



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 4 TERM 3 2019

Preliminary results for our 2019 Student Attitude to School Survey were made available by the Department of Education and Training (DET) last week, and I am most pleased to inform our school community of the significant improvements made over a 12-month period. The percentage of positive responses to almost every category has increased from 2018 to 2019, with our strongest gains made in ‘*Stimulated Learning*’, ‘*Differentiated Learning Challenge*’ and ‘*Teacher Concern*’. Surveys are made available for only Year 4-6 students, however such positive feedback from our student body reaffirms the direction of our school, whilst also demonstrating the positive impact our teaching and learning program is having on our children. Over the remainder of this term I will be working alongside our staff and students to unpack this feedback further, looking for those areas to capitalise on, and those for further growth and improvement.

Last week I joined our teaching staff at a meeting at Traralgon College, whereby we worked alongside teacher colleagues from Glengarry, Tyers, Gormandale, and Toongabbie Primary Schools in developing our collective practice and knowledge in numeracy. This has been an ongoing piece of work for over 18 months, and I left most impressed with the levels of leadership and engagement shown by our teaching staff. This work will continue throughout Term 3 and 4 this year, and I have no doubt our children will directly benefit from this ongoing learning and development.

Looking ahead, please be aware our student body have been invited to contribute to the redevelopment of our school lunch order menu, working alongside the General Store on the menu style and presentation, as well as the food items available within. Stay tuned for more details.

Finally, as previously communicated, please be reminded of the invitation for all parents to participate in the DET 2019 Parent Opinion Survey. **At the time of writing, only 20 surveys have been completed.** It would be lovely to have a larger response rate, therefore providing us a stronger evidence base from which we can use to inform our school improvement initiatives. Survey login details have been sent home in a sealed envelope with your child, however if this has been misplaced, please let me know and I can reproduce this for you. Surveys close Sunday 11 August.

Take care

Joel Blythman

MUSICA VIVA

On Friday 23rd August, Musica Viva will be performing “March of the Fire Ants” at our school. We are looking forward to this performance at 2:00pm in the Multi Purpose room. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend as well. We are very fortunate that there is no cost for students, as we were very lucky to have won a free concert this year. During term 2 we have been learning about the bands songs and the various sounds and instruments they play.

~ Yvonne Game ~

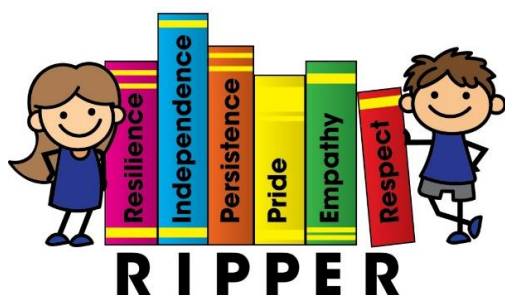
PREP-2 SWIMMING PROGRAM

The Prep-2 Swimming Program information notice and permission and payment slip were sent home yesterday with each student in Years Prep, 1 and 2. Please check your child’s bag if you did not receive it. A copy will be available on our website if you need to reprint it.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11 th Aug	Sun	Last day for Parent Opinion Survey online access
14 th Aug	Wed	ICAS online payments close for Years 2 - 6 students participating
19 th Aug	Mon	Dancing Extravaganza - 2:30pm - 3:30pm at school
21 st Aug	Wed	Book Week Rotation Day - Design your own cape!
23 rd Aug	Fri	Musica Viva - No cost to families this year
13 th Sept	Fri	Prep - 2 Swimming Program - \$105 per student - final day for payment

RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 2nd August 2019



Prep	Cruz Skrypzack	For respectful listening during instruction time.
1	Cody Hare	For always showing pride in his maths work and being persistent with magic words.
3/4	Tyler Moyle	For showing independence and pride whilst working on his text innovation.
4/5	Christien Dann	For displaying respect to others and their ideas when working collaboratively.
6	Lizzie Ralph	For showing resilience and independence to solve problems.
P.E.	Lexi Walsh & Thomas Wilhelm	For showing respect and independence during the dance session last week.

ENROL NOW FOR 2020

Traralgon South Primary School are now taking enrolments for Prep students in 2020.

We encourage all families to enrol their child by Friday 30 August 2019.

Please contact the school for an enrolment package, and if you would like, to arrange a school tour.

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DANCING EXTRAVAGANZA

The children have been working very hard learning dancing in PE. Our focus has been social dances such as the Nut Bush, Macarena and the Chicken Dance. As well as these we have learnt bush dances such as the Heel and Toe Polka, Virginia Reel, Stockyard Jig and Cotton Eye Joe. To showcase the students learning, we invite all parents/carers to join us for a dancing afternoon on Monday August 19th between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. We will be dancing on the netball court weather permitting, or will move to the Traralgon South Hall if the weather is poor. All teachers look forward to seeing you on the day.

Regards - Kristine Travers



To celebrate Book Week, all students are invited to design their own cape to wear to school on **Wednesday August 21st 2019.**

Be creative! Any material can be used to make your cape. Suggestions include a length of fabric, old t-shirts, felt, plastic (garbage bag/table covers), etc. Let your imagination run wild and have fun creating!

A whole school parade will be held at 9:10 am. If you are able to come along and join in the fun, we would love to see you there.