

Dear Parents,

School Council News

Our latest school council meeting was held last night. At the meeting we discussed the Bunnings BBQ that will be held on Sunday 18th August. We are still after a number of parent helpers from each grade to help on the day. We should be able to get enough parents to allocate two hour blocks. If you haven't already done so, please speak to your child's teacher about your availability on the day. Notes will also be sent home with students from classes who still require a parent helper.

Discussion was also had about the Trivia Night which we are holding on Friday 6th September in conjunction with Traralgon South Kindergarten. We have begun selling tickets and already have a couple of tables booked. Please try to get in early and buy your tickets to ensure you are able to be placed on a table with your friends. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by contacting me at school on 51955244 or at the kindergarten. We have a number of fantastic prizes that have been kindly donated by local businesses. We have a couple of accommodation vouchers on offer from Creek Cottages in Traralgon and The Moorings at Metung along with lots of vouchers from cafes and other businesses in Traralgon. A full list of prizes and sponsors will be published in the coming days.

I have also had some questions about children attending this event. The organising committee has decided that this event will only be for adults as questions will be targeted towards adults. We are aware that many families may require baby sitting on the night. If anyone is able to baby sit or knows of a baby sitter, can you please contact the school so we can pass on your details.

School Council also approved a Code of Conduct for our school community, including students, teachers and parents. This document will be available on our school website and will be sent home with next week's newsletter. The Code of Conduct is designed to outline rights and responsibilities for our community members to follow.

Book Fair

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Book Fair this year. Mrs Allen and the students in Grade 4/5 have done a fantastic job of organising the events of the week.

Active After School Program

A reminder to all students and their parents that the Active After School Program begins this week. Basketball will be the focus on Wednesday afternoons and Baseball will be offered on Thursday afternoons. Any students interested in participating in this program will need to complete and return a permission form.

Safety Concerns

I have had a few comments about the dangerous manner in which some students travel to and from school each day. It is important to remind your child that they need to travel on the left hand side of the road when riding their bike, whilst walkers should walk beside the road. At no time, should walkers or riders weave across the road from one side to the other.

Joel Fraser - Principal

BOOK FAIR 2013: 'READING GIVES YOU SUPER POWER'

Our school hosted a successful Book Fair last week. It was a special event designed to focus on literacy and the love of reading books. On Tuesday there was a special Book Fair evening where Geronimo Stilton (famous storybook character) was a much adored guest of honour and was a popular hit with students and parents. We had a 'Count how many worms in a Jar' competition, won by Blake Jenkins. There was also a 'Guess how many books might be sold' at our Book Fair this year won by Lauren & Phoebe Miller. The raffle for the door prize on Tuesday evening was won by Ruby Bates. They all received prizes during yesterday's assembly.

As part of wrapping up the Book Fair all students were asked to dress in neon colours. We had a parade where the most colourful, creative and best dressed students were awarded book and poster prizes for their efforts. The winners were: Prep – Jessica R., Leo and Kai; Grade 1/2 - Phoebe and Cooper; Grade 2/3 - Ruby and Anya; Grade 4/5 - Molly and Ana; Grade 5/6 - Joshua and Connor. Well done to all of these students. The winners were selected by their student peers.

Lastly I would like to extend a huge thanks to all parents and students who supported our Book Fair this year. We sold an amazing amount of books totalling an impressive \$2,400.00. Of this the school receives a 30% commission of \$720.00 worth of books for our library.

A special thanks goes to my husband, Mr Allen, and Mr Fraser for making our special guest Geronimo Stilton come to life.

~ Catherine Allen - Book Fair Co-ordinator ~

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED

I would like to request a group of 3-4 people to assist me on Thursday 8th August to process all the new books that we have purchased for our library. I will supply the coffee, tea and cake (I bake the best carrot cake in town!) specifically baked to entice parent assistance. I would like to get these books on the shelves as soon as possible so the students can borrow them to read. I am attempting to do them on my own but it is a very slow process. Please drop in and let me know if you can help in any way. I will train you if you are unsure of what to do.

~ Catherine Allen – Library Coordinator ~

DATES TO REMEMBER		
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
16 & 17 Sept	Mon/Tue	Life Ed Van

Solar Energy Generation

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

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 26th July 2013



Prep	Lizzie Ralph	For concentrating well and working hard during Maths.
1/2	Phoebe Rhodes	For being a thoughtful and caring member of the class.
2/3	Mia Sturre	For fabulous oral reading in plays and performances.
	Hunter Fahy	For consistent efforts in class and showing compassion towards others.
4/5	Harrison Meyer & Blake Henry	For a fantastic presentation in Science with their Mentos experiment.
5/6	Jacob Lambert	For a positive attitude towards his school work.
P.E.	Belle Gissara	For being helpful in P.E.
	Kate Hagley	For trying hard in basketball.
Principal	Anya Robinson	For setting into our school with ease.

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«Student_Name» ~ «Grade»

Helping children make friends

Friendships are important for a child's happiness and wellbeing. The majority of children learn their friendship skills by observing adults - parents, relatives, teachers, childcare professionals and other significant adults in their lives.

There are five positive social attributes that adults can model when they interact with children that will increase their ability to make friends. These attributes are:

Acceptance: When adults show tolerance for children's behaviours and personal idiosyncrasies they teach children to be accepting rather than critical of other children's actions, dress and habits.

Attention: The quality of the attention children receive when they are in our company influences the way children interact with others. By calling children by name, listening attentively, making eye contact and giving non-verbal signs that display interest you are modelling basic but essential relationship skills.

Appreciation: Give kids positive feedback, letting them know that you appreciate their behaviours

and their attitudes. If a child is to show appreciation to someone else he first must experience appreciation from those whom he respects.

Affirmation: Respond positively to your child's more desirable social behaviours, while ignoring or responding with less enthusiasm to unsociable behaviours.

Affection: When we show children kindness or compassion or tell them that we love them, not only do we model appropriate behaviours, but we let them know that they themselves are likeable.

As children grow and develop we can encourage a variety of friendships skills and talk with them about friendship difficulties that they may encounter. But it is the basic friendships skills that adults model for children that will have the most far-reaching affects.



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