

ICY POLE (ZOOOPER DOOPER) SALES

Students from Grade 5/6 will sell Zooper Doopers at the beginning of lunchtime via the classrooms for 50c each.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Tania Baldwin has a few time slots available for private music lessons at school. She teaches piano/keyboard, guitar, flute, recorder and clarinet. Please feel free to phone her on 0448 924 340 with any enquiries.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

You may be eligible to receive conveyance allowance for transporting your child to and from school. To be eligible to receive conveyance allowance, a student must:

- Be school age
- Reside more than 4.8km by the shortest route from the nearest school attended or bus stop,
- Be enrolled at the nearest government primary or secondary school, or at the nearest appropriate registered non-government school.

If you believe you are eligible to receive conveyance allowance, please contact the school to complete an application.

C.A.T.S JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB SEASON 2018

Callignee & Traralgon South Junior Cricket Club are seeking players for an U10 cricket team. The junior association has been working on introducing an U10 age group competition with modified rules for a couple of years. A pilot four-round competition will be played in February starting on Wednesday 7th February 2018. We are seeking boys and girls interested in playing in this new age group. Already we have four to five players interested in playing U10's and we are looking for a few more to make up a team. If interested contact C.A.T.S CC Junior Coordinator: Tony Harrup PH. 0428 955340

DATES TO REMEMBER		
13 th Feb	Tue	Welcome BBQ
16 th Feb	Fri	Student Free Day
28 th Feb	Wed	2018 Materials Charges Due
		First full week for Preps
6 th Mar	Tue	House Sports in Traralgon
9 th Mar	Fri	School Photos
12 th Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 th Mar	Mon	District Sports in Traralgon

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Student Free Day Friday 16th February

Part of our ongoing development of building a consistent approach throughout the school will be some professional days on building Proficiency Scales in Numeracy and a writing structure called 'Big Write & VCOP'. Our first Student Free Day is being held on FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY along with other schools in our district to look at the development of proficiency scales in Numeracy. We will then work together as a cluster of schools to develop these further along with tasks and assessments. It's an exciting time in our development as we as a staff look not just at the year level we teach, but rather look at the curriculum as a continuum of where students are at, have come from and move onto next. The 'Team PLCs' will play a vital role in this as will sessions with the other schools.

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to 2018! I hope you had a great break with your families.

It was so wonderful to see all of the smiling faces on Tuesday for what I believe will be an amazing year.

On Monday as a staff we spent the day looking at our Teaching and Learning plan to ensure we all understand our roles and expectations for the year. This includes ensuring that all our core subjects are taught according to our philosophy and agreed protocols. We spent a long time discussing the expectations of staff and students in the learning environment and then how as a community, we can improve student outcomes. We came up with a school wide HIGH expectation document for what an orderly classroom will look like and the roles we all play in that.

You will notice that at the beginning of the year the walls in our classrooms look quite bare. This is because the charts and expectations will be developed WITH and BY the students to help build ownership. Charts are added when something is explicitly taught to students, so they know they have contributed to the classroom and it's not just something the teacher said to do. Of course, there are some 'givens' as we have agreed practices as staff, gathered from research and High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS), but they will be added as items are discussed with students.

One of the most exciting changes for this year will be our 'Team PLCs' that will be held on a Wednesday. This is a set time that teachers will meet in small teams (lower and upper) to look at data and discuss teaching plans to move each and every student forward. This time has been created as we move into the next phase of our Instructional Practice using the model of Targeted Teaching. Using some developed assessments, teachers will be able to test pre and post teaching blocks and track students better throughout the year, always looking at the next level of work. This means a more differentiated approach to learning, an added level of accountability for staff and students and the ability to share ideas and tasks in a more collaborative way as a school.

This year I am taking Long Service Leave in Term 2 to travel north to the Kimberley with my family. It will be an exciting time for us as we pack the trusty camper trailer and travel to some of the most remote places in

Australia. My replacement is Dan Swallow who comes to us from Kurnai College. There will be an extensive handover throughout Term 1 and then business as normal during Term 2 while Dan is here.

Our 'Welcome BBQ' is set for Tuesday 13th February. This is a great opportunity to bring the family, have a bite to eat and have a look around not only your child's classroom, but all the other rooms as well.

This year we have changed our school photographer to John Ansell from Traralgon. Moving to a local business will allow a personal approach for both us as school and for you as parents. The range of photo options remains as does the family portrait options. There is the ability to order a greater range of 'goodies' such as mouse pads, key rings and the like. Our photos are set for FRIDAY 9TH March. The range of options will be available soon.

There has been a slight hold up with our new playground equipment but it is expected that this will be installed in the very near future.

As always, if you ever have a question or something to raise please do not hesitate to see me; my door is always open!

2018 Materials Charge

The 2018 Materials Charge have been set by School Council and will be \$145 per student. This payment goes towards student and class consumable materials. This payment is not voluntary and needs to be made before the end of February unless an appropriate payment plan has been organised with me.

2018 Voluntary Contributions

The 2018 Voluntary Contributions have been set by the School Council and will be \$10 **per student** which goes towards grounds maintenance, in particular mowing, plus the \$20 working bee payment and/or \$30 IT payment **per family**.

Tissues

A reminder to parents that tissues are no longer included in the Materials Charges, as per the Department of Education and Training policy. However, we do ask that parents supply a box of tissues to their child's classroom please.

Looking forward to a great year!

Adam Downes - Principal