

Dear Parents,

Finally the run of wet weather looks to be coming to an end, touch wood, and our children will be able to make the most of the areas outside at recess and lunchtime. We do have a few issues with our oval area that will need to be addressed at some stage however it will be nice to see things a little dryer.

At the School Council meeting last night we had a rather busy meeting with numerous issues discussed. Our car parking is being looked at by Latrobe City Council and we should see some works being done there in the not too distant future. This should also involve the removal of a large tree on the left hand exit.

We have a student free day on the 16th of September, the day after our bush dance. The focus of this day for staff will be concerned with our maths coaching initiative.

We also discussed and reflected upon our academic performance over the past 3 years in particular with the selection of the new Principal in mind. The school community should be very proud of the outstanding results the school, staff and our students have obtained over this time, particularly when concerned with our Naplan results. I would suggest that as parents/careers you go to the myschool web site and compare us to any other school you would like and check out how we compare to our like schools. I find it easy to look at the graphs and compare our performance in Naplan that way. I'm sure you will be pleasantly surprised. That website is www.myschool.edu.au or you can also check our ratings at bettereducation.com.au.

It is clearly evident that our staff do an amazing job teaching your children and with Joel's leadership and the teams efforts over the past five years the results should not be underestimated. The coaching framework that is in place should be the envy of most schools and is something that takes time, effort, dedication and some professional 'argy bargy', all for improved learning outcomes for your child. Currently targeting Maths, Ruth who is our coach, challenges teachers to deliver best practice in every classroom as part of the schools professional development work with Rob Vingerhoets. We probably could do more to sell our educational outcomes and achievements in the Traralgon Network to attract more families' particularly in prep and is probably a necessity at the moment. If you do know of any prospective prep parents please do highlight our academic performance and get them to compare our school against other choices. As we know the aesthetics of our school are easy to notice however our sound educational platform is often overlooked.

If I was to be honest with what needs to be addressed in the school at the moment I would without doubt look closely at what we can do to support the use of ICT outcomes in the upper school at least. We have the opportunity to become leaders in this area as well, however our resources do not allow it. I

know our current set up is frustrating and time consuming for staff with our lap top program alone. Paula has investigated how this could be alleviated and I presented some information to our councillors last night. Leasing netbooks is something other public schools are pursuing and is something we need to consider. There are different ways this can be done, however we would need the buy in of the majority of the school community. Please speak with either myself or councillors if you have any ideas around this. I'm sure there are some good discussions we can have.

Life Ed Van

The Life Ed Van will be visiting our school tomorrow and Thursday. All students will be participating in this program as it focusses on developing healthy lifestyles for young people. Harold the giraffe will be back again and our younger students in particular enjoy seeing Harold each year. A parent information session is being held tomorrow morning at approximately 9:00am for any parents who would like to seek more information about the topics being covered during this program. Costs for the program have been incorporated in the Materials Charges for this year which were outlined in the schedule sent home at the end of last year.

Matthew Snell – Acting Principal

TRARALGON SOUTH SHOP LUNCH ORDERS

As of April this year, the Banana milk has been unavailable to order and the price of the Strawberry Nippy's milk rose to \$2.55. As the shop is still receiving orders with either the incorrect price or incorrect product these orders will no longer be processed and the money will be returned to the student.

As of last week, the Juicy Isles Orange Juice is no longer available for ordering. An updated price list has been sent home with this newsletter and is also available on our website.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

A reminder that chocolate money is due in next Monday morning 24th August. If you need some help to sell your chocolates, please bring them back ASAP so we can redistribute them to someone else.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Hot Lunch Days. We had over 50 orders again last month which is amazing and the kids sure do love having their special lunches. Please ensure orders are submitted by the deadline of 9:00am Tuesday morning before the Thursday lunch. Preparations start straight away after collecting the final orders and late orders unfortunately cannot be filled as we buy the exact number ordered. The blue plastic container is always located at the office on the table so please put your orders in as early as possible.

Our August hot lunch day will be next Thursday, 27th August with the special being nachos with salsa, sour cream and cheese for \$4. It was a popular item

last time, along with the rest of the normal menu.

Father's Day is also approaching quickly and we will be holding our annual Father's Day stall on Friday 4th of September from 2:00pm. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods and lollies/nuts would be great also. Please bring baked goods in by the Thursday afternoon or Friday morning with ingredients on a label.

Once again thank you for your support and if there are any questions or queries please contact a committee member.

~ Cassie Mayes – Secretary on behalf of P&F Committee ~

TRIVIA NIGHT UPDATE

Our 3rd Annual Trivia Night is being held on Saturday 12th September at the Traralgon South Hall. Tickets are \$10 per head and are available from the office. Tables cater for 8-10 guests and you need to decide on a theme for the table for the evening. This theme can be kept secret until the evening!

Letters to pass onto businesses who may donate were included a couple of weeks ago. If you know someone – which we all do – please pop in and grab another copy of the letter to give to them. All proceeds this year go towards the school.

Donations so far include: A ticket for 2 adults and 4 children return to Melbourne using the VLine train, Dan Murphy's gift card, Mel's Cutting Room voucher, Hip Pocket Workwear voucher, Perfume Pack from Priceline Morwell, Vast Automotive Gift Vouchers, car washing equipment, Village Cinema card and nibbles from Outside the Square, Domino's pizza vouchers and a V8 bonnet that was crashed in a race!

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Stacey at school or via email – dinelli.stacey.s@edumail.vic.gov.au .

COMMUNITY DINNER - FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

Baked potatoes with a choice of three delicious toppings is on the menu for the next community dinner, hosted by CATS Netball club. Have your choice of either bolognaise, chilli con carne or Hawaiian. For dessert there will be warm apple pie and ice-cream available for the adults and ice-cream and topping available for the kids. The dinner will be held on Friday 28th August at the Traralgon South Sports Pavilion. Email tsda@netspace.net.au to book in.

Remember you can check our website for newsletters, pictures, dates and other documents.
traralgon.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Maths Challenge

Maths Challenge – Our encouragement winner for last week was Isobel McAllister. We only had two entries for the week, and no new participants, who we like to reward with the encouragement certificate. Hopefully more people solve this week's challenge.

Clothing combinations

Vijay has these t-shirts:

R	Y	B
Red	Yellow	Blue

Shorts:

B	R
Blue	Red

He can choose which t-shirt and shorts to wear.

How many different combinations of shorts and t-shirts can Vijay wear?

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DATES TO REMEMBER		
19 th Aug	Wed	Life Ed Van – Parents Information Session approx. 9:00am
19 th – 20 th Aug	Wed/Thu	Life Ed Van - Sessions for Grades
21 st Aug	Fri	Trivia Night Meeting approx. 3:45pm
24 th Aug	Mon	P&F Chocolate Drive – Money due in
25 th Aug	Tue	P&F Lunch Orders Due In – 9:00am
25 th Aug	Tue	Sale Art Gallery Excursion for Grades P/1 and 1/2
27 th Aug	Thu	P&F Lunch Order Day
28 th Aug	Fri	Makukuhan Concert 12 noon - \$9 per student
3rd – 4 th Sept	Thu - Fri	Musician in the Classroom – included in the \$9 per student
4 th Sept	Fri	P&F Father's Day Stall – 2:00pm
12 th Sept	Sat	Trivia Night at Community Hall – 6:00pm onwards
15 th Sept	Tue	Bush Dance Toy Catalogue Orders – First batch due in
16 th Sept	Wed	Student Free Day

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 14th August 2015**



Prep/1	Austin Morrall	For starting his writing independently.
1/2	Isobel McAllister	For showing independence and self organisation during science.
4/5	Reuben Miljons	For working well on Maths tasks.
5/6	Blake Henry	For a positive attitude towards all of his school activities.
	Colby Palmer	For extra effort with his writing.
P.E.	Ruby Bates	For always displaying good sportsmanship during P.E.

***THE NEXT P & F LUNCH DAY ... "THURSDAY 27th AUGUST"
... August special is Nachos!***

Orders must be in blue box at the office no later than 9:00am
Tuesday 25th August ... but why not get your order in early so you don't forget!

Please ensure that **EACH CHILD HAS THEIR OWN ENVELOPE**, these envelopes are given back to each class for the kids to bring with them when they collect their food. Envelopes must clearly state child's name, their class, lunch order and total amount enclosed.

LUNCH MENU

Hot Dog in bread	\$2.50
Meat Pie	\$4.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Party Pie	\$1.50 each
Steamed Dim Sims	0.90c each
Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$2.00

JULY SPECIAL

Nachos	\$4.00
Corn chips, sour cream, salsa, cheese	

SNACKS

Choc Chip Mini Muffin	\$1.00
Lamington (Jam Filled)	\$2.00

DRINKS

Mighty Cool - Chocolate Milk (250ml)	\$2.50
Mighty Cool - Strawberry Milk (250ml)	\$2.50
Mighty Cool - Banana Milk (250ml)	\$2.50
Apple Juice Fruit Box	\$1.50
Orange Juice Fruit Box	\$1.50
Tropical Juice Fruit Box	\$1.50

Traralgon South General Store

Phone: 5195 5133

SHOP LUNCH PRICE LIST

As at 14th August 2015

ORDER DAYS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

NO ORDERS ON Tuesday and Thursdays

Promoting Healthy Eating

SANDWICHES

Ham or Chicken	\$3.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham or Chicken & Salad	\$6.50
Salad	\$6.00
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.00
Vegemite	\$2.50
Extra - Rolls	\$1.00
Toppings/Toasted	\$0.50

HEALTHY HOT FOOD

Noodles - Chicken/Beef	\$2.20
Lasagne	\$4.00
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$4.00
Mini Pizza – Ham & Pineapple	\$2.50
Mini Pizza – Bacon & Cheese	\$2.50
Steamed Dim Sims	\$0.90
<u>Mrs Macs Pies</u>	
Variety of flavours	\$4.00
Large Angus Pie	\$5.00
Tomato/Soy Sauce	\$0.35

DRINKS

Milk 300ml – Choc Big M	\$2.00
Milk 375ml – Strawberry Nippy's	\$2.55
GV To Go 350ml - Apple	\$2.50
GV To Go 350ml - Orange	\$2.50
Juicy Isles – 100% Apple 300ml	\$2.30

Character Drinks

Apple / Raspberry 250ml	\$2.00
Orange 250ml	\$2.00
Ribena 250ml	\$2.00

Orders are to be left at the school office by 9:00am

No cans, bottles of drinks, gravy, lollies and unhealthy food are to be ordered.

Thank you

Each child must have their **own** envelope clearly marked on the front with their **name** and **class** eg. 5/6, and their **lunch order** and **money should be enclosed**.

Correct money would be very much appreciated.

In the case of an item not being available (eg. chocolate milk, a substitute will be given eg. strawberry milk). Unless it is clearly stated on the order that substitutes are not to be given. In this case the money will be refunded.