

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for term 3. We have another exciting term ahead as we work towards challenging our students. We want our students to be thinking about their learning in ways that promote creativity, social awareness to achieve a greater understanding of concepts being taught. Our teachers have been trying to develop their questioning skills to help our students with their learning. It takes a considerable amount of time, experimentation and reflection on the teachers' behalf to identify the strategies that work most effectively. I look forward to seeing this further develop throughout the term.

All students will be receiving a class letter by the end of this week, which will outline student expectations for the term. Parents are also reminded to speak with their child's teacher if they are unsure about these expectations.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A notice will be attached to our newsletter providing more information in regard to the Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled Thursday 1st August. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, so please make a time to meet with your child's teacher by completing the return slip. Alternatively, in some instances, teachers are available to meet on another day if necessary. Please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements. As Mrs Landy is taking long service for the next four weeks, Mrs Travers will be conducting interviews for Prep parents.

Term 3 AASC Program

The Active After School program will begin in the third week of Term 3 with Basketball activities being held on Wednesday afternoons (first session 31st July) and Baseball activities held on Thursday afternoons (first session 1st August). All students are welcome to participate with afternoon tea provided. Those students who would like to participate in the program can collect a permission form from the front office with a reminder to all parents that these forms need to be filled in each term as the activities change.

Zone Athletic Sports

The Zone athletic sports will take place towards the end of this term. We will be providing time for the students who qualified to practice their event before taking part in the Athletic sports. The event will be held at the Athletics track in Moe with further details being provided to students later in the term.

School Bush Dance

Every second year, our students participate in a school production. This year we have decided to have a Bush Dance rather than a production to engage students in a different way, whilst still meeting the curriculum requirements

for The Arts. We will be using a company who will come in to the school and teach our students some dances before a dance to be held in the night to encourage participation by both students and their parents. Further information will be sent home closer to the event which will be held on Wednesday 11th September.

Life Ed Van

In the last week of this term, students will visit the Life Ed van to learn about health related topics. More information regarding the topics to be covered will be published closer to the event. A parent information session is also available for interested parents to learn more about what is to be covered in these sessions.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) - Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. The eligibility criteria must be met as at 15th July 2013.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment. If you received the first instalment but are no longer eligible please let the office know. Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28th February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form which is available from the school office. Applications close on **2 August 2013**.

Joel Fraser – Principal

BOOKFAIR 2013

Traralgon South Primary School will be hosting a Book Fair starting next Monday July 22nd and will continue for one full week, ending on Friday 26th of July. A 'Letter to Parents' will go home this Thursday. It will have all the information you may need to know. Dates, information and directions to the Book Fair will be displayed outside the office in the foyer and arrows leading to the Book Fair which will be held in the spare room adjacent to the library will be placed throughout the school.

As part of our week long Book Fair we will host an out of uniform day on Friday 26th of July where all students will have the option of coming to school dressed in fluorescent colours for a "Neon Read on Day".

In addition to this on Tuesday the 23rd of July parents and community members will be invited to attend an evening of viewing and purchasing books from our Book Fair from 4.00 - 6.30pm.

Book Fair contd.

More information will be sent home later on this week. If you have any inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me. Your support is appreciated and the commission we make from the books we sell will be used to purchase library books for all students from Prep- 6.

~ Catherine Allen – Book Fair Co-ordinator ~

ART ROOM NEWS

MOSAIC ART - REMINDER FOR STUDENTS IN 4/5 AND 5/6:

Please remember to bring your picture/ideas or mirrors for your tiled mosaic to this week's lesson.

URGENT REQUEST FOR ART ROOM:

If you have any ice-cream containers with lids at home, could you please send them along to the art room. Any sizes would be greatly appreciated as we need them ASAP.

LIVING HERB BAG FUNDRAISER

We are now a few weeks into our Living Herb Bag Fundraiser and many of you have sold lots of your items over the holidays. Congratulations and well done to everyone who has returned money so far. Please continue to sell your items as fast as possible and return the money so we can wrap up the drive. If you are having problems selling the goods, please ask around to see if anyone can help or return them to school to see if your goods can be reallocated to someone else. Please return the money and any unsold items to the school by this Friday, 19th July.

On behalf of Parents and Friends Committee, I thank you for your involvement and support of this fundraiser.

~ Claire Prior – Parents & Friends Secretary ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

19 July	Fri	Living Herb money and unsold items due back
22 – 26 July	Mon - Fri	Book Fair
31 July	Wed	First Active After School Session for Term 3
1 Aug	Thu	Parent/Teacher Interviews
2 Aug	Fri	EMA applications close
6 Sept	Fri	Trivia Night
11 Sept	Wed	Bush Dance

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 19200kwh which means we have generated 437kwh since our last reading.

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Resilient kids are resourceful kids

If you want children to be resourceful then you need to place them in the position to develop their resources. This can be tough because a parent's natural instinct is to care for, nurture and even protect children and young people.

When you provide the space and opportunity for children to solve their own problems and difficulties then you give them the chance to grow and develop the skills necessary to cope.

A recent national television advertisement showed a mother taking a forgotten lunch to her child in school. The advertisement presented this woman as the epitome of caring motherhood. However this mother robbed her child of an opportunity to resolve a problem himself.

It is amazing how children can resolve many of their own difficulties when we

stand back a little and give them the chance. It is by learning to deal with life's minor hardships that children and young people develop the skills and tools to cope with some of the bigger challenges that can come their way.

Research indicates that resilient children are generally independent, resourceful individuals with effective social skills. They can also draw on past experiences when they meet with difficulties. By protecting them from life's smaller hassles adults rob children and young people of opportunities to promote personal resilience.



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16th July, 2013

Parent / Teacher Interviews – Thursday 1st August 2013

Dear Parents,

This year as per the Education Department's guidelines Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from 2.00pm until 6.00pm. Students will remain at school until the normal dismissal time (3:30pm). To facilitate these interviews staff not involved with interviews will be providing a variety of activities for all students.

Interviews are to conclude by 6:00pm, with a 10 minute time allotment per interview. For families with more than one child, there will be a 10 minute gap between siblings' interview times. If you require more than a 10 minute interview you will need to arrange an alternative appointment with your child's teacher.

If you already have regular contact with your child's teacher and do not require an interview please inform us by returning the attached slip.

Please number both time slots as 1 or 2 on the return slip below. The earlier you return your form, the more chance you will have of being allocated your first choice. Parents who can indicate "anytime" give us a great deal of flexibility in our time-tabling.

If you would like an interview but are unable to attend on the day you will need to arrange a mutually suitable time with the appropriate teacher. You will be notified shortly of the exact time we wish you to attend.

Joel Fraser
PRINCIPAL

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**RETURN FORM FOR PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS ON 1st AUGUST 2013
PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY 23rd JULY TO SCHOOL OFFICE**

FAMILY NAME: _____

<u>Number 1st Choice</u> <u>and 2nd Choice</u>	
2:00pm – 3:30pm <input type="checkbox"/>	Or tick Either time slot <input type="checkbox"/>
3:40pm – 6:00pm <input type="checkbox"/>	
No Interview Required <input type="checkbox"/>	