

Weekly Newsletter No 32
Wednesday 31st October 2018



Dear Parents,

A reminder that this coming Monday, 5th November, is a Student Free day. Staff will be using this date to collate and analyse their data to begin report writing. Tuesday is the gazetted Melbourne Cup holiday so there be no school on that day either.

Based off our projections for 2019, we have made the decision to increase the number of classrooms to 6 instead of our current 5. Our numbers, at current projections, are sitting around 130 students. We made the decision to move to 6 grades in an effort to keep lower numbers of students in grades. The move will see an average number of 21 students per grade and the highest of 22 students in a grade, instead of an average of 26 and highs of 30. This will mean that the classroom adjoining the library will undergo a transformation. Our likely grade formation is;

Prep/1 Prep/1 2/3 3/4 4/5 6

There is a lot to take into consideration when placing students in grades; friendships, maturity, clashes of personalities, academics, behaviour, gender balance and teacher selection to name but a few. When students are placed, every consideration goes into their placing and nothing is taken lightly. If you have any information that may assist with placing students, please make sure you come and see me or email by next Friday, 9th November.

Thanks to our hardworking Parents & Friends President, Mel Harkess and the P&F committee for running a very successful Community Dinner last Friday night. Special mention to George den Houting for collecting so many wonderful donations which added to the profit raised, which was approximately \$1400.

Last night staff attended our last FISO meeting for the year. These meetings have been held twice per term and we meet with teachers from Glengarry, Tyers, Gormandale, Toongabbie and Traralgon College. Over the year we have looked extensively at the Number strand in the maths curriculum. From our work I'm very pleased to say that 93% of teachers from the entire cohort have indicated through a survey that their confidence in teaching and assessing in maths has increased. For us, this is backed up by some of the best whole school data we have collected, with tremendous growth in NAPLAN from grades 3-5 for those students who sat the test in grade 3 and grade 5 here at TSPS. Having this focus on explicit teaching teamed with our teachers working hard on using the data to inform their teaching, we are seeing great improvement in student data, both in their attitudes towards maths and their achievement levels.

In our latest Parent Opinion survey, an area for improvement was shown to be our communication. Not simply communication about the day-to-day happenings but how we can better communicate student achievement and classroom focuses. I'd like to run two workshops initially to discuss this with parents. The first workshop will be at 3pm on Monday 12th November and then Monday 19th November at 9:30 after assembly. I am more than open to run a meeting after school hours if parents would like this. If you cannot make either of these times please contact me and we can arrange a suitable time.

The Water Safety Program for all students in Years 3 - 6 is taking place at Churchill Leisure Centre on Thursday 8th November. All students involved should have brought home a permission form which needs to be returned to their teacher by this Friday, 2nd November as Monday, the original return by date, is a Student Free day.

The final camp cost for the Years 5 & 6 camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort is \$290.00. Payment in full is to be made by Friday, 23rd November.

Adam Downes - Principal

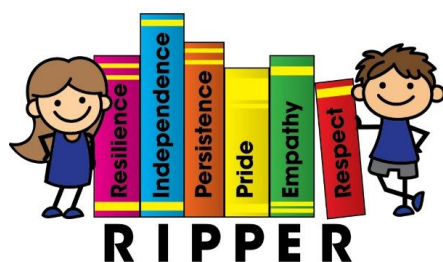
MUSIC COUNT US IN – ONE SONG

Tomorrow, Thursday 1st November at 12:00pm, the whole school is joining in on a music initiative to encourage more singing. "Music Count Us In" has written a song called, "One Song" whereby hundreds of schools will be singing this song at the same time all around Australia. As well as singing this song, some individual students will be also be performing and playing a musical instrument. Family and friends are most welcome to attend this musical event. It will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room. We look forward to seeing you there ☺.

~ Yvonne Game ~

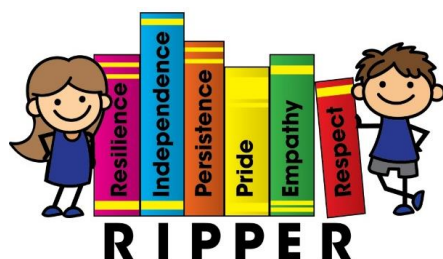
DATES TO REMEMBER		
1 st Nov	Thu	Music Count Us In - 12:00pm MP Room
5 th Nov	Mon	Student Free Day - Report Writing
6 th Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
8 th Nov	Thu	Senior Swimming Session - approx. 11:15 - 2:30
28 th - 30 th Nov	Wed-Fri	Years 5 and 6 Camp at Phillip Island
11 th Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
13 th Dec	Thu	Year 6 Graduation Evening
18 th Dec	Tue	End of Year School Concert

Student Awards - Week Ending 19th October 2018



Prep	Haylee McInnes	For showing empathy and kindness towards others in the classroom.
1/2	Indie Hayes	For discussing and demonstrating independence in class.
2/3	Mia Jones	For always displaying empathy in the classroom and playground.
3/4/5	Byron Smythe	For showing independence and initiative in Scratch.
5/6	Ayva Rohde	For always showing the RIPPER values both inside and outside the classroom.
P.E.	Indie Hayes	For always showing persistence to complete tasks in P.E.

Student Awards - Week Ending 26th October 2018



2/3	Max Cameron	For always demonstrating resilience in his learning.
3/4/5	Bresci Wilson	For demonstrating resilience and persistence with his learning.
5/6	Lulu Thomas	For taking great pride in the quality and presentation of her work.
P.E.	Ayva Rohde & Tahli Zarth	For showing independence when running the P.E. games.