



Dear Parents,

School Council met this week and amongst other items on the agenda was the school's new Attendance Policy which is guided by Department of Education directives about what schools and families must do to improve attendance state-wide. Certainly, attendance is not a big issue at Traralgon South Primary School, but we do have a share of kids who are absent more than they should be, and an even greater number who are consistently late to school. This, of course, has negative impacts on their personal education but the inconsistency of attendance and disruption of lateness also impacts on the education and instruction time of other students in the class. From this perspective, it is essential that we all work together as a community to make the school's attendance as best it possibly can be.

It is unfortunate that the impact of elements of the new policy is going to be on the time that teachers and support staff have to provide for education in the classroom, so we ask for the assistance of parents by performing their role to make this transition into the new attendance guidelines and policy as seamless as possible.

An overview of key points of the policy is below. A copy of the whole policy is available on the School Council noticeboard, and will also be placed on the school website before the beginning of term 3. This policy is in effect for the start of term 3, and will be reviewed by School Council at the end of term 3 to resolve any issues that arise and to ensure that the most streamlined procedure is in place.

Please don't hesitate to come and talk to me if you have any concerns or queries.

### ATTENDANCE TERM 3 AND BEYOND

- Students are required at school every possible day for learning, and are expected to be on time.
- Classroom attendance will be recorded at the start of the school day.
- Parents will notify of absences before school on the morning of the absence preferably by Dojo.
- Parents will notify of known absences before they occur, not afterwards.
- The school must determine what is an excused or unexcused absence (more information in the full policy document)
- The school will contact parents on the morning of an absence that is unexplained.
- Five days of unexcused absences in a year will result in additional supports being put in place, including notification to the Department of Education Attendance Officer at South Eastern Region office.

**Dan Swallow - Acting Principal**

## Junior School Council Fun Run/Walk This Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Parents are welcome to come along and join in and/or support the students. Students will need their forms to record their laps on Friday and then will take it home to collect their sponsorship money. Forms and money to be returned to school by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

All profit raised will be sent to State Schools Relief.

### P&F CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the families who are participating in the chocolate drive this year. Most families received their boxes yesterday. We still have a couple of boxes available so please contact Melanie Harkess if you would like to collect one. For all families who have a box or boxes, happy selling and eating. All money and unsold chocolates to be returned by Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 please. Any questions please ask Melanie Harkess via FB or 0411884033.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Fri	Junior School Council Fun Run/Walk
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Thu	Student Reports sent home
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	End of Term 2 - Early dismissal at 1:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Mon	Term 3 begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Mon	Graduation Fundraiser - Ricotta & Spinach Pastries
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed	P&F Chocolate Drive money due in

### "Many Hands Art and Craft"

Local women and artists are running monthly workshops at the Traralgon South Mens Shed. Next Tuesday is Wire Art and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July will be Woodwork incorporating Lightning Art. Full details including costs and bookings contact Anita on 0428 164 628.



## Traralgon College VCAL Night Market



June 25<sup>th</sup> - 5pm to 8pm

Traralgon College Senior Campus Hall, 154-184 Grey St, Traralgon

#### Products include:

- Homewares
- Furniture
- Outdoor Living
- \* Kitchenware
- \* Craft
- \* Pet Products
- \* Bath and Beauty Products
- \* Jewellery
- \* Garden Equipment Servicing & Maintenance

(A number of products/services are also available to be ordered on the night.)

Sausage sizzle  
Tea/Coffee and Slices  
available

Free Entry!

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Please come along and support our VCAL students!