



Dear Parents,

As we progress with the Department's new attendance policy, I'd like to remind parents to please notify the school before 9:00am if there is a known absence. This will save the sending of an unnecessary text message. We are still having a lot of late students come through after 9:00. This will mean that parents will also receive an unnecessary text message. Teachers will continue to follow up unexplained absences as part of the Department's policy. If a student arrives late, they are to go straight to the classroom to be marked off. There is no longer a late sign in book.

Last week, we received the report from our Parent Opinion Survey which was conducted during August and September. We had our best response rate in years which was very pleasing. Even more pleasing were the results. As always there are areas to improve on, however overall the general satisfaction of the teaching and school had increased. One resounding area of improvement for us is Teacher Communication, or more specifically, how can we as a school better communicate the growth of students. This has been something I particularly, but we as a school, have grappled with over the last two years. We are now in a much stronger place to give accurate and timely feedback on several areas; what we are working on as a grade, what the students' goals are and how they are going against the goal and their achievement. We are trialling a few initiatives to put into place for next year.

This Friday sees the completion of our involvement in the Professional Learning Community initiative. The learning that has occurred for the staff attending and the subsequent sharing back at school with other staff has been immense. It has helped improve our focus on data both at a whole school level and within our teams, assisting us to gain greater insight into the data we collect, and how to use that data to teach more effectively. Our Targeted Teaching model, which is on display in the foyer, has held us in good stead for this work and provided a strong framework of support, as ALL teachers in the school work through this.

As I mentioned last week, we are deep into 2019 planning and would appreciate any information that would help us with numbers. We have not decided on our classroom structures as yet, but if parents have any information that would help us place your child, please email me or make an appointment to come and see me. All information will be considered but obviously not all can be accommodated. Thanks for your understanding with this.

**Adam Downes - Principal**

### **SISTER CITIES ART PROJECT**

On Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>, Latrobe City is hosting the 2018 Sister Cities Festival at the Moe Botanical Gardens, Botanic Drive, Newborough. This Festival celebrates Chinese and Japanese culture with a range of stage performances, market & food stalls, and loads of activities for all ages!

Over the next few weeks our students will be making paper cranes and blossom trees to be displayed at the festival. In Japan, these paper cranes represent a symbol of hope and healing. After the festival the origami paper cranes and blossom trees will be transported to Japan for further display of hope and longevity. We hope that you will be able to visit the Festival on November 9<sup>th</sup> to view our students' art work.

~ Yvonne Game ~

### **COMMUNITY DINNER 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 - CALLIGNEE HALL**

RSVP by TODAY - 17<sup>th</sup> October - with your meal choice, book your seat! Thank you to everyone who has already booked and are coming along! Just a reminder that this a BYO beverages including soft drink event! There is a list of salad and dessert options for the evening up in the school foyer. We are looking for some helpers on the night to help clean up and we will also need volunteers to remove the rubbish. Please see the list in the school foyer.

If you have any enquiries please contact Renee regarding meals 0417594848 and all other enquiries contact Melanie 0411884033. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thu	Book Club Orders Due In Crazy Hair/Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Mon	School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri	TSPS Community Dinner at Callignee Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Thu	Music Count Us In - 12:00pm MP Room
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon	Student Free Day - Report Writing
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed-Fri	Years 5 and 6 Camp at Phillip Island
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu	Year 6 Graduation Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue	End of Year School Concert

Crazy Hair Day  
and/or casual clothes!

Thursday 18th October

**Gold coin donation**

Proceeds going towards supplies  
for TSPS's Community Dinner  
on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Traralgon South Primary School 

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October**

6pm  
Dinner: 6.30 PM

Callignee Hall, 435 Old Callignee Road

Roast Beef, Pork Rolls or Vegan snags and Salads  
(Hot dogs available for kids)

Desserts for Adults & Ice Cream Stand for Kids

Rolls \$10pp  
Hot Dogs x2 \$5pp

**RAFFLE** - \$2 for 1 or 3 for \$5

52 coin toss entry  
Win a bottle of Alcohol  
Guess the Lollies

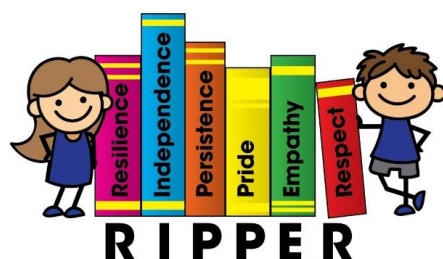
BYO  
Beverages  
Soft Drink

Lots of GREAT prizes to  
Choose from!

RSVP: 17<sup>th</sup> October (for catering)  
please advise us of your meal choice  
[communitydinners@outlook.com](mailto:communitydinners@outlook.com)  
or text Renee on 0417 594 848

Please come along and support our local school as we raise funds towards new reading material across all classes

## Student Awards - Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018



Prep	Mia Prior	For being a motivated and independent student.
2/3	Tayla Leviston	For displaying persistence and having a go during class discussion time.
3/4/5	Christien Dann	For demonstrating pride in his work consistently.
5/6	Seirena Tapai	For always showing resilience by using helpful thinking and having a "Growth" mindset.
P.E.	Murray Riseley	For showing persistence during all P.E. classes.