

Dear Parents,

### ***School Council Meeting Report***

Last night at our School Council meeting, the committee was updated on the tree removal process for our grounds. The Latrobe City Council has begun to remove six trees from the car park area which are deemed to be unsafe. Of the six, three have been removed already with the other three to be removed later this year. There is also a tree near the kindergarten to be removed as it has shown significant signs of dieback. I have received one quote for the removal of the two largest trees on our grounds and am waiting on another. Once the quotes are received, we will be able to make a decision and plan to have the works carried out in the January school holidays. In an effort to try and recoup some of the costs associated with the tree works, we will be selling the wood.

### ***ICT Voluntary Levy Increase***

There was also discussion about the school's ICT equipment and the need to upgrade some machines. The School ICT Progression Strategy has completed an assessment of our ICT equipment and identified a number of ageing notebook computers in addition to an ageing curriculum file server. Mrs Landy and I attended a workshop to develop a plan for our ICT equipment for the next four years. This plan is designed to outline what equipment and professional learning we will need over the next four years to improve our ability to provide effective ICT based activities in the school. For this reason, the School Council made a decision to increase the Voluntary Contribution for ICT by \$10 to \$30 per student. Further details regarding the Materials Charges and Voluntary Contributions will be sent home in the coming weeks once it is finalised.

### ***School Uniform Policy***

The School Council also approved some minor changes to the school's uniform policy which will be published next week. The inclusion of a matrix identifying which items of the uniform are to be worn together is also included to try and illustrate the prescribed uniform for parents.

### ***Survey Results***

We also reviewed the results for the Staff Opinion Survey and the Parent Opinion survey. The staff opinion data was quite positive generally, with our results placing higher than other primary schools in the state, for all areas of the survey. The survey has changed this year so there is no data from previous years to make a comparison. This year's results however, included a range of possible strategies and resources to drive improvement which we will use for staff development.

The Parent Opinion data showed solid progress in several areas of the survey, particularly in the areas of student engagement at school and student behaviour. General Satisfaction also showed progress in comparison to the past two years. The areas we need to focus on developing further are approachability and learning focus. These two areas will also be an area for staff development to focus on. While I think it is important to celebrate the progress the school has made, we also need to ensure we are focussed on continual improvement to provide the best learning opportunities for our students.

**Joel Fraser – Principal**

### **LANTERNS**

Last Friday the lanterns were picked up from Mid Valley Shopping Centre after being on display for a couple of weeks. Thank you to all the students for allowing the lanterns to be displayed. They are now in the spare classroom at school ready to be collected. Could you please arrange to pick up your child's lantern asap or let the school know if it is no longer wanted.

~ Thank you - Yvonne Game ~

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>		
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Fri	Book Club Orders Due In Sundae Orders Due In
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon	Community Dinner Meeting – 7:00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue	P&F Lunch Orders Due In Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser – Sundae Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thu	Science Day P&F Lunch Day
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sat	P&F Election Day Cake Stall

**YOU CAN DO IT  
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS  
For Fortnight Ending 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014**



Prep/1	Conroy Robinson	For attention to detail and neatness in his work.
1/2	Hannah Thomson	For great efforts in writing.
2/3	Jessie Selwyn	For his excellent and positive attitude to school always.
4/5	Flynn Mackintosh	For working hard on his Wiki page and assisting others with theirs.
5/6	Molly Grist	For using excellent initiative to improve her Earn & Learn business.
P.E.	Dylin Paton	For showing persistence in developing her skills in P.E.

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**Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser**

**Fun Sundae Day**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November**



Dear Parents and Students,

*In our Grade 6 graduation meetings we have been talking about our fundraiser, many ideas were thrown around the circle with one of them being the favourite. The Grade 6s and Miss Kloot have thought of an idea of having a fun Sundae Day. This day will be held at snack time on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. Children will have a choice of Ice-cream with strawberry, chocolate, or caramel topping. Children can also decorate their sundae with Smarties or sprinkles.*

**SLIPS WILL BE SENT HOME TODAY AND NEED TO BE RETURNED BY THIS FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Solar Energy Generation**

The reading this week is 36065kwh which means we have generated 339kwh since the last reading.

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# PARENTS & FRIENDS ELECTION DAY - CAKE STALL

The Parents & Friends Committee will be holding a cake stall at the upcoming State Election polling booth at Traralgon South Hall on Saturday 29 November.

Parents are asked to supply baked goods to sell at the stall. Baked goods must be clearly labelled with a list of ingredients and date that the product was baked.

Please specify what you will be baking and when you will be dropping items off (either to school on Friday afternoon or direct to the stall on Saturday morning). Please return slip below as soon as possible.

FAMILY NAME: _____	
CONTACT PH: _____	
BAKED ITEM TO BE DONATED: _____	
_____	
DATE TO BE DROPPED OFF:	
Friday to School	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday direct to Stall	<input type="checkbox"/>

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

In addition to the request to donate goods the P&F Committee is also calling on available parents to help man the stall for one hour shifts. If you're able to give an hour of your time on Election Day to help with this fundraiser please nominate your available time on the roster at the front office. Your assistance on this day would be very much appreciated.

# PARENT AND FRIENDS LUNCH ORDER DAY THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

It was great to see such a large number of orders for the Parents & Friends Lunch Order Day last month.

Next Thursday 27 November is the next lunch order day. It would be fantastic to see similar a number of orders as last month so please get behind our monthly lunches and shout your kids a special lunch next week.

**Orders must be into the blue box at the office by 9:00am Tuesday 25 November.** Please write your orders on an envelope (recycled is good) or paper placed inside a snap lock bag and make sure you include the child's name and grade.

Remember 100% of the monies raised from these lunches goes into providing things for our kids.

## LUNCH MENU

Hot Dog in bread	\$2.50
Meat Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Party Pie	\$1.00 each
Steamed Dim Sims	0.80c each
Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$1.50

## DRINKS

Mighty Cool - Chocolate Milk (250ml)	\$2.50
Mighty Cool - Strawberry Milk (250ml)	\$2.50
Mighty Cool - Banana Milk (250ml)	\$2.50
Apple Juice Fruit Box	\$1.50
Orange Juice Fruit Box	\$1.50
Tropical Juice Fruit Box	\$1.50
Orange & Mango Juice Fruit Box	\$1.50