



Traralgon South Primary School

5 Cent Challenge

For all of August the Parents & Friends Committee are challenging our whole school community to see which grade can donate the most 5 cent coins to our school. All money raised will go towards funding a special end of year activity.

Please bring in as many 5 cent coins as you can find (with parent permission of course!)

Check in the car, in-between couch cushions, under your bed and even in your undies drawer. Ask Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles, Friends and Neighbours to collect them for you too!

Each week we will tally up which grade has donated the most coins and this will be announced at Monday's assemblies for all of August. The weekly winning class will choose a funny task for Mr Downes to do/experience for example, kiss a snake, wear a tutu, sing karaoke at assembly, have his car wrapped up in toilet paper, eat sour/hot lollies etc...

The class which raises the most 5 cent coins at the end of the month challenge will be treated to a hot chips / cordial lunch.

The challenge will begin on Wednesday the 1st of August and end on Friday the 31st of August.

The winning class will be announced at the assembly on Monday the 3rd of September.

Start collecting as many 5 cent coins as you can find!





Dear Parents,

There is an exciting build up here at school as we get ready to start our first 'Big Write' and put the explicit teaching of VCOP to good use. There is information in the newsletter about what will be happening and what you can expect at home. Staff have been working tremendously hard on changing their class environments to support this new initiative. From Prep to Grade 6 you will see and hear the same language being taught, adding to our whole school approach of teaching. After the Big Write, we are then able to collaboratively plan and assess, both at staff level and at student level, which I think is the most powerful learning of all.

It was great to see the celebrations this week in the Prep room for the 100 days of school celebration. Everyone looked terrific and there was some great learning taking place around the number 100. Although there was a strong element of learning, this type of extra-curricula work in dressing up is essential in building student enthusiasm. They could have just done the work without the hype and excitement, but that wouldn't have added to the experience.

A friendly reminder to those who have not yet completed the Parent Opinion survey that it is open for another few weeks. This type of feedback we receive is incredibly important and is acted upon. Last year School Council set up a small committee to look at the data and the trends within it to enact change. The work that was produced around organisation last term was a direct result from this group after looking at the data trends. The data also helps us triangulate trends across the staff and student survey. In short, we can't act on something if we don't know about it.

We continue to use the Department's new absence system and policy with a few little hiccups being ironed out. The beginning of the school day is often quite busy for teachers in preparation and meeting parents, therefore emails and Class Dojos might not be checked after 8:30am. Whilst we work out the intricacies, if you know you have either emailed, Dojo'd or left a message, there is no need to respond if you receive a message. This information will be caught up. If you do

receive a message and have not let the school know of an absence, we appreciate a response as soon as your practicably able. Thanks for your ongoing assistance with this. Please see us if you have any questions.

VCOP AND THE BIG WRITE

We will launch VCOP officially at Traralgon South Primary with a VCOP colours day next Thursday to mark our first Big Write. Staff are currently documenting our approach but it VCOP is very much based on the premise that "if they can't say it, they can't write it". Hence the importance of talk and rehearsal before the Big Writes.

A stimulus picture and some discussion points will be sent home during the week of the Big Write for talk homework. This could be a brief discussion incorporating the vocabulary, where the story is set, what the complication, and resolution might be. Along with the class warm ups and further talk, students will participate in their first Big Write based on this homework task.

Students, remember to wear your VCOP colours to join in this Big Write launch.

Vocabulary (Yellow)

Connectives (Pink)

Openers (Blue)

Punctuation (Green)

DATES TO REMEMBER		
1 st - 31 st Aug		P&F 5c Challenge - details on back page
9 th Aug	Thu	VCOP launch - Big Write
13 th Aug	Mon	P&F Meeting after assembly
20 th Aug	Mon	Prep-2 Swimming Program begins
31 st Aug	Fri	Musica Viva - \$9.00 per student
		P&F Father's Day Stall
8 th Sept	Sat	Trivia Night at Top Pub Morwell
12 th - 14 th Sept	Wed - Fri	Years 3 & 4 Camp Rumbug
16 th Sept	Sun	Working Bee