

Dear Parents,

Over the past two days I attended the Victorian Principal's Association (VPA) state conference in Melbourne with the theme of the conference; 'Leaders-Believing in Self'. It focussed on building and maintaining resilience, working more effectively with others and how to hold true to yourself. With lots of great speakers over the two days, one in particular was an absolute standout. His name was Don Elgin and he is a 3 time Paralympian in multiple athletic disciplines. As well as being extremely entertaining his message was very clear; you get one shot at life, make the most of it!

These were some of my favourite quotes from his presentation with a brief explanation;

- *Success is a choice*- it's up to us whether we decide to take ourselves out of our comfort zone.
- *To get what you haven't got, you need to do what you haven't done*- don't keep doing the same things if you are unhappy or want a different outcome.
- *Even if you are on the right track, you can still get left behind*- particularly important for schools, there is a need for constant change and tweaking.
- *Treat every human with the same respect*- no explanation needed!
- *Today will be a great day or a challenge to have a great day* - some days are worse than others, it's up to us to make the most of every one.

This Friday sees the end to the school's swimming program for the year. Shortly, we intend on asking parents to complete a brief survey on the school's swimming program. This information will be used in conjunction with other information, to determine the ongoing viability or needed changes to the swimming program. Please stay tuned.

Last Friday night I attended my first community dinner at the Traralgon South Sports Pavilion. It was magnificent to see so many people supporting the Kindergarten with great attendance

numbers. I am hoping the Year 6 Graduation Community Dinner to be held in a few weeks will be equally supported. I know there has been a lot of work put into this already. These extra-curricular activities help build peer and school connectedness which is so important for the overall health of the school and community.

A reminder that there is no school on Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd November. Earlier in the year School Council granted the Monday as one of the school's pupil free days and the Tuesday is the Departments Melbourne Cup holiday. Staff will be using this day to commence report writing for the end of year reports. School reports can take several hours per student, all of which is done outside of normal school hours.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Adam Downes - Principal

TOY CATALOGUE ORDERS

Toy catalogues for Parents Direct and Chalk were sent home a number of weeks ago. Our second batch of orders is due to be sent off this week, so if you would like to place an order please return payment with your order to the office by this Wednesday, 28th October.

PLASTIC LIDS WANTED!!!

Please collect as many plastic lids as you can, any colour, any size and bring them to school as soon as possible. Grade 4/5 are starting their plastic lid mosaic next week and we need as many as we can get!! Thank you Yvonne Game

DATES TO REMEMBER		
22 nd Oct	Thu	P&F Lunch Day
28 th Oct	Wed	Toy Order Orders & Payment Due In (No cash)
30 th Oct	Fri	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

UNSW / EAA ENGLISH COMPETITION RESULTS

Recently a number of our Years 2 to 6 students elected to enter the University of New South Wales / International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (EAA) **English** competition. This is an international competition and students excelling received awards as outlined below. –

- High Distinction **Certificate:** the top 1% of participants
- Distinction **Certificate:** the next 10% of participants
- Credit **Certificate:** the next 25% of participants
- Merit **Certificate:** the next 10% of participants
- Participation **Certificate:** for all remaining participants

Congratulations go to all students who entered and had a go. Certificates were presented at assembly yesterday. Results are as follows:



Certificate of Distinction

Year 2 - Maddison Hodgson	Chris Bolton
Year 5 - Ruby Bates	Zoe Bolton
Year 6 - Zara Pettifer	

Certificate of Credit

Year 2 - Chloe Mayes	Ben Hagley	Jessica Pettifer
Year 4 - James Pettifer		

Certificate of Merit

Year 4 - Kate Hagley

Other students who participated and received a certificate for their efforts were:

Year 2 - Lizzie Ralph	Tom Bolton
Year 4 - Julia Bates	Ella Prior
Year 6 - Emma Hagley	

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Maths Challenge

Here's a problem especially for those older students wanting to learn algebra!
Good luck.

ABCD x E Puzzle

The Puzzle:



$$ABCD \times E = DCBA$$

(Replace letters with digits and have the sum be true.
A,B,C,D and E are all different digits.)

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YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 23rd October 2015



Prep/1	Ford Gore	For using his class time productively and continuously working hard.
1/2	Jayden Henry	For a great effort in his writing.
2/3	Leila Hare	For a positive attitude towards all class activities.
4/5	Charlotte Mackintosh	For putting her best efforts into all her learning tasks.
5/6	Emma Hagley	For always being organised and ready to learn.
Art/Music	Ella Prior	For her enthusiastic effort with beatboxing!
	Cassie Matthews	For her persistence to create a large, well planned 3D box model.