

**YOU CAN DO IT**  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**  
**For Week Ending 15th September 2017**



P/1	Lexie Gollan	For being on task and always giving 100%.
2/3	Zara Tilley	For approaching her learning with confidence, giving everything a "go".
4	Georgia Crowe	For showing compassion and empathy towards others.
5/6	Tahli Zarth	For her excellent self reflection and persistence when working with fractions and decimals.
P.E.	Brody Stevenson	For showing a mature attitude during P.E.
	Savannah Theissling	For displaying great enthusiasm during the dance sessions.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Fri	End of Term 3 - Early Dismissal 1:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon	First Day of Term 4 - Student Free Day
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thu	Parent Direct Toy Orders Due In
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri	Freaky Friday Casual Clothes/Crazy Hair Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Sun	Working Bee
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri	Community Dinner Hosted by TSPS
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon	Student Free Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri	Student Free Day



## Grade Four Fundraiser - This Friday

Grade 4 has been learning about people who live with different conditions or disabilities as part of their Mappen work this term. Their investigations have included supports and services available to help these people. A number of students plan to conduct a fundraiser to raise money to donate to **Guide Dogs Victoria, Epilepsy Action Australia, Cerebral Palsy Support Network, Deafness Foundation and others.**

When: This FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
 Time: Recess - 11:00am

For sale: Cupcakes, chocolate balls, lollies (yes this is a sometimes food!), snow cones, home-made lemonade, jelly, cookies and lucky dips.

Prices start from 40 cents. Bring along your loose change to help these important charities. Donations also welcome.

Dear Parents,

Today I attended a briefing for schools that are on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) to detail some slight changes to the way we will operate. Early in Term 4 we will organise some briefings which I encourage all parents to attend as we will discuss our fire readiness and emergency plans. There are lots of different scenarios that may play out and as a school, we need to be ready for each of them. The idea behind our briefings, which will include regional staff and the CFA, is to give our parent community the greatest confidence that each scenario will be dealt with accordingly. More information will come next early next term.

Thank you to those parents who were able to complete the Parent Opinion Survey a few weeks ago. The change to a digital survey means we have already received these results. While overall the results were positive, we are aware there are some areas we need to improve in and will continue to work on these. One of the missing features from this year's survey was the ability for parents to add comments and some greater depth as to how we can improve. Our locally developed survey will give you this ability. Along with a small committee we are finalising this survey to ensure we get the best information possible to improve. Keep an eye out for the link which will come shortly.

A reminder that we have the first day of Term 4 as a Student Free Day. This day will be used by staff to further develop our planning documents to ensure that we not only provide a curriculum that is meaningful to the students, but one that is also built on from Prep to Grade 6 where teachers are deepening their instructional practice each year.

I've been really excited by some of the changes we have seen around the school and the focus on improving student data. Education is always a juggling act as we try and ensure adequate growth in students' academic areas and social and emotional health. This is like a see-saw that we need to continually ensure is balanced to get the best growth out of students.

Planning for 2018 is well underway as we try to look at the best structures given our student numbers. If you know of anyone who is still looking for a school in 2018, as a Prep or other year level, can I please encourage you to have them call the school and arrange a tour. Alternatively, you can also grab an enrolment pack for them, or yourself if you haven't already enrolled your child for Prep in 2018.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy break. See you on the Tuesday.

**Adam Downes - Principal**

### **School Hats**

Students are reminded that they are required to wear School Council approved hats whilst playing outside during term 1 and 4 as per our school policy. Students who are not wearing a hat will be required to play under the appropriate shaded areas of the school ground. Please remind your child to bring their hat to school each day.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

#### **Principals' Day**

Principals' Day – a day established to recognise the valuable leadership of principals in schools, was held last month. As a school I think that this recognition needs to be ongoing and not limited to one day.

Over the last month, I have seen Adam bear the brunt of water balloons, cream pies, a makeover and sample less than tasty food, much to the delight of laughing children- all in a good cause to help the students raise funds. I don't think anyone was wishing to fill his shoes those days! I have also seen Adam work tirelessly, always striving to take the students and the school to the next level. On behalf of School Council and the wider school community I would like to thank Adam for his valuable contribution and continued support to our school.



School Council met recently on 11<sup>th</sup> September and below are some of the items discussed.

*Student Free Days*- School Council has approved the upcoming Student Free Days of 9<sup>th</sup> October; 6<sup>th</sup> November; and 17<sup>th</sup> November. Staff will be involved in training and planning on these days as previously outlined, and we look forward to seeing the outcomes in the classrooms.

*Working Bee* – The next Working Bee has been set for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This will be confirmed closer to the day, but please mark this date in your diaries as many hands make light work.

*Play Equipment* – Buildings and Grounds subcommittee have been investigating replacement play equipment for the top playgroup and further line markings on the courts. Junior School Council and Parents and Friends are also busy raising money to assist in this equipment purchase and line marking.

*NAPLAN*– Preliminary NAPLAN data was presented to School Council. It is pleasing to see highly commendable results from our students, but also great

to see the plan going forwards to enable this to continue. Adam will provide the school community with further NAPLAN feedback as results become available.

*~ Karen Pettifer - School Council President ~*

### **EARN & LEARN STICKERS**

Thanks to everyone who was able to send along stickers and completed sheets. So far we have just over 7,000 points and we will let you know what we were able to order with these points when it is finalised. If you do still have any stickers to send to school, please do so by tomorrow as we need to enter the details online prior to the holidays or we will miss out.

### **FROZEN ICE STICKS - TERM 4**

Students are able to purchase a Zooper Dooper frozen ice stick at the beginning of lunchtime at a cost of 50c each. Grade 5/6 students will go to each grade to sell these.

### **FREAKY FRIDAY CASUAL CLOTHES AND CRAZY HAIR DAY**

We will be running a Freaky Friday Casual Clothes and Crazy Hair Day on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> (first Friday of fourth term). Please send along a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to buying supplies for the School Community Dinner to be held on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNITY DINNER HOSTED BY TSPS - FRIDAY 27/10/17**

Traralgon South Primary School will be running the Community Dinner on 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Traralgon South Cricket Club. We will be serving a pasta feast (4 different types of pasta dishes to choose from), together with sides, and dessert, including an ice cream stand for the kids and a buffet of dessert options for the adults. Cost will be \$15 per adult and \$10 per child.

The dinner is one of our major fundraisers for the year - this year's funds will be put towards replacing the fort in the front playground - and we hope this event will be well supported by our school community, so please save the date!

If you would like to help, either before, the morning of, or the night of the dinner, please get in touch with Renee Paulet.

Donations sought! A raffle will be run at the Community Dinner as well. If you, or someone you know, is able to donate a good or service as a raffle prize, your assistance would be much appreciated. If you can help with a prize for the raffle, please chat with Melanie Harkess or Natalie Jones.

### **PRODUCTION OF LITTLE WOMEN**

A new venture for local theatre, performed by locals for the Latrobe Valley community at Latrobe Performing Arts Centre 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October. A wonderful show that the whole family can enjoy. Further information and tickets available at

[http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our\\_Services/Arts\\_Recreation\\_and\\_Leisure/Latrobe\\_Performing\\_Arts/Whats\\_On/Little\\_Women](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our_Services/Arts_Recreation_and_Leisure/Latrobe_Performing_Arts/Whats_On/Little_Women)

### **LATROBE VALLEY 'ALL-ABILITY' CRICKET TERM 4, 2017**

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with special needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills, activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team. All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for 'ALL Ability' Cricket, the sessions will run weekly during Term 4, 2017.

Sessions will be held at Traralgon West Cricket Club 'West-End' – Jack Canavan Oval, Douglas Pde, Traralgon on Tuesdays from 5pm – 6pm, starting October 10<sup>th</sup> then every Tuesday until end of Term 4. A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child. Cost is \$20 for the Term – siblings welcome to join in too! Each participant will receive a Traralgon West shirt and hat to be worn to each session. For more information phone Sam (coach) or Louise Varsaci on 51750877 or 0414540296 or find us on Facebook - All-ability Sports, Latrobe Valley