

DATES TO REMEMBER		
1 st - 31 st Aug		P&F 5c Challenge - details on back page
17 th Aug	Fri	P&F Hot Lunch Day
20 th Aug	Mon	Prep-2 Swimming Program begins
28 th Aug	Tue	Musica Viva payment due in
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

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MUSICA VIVA INCURSION

This year we have Adam Hall and the Velvet Players as our Musica Viva incursion on Friday 31st August. Singer/trumpeter Adam Hall and his foot-stomping, hip-wiggling, shoulder-shaking "little big band" are the real deal. Adam and his Velvet Players have toured the world to great acclaim, and now they're back in Australia to take you on a tour of the classic Rhythm & Blues of the 1940s and 1950s. Prepare to be swung hard through some of Adam's awesome originals, too. The cost of this incursion is \$9.00 per student and this will need to be paid by Tuesday 28th August.



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Dear Parents,

For the next two days I will be at the Victorian Principal's Association conference in Melbourne. I am really looking forward to hearing one of the keynote speakers, Tracey Ezard, who's book 'The Buzz' I have used throughout the past few years. I will also hear from Andrew Fuller who is considered to be one of the leading experts in building resilience and emotional intelligence. I look forward to sharing some of my learnings with you over the next few weeks.

We still have a vacancy on School Council for a parent member. School Council meets 8 times a year and they are the voice of the parent community on a range of issues such as finances, policies and ensuring we are on task to meet our Strategic Plan goals. Our meetings are bound by standing orders which maintain confidentiality of items discussed. If you would like to be a member of the School Council or would like to know more before you commit, please make an appointment to see me or Karen Pettifer, our School Council President.

Included in today's newsletter is a slip of paper with our Parent Opinion Survey link on it. We are sitting at 50% of our desired return rate. The Parent Opinion Survey is a vital tool used by School Council and staff to understand concerns of parents. All surveys are completely anonymous. The survey will close on Sunday 26th August.

It seems those pesky little head lice are making a return! Please make sure you check your child's hair regularly for evidence of lice. If you do find some, please treat your child's hair thoroughly. There are dozens of treatment ideologies out there. From experience, the commercial treatments are the most effective at killing the lice and eggs. Eggs can remain on the hair follicle and then hatch even after treatment. Please make sure that if you treat the hair, there is follow up treatment. As a school, we will try and organise a school wide nit check.

This week we are celebrating Education Support Staff week. Please make sure you see the paragraph in the newsletter from Maddie. She heard it was ES week and wanted to make sure it was celebrated in the newsletter. On behalf of staff, I'd like to thank all of our ES staff for their wonderful work and normally going well beyond their duties.

Adam Downes - Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT - EMAIL ADDRESS

The email address for the P&F Trivia Night bookings which was on the front of the newsletter last week was incorrect. If you would like to book in please email

tspsparentsandfriendscommittee@gmail.com or for more information phone Ross on 0438 531 441.

TUNICS - SCHOOL UNIFORM

There is a school tunic sample in the office for anyone interested in getting one made. There is also a sample of the grey material which would be used. Natasha Borg, who will be a Prep parent in 2019, is a dressmaker and runs her own business in Traralgon. Prices range from \$35 to \$40 depending on the size. Natasha can also supply tracksuit pants if anyone needs these made, with prices starting from \$25. I can pass on contact details to anyone interested.

~ Karyn ~

TRIPLE P PARENTING FREE SEMINARS

As part of the Victorian Government's Supporting Families of the Latrobe Valley initiative, Triple P - Positive Parenting Program free seminars will be available to any parents wishing to book in. Sessions are Developing Good Bedtime Routines, Raising Resilient Children and Power of Positive Parenting. First session is tonight in Traralgon so to book in or find out more go to www.triplepparenting.net.au/latrobevalley.

Education Support Week by Maddie Hodgson Grade 5/6



This week we are celebrating National Support Staff Week. The reason we have this week is to acknowledge all the hard work that our school support staff do that often goes unnoticed. We may see them cleaning up our mess, putting up posters, helping in the library, taking photos and assisting on our school excursions. They might work with one child or lead small groups in activities and most of all, help out our teachers when they are busy teaching the class. Who would answer the phone or treat your child when they are sick or have hurt themselves? They often jump in straight away to help us. So let us acknowledge all their much-appreciated hard work in our school. Thanks to Karyn, Leonie, Bianca and Kate.

The Big Write - Reports by Grade 1/2

On Thursday last week the whole school did a Big Write which was a narrative. We did it at school in our classes after playtime. When play finished every student at school had to come into their classroom, go to their seat and start writing on the paper on their table. When we came in there was music on and three candles on every table and the lights were off. We couldn't see that much but we could still write like we would normally write. The Big Write was named that because it is big writing and the whole school does it. After we wrote it all and did the edits and fix ups the next day, we started reading our writing to the whole class. We had to use heaps of VCOP (well at least some VCOP).

Heaps of the stories I heard have heaps of VCOP in them and they are about 'One Strange Day' like it is supposed to be about. My story is about animals, a boy, a girl a shopkeeper and the boys Grandpa.

I loved my writing and I liked everybody else's who read theirs. It was one of the best days ever. I hope we are doing another one in a couple weeks.

By Indie Hayes

The whole school did a Big Write on Thursday. When we came inside there were candles and music and VCOP pencils. Then we stopped writing and we did fix ups. I will do that again.

By Grace Beaty

On Thursday the whole school did the Big Write. We did the Big Write because we learn more VCOP. The whole school did it at the same time. After recess we did it straight away. We stopped the Big Write when we were done. It was the best day ever.

By Danielle Game

