

Dear Parents,

### **Parent Opinion Surveys**

Some parents will receive a Parent Survey today. This survey is conducted annually by the DEECD to gauge parent perception of their school's progress. Once collated, the results are compared with schools that are similar to ours. Topics covered in the survey relate to areas of school climate (the actual feeling you get when you walk into the school), student engagement and student behaviour.

We have been working particularly hard over the last few years to improve the perception parents have of our school as it hasn't always been positive. The results last year were a marked improvement on the previous year and we want to make sure we are continuing on an upward trend. This information is important to the school and the day to day operations within the school. In the past, some of the information identified from the survey has led to various changes within the school, most notably how we communicate with parents, the role students play in the organisation of our school and what we want our students to learn and be able to do by the time they finish Grade 6. Forty surveys will be sent home to a random selection of parents and for the best indication of our school's progress, it is important to receive as many of those back as possible.

### **Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Volunteers Needed**

Our school has been allocated a date to hold a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in Traralgon. The BBQ will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, which is four weekends away. We require parents to help run the stall for a two hour block (9 - 11am, 11am – 1pm, 1 – 3 pm) and are asking for three parents from each grade to volunteer. Please contact your child's teacher to let them know of your availability please. It is a great opportunity to raise some funds for the school from the wider community.

### **Trivia Night Update**

Planning for our combined Trivia night is well underway and we have been receiving some fantastic prizes. We will have many items that will be auctioned off on the night, as well as prizes for the winning team and some other fun games and activities. A flier has been included in this newsletter outlining all the important details. We are looking forward to a tremendous night and having a few laughs along the way. Information regarding the purchase of tickets is included in the flier.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **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:

<b>Certificate of Distinction</b>	
Ruby Bates – Year 3 Joshua Neilson – Year 5	
<b>Certificate of Credit</b>	
Emily Cook – Year 5 Abbey Lambert – Year 4 Zara Pettifer – Year 4 Zoe Bolton – Year 4	

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

Year 3 – Riley Ahlers, Zoe Bolton  
Year 4 – Georgie Lambert, Lachie Mayes  
Year 5 – Nina Cook, Molly Grist  
Year 6 – Taylah Adam, Amelia Bolton, Riley Jenkins

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

Tania Baldwin is offering music lessons during school hours here at our school. Tania teaches keyboard/piano, guitar, recorder, flute and clarinet. For further information please phone Tania on 0448 924 340.

**YOU CAN DO IT  
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS  
For Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013**



Prep	Kai Little	For working well in class all week.
	Jayden Henry	For his enthusiastic attitude towards the SPACE theme.
1/2	Ayva Rohde	For always working enthusiastically during class.
2/3	Marnie Lockett	For using initiative and showing enthusiasm in her work.
	Georgia Robinson	For using initiative and showing enthusiasm in her work.
4/5	Connor Lockett	For forming positive and friendly relationships with students.
5/6	Chase Wilkerson	For applying himself to his work all week.
	Taylor Robinson	For displaying persistence when doing division problems.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

22 – 26 July	Mon - Fri	Book Fair with dress up day on Friday
31 July	Wed	First Active After School Session for Term 3
1 Aug	Thu	Parent/Teacher Interviews
2 Aug	Fri	EMA applications close
18 Aug	Sun	Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ
6 Sept	Fri	Trivia Night
11 Sept	Wed	Bush Dance

**Solar Energy Generation**

The reading this week is 19333kwh which means we have generated 100kwh since our last reading.

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# Book Fair

Our school is hosting a special Book Fair event tonight. It starts at 4.00pm and finishes at 6.00pm. From 4.30pm to 5.00pm we will be having a special furry visitor come to our school and visit those who come along. His name is Geronimo Stilton and he is a famous character from the Geronimo Stilton book series. There will also be lots of Geronimo Stilton books for sale, so please come along and say hello to our life size Geronimo. Photos will be taken of the children and/or parents posing with Geronimo by request during the evening. So please feel free to come along and have lots of fun.

There will be a door prize on the night. Each person/family that comes along will go into a draw to win the door prize. The winner will be phoned and notified the next day if they are not present when their name is drawn out of the box.

It promises to be a fun night for all. Our school will earn up to 30 per cent of the total of sales. This money will be used to purchase library books and Lexile readers for your children to borrow.

Also on Friday (last day of Book Fair) we will be having a dress up day where the students have been asked to wear colourful, fluorescent clothes and pizzazz and colour their hair to match. All students will be part of a Book Fair Dress Up parade. One child from each grade will get a prize for the most colourful and creatively dressed.

Kind Regards,  
Catherine Allen  
Book Fair Co-ordinator

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# TRIVIA Night

September 6<sup>th</sup> at Traralgon South Hall

Doors open at 7pm

Tickets \$10 per person

Tables of 8-10 people. Book as a group or arrange to join others. Choose a theme for your table and get into the spirit!

BYO drinks and snacks.

Tea & coffee available for gold coin donation.



Come and join us for an evening of fun and to raise funds for Traralgon South Primary School and Kinder.

Lucky Door and other prizes to be won. Bargains to be had at Silent Auction.

For bookings please contact Traralgon South Primary School  
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