



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 7 TERM 3 2019

What a busy few weeks it has been since our last newsletter in Week 5. So busy in fact, we simply could not get a newsletter out in time last week. Last Wednesday was especially chaotic, with our Book Week parade, Book Week rotation activities, and a visit from the Secretary of Education, Jenny Atta. I was really proud to show Jenny and her entourage around our school, highlighting the amazing work of our staff and our students, and receive positive feedback from an influential leader within the Department of Education and Training. Publicly, I would like to acknowledge the entire school community for your collective efforts in ensuring our school is so highly regarded at a system level, as no school can continually improve without strong partnerships from all stakeholders.

Looking ahead, it seems the busyness will continue, with the Father's Day Stall, ICAS testing, the Life Ed van, and other excursions and activities. Please keep an eye on the 'Dates To Remember' section of our newsletter over the coming weeks for advance notice of each of these.

Our attendance rates have taken a significant hit over the past few weeks, with many students understandably absent with colds and viruses. To support us with our record keeping, may I please request families provide notification to the school prior to 9am, and preferably by phone. This request relates to each individual day your child is absent, as although they may be away ill on one day, we are not allowed to assume the same absence reason applies for subsequent day(s). The requirements placed on us as a school is to attempt to make same day contact with families of absent students, and this workload can be significantly reduced through adherence to this notification request. Hopefully the weather will soon turn, we can get some fresh air into the classrooms, and we can all get outside into the sunshine!

Take care

Joel Blythman

ICAS 2019: TEST TIMETABLE

DATE	TEST	START TIME (APPROX.)	TEST DURATION
Monday 2 September	Digital Technology	2:15pm	35 minutes
Wednesday 4 September	Science	9:30am	45 minutes
Tuesday 10 September	Writing	9:30am	35 minutes
Wednesday 11 September	Spelling	9:30am	40 minutes
Wednesday 18 September	English	9:30am	35-50 minutes
Thursday 19 September	Maths	9:30am	35-60 minutes

All ICAS testing will be conducted online and supervised by a member of staff.

SILVER BEET AND RICOTTA PASTRIES LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Order forms were sent home with each student last week for the Grade 6 Graduation fundraiser lunch on Wednesday 11th September. The Grade 6's will help make and organise the pastries for the rest of the school. All of the silver beet is home grown from our school garden. The pastries are \$3.50 each and Fruit Boxes are \$1.50 each. Orders with money are due back in by the 4th September and can be returned to the office.

LIFE EDUCATION

In the last week of term, we will have the Life Education van visit the school. The purpose of these visits is to educate the children on a range of health issues including smoking, alcohol and drugs. The dates are September 16th and 17th. There is always a parent session held and this will take place at 9.30am on Monday September 16th straight after assembly. The cost of this incursion is included in the school charges. If you haven't paid the charges, you will need to send along \$9 per student before the date as this is a user pay experience.

Regards - Kristine Travers

Father's Day Stall Friday 30th August



Our Father's Day Stall will be held this Friday, 30th August. All children will have the opportunity to view the stall and make a purchase. Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$5. Children will need to bring a bag to carry their purchases home. Please send them along with no more than \$10 per child to spend. If you would like to donate any items for the stall, these will be very much appreciated and can be left at the office. Thanks to those families who have sent donations in.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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30 th Aug	Fri	Fathers' Day Stall
3 rd Sept	Tue	ICAS Tests begin
4 th Sept	Wed	Grade 6 Fundraiser - Ricotta Pastries orders due in
11 th Sept	Wed	Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser Lunch Day
13 th Sept	Fri	Final day for payment for Prep - 2 Swimming Program - \$105 per student
16 th & 17 th Sept	Mon/Tue	Life Ed Van - 9:30am Monday Parent Information Session & Life Ed sessions for students
25 th Oct	Fri	JSC Colour Me Happy! Fun-Run

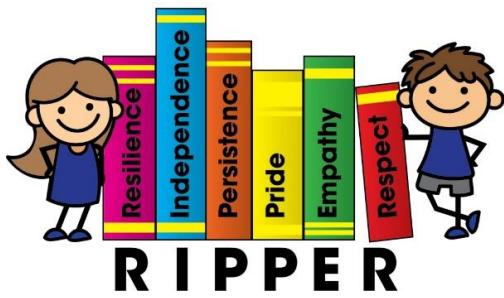
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL SCHOOL "COLOUR ME HAPPY!" FUN-RUN

Traralgon South Junior School Council will be holding a "Colour Me Happy" School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held during the afternoon on **Friday 25th October**. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise money for the school for equipment and resources.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child. Once you have the form, jump online at schoolfundraising.com.au and create a student profile page. Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience! Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school! More information to follow shortly.

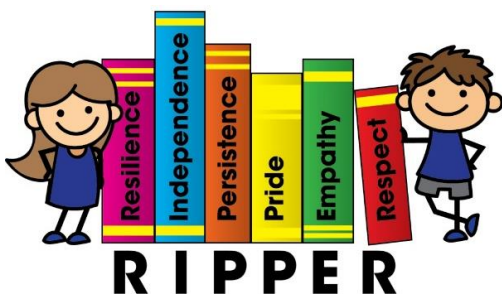
~Sharni Drinken JSC Coordinator ~

RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 16th August 2019



Prep	Jordan Bantick	For showing persistence in his writing tasks.
1	Harvey Hodgson	For his persistence with the Big Write and for writing two pages.
2/3	William Harkess	For his great efforts in hearing sounds in words.
3/4	Natalie Piechota	For always showing respect to others in the classroom.
4/5	Lucas Nicholls	For always demonstrating empathy and persistence when working with others.
6	Sheldon Tassell	For showing outstanding persistence in completing his whole times table test.
	Harry Thomas	For showing dedication to his learning, especially in preparation for the Big Write.
Art/Music	Declan Kamphuis	For studying the main elements of Van Gogh's "Starry Night" painting and recreating his owl.
	Piper Skurrie	For observing and taking in the main elements of Van Gogh's "Starry Night" painting and recreating her own version.
Other	Lizzie Ralph, Byron Smythe, Declan Lazaris	For showing fantastic leadership running the "Just Dance".

RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 23rd August 2019



Prep	Alice Cameron	For persisting with her reading and using her known reading strategies.
1	Blake Fuller	For showing independence with his reading and persistence with Maths.
2/3	Roy Riseley	For making fantastic connections in his learning - especially to literature.
3/4	Caity Dalrymple	For showing persistence in her fraction work.
Art/Music	Grace Beaty	For demonstrating persistence in Art with her string art.
	Amy Jewson	For demonstrating persistence with her pom-pom in Art.
P.E.	Harrison Phillips	For always showing empathy and pride during P.E.