

Dear Parents,

A big thankyou to those parents and students who were able to attend the working bee last Sunday. A large amount of work was undertaken with all jobs getting ticked off the list. The school on Monday morning looked wonderful, now if we could keep the wind away for a while to keep it looking pristine that would be perfect. There are always small (and larger) jobs to do around the school. If you ever find yourself with some spare time to come and sweep, blow, wash or weed, any assistance is greatly appreciated.

One of the many roles of a school council is to set and assist in the implementation of the school's policies and procedures. Many of these policies are required legally by DET, while some are at the discretion of the school and relate only to that particular school (such as uniform). As a Programs and Policy Committee, we are currently looking at some amendments to the Working With Children policy which will help protect all students, parent helpers and staff. Once these changes are ratified by School Council, we will let you know and how that will affect parent helpers in the future.

Lately we have had a band of 'wild life warriors' in the school who have become extremely interested in the movements of bull ants and Jumping Jacks! Whilst it is great they are taking notice of the wonderful animals around us, digging them up and handling them is not something we recommend. Could all parents please assist us by talking to your children about the dangers of handling these creatures and the best way to observe them without being bitten.

This time of year is always busy with teachers writing school reports and completing final assessments, grade structures and teacher placement for 2016 and the setting of school budgets and charges for 2016. Schools have set money allocations given to them in our Student Resource Package (SRP), it is then up to the school, through school council, to determine the most appropriate way to use the budget to get the best possible outcomes for student improvement. We are currently gauging the impact Mathletics has on student improvement. I would be interested to

hear your point of view on this program. If you would like to comment, please email me on downes.adam.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

I am looking forward to the Community dinner this coming Friday night which is being held as a fundraiser for the Grade 6 Graduation. For those familiar with the Lego movie 'it's Taco Tuesday; but on a Friday!' Hopefully I see you there.

Adam Downes - Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE

The final Parents & Friends lunch for the year will be on Thursday, 3rd December. There will be no hot lunch this month due to excursions, camp and possibly no power on the 19th. An order form will be sent home closer to the date.

The next Parents & Friends meeting will be on Monday, 16th November after assembly. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

GRADE 6 COMMUNITY DINNER

This Friday, our grade 6s will be running the community dinner as a fundraiser for their graduation. The menu is tacos and Mexican rice, with cheesecake or ice cream sundaes for dessert. Cans of drink will be available to purchase and the bar will not be open. It would be great to see you all come along and support the fundraising efforts of our grade 6 students, as one day your child will also be fundraising for their graduation! Please RSVP to tsda@netspace.net.au with the number of people attending and your preference for crunchy (gluten free) taco shells or soft shells, or pop in and see Stacey who can RSVP on your behalf.

We are also looking for donations of raffle prizes and ingredients for the night. If you can help out at all, please email Stacey at dinelli.stacey.s@edumail.vic.gov.au. We look forward to sharing the evening with you!

~ Stacey Dinelli ~

DATES TO REMEMBER		
13 th Nov	Fri	Community Dinner TSPS for Year 6 Graduation
16 th Nov	Mon	Parents & Friends Meeting – After assembly
		Kindergarten Visit – 2:15pm – 3:30pm
18 th Nov	Wed	Years 5/6 Camp - \$255 payment due by today
19 th Nov	Thu	Grades P/1 & 1/2 Excursion – Old Gippstown
25 - 27 Nov	Wed-Fri	Years 5&6 Camp Melbourne – Depart approx. 7:36am and return approx. 8:50pm from Traralgon Railway Station
8 th Dec	Tue	Statewide Orientation Day
10 th Dec	Thu	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
16 th Dec	Wed	End Of Year Concert
18 th Dec	Fri	Term 4 Ends – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

SPORTS CAMP REPORT

From Wednesday the 4th – Friday the 6th of November Zara, Blake, Charli, Emma and Harrison participated in the Gippsland primary school sports camp. We were nominated by the teachers and the principal. When we arrived everyone participated in a footy clinic. The other main sports that we did were: Volleyball, Baseball, Touch Footy, Gymnastics and Orienteering. Each morning we were woken up at 6.30 and had to go for a run around a lake from 7.00 to 8.00am. It was very hard and by the second day everyone was walking around the lake. Our guest speaker was Lizzie Watson who plays netball for the Melbourne Vixens. On the last day we had a round robin competition. You could either choose to play Baseball or Volleyball. We all chose to play Baseball. Emma and Harrison's team made the grand final but they sadly lost it by one home run. We all really enjoyed the sports camp and are glad that we got the opportunity to go.

By Emma, Charli, Harrison, Zara & Blake – Grade 5/6

You can always find our newsletters on our website at <http://www.traralgonstps.vic.edu.au/> . There is also a link on our website to take you to our school Facebook page where we post reminders at times.

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Maths Challenge

It was great to see three mathematicians who were up to last fortnight's algebra challenge. Well done to Abbey and Georgie Lambert and also to Isobel McAllister. This fortnight's is a little easier for our younger students.

The Strange Mind Of Eureka Blip Puzzle

The Puzzle:

Welcome to the strange mind of Eureka Blip.



He does not always think the same way as we do, but he does always have his own logical set of rules. One of his favourite tricks is to say the opposite of what he really means. Recently I had a conversation with him, which went like this:

"Good morning, Eureka, how are you?"
 "Go away. I feel absolutely dreadful."
 "What are you thinking about today?"
 "I am not thinking of any number at all."
 "Is your number less than 50?"
 "No. It is greater than 50, and it is a prime number."
 "Is it less than 26?"
 "Yes, and it is an even number."
 "And it's not a square number?"
 "Correct."
 "Thank you, Eureka. Goodbye."
 "Please. Hello."

What was Eureka Blip thinking of?

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Swimming Program Reports by Grade Prep/1

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we were Humpbacks. We did backstroke to the deep end. It was easy peasy for me.

By Grayce Meyer

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for the last three weeks we went to the pool. My group was called Star Fish.

By Eva Prior

On Tuesdays I did pin drops and backstroke and I can do doggy paddle. I can swim.

By Roman Sturre

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays we went to the Churchill swimming pool. We did backstroke, compact jumps, pin drops, duck dives, dolphin kicks, treading water and rainbow arms. I love swimming and nobody can stop me from doing it.

By Thomas Robinson

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays I did backstroke and I did pin drops. I also did backstroke for two laps with no stopping. I did a backflip in the water twice and front flips and torpedoes.

By James Guy

I did a pin drop in the deep end and I didn't drown. My Mum and Dad and Kyah watched me. Dad stayed for the week. I liked listening to the boss at swimming.

By Caity Dalrymple

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we went in the swimming. I am in Turtles. I did compact jumps, pin drops, dives and chicken, aeroplane, soldier with noodles to the deep end. We did sport. We played dodge ball and poison ball too.

By Lachy Pass

On Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday we went to Churchill pool We did swimming. Their pool was cold. In the pool we did pin drops. I was good at it.

By Luke Ruff

On Tuesday I did do pin drops. We did do floating. I had fun. When I went there we did swimming. I really had fun.

By Nahla Rutowicz

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday I went swimming at the Churchill Leisure Centre. We were in groups. It was lots of fun.

By Natalie Piechota

On school swimming I went to swimming. I like doing bubble and ear arm.

By Deegan Borg

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we did school swimming. It was in Churchill. It takes ten minutes to get to Churchill. We went in the school bus. At Churchill swimming pool we did some pin drops in the deep end. We also did compact jumps and we did backstroke. We did chicken, aeroplane, soldier. We did some bubble, bubble, breathe.

By Will Edgar

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for three weeks we did the swimming program. I was a turtle. We played in the basketball court. We played the game dodge ball and we got to go on the bus.

By Brodie Morris

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for the last three weeks we did torpedoes. We also had a play.

By Piper Skurrie

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we went swimming. I went on my back all by myself. I can go on my belly again and again.

By Austin Morrall

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we did step ins. We did get to go with another group because we only had three people. We got to do compact jumps.

By Matilda Peck

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for the last three weeks we did swimming. My group was number four. We did belly flops, pin drops, freestyle and backstroke. We got one minute of free time.

By Brody Stevenson

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we did swimming. My group was called Sea Stars. We did freestyle. Some people did belly flops. I did pin drops. We played dodge ball. I was on bus 1.

By Dan Riddell

UNSW / EAA DIGITAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

Recently a number of our Years 3 to 6 students elected to enter the University of New South Wales / International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (EAA)

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 yesterday's assembly. Special congratulations to **Tom Bolton** who achieved the outstanding result of a 'High Distinction' placing him in the top 1% of students entering. Results are as follows:



Certificate of High Distinction

Year 2 – Tom Bolton

Certificate of Distinction

Year 2 - Ben Hagley
Year 5 - Ruby Bates

Year 4 - James Pettifer & Kate Hagley
Year 6 - Zara Pettifer & Abbey Lambert

Certificate of Credit

Year 2 - Maddison Hodgson, Jessica Pettifer, Aidan Prior & Lizzie Ralph
Year 5 - Zoe Bolton

Year 6 - Emma Hagley & Georgie Lambert

Certificate of Merit

Year 2 – Chloe Mayes

Year 6 – Sam Gissara

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

Year 2 – Chris Bolton

Year 3 – Savannah Theissling

Year 4 – Julia Bates & Ella Prior

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 6th November 2015



Prep/1	Will Edgar	For being a good listener and promptly following instructions.
1/2	Lulu Thomas	For always being focused and on task.
2/3	Lincoln Sturre	For improved organisational skills.
4/5	Jackson Skurrie	For a super effort in swimming on Friday.
5/6	Emily Grist	For having a positive attitude and working hard in all activities.
P.E.	Hailee Henry	For showing excellent listening skills and working hard during tennis practise.