



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 8 TERM 3 2019

This week saw the beginning of our ICAS testing, with many students in Year 3-6 signing up to be a part of these educational assessments. With these tests moving to an online platform in 2019, unfortunately we had some minor technical issues early in the week. Thankfully we have a three-day window for administering each test, therefore allowing us time and opportunity to overcome these difficulties. I have been left impressed with the attitude and maturity of our students when approaching these tests, and especially with their patience whilst I fumbled my way through the troubleshooting guides! Good luck to our students with the remaining tests, and we will be sure to share the results with students and families as soon as they are made available.

Division Sports were held in Moe on Tuesday 3 September, with 16 of our students representing our school at this level. Well done to all students on this achievement, and a big congratulations to Brody, Maddie, Evan, Kate, Eva and Lucas for making it to the Regional Finals on Tuesday 15 October. As an aside, in the previous 24 hours I have had contact with a number of staff at other schools also in attendance on this day, each incredibly praiseworthy of our students, how they present, and how polite and respectful they are to others. It is fantastic to hear how our students are demonstrating our RIPPER values whilst in the wider community.

Today (Wednesday 4 September) we were represented by Abby Riddell at the VicSpell State Finals, which is an incredible achievement in itself. Pleasingly, Abby placed equal sixth, undoubtedly doing both herself and us proud. Well done Abby!

On behalf of the wider school community, I would like to publicly thank and recognise those who supported our Father's Day Stall last week, with many donations from families supporting the organisers in delivering a great event to finish off our week. Thank you to those who contributed, and a big thank you to those who gave up their time with the stall itself. Approximately \$650 was raised, and I will be working with our School Council and staff to determine where (and how) this money will be used to benefit our children.

Late last week we were fortunate to receive a considerable donation of stationary supplies from APM, of which we are most grateful for. Schools receive limited funding and classroom supplies can be quickly exhausted, so it was nice to see many happy faces on our classroom teachers as these were divvied up for each room. Thank you APM!

Continuing with my theme of thanking others, Athletes Foot in Traralgon have presented us with a cheque of \$200, which is our return of profits from their School Rewards program. In the previous 12 months, 40 pairs of shoes have been purchased by our families from their store, seeing this money returned to benefit our school and students.

Finally, as advance notice surrounding our end-of-term arrangements, please be aware that students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 20 September. Our school bus will run as usual, albeit at this earlier departure time. In the last week of term, instead of our usual Monday morning assembly, an end-of-term assembly will be held on the last day in the Multi-Purpose from 1:15pm, with parents most welcome to attend. Term 4 begins on Monday 7 October.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
20 th Sept	Fri	Wear Your Beanie Day (& uniform) - gold coin donation
		Last day of Term 3 - 1:30pm dismissal
25 th Oct	Fri	JSC Colour Me Happy! Fun-Run

Junior School Council is planning a Wear Your Beanie Day to support brain cancer on the last day of this term. Funds raised will go directly to support the Australian foundation that helps patients and families with brain cancer - Peace of Mind Foundation.

This idea has come from one of our students, and we would like to show our support for students initiating community support projects, and implementing our RIPPER values.

Friday 20th September
Wear a Beanie (and your school uniform)
Bring a gold coin donation
Ribbons will also be available for \$1
Funds to Support Peace of Mind Foundation



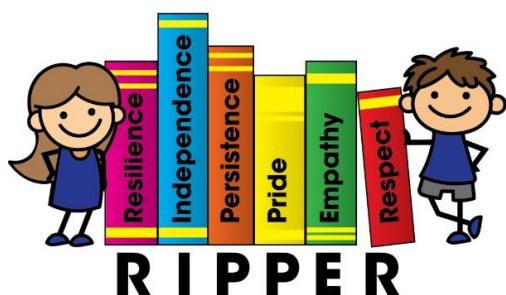
We thank you in advance for your support of this charity.

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 have been sent home with each student. 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 30th August 2019



Prep	Meliah Leviston	For consistently being a respectful listener during floor time.
1	Havana Timmerman	For persistence in improving her handwriting.
2/3	Danielle Game	For modelling the RIPPER values particularly showing empathy towards her classmates.
P.E.	Alice Cameron	For always being a resilient and respectful learner in P.E.
Principal	Blayke Bates	For demonstrating honesty and integrity, and being a RIPPER student.

CALLIGNEE AND TRARALGON SOUTH CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR SIGN UP DAY SEASON 2019 - 2020

When: Friday 13th September at 5:0pm
 Where: Traralgon South Recreation Reserve Pavilion

Boys and Girls of all ages welcome. Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 competitions this season. No fees to play junior cricket at CATS. Free BBQ on the day. For more details please contact Rory Hare on 0419 872 559 or email rory.hare@bigpond.com