



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 11 TERM 4 2019

As a wonderful celebration to our end of year, last night we had our 2019 Christmas Concert. With this being my first experience of this event, it was lovely to see families enjoying the warm evening together on our oval whilst our students performed on stage. We were also joined by two special guests, Russell Northe (Member for Morwell) and Lorayne Ambrosini (St Vincent De Paul Society), each of whom presented the following awards:

Russell Northe ‘Values Education Award’ – Abby Riddell

Awarded to a student who demonstrates strong community and school values, and endeavours to give their very best efforts in representing their school community.

St Vincent De Paul Society Frederic Ozanam Scholarship – Jessica Ruff and Isabella Hart

Awarded to two Year 6 students who display the qualities of a quiet achiever, compassion and thoughtfulness towards others while at school.

Congratulations to Abby, Jessica and Isabella!

This evening concluded with the announcement of our 2020 School Captains. Congratulations to Milee Hayes and Abby Riddell on this achievement, and I look forward to working with you to continually develop our school to be the best it can be. 2020 will provide an opportunity to build on the great work and leadership of our 2019 School Captains, Jessica Pettifer and Byron Smythe, and for their service, I would like to publicly thank them both. Whilst we can only have two School Captains, each of our candidates embody our RIPPER values and I encourage those who missed out to continue to pursue student leadership opportunities in 2020.

On Thursday 12 December we celebrated our Grade 6 Graduation. It was lovely to see our students dressed in their finest as we come together to enjoy this momentous occasion. Three of our students were recognised for their achievements throughout 2019, with these awards as follows:

Academic Award – Ben Hagley

Sports and Citizenship Award (Wes Pump Perpetual Trophy) – Jessica Pettifer

Arts Award – Maddison Hodgson



Congratulations to each of our graduating Grade 6s, and we wish you all the very best for your Secondary School journey.

I would like to also farewell two of our teachers – Sharni Drinken and Sheridan Scott. I am sure our school community sincerely appreciates your contributions to the education of our students and on behalf of Traralgon South Primary School, I wish you all the very best for your future.

From a personal perspective, and as someone who can bring a reasonably recent external perspective, this school is an incredible place to work and learn. Please don't underestimate the amazing qualities of our school community, which also includes you, our parents. Your support of our work to produce strong literacy and numeracy outcomes, but also fantastic young citizens, is a partnership that relies heavily on one another. Thank you for your support of our school, our staff, and myself, and I look forward to building on this further in 2020.

Have a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday break.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

RECORDER GROUP PERFORMANCE

Students who have been playing the recorder this year will be performing at the end of year assembly. Could you please ensure your child brings their recorder to school on the last day.

~ Thank you - Yvonne Game ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

19 th Dec	Thu	Whole School Movie Excursion - Approx. 9:10am - 12:45pm
20 th Dec	Fri	End of Term 4 - 1:30pm dismissal
28 th Jan	Tue	Staff first day Term 1 2020
29 th Jan	Wed	Students first day Term 1 2020

RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 13th December 2019



1	Kyah Dalrymple	For great work on all reading and writing tasks.
2/3	Milla Phelan	For being a respectful and considerate member of the class.
3/4	Tayla Leviston	For always showing respect towards her peers and teachers.
4/5	Brody Stevenson	For showing pride, respect and independence in all areas of his learning and to all members of our class.
6	Evan Pass	For being a reliable and responsible helper when setting up technology for graduation.