

## 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.

## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term One, or;
- on the first day of Term Two;
  - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
  - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for the first round of payments but forms will be accepted up until the last week of term 2.

The allowance will be 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 student will be \$125 for primary school students. Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef). For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef).

## ST. MICHAELS PARISH SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST PROGRAM

The first information session is for Parents/Guardians only and will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 6.45pm at St Mary MacKillop Hall. Full details and forms available by contacting the team on 5174 2060 or email

[sacraments@smp.org.au](mailto:sacraments@smp.org.au) .

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## Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting

Please join us for the Parents and Friends Committee AGM on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, after assembly in the staff room. We would like to elect and/or re-elect office bearers and committee members and discuss ideas for 2017. It is a great way to meet new people and contribute to our school through organising fundraising events and having your say in suggesting where fundraising funds should be spent for improvements for our children's school.

As it is a volunteer committee, it is up to you how much time you put in, either as an office bearer or a general committee member. We like to share the load and take it in turns to organise events with different helpers. If you are able to assist, but not able to make it to the meetings, we would still love to hear from you. In 2016 we had successful events such as drinks and ice-cream stall at house sports, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, chocolate drive and monthly hot lunches to name a few. This year we have some new ideas to try and welcome new suggestions. See you on Monday.

Nerylee Morris  
President  
on behalf of Parents & Friends

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Dear Parents,

Yesterday marked the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating Black Saturday bushfires that ravaged this community and the state. Where appropriate, individual grades remembered the events of that day as so many families from our community have stories to share. Last year as a staff we discussed the school's involvement in these commemorations and thought it was more appropriate that it be done as individual grades rather than as a whole school as our student population changes. As a community, the terrible events of that day will never be forgotten.

The road works on the Hyland Highway have caused a little bit of disruption and hindrance for our families. The waiting time at the lights can be quite lengthy and we understand this. If you are late picking your children up from school or dropping them off, this is absolutely fine. We are asking students at the end of the day to wait on the steps at the front of the school then they are brought inside to wait in the office. At the same time, if you need to drop your children at school earlier to combat the road works and get to work on time this is fine too. Hopefully they go for only a few more weeks.

In the coming weeks we will be holding a few forums to help develop our school vision and values system. These forums will be gathering parent and community input into what values our school can develop and aspire to. One of these forums will be open to the wider Traralgon South Community. I would especially like to see past families attend to help guide us in our forward work. We will have the dates for you next week.

The start of the school year is normally about setting expectations and guiding students 'back into the swing of things'. Yard behaviour is always one of those aspects that seem to take some time for students to settle back into. ALL schools have adverse behaviours and we are no exception. We are continuing to use the Behaviour Matrix developed last year and you should see this around the school more prominently soon. Please remind your children that if they have any issues in the yard to seek out a teacher. If they cannot find one, there is always the staff room. I understand there may be some apprehension from students in telling a teacher, but we cannot deal with situations if we do not know about them.

#### **2017 Materials Charges**

The 2017 Materials Charges have been set by School Council and will be \$137 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.

#### **2017 Voluntary Contributions**

The 2017 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.

**Adam Downes - Principal**

#### **BOOK CLUB**

The first Scholastic Book Club pamphlets were sent home last week. If you would like to place an order these need to be online or back at school by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We recommend using the LOOP system at [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au) – go to the Parent Payments tab and choose Book Club pay now. This will then direct you through to the LOOP system. You do not need to return anything to school if you use LOOP.

If you choose to send cash with your order then this will need to be in by end of school on Wednesday along with the order form. If paying by cheque this should be made out to the school.

#### **MUSIC LESSONS**

Tania Baldwin is offering private music lessons at school. She teaches piano/keyboard, guitar, flute, recorder and clarinet. Please feel free to phone her on 0448 924 340 with any enquiries.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon	Parents & Friends AGM – after assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed	Book Club Due In
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tue	2017 Materials Charges Due
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	House Sports in Traralgon
13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tue	School Photos
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Thu	District Sports in Traralgon

#### **PAX HILL TENNIS CLUB**

Pax Hill Tennis Club are holding a community fun day to celebrate their new courts on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Maskrey Park, Barkers Crescent/Chenhall Street Traralgon. Koko the Clown will be there, racquets available to use, music and activities as well as cold drinks and cakes!

#### **TRARALGON CITY SOCCER CLUB**

Want your kids to enjoy fun and fitness at Gippsland's largest family-friendly soccer club? New to the game or strapping on the boots again? Traralgon City Soccer Club is excited to announce that we are kicking off training and introductory lessons on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February for a season start in March. Teams available for boys and girls of any age!

Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 train Thurs 4.30 – 5.30pm  
Under 12 train Tues and Thurs 4.30 – 5.30pm  
Under 14 and Under 16 train Tues and Thurs 5.30 – 6.30pm

Located on Davidson Street Traralgon behind the table tennis building. Please make any enquiries via email [tcsc1968@bigpond.com](mailto:tcsc1968@bigpond.com) or find us on Facebook!