

Dear Parents,

Yesterday I attended a regional Principal's forum in Traralgon that outlined the government's new 'Education State' agenda. It actually has most Principals excited about what is in store for the next 18 months. There is a greater emphasis on the development of the 'whole' child and not just a concentration on academic performance. There is a slight restructuring of our department which will hopefully lead to greater support for schools. You may have been following the media on the 'Gonski' funding that is being released to schools, and this was a heavy focus of the discussion yesterday. There is also a new Victorian Curriculum which is being released over the next 18 months. All-in-all there are some significant changes that we will need to plan for; but I think these are changes for the better.

I'm slowly learning most of the students' names and I'm most definitely told when I get it wrong!! I've thoroughly enjoyed my first week here at Traralgon South. It is such a beautiful school with lovely students and very dedicated team of teachers.

We are beginning to look into structures and grades for 2016. We are still building our Prep numbers so if you have or are aware of any children that have not enrolled for 2016, could you please come and collect an enrolment pack from the office.

You will see in this newsletter a note about lunchtime activities which is something exciting that we are trying to start. If you, or if you know of anyone that may be able to assist please come and see us so we can start this initiative as soon as possible.

Swimming is progressing well after the first week. Parents, please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly named. It is amazing how many items we have left over in the change rooms after a swimming session. There has been a lot of discussion as well about some students' swimming levels which is welcomed by the instructors at Churchill Leisure Centre. Please be aware though that the levels may be slightly different to those at private lessons and the very best intention is there to provide each child with a challenging, yet supportive experience.

Adam Downes - Principal

LUNCHTIME INTEREST SESSIONS

In an effort to engage students and give them a range of experiences they may not otherwise have, staff are looking to run some organized club type sessions to be held during some lunchtimes.

To facilitate this we are looking to parents and other interested community members who may have expertise or an interest which they would be happy to share with a group of students. This might be a sport (we have had hockey thanks to Anita earlier in the year), a hobby ie knitting, stamping, patchwork, a skill ie maintaining a bike, scooter, playing an instrument, cooking, building, gardening – the list is endless.

Our lunchtimes are from 1.15 – 2.00 pm. Volunteers will need a current Working With Children's Check. There is no charge in getting one which can be done online then lodged at Australia Post. The school is happy to support people to apply for one if needed.

We hope to begin these after swimming if we have enough community interest. If you or anyone you know can spare a lunch time or several sessions, we would love to hear from you.

UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY – CAN YOU HELP?

We have a number of unnamed school uniform items which have been in the lost property box for quite a while. These are in need of a wash and will then be placed in the Parents & Friends 2nd hand uniforms which will then be available for purchase for \$2 each. Please see Karyn if you are able to help.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the families and wider community who collected the Earn & Learn stickers and sent them along to school. These were submitted at the end of term 3 and points were validated over the school holidays. As maths is a school priority, we decided to allocate the points to the "purchase" of additional resources. We have ordered 2 class sets of MAB blocks, pattern blocks, a half set of stop watches and some playing cards. We look forward to receiving them next year. Please pass on our thanks to friends and relations who helped out with this collection.

Ruth Bone – Maths Coordinator

MATHS CHALLENGE

Due to the significant decrease in participation with the home weekly maths challenge, we have decided to make this a fortnightly task at this stage. We realise it is a busy time of the year, and hope that with additional time to complete the task, we might have an increase in student entries. A reminder that many approaches are encouraged and that families are encouraged to work together in solving tasks. A new task will be set next week.

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YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 16th October 2015



Prep/1	Natalie Piechota	For being a helpful and considerate buddy to her kinder friend.
1/2	Sophie Porigneaux	For always having a positive attitude.
2/3	Jessica Ruff	For her great work in our measurement activities.
4/5	Hunter Fahy	For her great efforts in Maths.
Art/Music	Hailee Henry	For her awesome effort in learning how to beat box.
	Mikayla Caldwell	For teaching herself how to play the recorder.

DATES TO REMEMBER

22 nd Oct	Thu	P&F Lunch Day
30 th Oct	Thu	Final swimming session
2 nd Nov	Mon	Student Free Day
3 rd Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
8 th Nov	Sun	Working Bee – 9:30am – 3:30pm



Working Bee

Sunday 8th November

Between 9:30am – 3:30pm

- Sausage Sizzle lunch provided.
- Felled trees to be cleared and other jobs as needed.
- Further information will be provided closer to the date.
- A list of jobs will be available at the office if you are unable to attend on the day and would like to help out.



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FREE UKULELE WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS aged 5-18 years

at the 2015 Gippsland Uke Muster
Saturday 24th October,
Tyers Hall, Main St Tyers.

10.15-11.15am for Primary School Students.
11.15-12.15pm for Secondary Students and adults.
Bring your uke – all other materials provided.



Leader = Carolayne Boothman (B.Ed.)

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All new 9:30am Boot Camp is here

Sign up Now



Location: 30 Dunbar Road, Traralgon
Days: Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays
Time: 9:30am
Current times: 6am & 5pm classes also available

We are excited to announce that we are expanding our classes and now offering 9:30am Body Blitz Sessions. These are great for those who want personal training without the PT Price, who want to train in a small group environment and get results!

8 Week Challenge

commencing 26th October

Constant Variety High Intensity Functional Movements



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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY

Students **MUST** wear the relevant items of clothing over their bathers next Wednesday 28th October. Students who do not do this will have to wear them on the last Friday of our swimming program (30th October) whilst games are on.

This is what each class requires:

T-shirt and shorts required for students in Starfish, Turtles, Whales, Jellyfish, Crabs and Sea stars.

Long pants and long sleeves or pyjamas required for students in Sea Dragons, Eels, Krill, Octopus and Humpbacks

Long pants and t-shirt and long sleeve (windcheater) shoes and socks required for students in Shrimp.

