

maintenance, in particular mowing, plus the \$20 working bee payment and/or \$30 IT payment **per family**.

Tissues

A reminder to parents that tissues are no longer included in the Materials Charges, as per the Department of Education and Training policy. However, we do ask that parents supply a box of tissues to their child's classroom please.

Looking forward to a great year!

Adam Downes - Principal

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Card must have been current on 29/1/18.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$125. Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at this school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Check with the school office if you are unsure.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

The Parents & Friends committee is all about fundraising for our great school. Next Monday 12th February will be our first meeting for 2018, so please join us to find out more and get involved with lots of fun, whilst raising money for our school. All parents are welcome to come to the meeting which will be held in the staff room after assembly. If you would like more details before Monday please chat to Melanie Harkess or Natalie Jones or ask at the office.

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You're Invited to a

A graphic for a BBQ dinner invitation. It features the text "You're Invited to a" at the top, followed by "BBQ" in large, bold, black letters with a flame effect. To the left of the "BBQ" text is a sausage on a bun, and to the right is a hamburger on a bun. The entire graphic is enclosed in a black border.

Next Tuesday 13th February we are holding our welcome to the 2018 school year BBQ. We are having open classrooms from 5:30 - 6:00pm with a BBQ dinner after that. The school will provide sausages, hamburgers, bread, serviettes, sauce and a small amount of salad. Everything else will be BYO. We invite families to not only view the classroom your student/s are in, but to take some time to visit all classrooms. You will see moving through the rooms some features that are in all classrooms which helps to build continuity for our students. The BBQ will be ready approximately 6:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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Dear Parents,

What a great first assembly we had on Monday, presenting all of the new Preps with their 'Welcome Bags'. A reminder that our assemblies are held on Monday mornings from 9am till about 9:15. All parents and families are welcome to attend.



One of the great aspects of Traralgon South is the community feel and the family atmosphere. We ask all those who attend assembly to show respect to the person speaking and minimise noise and disruptions.



It seems every year our car park gets busier and busier. We understand that parking at school is at a premium in the busy times and sometimes it can be hard to find a park. The town bus area is a designated 90° parking area. If you do park there, please make sure you park efficiently to allow the maximum number of cars there to park carefully.

Yesterday we had one of our younger and smaller students trying to find their car walking BEHIND cars in the carpark. We would like to encourage all parents and students to use the footpath area at the top of the stairs and above the basketball court as meeting areas. With the amount of traffic in one small area, we do not want students crossing the car park where practicable. We don't feel it is

too much to ask parents to meet at these areas and save students from crossing the car park at these busy times. Thanks for your cooperation on this.

A reminder that next Friday 16th February is a student free day as staff work with all other staff from our cluster on improving their planning and assessing. The idea behind this is that we, as a system, build teams that our teachers can collaborate and share ideas with. It is hard sometimes having only 5 grades. Opening up and working with 10-12 in the same teaching area will help build our knowledge and effectiveness.

Along with today's newsletter you will receive a photo envelope for our upcoming school photos. These are barcoded with your child/children's details so please ensure this is used on the day. **Online ordering is only available through the original envelope.** These envelopes DO NOT get returned to school, but brought back on the day of the photos and handed directly to the photographer. If enclosing cash, correct money needs to be in each envelope as no change will be given. Our school does not act as an intermediary. There will be plenty of reminders as we come up to the day for you to have the envelope ready. An envelope for the family photo has also been sent home with the eldest in the family today.

I look forward to seeing many of you for our 'Welcome to 2018' BBQ next Tuesday night. We hope you like the learning atmosphere we are creating here at TSPS.

2018 Materials Charge

The 2018 Materials Charge have been set by School Council and will be \$145 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.

2018 Voluntary Contributions

The 2018 Voluntary Contributions have been set by the School Council and will be \$10 **per student** which goes towards grounds

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CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

You may be eligible to receive conveyance allowance for transporting your child to and from school. To be eligible to receive conveyance allowance, a student must:

- Be school age
- Reside more than 4.8km by the shortest route from the nearest school attended or bus stop,
- Be enrolled at the nearest government primary or secondary school, or at the nearest appropriate registered non-government school.

If you believe you are eligible to receive conveyance allowance, please contact the school to complete an application.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our school is registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. Coles will issue vouchers on sales from 7 February 2018 to 3 April 2018 (inclusive) but only while stocks of vouchers last. Vouchers can be sent to school and put in the collection box in the office foyer or family and friends can place them in the collection box at Traralgon Coles.

REBEL SPORTS COMMUNITY KICKBACKS

A reminder that our school is a member of the Rebel Sports Community Kickbacks program which means we will receive 5% on all member purchases if the total reaches \$2,000 each quarter. You can link your card to our school via your account if you choose to do so otherwise you can elect our school at time of purchase.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
12 th Feb	Mon	Parents & Friends Meeting after assembly
13 th Feb	Tue	Welcome BBQ
16 th Feb	Fri	Student Free Day
19 th Feb	Mon	School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
28 th Feb	Wed	2018 Materials Charges Due
		First full week for Preps
6 th Mar	Tue	House Sports in Traralgon
9 th Mar	Fri	School Photos
12 th Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 th Mar	Mon	District Sports in Traralgon