



DATES TO REMEMBER		
15 th Aug	Mon	Grade 6 Girls RSPCA Cupcake Fundraiser – Gold coin donation
17 th Aug	Wed	Mini Olympics Day
28 th Aug	Fri	Toy Catalogue Orders/Payment Due In

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
 For Week Ending 5th August 2016



P/1	Austin Morrall	For showing an improvement in his work ethic.
1/2	Eva Prior	For trying hard to improve her understanding in reading.
3	Leo Skurrie	For creative and interesting story writing.
4/5	Lincoln Sturre	For his enthusiasm and ability in solving maths problems.
5/6	Ruby Bates	For extending her understanding of multiplying and dividing practices.



Traralgon South Primary School
 Mini Olympics Day
 Wednesday 17th August 2016



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Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday we have our Traralgon South Olympics! Some senior students have been busy planning novelty events to rotate through which are based on the real Olympics events we are watching now. Students have been divided up into 8 countries and we ask that students come dressed, as best they can, in the colour of those countries. We have tried to place families in the same country to save some effort for parents. The opening ceremony will take place as close to 9:15am as we can. Part of this is the all-important torch relay and we are looking for parents to be a part of this. A timetable with further information will be sent home later this week.

It has been great to see our students so interested in the Olympics as each morning the interactive whiteboards are lit up with replays with events and happenings from the night previous. The Olympics are obviously the pinnacle for many sports and it's been interesting talking to students about what they think the sacrifices these athletes have gone through to get to where they are. The term resilience is often used when describing these athletes, as they have been faced with many challenges along their journey, and how mentally tough they need to be to succeed. Our gold medallist in shooting, Catherine Skinner, was such an example when she missed shots early, but stayed strong, put that disappointment behind her and kept moving forward to eventually win gold.

One of my favourite stories so far from the games has been German gymnast Andreas Toba, who tore the ACL in his knee while completing on the floor. For his team to proceed, Andreas had to complete his pommel horse routine with the torn ACL. Through obvious pain and tears, he completed his routine and his team moved onto the finals. He knew his Olympic dream was over, but he fought for his team and helped them make it through.

At staff meetings we have been busy preparing for our upcoming school review. We have been discussing and documenting our current practices in a range of curriculum areas and in behaviour management, to ensure that all teachers are 'on the same page'. Some great discussions have been had and there have certainly been

some healthy professional challenges about our processes at school. One of the biggest focuses has been on 'why' we do certain things and the answer should never be 'because we've always done it that way.' Over the coming weeks we will be able to share some of the work we have been doing and how it helps our students to improve or how it makes our processes clearer to students and parents.

A reminder that on Monday we have the RSPCA fundraiser organised by some Grade 6 students. For a gold coin donation that goes to the RSPCA, students in return get a cupcake. It's tremendous to see such passion and dedication from these students who have organised everything themselves.



Many thanks to all those that took the time to look through our Book Fair. The school has received about \$300 in book choices from the Book Fair. We are currently looking at our levelled readers in the junior grades to see where we can update and replenish stocks. More to come!

Lastly thank you to all the students, families and amazing staff that went out of their way to make 'Principal Day' a special occasion last Friday. My family and I sat down and read all the cards, posters and drawings students had made and delivered. It's so heart-warming to know that students notice the small positive changes and we can have fun and learn at the same time. Thank you from the bottom of my odd socks!!

Adam Downes - Principal

TRARALGON SOUTH KINDER PIE DRIVE

The Traralgon South kindergarten is holding a Pie Drive with the pies, sausage rolls etc. being supplied by Bushies. There is an order form on the community section of the notice boards in the school foyer and you can place an order up until 15th August. Money can be left in a clearly marked envelope at the school office.