



Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents who are contacting the school when your child is absent. As part of our absence strategy following the Department's new policy, the school will contact families when there is an unexplained absence. As I mentioned the other week, if you know you have contacted the school and still get a text message please do not worry, it will be caught up. Teachers will continue to follow up unexplained absences for up to 10 days after the absence. After 10 days, the unexplained absence will remain permanently unexplained. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Remember, it's not okay to be away.

This Friday we have a Musica Viva performance at 9:20am. Yesterday we sent out invoices for those who have not paid to attend. I would like to remind parents that if we do not receive payment by Thursday afternoon, **students who have not paid will not be attending**. They will be in a classroom with a teacher completing some set work.

I had a fantastic conversation with Kendra Flack this morning about some exciting initiatives we are looking at for school and the wider community. It's so wonderful to discuss how the school can add to the TSDA community and how the students can help build their own sense of connectedness between themselves and the wider community. Some initiatives won't be implemented until next year but there is plenty of work to be done in the meantime.

A reminder about the Trivia Night that is fast approaching. All proceeds from the night will be going towards the purchase of new take home reading material that aligns with our new reading initiative. I thank all those parents who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the night is a great success.

Lastly, we have a school Working Bee planned for Sunday 16th September. We will be developing a list of jobs to complete over the day, but mainly this will be focused on garden maintenance and removal in readiness for spring. We are looking to develop a 'RIPPER' garden and decorating it with colourful plants in our RIPPER colours. There are some exciting 'upgrades' to happen for our school yard to make it more inviting and colourful. More details to follow next week of our working bee.

Happy Father's Day to the wide variety of 'Dads' we have in our school community.

Adam Downes - Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER		
1 st - 31 st August - P&F 5c Challenge		
Prep - 2 Swimming continues - 30 th , 31 st August		
29 th Aug	Wed	Book Club orders 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 - \$260 per student (payment due by 5 th September)
16 th Sept	Sun	Working Bee
21 st Sept	Fri	Term 3 Ends - Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
8 th Oct	Mon	Term 4 Begins

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thanks to your support our school was able to order all the sports equipment below!



Parents & Friends Father's Day Stall This Friday



Our Father's Day Stall will be held this Friday the 31st August. All children will be able to buy a present. Gifts will be on sale from \$1 to \$5. Children will need to bring a bag to carry their purchases home. Please send them along with no more than \$10 per child to spend.

Trivia Night Saturday 8th September
Top Pub Morwell

Profit from night going towards reading kits across all levels
So come along: "Eat, Drink & Tease Your Brain"

RSVP Bookings to

tspsparentsandfriendscommittee@gmail.com

Any questions please contact Ross on 0438531441.

Little Athletics "Come & Try Day"

Wednesday 3rd October at 5pm

Harold Preston Reserve, Davidson Street, Traralgon



Little Athletics is a fun sport for everyone. You get to run, jump, hurdle and throw and the focus is on being your best. At the Come and Try Day you can have a go at some of the different events, have a chat to athletes and committee members, find out more about our club and register. All new members between the ages of 5 to 15 are welcome to register online for a two-week trial at no cost. (TLAC requires all new athletes to provide Proof of Age at registration.) All new and past members must be registered before participation. To register go to lavic.com.au. For more information email administration@tlac.com.au or contact Paul Schoolderman TLAC Registrar on 0408354187.

ICAS Spelling Competition Results

The **Spelling** ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competition was entered by a number of Year 2 to 6 students. This is an international competition and students excelling received awards as outlined below. –

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



Congratulations go to all students who entered and had a go. Certificates were presented at our assembly last week. Results are as follows:

Certificate of Distinction	Certificate of Credit	Certificate of Merit	Certificate of Participation
Year 3 Brody Stevenson Year 4 Kate Edgar Year 5 Tom Bolton	Year 4 Abby Riddell Isobel McAllister Year 5 Ben Hagley Year 6 Ayva Rohde	Year 3 William Edgar Year 4 Heath Kamphuis Year 5 Leo Skurrie	Year 2 Immi Mcallister Jack Ralph Seth Perry Olivia McInnes Jack Hodgson Year 3 Natalie Piechota Alika Perry Dan Riddell Year 5 Jessica Ruff Chris Bolton Ben Hagley Alannah Harkess Byron Smythe Year 6 Grant Jenkins Savannah Theissling