

Dear Parents,

Trivia Night – 23rd August

Our Trivia Night is getting closer and I have started to hear a bit of buzz from some parents about getting organised for the night. This event will be held at the Traralgon South Hall on Saturday 23rd August with doors open at 7pm. Again this year, we are encouraging each table to choose a theme and dress up accordingly. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed person. Our committee has been busy meeting with local business owners seeking donations that can be used for prizes or for silent auction items. Last year, we had about 80 items donated which ranged from café vouchers through to accommodation vouchers and this year we look like receiving more items again. A flier with further details will be sent out once we receive them which should be this week. We look forward to seeing you all there.

National Tree Day This Thursday

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that the National Tree day will be held this Thursday 24th July from 2:00pm. Each child will have a tree or shrub to plant within the school grounds. We also need some volunteers to come in prior to Thursday to break the ground where the trees are to be planted to make the planting easier for our students. Any parents who are able to help out with either the planting on Thursday or breaking the ground prior to then can let me know via email or phone.

Special Religious Instruction Forms

Parents are reminded to return the Religious Education consent forms as soon as possible regardless of whether or not you give your consent. Once we have sufficient forms returned, I can make a decision on whether the school can offer the RE program this semester or not.

School Council Chocolate Drive

Chocolate boxes were sent home with students yesterday afternoon. We still have a couple of boxes at school so if you are able to sell more than one box, please call in to get another. We ask that all boxes be returned by Friday 15th August or earlier once the chocolates have been sold.

Years 5 and 6 Ballarat Camp

Our students in Years 5 and 6 are starting to get excited about our school camp which takes place from the 4th – 6th August. We are heading off to Ballarat where I'm sure it will be quite chilly, but an exciting time as well. We will be spending most of our time at Sovereign Hill with visits to the Museum of Australian Democracy as well.

Parents are reminded that camp costs are to be paid in full by next Monday 28th July. Further details for those students attending will be sent home this afternoon.

Health & Human Relations Parent Information Session

Parents are reminded that Kristine Travers will be providing a parent session regarding the Health and Human Relations program to be conducted later in term 3 and 4 for students in Years 5 and 6, and 3 and 4. During this session, Kristine will provide an overview of the topics she plans to cover and is a great opportunity for parents to discuss any concerns they may have. We understand that some parents may be unable to make it to the session and I encourage any parents in this situation to contact Kristine at school.

Deakin Uni Optional Health Study

Students in Year 4 and Year 6 have been given the opportunity to participate in a Health study being conducted by Deakin University. Our school participated last year and there has been a change in the consent procedure this year. This year, all students will be included in the study unless parents complete the form to opt out of the program. So if you do not want your child to participate, you need to complete and return the form they will bring home this afternoon.

Joel Fraser – Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs. If you have a child under 16 and hold a valid Health Care or Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the 2nd instalment for 2014. Please note the EMA program will cease at the end of 2014. If this is your first time applying in 2014 contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA before Friday 1st August. If you have previously filled in a form earlier this year you do not need to apply again. No applications can be processed after this date. For more information about the EMA, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/ema.htm.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

By Teagan Schoolderman Grade 4/5

On the 17th of July I went to compete at state cross country in Bundoora Park in Melbourne. I had to run two km. The circuit was pretty much just mud and wet grass. 90 kids participated in the race. There were different sections that had about 10 kids in each. I was in the Gippsland box. The starters said "On your marks!" Then "Go!". I took 8 minutes and 40 seconds and I came 59th. We ran half way up the highest point in Melbourne but the hill wasn't very steep. After my race we went to buy some souvenirs and I got a t-shirt and drink bottle. Then we drove back home.



DATES TO REMEMBER		
24 Jul	Thu	National Schools Tree Day
25 Jul	Fri	Federation University Excursion – Years 4 - 6
28 Jul	Mon	Book Club Due In
		Commonwealth Games Day Sausage Sizzle Orders Due In
30 Jul	Wed	Parent Information Session – Health & Human Relations
31 Jul	Thu	Commonwealth Games Day
1 Aug	Fri	EMA Applications Close
4-6 Aug	Mon-Wed	Years 5 and 6 Ballarat Camp - \$220 per student
23 Aug	Sat	Trivia Night

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 20th June 2014**



Prep/1	Zara Tilley	For demonstrating excellent manners and a positive attitude.
1/2	Ryan Murphy	For staying focussed during writing and completing a great piece.
2/3	Ayva Rohde	For creativity and excellence in movie making using an iPad.
4/5	Emily Grist	For persisting to improve arguments in her persuasive writing.
5/6	Chloe Downes	For delivering a clear and confident speech.
Art/Music	Phoebe Miller	For her excellent print of a turtle using defining lines and patterns.
	Ella Cheney	For her excellent print of a cockatoo using accurate design and colours.
P.E.	Makayla Elma	For showing great confidence and persistence during skipping practise.
Principal	Benjamin Meyer	For playing fairly at recess and lunchtime.

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY

On the 31st of July Grade 5/6 is holding a Commonwealth Games day for all students to participate in. The activities that will be held on the day are lawn bowls, target shooting, sock wrestling, badminton and weightlifting.



Parents are welcome to come and watch their children and other students participate.



There will be five countries and each grade will be split up into different countries and we will go around in grades. There will be a winning country and the winning country will be the country that has the most medals.

There will be a Parents and Friends sausage sizzle fundraiser rather than their regular lunch, which we have sent home a slip for today. A timetable for the day has also been sent home with the eldest in the family.



Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 31685kwh which means we have generated 124kwh since the last reading.

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UNSW / EAA COMPUTER COMPETITION RESULTS

Recently a number of our Years 3 to 6 students elected to enter the University of New South Wales / International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (EAA) **Computer** competition. This is an international competition and students excelling are eligible for awards as outlined below -

- High Distinction Certificate – top 1% of participants
- Distinction Certificate – the next 10% of participants
- Credit Certificate – the next 20% of participants
- Participation Certificate – for all remaining participants

Congratulations go to all students who entered and had a go. Certificates were presented at yesterday's assembly. Results are as follows:

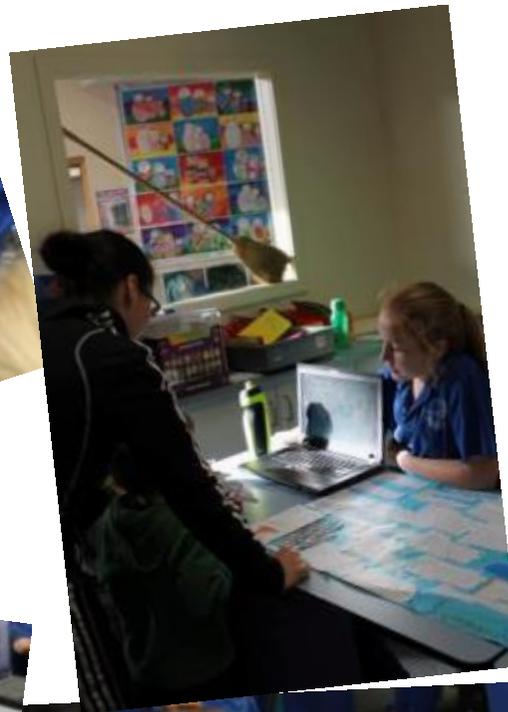
Certificate of Distinction	
Year 4 - Ruby Bates	
Year 5 - Zara Pettifer	
Year 6 - Joshua Neilson	
Certificate of Credit	
Year 3 - Kate Hagley James Pettifer	
Year 4 - Zoe Bolton	
Year 5 - Phoebe Miller Emma Hagley	
Certificate of Merit	
Year 6 – Molly Grist	

Other students who participated and received a certificate for their efforts were:

- Year 3 – Julia Bates
- Year 4 – Lachie Mayes
- Year 5 – Blake Henry
- Year 6 – Tiannah Goodwin

In the last week of term Grade 5/6s finally finished their human body system projects. On the last Thursday of term, we invited all of the grades to come to our classroom and show off how hard we worked for the past 4 weeks. Grade 5/6s also invited some parents to come in and look at what we did. When the students and parents came in they were so interested at what we had been working so hard on. The Grade 5/6 classroom would like to thank the grades, parents, Mr Fraser and Karyn for popping in and having a look at what we did.

Written by Tiannah Goodwin



During the 4 weeks that we did our projects, Grade 5/6 followed a process to make our projects the best they could be. This process included

- Looking at all the different systems to understand them
- Made up subheadings about what we wanted to know
- In partners, we wrote criteria for our projects which we would use
- Decided on our preferences for our partners and topics
- We were assigned our topics and partners based on our preferences
- We made rough plans for what we wanted to learn
- Started researching our topics
- We collected information from a range of sources, including books, internet and videos
- Changed information into our own words
- Decided how we were going to present our topics
- Had learning conferences throughout the time
- We made models of parts of our system
- We finished and presented our entire projects to the grade
- We assessed our projects – self-assessment, peer assessment and teacher assessment
- We had our expo!