



Dear Parents,

On Monday we had our first parent meeting to help us understand how we can better communicate with families about student progress at school. In the Parent Opinion Survey only 65% of parents responded positively to the question 'Teachers communicate with me often enough about my child's progress'. The idea behind these meetings is to gain a deeper understanding of the thoughts of parents and how we can improve. As previously mentioned, there is another session directly after assembly this coming Monday. As always though, if you cannot make a meeting please make sure you send me an email or catch up somehow if you have anything to add.

Since the Department's new Attendance Policy came in to effect, we have sent out 233 text messages for unexplained absences. We send out these messages when we have not heard from parents. I would guess that a very large proportion of the texts could have been avoided if parents let us know instead of waiting for the message. Sometimes there is a lag if you have sent a dojo or email close to 9:00am and we haven't checked it yet as teachers are tending to students, but this rarely happens. Please make sure to notify the school as soon as possible if you are aware that your child is going to be absent.

Some of those 233 text messages have also been due to lateness. We still see an alarming amount of students arrive up to 20-30 minutes late. 30 minutes late over the week would equate to 20 hours of instructional time lost over the year, or another 4 days absence. Please understand that we do not want your child to come if they are genuinely unwell and there are always those times when appointments need to happen; we understand these are unavoidable. Our current 2018 absence data shows a shocking 1453 days absence and 1321 late entries. Let's see if we can have everyone here with at least 95% attendance for the rest of the year!

A reminder to parents that we are a child safe school and uphold the Department's Child Safe Policies. Traralgon South Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our Child Safe Policies can be viewed on our website. Staff are committed to the reporting obligations through mandatory reporting and we take our role in this very seriously.

Latrobe Streetgames is an initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone though GippSport and they run a series of events across the Latrobe Valley. Every Wednesday they are in Traralgon South at the skate park, or the school if it's raining, playing games such as 3x3 basketball, dodgeball, street soccer and more. It's a great initiative that the school is happy to support. The games are run by representatives of Latrobe Streetgames and not by the school. More information can be found at [www.latrobestreetgames.com.au](http://www.latrobestreetgames.com.au)

**Adam Downes - Principal**

### **LOCAL SHOPS REWARDS PROGRAMS**

It was a nice surprise to be handed a cheque for \$125 from The Athletes Foot Traralgon a few days ago. We have also received another \$105 credit from Rebel Sport Traralgon. If you are not already a member and shop at these stores, you can nominate our school next you make a purchase.

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>		
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon	Parent workshop - 9:30am after assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue	First Kinder-Prep transition visit - 2:30 - 3:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Fri	5/6 Camp Payment Due In Full - \$290
		Animal Aid Fundraiser - Gold coin donation
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

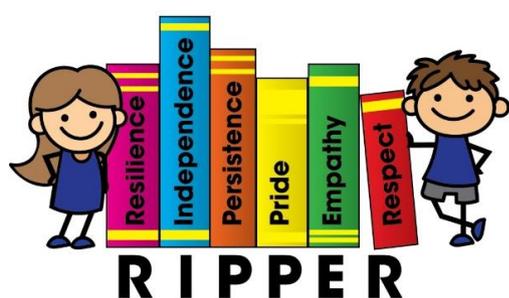
# ANIMAL AID FUNDRAISER

Hi, I am Sophie and I'm in Year 4. I am very passionate about animals and I would like to organise a fundraiser at the school. On Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of November we are having an animal dress up day to raise money for Animal Aid Gippsland. It will be a gold coin donation if you would like to wear an animal on your clothes or just casual clothes. The money that you give will help animals at Animal Aid Gippsland to get: re-homed, neutered, better care and toys to keep them entertained. I hope you are able to support this worthwhile charity.



*By Sophie Porigneaux*

## Student Awards - Week Ending 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018



Prep	Greta Laws	For showing independence and persistence in her writing tasks.
1/2	Harry Jones	For showing persistence with procedural writing.
3/4/5	Makayla Elms	For showing pride in her work and working with persistence.
5/6	Declan Lazarus	For always working very hard and showing great pride in all that he does!

TRARALGON COLLEGE PRESENTS

THE 2018 PRODUCTION OF

**THE CIRCAUS**  
musical

7.30pm

Junior Campus  
Stadium

NOVEMBER  
21 & 23  
(Wednesday and Friday)

EVERY TICKET PURCHASE WILL PROVIDE A FREE ENTRY INTO THE RAFFLE

Admit One  
Purchase tickets at front office  
Adults: \$20  
Child \$10  
Free \$5

Admit One

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