 1:15pm. The staff will be taking their turn to cook for the community dinner which will be at the Cricket Club from 6:00pm, so we hope to see lots of our families there. Term 3 begins Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Joel Fraser – Principal**

### ***LiteracyPlanet Word Mania***

LiteracyPlanet is running a free online word building competition for all students in years 1 – 6 with lots of great prizes to be won. Students can log in to their online LiteracyPlanet account and click on the Word Mania Play button. Players are given 15 randomly selected letter tiles and three minutes to form as many words as they can. Word building involves many different literacy skills: phonemes, morphemes including affixes and plurals, spelling, word recognition, vocabulary and word knowledge.

Word Mania is open for practice now and the competition begins on Monday July 27. There will be three rounds of online competition followed by a national final for individuals.

**Round 1 – Monday, July 27 to Sunday, August 2.**

**Round 2 – Monday, August 3 to Sunday, August 9.**

**Round 3 – Monday, August 10 to Sunday, August 16.**

**Final – Thursday, September 3.**

Players can play as many games as they like. The sum of the player’s highest 10 game scores in each round will be their score for that round. The sum of the players highest 30 game scores throughout the competition will be their overall score. The 10 highest scoring students will be invited to play at the final in Sydney on September 3, 2015. For more information visit: [www.literacyplanet.com.au/wordmania](http://www.literacyplanet.com.au/wordmania)

### ***School Nursing Forms – Grade Prep/1***

Could parents of students in Grade Prep/1 please ensure the school nursing forms are returned to school by this Thursday.

~ Ruth Bone and Ashleigh Phillips ~

### **MEET YOUR LOCAL MP IN TRARALGON SOUTH**

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester and State Member Russell Northe will be in Traralgon South on July 15, 2015. Come along to Traralgon South Primary School to share your views on local issues and ideas to improve the local community. The event is open to all and is an informal opportunity to meet your local MP. It is a chance for Darren and Russell to hear first-hand about what’s happening and what more they can do to represent the Traralgon South community.

Join them for afternoon tea from 2.30pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Thu	P&F Hot Lunch Day
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	End of Term 2 – <b>Early Dismissal at 1:30pm</b>
	Fri	Community Dinner hosted by TSPS Staff – 6:00pm at the Cricket Club
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Mon	First Day of Term 3
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Mon	Parents & Friends Meeting – After assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed	Parent/Teacher Interviews

**YOU CAN DO IT  
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS  
For Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015**



Prep/1	Eva Prior	For showing better organisation skills by starting her work quickly.
1/2	Darcy Tulloch	For thinking reflectively about the reading strategies he uses and needs to work on.
2/3	Benjamin Meyer	For putting in a good effort with the completion of his work.
4/5	Jackson Skurrie	For an excellent presentation and explanation about “Autcraft” and autism.
5/6	Sam Gissara	For using Maths strategies when solving open ended tasks.
Art/Music	Belle Gissara	For her persistence in Art when learning a new skill and not giving up!
	Tommy Nelson	For his excellent musical note recognition skills during our “Staff Wars” games.
P.E.	Mikayla Caldwell	For showing great enthusiasm and enjoyment during the football game.
Principal	Austin Morrall	For being a happy and friendly member of our school.

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## Maths Challenge

Our encouragement award for this week goes to Daniel and Abby Riddell. Each of our entrants solved the card puzzle following the instructions given and with varied solutions.

Our last challenge for the term:

## A Weighty Problem Puzzle

**The Puzzle:**



I have ten boxes which I want to pack into crates. Each crate can carry a maximum of 25 kg.

But I only have three crates, and the total weight of the boxes is 75kg:

15 kg, 13kg, 11 kg, 10 kg, 9 kg, 8 kg, 4 kg, 2 kg, 2kg, 1 kg

How can I pack the boxes into the crates?

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## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Well done to Ruby Bates, Blake Henry and Harrison Meyer for getting through to Regional Cross Country last week. Congratulations to Harrison who came in 9<sup>th</sup> and is now eligible to compete in the State Cross Country competition.



### Regional Cross Country Results – Report by Ruby, Blake and Harrison – Grade 5/6

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June Harrison, Ruby and Blake made it through to regional cross country. We raced at Lardner Park in Warragul. Blake and Harrison raced in the 12 year old boy's 3 km race. They ran really hard and came out with a good result. Harrison came 9<sup>th</sup> and will be going to Bundoora Park in July to race in the State competition. Blake came 15<sup>th</sup> and was only 3 places off going to Bundoora Park. In the 11 year old girl's race, Ruby came 47<sup>th</sup> out of 50 people and does not get to go to Bundoora Park for state level. Well done to all 3 for achieving great results to even race at the Regional level.

### Zone Soccer Results by Sam and Sienna – Grade 5/6

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of the June, our school participated in the Zone Winter Sports soccer tournament. The people that participated were Sam, Blake J, Blake H, Harrison, Lachie, Sienna, Ruby, Mia, Oliver, Hannah, Hailee, Teagan and Zoe. The first game we won against Yinnar 3-1. Our second game we played Morwell Park and we lost 4-1. After that game we had a bye and then played St Gabriel's, we were thrashed 6-0. For our last game we played Newborough and we won 3-2. All together we came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 5 teams. We all enjoyed playing in the competition and when we got back to school we got some yummy hot chips from the Traralgon South shop.



### Zone Netball Report by Georgie, Charli and Emily – Grade 5/6

Our school netball team progressed into the Zone level and played 3 games. The team tried their best even if the score was very hard to beat. We had loads of fun and were happy with the scores.

Our scores for the three games were: 3 TSPS– 27 Grey St. Then we played against Lumen Christi. The score was close at half time, we were only one goal down and the final score was 6 TSPS – 10 Lumen Christi. The final game we played was tough. We played Werribee and the score was 10 TSPS -15 Werribee. At half time we were winning by 2 goals but then they came back to win.

