

| DATES TO REMEMBER | | |
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| 28 th July | Fri | Book Club Due In |
| 31 st July | Mon | Book Fair begins |
| 2 nd Aug | Wed | P&F Hot Lunch Day Orders Due In by 9:00am |
| 4 th Aug | Fri | Parents & Friends Hot Lunch Day |
| 14 th Aug | Mon | Years Prep - 2 Swimming Program commences = \$115.00 per student |
| 22 nd Aug | Tue | Book Week Dress Up Day |

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Celebrating Book Week at TSPS 21st - 25th August



Traralgon South Primary School 5 Cent Challenge

For all of August the Parents & Friends Committee are challenging our whole school community to see which grade can donate the most 5 cent coins to our school. All money raised will go towards funding a special end of year activity. Please bring in as many 5 cent coins as you can find (with parent permission of course!) and put them in your classroom jar.

Check in the car, in-between couch cushions, under your bed and even in your undies drawer! Ask Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, Friends and Neighbours to collect them for you too.

Each week, we will tally up which grade has donated the most coins and this will be announced at Monday's assemblies for all of August. The weekly winning class will choose a funny task for Mr Downes to do/experience: eg. kiss a lizard/frog, wear a tutu, sing karaoke at assembly, have his car wrapped up in toilet paper, eat sour/hot lollies etc...

The class that raises the most 5 cent coins at the end of the month challenge will be treated to a hot chips and cordial lunch.

The challenge will begin on Tuesday the 1st of August and end on Thursday the 31st of August.

The winning class will be announced at Monday the 4th of September assembly



Book Week is coming up! TSPS is going to celebrate the occasion with a book collection, a dress-up day and lots of fun multi-age activities! The dress-up day will be Tuesday 22nd August. Students are encouraged to choose a book or movie character to come dressed up as to school. We will have a special assembly and parade in the multi-purpose room starting at 9:00am, followed by a variety of multi-age activities with a book theme, rotating through each classroom. Families are welcome to come and join us!

For the book collection, families are invited to donate a book (or a few) to help build up classroom libraries. All students read every day at TSPS and we would love to cultivate the joy of reading even more by having a wider variety of books available in each classroom that children can choose from. Now is a great time to grab a book as we have the Book Fair right here at school next week! Or perhaps if you have a look on your bookshelf at home you might find some books that your child has grown out of, that could be appreciated again in our classrooms. Donated books can either be new or second-hand, provided they are in good condition. Non-fiction, picture story books or chapter books are all suitable- the more variety of reading material students have to choose from, the better! Book donations can be brought to your child's classroom teacher at any time and especially during Book Week, which is 21st – 25th August.

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Dear Parents,

Data Collection - Family Occupation

Term 3 is always a busy term as we begin to formalise the planning work for 2018. (I can't believe I'm saying that already!) In August, we submit our 2018 preliminary Census data that determines certain levels of funding for the 2018 year. We submit what we believe our overall student numbers will be and this gives us an indicative budget to work off. In February of next year, we then submit our final student numbers which determines our overall funding.

Part of the August collection is the Occupation data, and this does not change after the census. The information sent to the Department determines the level of funding through the Student Family Occupation (SFO). This is bulk uploaded to the Department and can have a significant effect on our bottom line.

A data collection form has been sent home with the eldest in the family today so please look carefully at these levels and give a true indication of your occupation. As always, privacy is utmost and nobody can see the individual circumstances except for Karyn and myself.

2018 Enrolments

Planning for 2018 has also begun for possible grade structures. If you know of anyone wanting to start Prep in 2018 and they are thinking about Traralgon South please encourage them to make an appointment to have a look. Also, if you know of someone who is enrolling, please ask them to come and grab an enrolment pack. The earlier we know our numbers, the better planned we can be.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is usually conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via

desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August**. All responses to the survey are anonymous. An envelope containing a letter with a survey link and instructions has been sent home today with the eldest student in each family.

Payment Option - Part Payments

For those families not already aware of this option, we welcome part payments towards any costs throughout the school year prior to the event e.g. camps. You can drip feed via direct deposit into our school bank account or make payments via cash/cheque through the school office. This is especially useful for paying off camp costs, swimming and even your Materials Charge so you don't have one large payment. Please contact the office if you would like further information.

Book Fair

I mentioned at assembly this week that we had the Book Fair coming. This arrived on Monday lunchtime and students will have this week to look through the selection of books. We will open it up next week at selected times which are currently being confirmed. If you are able to spare 15-20 minutes manning the stall at drop off or pick up, please come and see me.

Book Week Dress Up Day

On Tuesday 22nd August we are having a school dress up day to celebrate Book Week. This a great opportunity for some fun! We are asking students to come dressed as a book character on this day. There will be a special assembly to show off all of the creative dress ups. The day will also be supported with rotational activities across all classes. Further information is on the front of this newsletter.

Parents & Friends 5c Drive

During the month of August, we will be having a 5c drive organised by the Parents & Friends Committee. All raised money will be going towards the end of year excursion. As an added incentive (I can't believe I agreed to this ☺) the grade that raises the most each week will be able to choose a task for me to complete. This may be anything from kissing a snake/lizard, wearing a dress for a day, wearing the same socks for two days (please not this one) to having water bombs thrown at me. Please see the information included in this newsletter for more details about the challenge.

Adam Downes - Principal

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program will be running in 2017 from 26th July through to 19th September. For every \$10 spent you should receive one sticker which can then be stuck on a sticker sheet and when you are ready, you can send them to school. We are unsure as yet as to whether there will be a collection box at the Traralgon store but we have one here at school.

LOYALTY PROGRAMS

TSPS is registered with Baker's Delight Traralgon's Dough Raiser program. Under this program 5% of sales are donated back to the school. All you need to do when shopping at Baker's Delight is ask for your purchase to be recorded on Traralgon South Primary's Dough Raiser and they'll do the rest! Also a reminder that TSPS is registered for Amart Sports loyalty program too; when shopping at Amart please ask for your purchases to be recorded for TSPS for 5% of your purchase price to be donated back to the school.

PLAYGROUP PIE/CAKE DRIVE

CATS Playgroup is running a pie and cake drive through Heyfield Bakery. Order forms are available on the community noticeboard in the school foyer. Orders and money can be returned to Renee Paulet or Ang Mullens by Wednesday 9th August. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom the afternoon of Thursday 17th August. Any questions please call Renee 0417 594 848.

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 21st July 2017



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| P/1 | Braylen Winter | For his great reflection |
| 1/2 | Tayla Leviston | For working hard in all learning areas. |
| 2/3 | Grayce Meyer | For being a kind and encouraging class member and being resilient. |
| 4 | Harry Thomas | For his big efforts in his writing. |