

**YOU CAN DO IT**  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**  
**For Week Ending 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**



P/1	Natalie Piechota	For starting her work promptly.
1/2	Alika Perry	For being persistent and trying her best at swimming.
3	Evan Pass	For using a range of ICT skills to animate shapes.
4/5	Jesse Stevenson	For his creativity in Maths target game in using negative numbers to form equations.
5/6	Jackson Skurrie	For his great narrative writing.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

17/11/16	Thu	P and F Lunch Orders Due in by 9:00am Toy Run 10:15am
18/11/16	Fri	P and F Lunch Order Day
6/12/16	Tue	State Wide Transition
7/12/16	Wed	Year 6 Graduation
14/12/16	Wed	End of Year Concert

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH SACREMENT INFORMATION NIGHT - 2017**

You are invited to attend a Sacrament Information Night in preparation for your child, or children, preparing to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation during 2017. Phone 03 5174 7703 or email [sacramentssecretary@smpt.org.au](mailto:sacramentssecretary@smpt.org.au) for full details.

**Date: Wednesday 16th November 2016**

**Guest Speaker:** Mrs. Anne Taylor

**Time: 6.45pm** for a 7pm Start

**Venue: St Michael's School Hall, Traralgon**

*Please note that this meeting is for Parents Only*



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**For Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016**



P/1	Dan Riddell	For working well with others in class activities.
1/2	Hayley Tapai	For reading at home and having her diary signed.
3	Benj Selwyn	For a great effort in class all week.
5/6	Riley Ahlers	For a great effort in his narrative writing.

Dear Parents,

As a staff we have been investigating how we can continually improve our reports and give you the best information for your child. You will notice some other smaller changes to the reports as part of this. There will be only one section written that will have all previous sections mentioned where needed. We felt some of the areas were too disjointed and interrupted the flow of the report. So if there is an area for improvement or something that can be worked on at home, it will be mentioned in the body of the report. Results from the Parent Opinion Survey noted that the reporting was something that needed improvement; we hope you can see that we are working towards that.

Planning for 2017 is in full swing as we try and count accurate numbers for next year's grade structures, work through staffing and finalise Materials and Charges costs. Grade structure and student placement is always a challenge as we try and have the best mix whilst retaining low class sizes. As we move down this path further, I invite parents to come and see me or email any possible information that may help the placement of your child. We do not know yet our structures or finalised staffing but some extra information may help with this.

As always, if you have any concerns regarding anything about the school please make sure you make the time to come and see myself or your child's teacher. We cannot work through situations if we do not know about them.

At recess time today we had a special visit from Mrs Phillips and her growing family. Caleb Phillips was born Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October weighing a healthy 8 pound. Both Mum and baby are doing great! The Prep/1 grade was especially excited to see them all.

At the Parents and Friends meeting held on Monday after assembly, we discussed the success of the Community Dinner held a few weeks ago. Efforts from the night raised just over \$900 for the school. Money raised from the night will go towards the purchase of individual student whiteboards. Many thanks to all those people who helped out to make the night the success it was. I mentioned on the night, I normally don't do personal thankyou's but if it wasn't for the work of Nerylee Morris, Mel Harkess and Nat Jones the night would not have been able to go ahead. Many thanks to everyone!

We'd like to thank our families for their kind donations and also to the following businesses, community members and families for their raffle prize donations:

Market Lane Produce, Mitch Gollan Horsemanship, Country Cuts, Embrodieia, Cassie Mayes, Buffie Harris, Natasha Borg, Mel Harkess, Bec Elms, Lisa Masut, Rutters Butchers, Outside the Square Psychology, Bakers Delight Traralgon.

**Adam Downes – Principal**

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

School Council met recently with the following topics the major points of discussion:

- *School Review* – as previously mentioned, Traralgon South Primary School is undergoing our planned review. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October saw the first day of the review where we looked at the current running of the school. This will be followed by another full day next Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November when we complete the review. From this review a report from the reviewer will be completed and this will help us develop our next 4 year strategic plan. School Review is a very busy but exciting time for those involved, as we plan toward continual improvement for our school.
- *Policies* – the Policy and Programs committee have continued to be very busy reviewing particular policies and ensuring they meet the current requirements for certification.
- *Parent Opinion Survey* – School Council reviewed the data received from our 2016 Parent Opinion Survey. As advised in the last week's newsletter we have formed a smaller group to look in detail at the results and investigate those areas that have shown a downward trend, and to look at what we can do to improve in these areas. We are seeking extra parent involvement and are asking interested parents to contact Adam or myself.
- *BARR (Bushfires At Risk Register)*- Due to our location, Traralgon South Primary School is legally required to close the school on 'Code Red' fire danger rating days. Traralgon South Primary School will also be applying to close the school on days of 'Extreme' fire danger rating in our district. The school will be advised by head office prior to the end of the preceding school day as to whether the school will remain open or close for the following day. Parents will then be notified as soon as possible. We appreciate that short notice of school closure causes inconveniences and apologise in advance.

**Karen Pettifer – School Council President**

## ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION RESULTS

Recently a number of our Years 2 to 6 students elected to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

**Mathematics** 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 a recent assembly. Results are as follows:



### Certificate of High Distinction

Year 2 - Isobel McAllister

### Certificate of Distinction

Year 2 – Kate Edgar                      Heath Kamphuis                      Abby Riddell  
 Year 3 – Ben Hagley                      Jessica Pettifer  
 Year 5 – James Pettifer

### Certificate of Credit

Year 3 –Maddison Hodgson  
 Year 4 – Eric Porigneaux  
 Year 6 – Ruby Bates

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

Year 3 – Chloe Mayes, Aidan Prior  
 Year 4 – Penny Matthews, Ayva Rohde, Jesse Stevenson,  
                     Savannah Theissling  
 Year 5 – Lachlan Matthews, Julia Bates, Alexandra Gore,  
                     Kate Hagley