

## COMMUNITY DINNER

The Traralgon South Kindergarten is hosting the Community Dinner on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We will be serving gourmet burgers and jacket potatoes. There will be a variety of desserts available and ice-cream sundaes for the kids. The night starts at 6:00pm and meals are served at 6:30pm. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child. Please RSVP to [communitydinners@outlook.com](mailto:communitydinners@outlook.com) and state if you would like beef, lamb, chicken or veggie burgers.

**Thanks - Leanne Kamphuis - Traralgon South Kindergarten**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mon	Years Prep - 2 Swimming Program commences - \$110.00 per student
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Tue	Book Week Dress Up Day
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Fri	P&F Father's Day Stall

### YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017



P/1	Sian Coulthard	For displaying an improved effort with listening.
1/2	Olivia McInnes	For working hard on her Maths.
2/3	Luke Ruff & Abby Riddell	For being thoughtful guides for their blindfolded buddies.
4	Sheldon Tassell	For showing initiative and having a go at new things.
5/6	Ellie Gollan	For working hard on her writing checklist.
P.E.	Braylen Winter	For showing a good skill level during P.E. lessons.

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## PARENT OPINION SURVEY NOW OPEN

The Department Parent Opinion survey opened yesterday and you can now use the link supplied to you via a letter sent home with the eldest in the family 2 weeks ago. The Parent Opinion survey is an important feedback tool we use to help assist and improve our structures here at school.

This year the survey is completed online rather than via paper, which will mean getting the results back much quicker. If you have lost the link supplied to you previously, please make sure you come and see us at the office.

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Dear Parents,

We are investigating a student free day this term and are close to working with a provider on a specific date. Although not yet finalised, we will let you know in plenty of time. This day will be used by teachers to work with a consultant on improving our curriculum planning to ensure that we as 'targeting students' needs. A major focus of our work will continue to be our 'Targeted Teaching' model where we assess what students already know about a topic, then plan accordingly to ensure we are not teaching what the student already knows.

At our staff meeting and Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings this term, we have been focussing on how we can continue to show growth across all level of abilities in the one grade. Sometimes we can show growth over the entire year with some of our assessments, but we have been focussing on how we can show growth in the shorter term, to ensure all students are improving at a satisfactory rate. It has been a great privilege to view the great work put in by teachers that show growth. What has been even better, is showing the students either their tremendous growth or sometimes their lack of growth to light the fire again.

Our junior swimming program starts on this coming Monday with students from Prep to Grade 2 having 9 lessons at Churchill Swimming pool. It can be quite a tiring time with swimming and the change in routine can also throw some children out as well. For those going, please make sure that **ALL** items of clothing are named. You would be surprised (or maybe not) how many odd socks and jocks we end up with.

Keep those 5c pieces rolling in! Last week we raised close to \$100. That's a lot of 5c pieces. Congratulations to Grade 4 who raised \$40.05 to win this week. Please take it easy on me.

I hope students are having a think about what book character they will come dressed as on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August for our Book Week dress up day. I know the activities planned are going to be fun and engaging.

***Adam Downes - Principal***

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS FATHER'S DAY STALL**

On Friday the 1st of September Parents & Friends will be holding a Father's Day stall with gifts for sale from 50cents to \$5.00. If any families would like to donate items, these can be sent to the office. Baked goods are wonderful but please pop a list of ingredients on your goods. If you would like to help on the stall please let Melanie know via email [melharkess12@gmail.com](mailto:melharkess12@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

### **ICAS Science Competition Results**

Recently a number of our Years 3 to 6 students elected to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) **Science** competition. This is an international competition and students excelling received awards as outlined below:-

- the top 1% of participants High Distinction Certificate
- the next 10% of participants Distinction Certificate
- the next 25% of participants Credit Certificate
- the next 10% of participants Merit Certificate
- for all remaining participants Participation Certificate

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



#### **Certificate of High Distinction**

Year 3 - Heath Kamphuis, Isobel McAllister, Abby Riddell

#### **Certificate of Distinction**

Year 3 - Kate Edgar

Year 6 - Eric Porigneaux

#### **Certificate of Credit**

Year 2 - Ford Gore, Alika Perry, Dan Riddell

Year 4 - Ben Hagley

#### **Certificate of Merit**

Year 2 - Harry Tilley

Year 6 - Kate Hagley

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

Year 2 – Matilda Peck, William Edgar, Brodie Morris, Eva Prior

Year 3 – Alice

Year 4 – Belle Gissara, Ben Hagley

Year 5 – Ayva Rohde, Billy Wheatley, Tahli Zarth

Year 6 – Julia Bates, Hunter Fahy, Alexandra Gore