

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend over the Melbourne Cup holiday. We have had a very busy time of late at school, however, the next few weeks look reasonably straightforward before we gear up for Christmas and finish the year off.

Melbourne Camp

Our Grade 5 and 6 students attended camp in Melbourne last week, staying at Melbourne Discovery in the CBD. We were able to visit many attractions around Melbourne, giving our students a great opportunity to experience a range of activities and interests. There was lots of walking involved and by the end of the camp we had some very weary students and teachers.

Our students are to be commended on the way in which they conducted themselves in public, with a number of people stopping me in the street to comment on their behaviour, which was really nice to hear. Some of the students have written a report on the camp which is included in this newsletter.

Procedures For Parent Complaints

Parents are reminded about our procedures and policy regarding managing parent complaints. Rather than parents taking school issues into their own hands or speaking to other parents about these issues, the first port of call should be a classroom teacher or the principal. This way we can ensure any issues are managed in a consistent way. Teachers are at school from around 8:30am to approximately 4:15pm each day if you need to meet with them. Alternatively, all teachers have provided email addresses for parent contact and the school email address is on the school website at www.traralgonsths.vic.edu.au.

Working Bee To Be Rescheduled

The working bee to remove the rebound wall was cancelled last Friday night due to the inclement weather. We will reschedule to a later date which will be published in the newsletter and on the school Facebook page. I would like to thank those parents who offered to help out.

Health & Human Relations Information Session Tonight

Parents are reminded that the Health and Human Relations program

for students in Grade 3 and 4 will begin next week. An information session for parents will be held at the school tonight beginning at 7pm. Mrs Travers will provide an outline of the program with class teachers also available to answer any questions parents may have. This program is far more comprehensive than it has been in the past and received positive feedback last year.

Swimming Program – Last Session This Thursday

A number of parents have asked about dates for the swimming program being changed. The program dates are the same as those that were published on the permission form, with the program concluding with the last three days being held this week. Therefore this Thursday the 14th November is the last day of the swimming program.

Mrs Phillips' Last Day This Friday

This Friday will be Mrs Phillips' last day before she takes Family Leave. I would like to thank Ashleigh for all of her hard work and dedication to our school and students over the past four years. I wish her well as she begins her new family and look forward to her return at the end of her leave.

Mrs Morrison will be returning to our school to take over the Grade 1/2 class until the end of this year, with a new teacher to be appointed for next year. Parents will be notified via the newsletter once this appointment has been made.

Graduation Committee Meeting Rescheduled

The Graduation committee meeting scheduled for this Thursday afternoon has been rescheduled to next Tuesday 19th November at 3:45pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Joel Fraser – Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

A reminder that the Parents & Friends Christmas Card Fundraiser orders and payment are due in this Friday 15th November. Catalogues were sent home 2 weeks ago with the newsletter. There are a few packs to choose from with packs of assorted quality cards from \$15 which makes each card a little over \$1. If you require further information please contact Sue Wilkerson on 5195 5378 or 0422 953 958.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH SACRAMENTS PROGRAM 2014

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th November at St Michael's School Hall, Church Street Traralgon at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start for the 2014 Sacrament Program. Enrolment forms will need to be completed and handed in at this meeting. Further information phone Sharon Townsend 5174 7703 during office hours Wednesday 10:00am – 3:00pm or Thursday 9:00am – 12 noon or 5174 2274 after hours.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

14 Nov	Thu	Final Swimming Program Session
15 Nov	Fri	P&F Christmas Card Orders Due In
19 Nov	Tue	Graduation Committee Meeting – 3:45pm
22 Nov	Fri	Prep, 1/2 & 2/3 Sale Art Gallery Excursion
		Book Club Orders & Payment Due In
10 Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
13 Dec	Fri	Year 6 Graduation Dinner

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 8th November 2013



Prep	Esther Miljons	For showing great interest and doing thorough research about the 'Olden Days'.
1/2	Lachy Matthews	For offering his help to his classmates.
2/3	Alexandra Gore & Kate Hagley	For their excellent organisation and enthusiasm for their learning.
4/5	Ana Varela-Pereira & Kaitlyn Algje	For excellent teamwork making a 'volcano cake' erupting with fluoro lava.

Discipline without tears, fear or put-downs

Discipline is one of the most misunderstood words in the English language. It is frequently confused with punishment, which is the infliction of unpleasant experiences on children as a result of misbehaviour.

Effective discipline teaches children about appropriate behaviour and encourages them to take responsibility for their behaviour. It is about children learning to behave in socially acceptable ways – it helps children and young people to be liked and accepted. Effective discipline doesn't involve physical harm or verbal put-downs, however it does require firmness and a willingness to treat children and young people with respect.

The most effective discipline leads to children and young people making good decisions about their behaviour rather than parents controlling or coercing them to act in proper ways. Clear communication about

expected behaviours, consistency and the use of consequences to ensure accountability are appropriate disciplinary tools for the present era. Cooperation is also fostered when we respond positively to children's appropriate behaviour and we spend enjoyable, pleasant time with them.

Research shows that most children will push parental boundaries at some stage, which makes it tough for parents. And some children and young people will push harder than others. So effective discipline also requires persistence, patience, a backbone and a willingness to seek help from others when the going gets tough.



Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 23061kwh which means we have generated 660kwh since our last reading.

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Years 5 and 6 Melbourne Camp Report by Taylah and Brooke – Grade 5/6



Last week students in Years 5 and 6 went to Melbourne for school camp. It was an early start to the morning, as we had to arrive at the Traralgon train station at 7:50am to catch the train with students from Glengarry and Gormandale. We spent three days in Melbourne, visiting several attractions and renowned places around the city. These places included: Melbourne Museum, MSAC (Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre), Eureka Skydeck, Scienceworks/Planetarium, Yarra River Cruise and the MCG/National Sports Museum.

Most people enjoyed the camp with the most popular places being MSAC and Eureka Skydeck. At MSAC we swam in the wave pool and went down the giant waterslide. It was loads of fun. We also went to Eureka Skydeck twice; once in the morning and once at night. We really enjoyed the edge experience, which was scary for some people but exciting for others.

Overall we walked about 30km, so we are all pretty tired. We found camp to be an eye-opening experience. It really showed what life is like in the city.

