

Dear Parents,

Bushfire Anniversary

On Monday morning we held an assembly to mark the anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires. It is an important time to remember the events of that day and particularly the impact it has had on our community. During the assembly, we reflected on the devastation of that day and also the positive events that have occurred in the community since. We are also aware that some members of the community are still experience grief and are having a tough time and it is important to continue to support the community as best we can.

Playground Safety

Students are reminded that the riding of bikes, scooters, ripsticks, etc is not allowed on the school grounds during school times. Students are allowed to use these items while travelling to and from school, however, while at school it is important that they are placed in the appropriate area until it is time to go home. Riding bikes, scooters, ripsticks, etc can be quite dangerous, particularly around the school building with so many people in a small area. It is also important to take care on the roads and in the school car park. Children need to remember to ride on the left hand side of the road, and look carefully for cars and trucks before crossing the road. Wearing a helmet is another essential item for being safe on the roads. It is important that everyone remembers the safe road rules to ensure nobody gets hurt.

Absence Notes

We ask that parents provide a note regarding student absences as per DEECD attendance guidelines on the day they return to school. These guidelines require the principal to approve/not approve student absences depending on the reason for the absence. A note briefly outlining the reason for the absence will allow me to do that accurately. Also, a note prior to a family holiday is required for approval of that particular absence. Our school's view on student attendance is in line with DEECD that "Every day counts" and attendance patterns are established early in a child's schooling life which carries through to secondary school. Appointments for haircuts and dentists etc, should be made after school where possible.

Frozen Ice Sticks

Students are able to purchase a Zooper Dooper Frozen Ice Stick at the beginning of lunchtime during terms 1 and 4 at a cost of 50c each. Grade 5/6 students will go to each grade to sell these.

2015 Materials Charges

The 2015 Materials Charges have been set by School Council and will be \$120 per student. This payment goes towards student and class consumable

materials. This payment is not voluntary and needs to be made before the end of February unless an appropriate payment plan has been organised with me. An invoice has been sent home with the eldest in the family.

2015 Voluntary Contribution

The 2015 Voluntary Contribution has been set by the School Council and will be \$30 per student towards ICT related equipment, \$10 per student which goes towards grounds maintenance, in particular mowing plus the \$30 per family working bee payment.

Joel Fraser – Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE 2015

A big thank you to everyone that came along to the first meeting yesterday, it was great to see so many new faces. At the meeting there were some great new fundraising ideas mentioned so it looks like it's going to be a fantastic year full of new initiatives. Our 2015 wish list was also discussed briefly and the number one item for this year is to raise enough money for another 8 iPad Mini's for our kids.

Hot lunches are also back for 2015. They will continue to be held monthly and the first hot lunch day will be on Thursday 12th of March. Menus will be sent home next week. Each month there will also be a monthly "special" item in addition to the usual menu. The March lunch special is "CHICKEN BURGER", which will consist of white hamburger roll, crumbed chicken burger, mayonnaise, cheese and lettuce.

The P&F AGM will be held next month on the 16th of March in the multipurpose room immediately after assembly. We hope to see you there.

Renee Gore – P&F President

DATES TO REMEMBER		
11 Feb	Wed	Welcome BBQ – 5:30pm
25 Feb	Wed	Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:00pm – 6:00pm
27 Feb	Fri	Clean Up Australia Day
		Materials Charges Due
5 Mar	Thu	Student Free Day
9 Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
12 Mar	Thu	P&F Hot Lunch Day
16 Mar	Mon	Parents & Friends AGM after assembly
19 Mar	Thu	House Sports – Davidson Street, Traralgon
23 Mar	Mon	School Photos
24 Mar	Tue	District Sports – Davidson Street, Traralgon
27 Mar	Fri	Last Day Term 1

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Fortnight Ending 6th February 2015**



Prep/1	Luke Ruff	For always making sure his work is neatly presented.
1/2	Harry Thomas	For great use of thinking skills during Maths testing.
2/3	Patrick Tulloch	For always trying his best in the classroom.
4/5	Tommy Nelson	For his great effort and attitude towards Maths tasks.
5/6	Emma Hagley	For her excellent preparation and delivery of her JSC speech.
Principal	Hayley Tapai	For being a happy and friendly member of our school.

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

A presentation night will be held on Friday 27th February 2015 at 6pm sharp for all current Under 11 & 13 players at the C.A.T.S.C.C Club rooms Traralgon South. A BBQ tea will be served with the club providing the meat and families attending are asked to bring a salad to share on the evening.

The evening will include a raffle as well as prizes to give away during the presentation night. Parents, Grandparents and siblings are all welcome to attend the function. Could all players that have not returned their club playing shirts too date, please bring along on the night. For catering purposes could families please advise numbers attending. Reply to : C.A.T.S Cricket Club.Junior Coordinator, Tony Harrup on mobile phone 0428 955340.

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Friday Night Dinners are Back!!

The Community Dinners that were held at the Cricket Club after the bushfires are to return in a different format. The user groups of the Traralgon South and Callignee areas will take turns to provide a meal once per month for this year. This will not only provide an opportunity to be a fundraiser for the user group but also to continue building positive connections throughout the community. To support the user groups in our district, the Men's shed and Callignee Hall will be used as alternative venues at times. The first event is as follows:

Friday February 20th at

Traralgon South Cricket Club

Doors open at 5:00pm and the roast meal will be served at 7:00pm.

Cost is \$15 for adults \$8 for children.

Bookings are essential for catering purposes so please RSVP to Kerry at tsda@netspace.net.au by

Thursday 19th February at 12:00pm.

The School's Parents and Friends committee will be holding a pasta dinner on Friday 27th March and the Men's shed will be having wood fired pizzas at the Men's shed on Friday 24th April. Further information about upcoming meals will be available on the night and advertised through the community billboard and newsletter, or please contact Joel Fraser or Kristine Travers on 51955244.

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TABLE TENNIS IN TRARALGON

Did you know that Traralgon has a wonderful Table Tennis stadium located in Davidson Street? Traralgon Table Tennis is inviting juniors to come and try table tennis. WWC and ATTA accredited free training. Bats and balls can be provided. No experience necessary. Please wear 'non marking' shoes with rubber soles. To find out more - ring Rob and Kerri Thompson at Traralgon Table Tennis on 5174 5678 or visit the website at www.ttta.com.au

School Council Nominations / Elections

Included with this newsletter is a **Notice of Election and Call For Nominations for School Council**. At this time of the year we call for nominations for School Council. This year there are 6 parent vacancies and 1 DEECD (teacher) vacancy. Nomination forms are available from the office and parents can nominate themselves or others. Please note that there are 2 types of nomination forms.

The following parents retire at this election – Andrea Cheetham, Jade Rohde, Jody Bates, Anita Charles, Kylie de Martin and Sarah Hagley. The following DEECD staff retire at this election – Stacey Kloot. Please note the parents listed above whose children continue to attend this school can be renominated and that ***nominations close on Tuesday 24th of February, 2015.***

The positions available are for a two year term and School Council meetings are held on a Monday evening at 7.00pm (usually the third Monday of the month). At least two meetings per term are held. There is also a requirement to be on a subcommittee such as Buildings and Grounds, Fundraising or Policy and Programs. Naturally there is a time commitment but our School Council meetings are relatively short (no more than 2 hours).

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?

- No! What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Why is Parent membership so important?

- Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
- Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Please see me if you require any further information regarding this process or if you need a nomination form.

Notice of election and call for nominations

10th February 2015

Dear Parents,

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Traralgon South Primary School No. 2114.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on 24/2/2015.

The ballot (if necessary) will close at 4.00pm on 10/3/2015.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect will be published and a call for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Membership category	Term of office	Number of Positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017.	6
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017.	1