

DATES TO REMEMBER		
12 th Oct	Thu	Parent Direct Toy Orders Due In
13 th Oct	Fri	Freaky Friday Casual Clothes/Crazy Hair Day
18 th Oct	Wed	Book Club Orders Due In
22 nd Oct	Sun	Working Bee 9:30am - 12:30pm approximately
27 th Oct	Fri	Community Dinner Hosted by TSPS
6 th Nov	Mon	Student Free Day
7 th Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
17 th Nov	Fri	Student Free Day

LATROBE CITY LIBRARY

With the start of the school term it is timely to highlight some of the online resources available through Latrobe City Libraries. Members of Latrobe City Libraries have free access to:

[Studiosity](#) (formerly YourTutor) offers on-demand, one-to-one homework help from an expert online tutor. From prep to year 10, it is available Monday to Friday, 3pm to 10pm. It supports English, Maths, Sciences, as well as Writing and Essential skills. It also provides 24/7 writing feedback for student.

[Britannica Library](#), the well-known general encyclopaedia with separate portals for adults, students and younger children.

[Science in Context](#) is a general science resource focusing on key concepts such as earth science, the history of science, life science, physical science etc. It is ideal for science buffs and secondary school students

[Rain Forest Coding](#). This is a new developing collection of coding adventures and activities designed to make scratch programming easier to understand and fun to learn.

For full details of Latrobe City libraries online services, visit our [elibrary](#) and [Kids Zone](#).

C.A.T.S JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB SHIRT PRESENTATION NIGHT 2017

A season welcome and shirt presentation night will be held on this Friday 13th October 2017 at 6:00pm -8:30pm at the C.A.T.S C.C club rooms, Traralgon South. All current Under 10,12,14 &16 players are invited to attend. A BBQ tea will be served with the club providing the meat and families attending are asked to bring along a salad per family to share on the evening. Parents, grandparents and siblings are all welcome to attend the function. For catering purposes, could families attending on the evening, please advise numbers by replying to C.A.T.S C.C Junior Coordinator Tony Harrup on mobile phone 0428 955340.

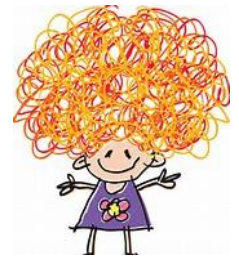
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Freaky Friday - 13th October
is Crazy Hair and/or Casual Clothes Day



Cost is a gold coin donation with proceeds going towards purchasing supplies for the Community Dinner.



Help for the Community Dinner

Our Community Dinner on October 27th is rapidly approaching! We still need help with a few jobs. There is a list of jobs to be filled on the noticeboard opposite reception so if you are able to help out, please pop your name down, or have a chat with Renee. We are also seeking donations of prizes for the raffle that will be run on the night. If you or someone you know are able to donate something suitable as a raffle prize, please let Mel Harkess or Natalie Jones know.

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the final term of 2017!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and managed to find some of the sun and warm weather that came out. Along with gymnastic competitions, I managed to get out camping with my son and a few friends in our swags along the banks of the Murray River for some much needed quality time. I also started so many jobs at home that now remain unfinished!!

On Monday, teachers spent the day working with consultant Noelle Burdekin on curriculum planning. The day was spent looking at our current practices and how they can be further improved to ensure the targeted learning of each and every student at TSPS. A major part of our work was looking at the Targeted Teaching model we have adopted and how to ensure this is used as the basis of our planning, making sure we are teaching the students appropriately and not teaching something they already know. So; while it's not something that will be immediately seen by parents, the vision is this work will serve us well in the next years as we strive for better outcomes for our students.

This morning Mrs Dinelli and I met with someone from Deloitte Economics who is, on behalf of the Department, conducting an evaluation of the state-wide FISO initiative. It was great talking about the positive impacts this has had on the school and the improvement we have seen in student outcomes. A large part of this has been the hard work put in by teachers and the willingness to change our practices and approaches. I did have great delight in talking about the improvement in our assessment standards and what this meant for the students.

One piece of celebration I'd like to share around is our Grade 4 results from recent testing. In the 2016 Grade 3 NAPLAN test one student scored over 30 with some high scores in the 20s across the cohort. Assessment last term showed 9 students scoring OVER 30 in the Grade 5 2016 test. More students scoring higher results on a harder test! This is coupled with some amazing results across all levels. It is exciting to see the positive impact our changes are having on student outcomes.

Many thanks to those parents and families who worked at the school over the holidays. You will see some beautiful new 4 square courts on the top and bottom basketball courts and new lines on the court itself. Thanks to the Kamphuis family for doing this. This was done with money raised by the Junior School Council. We also had a major photography fundraiser on the last weekend. Thanks to the many families that organised and came out on the weekend to ensure it was a success.

We are still looking for some volunteers to help with our vegetable garden. You may have some helpful Grandparents that would like to help or someone you know that is willing to provide some labour to help keep these going. We also have a working bee organised for the 22nd October. If you are unavailable on this day but would still like to help out, we will have a list of jobs shortly that you may be able to do at your leisure.

Adam Downes - Principal

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.

TRARALGON SOUTH SHOP LUNCHES

A new lunch order list was sent home last term. There were additions to the menu as well as other alterations. Please ensure you are using the current price list. This is also available on our school website.

PARENT DIRECT TOY CATALOGUE ORDERS

A reminder that if you would like to place an order through the school, these are due in by Thursday 12th October. If you prefer to place an order online ignore this date. There is no cut-off dates for online orders but it is recommended to place orders by 15th December to ensure Christmas delivery. Just remember to nominate our school if you do place an order! Online ordering can be done as often as you like.

AMART/REBEL SPORTS COMMUNITY KICKBACK PROGRAM

We have just received our first Community Kickback credit from Amart Sports of \$220 which we can use within 12 months to purchase products from the store. If you would like to become a member of the program you can do this either online or in store and nominate our school against your account. We then receive 5% of any purchases made.

ICAS Digital English Competition Results

Recently a number of our Years 2 to 6 students elected to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) **English** competition. This is an international competition and students excelling received awards as outlined below. –

- the top 1% of participants High Distinction Certificate
- the next 10% of participants Distinction Certificate
- the next 25% of participants Credit Certificate
 - the next 10% of participants Merit Certificate
- for all remaining participants Participation Certificate

Congratulations go to all students who entered and had a go. Certificates were presented at the last assembly of term 3. Results were as follows:



Certificate of Distinction

Year 2 - Will Edgar
Year 3 - Abby Riddell Kate Edgar Isobel McAllister
Year 4 - Ben Hagley

Certificate of Credit

Year 2 - Ford Gore,
Year 3 - Heath Kamphuis Zara Tilley
Year 4 - Belle Gissara Jessica Pettifer
Year 5 - Billy Wheatley Ayva Rohde
Year 6 - Alexandra Gore Kate Hagley James Pettifer
Eric Porigneaux

Certificate of Merit

Year 6 - Julia Bates Hunter Fahy

Other students who participated and received a certificate for their efforts were:

Year 2 – Matilda Peck, Eva Prior, Dan Riddell, Harry Tilley
Year 5 – Tahli Zarth
Year 4 – Belle Gissara, Ben Hagley
Year 5 – Savannah Theissling, Billy Wheatley, Tahli Zarth
Year 6 – Julia Bates, Hunter Fahy, Alexandra Gore, Kate Hagley