

Dear Parents,

It's been great to see so much extra-curricula activity happening around the school of late. With excursions to Federation Uni for the 4/5/6's and Old Gippsdown for the P/1/2s plus the 5/6 Melbourne Experience camp leaving tomorrow, to music groups and concert preparation, it's been a busy time around school. All of these activities are outside of what the school technically needs to offer, but we know the value this adds to students' lives. It's also great to hear so many extra activities the students do outside of school from music to sport to cubs to volunteer work. It never ceases to amaze me the diversity of choices there are around the area.

During the week I was reading two short articles by parenting expert Michael Grose, who you may have heard of before. One of the articles spoke about making ourselves redundant as parents and to look at how much we do for our children that they could actually do for themselves. As educators we attempt to do this through the 'Gradual Release of Responsibility' (GRR) model. This is where we model a task then slowly hand it over to the students with support and scaffolding.

Michael's main point is we need to develop independence in children that will help set them up for later in life. His challenge is to think of job that we regularly do for our children that they could do for themselves, then step back so they can do it on a full-time basis. I already know which jobs I'm stepping back on for my children. His other article was centred on the steps of helping children deal with rejection. I will leave a copy of both articles in the stand in the foyer for those that wish to have a look.

Our structure for 2016 has been finalised but we do not yet have teachers assigned to grades or specialist areas. This will be confirmed in the next week or so. **The structure for 2016 is; Prep/1, Grade 1/2, Grade 3, Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6.** Within these structures we have tried to ensure that there are even numbers of each grade level in each class.

As a staff we have also been looking at how we can develop a more structured curriculum where learning is more seamless and

connected throughout the school and how we can develop greater thinking. Some exciting news to share in the coming weeks.

Enjoy your restful week as I head to camp with 75 Grade 5/6's from Traralgon South, Glengarry, Gormandale and Toongabbie!!

Adam Downes - Principal

MATHS SUMMER SCHOOLS

If your child is struggling with maths and needs some extra help before starting in 2016, Christine Lenghaus, a local and well-respected maths teacher, is running maths summer schools for students in Years 3 – 9 during January 2016. Each group will have a maximum of four children and will be targeting common topics that students find difficult such as multiplying, fractions and other areas of need!

If you would like any further information please contact Christine on 0439 316 805 or christine@mathsheroes.com.au .

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY THE LATROBE AND FRANCIS ORCHESTRAS

On Saturday 5th December at 2:00pm there will be an afternoon of music and carols followed by a barbecue supper provided by the Traralgon Lions Club. This will be held at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School on Cross's Road, Traralgon. For full information please phone 5134 4260 or email ronwall43@gmail.com .

DATES TO REMEMBER

25 - 27 Nov	Wed-Fri	Years 5&6 Camp Melbourne – Depart approx. 7:36am and return approx. 8:50pm from Traralgon Railway Station
1 st Dec	Tue	P&F Pizza Lunch Orders Due In by 9:00am
3 rd Dec	Thu	P&F Pizza Lunch Day
8 th Dec	Tue	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

MATHS CHALLENGE

Our encouragement award for the last fortnight goes to Heath Kamphuis who worked out the opposite task following each of the clues to narrow down the correct answer. He explained his thinking clearly in his own words.

Who Stole the Ginger Cookie from the Cookie Jar? Puzzle



The Puzzle:

There are five people - Holly, Cameron, Julieanne, Alex and Jackie.
Each one stole a special cookie of their favorite brand which was kept in a jar.
Each person ate it in a particular place and drank their flavored milk with it.

- * Jackie is next to the person who eats on the lounge.
- * Arnotts brand cookies are kept in a round jar.
- * The person beside Cameron eats cookies at a table.
- * The person who eats Oreos eats in the closet
- * Julieanne likes Paradise brand cookies
- * The person who drinks banana milk is in the middle and owns a tall jar
- * The first person likes vanilla milk
- * Holly is the person on the far right
- * The person who eats in the bedroom drinks strawberry milk
- * The person who owns the tall jar is next to the person who owns square jar
- * Cameron drinks caramel milk
- * The person who likes the Dick Smith brand is next to the person who likes the Coles brand
- * The person who likes the No Frills brand is next to the person who owns a round jar
- * The person who stole the 100s and 1000s cookies is next to the person who owns the brass jar
- * The second person from the right eats No Frills brand and is next to the person who owns a round jar
- * The first person on the left stole the choc chip cookies
- * The person who eats Dick Smith brand is next to the person who eats Paradise brand
- * The second from the left has a brass jar
- * Julieanne is to the right of the person who drinks strawberry milk
- * The person who drinks chocolate milk does it at the table
- * The Paradise brand cookies are eaten in the kitchen
- * The person who eats Tiny Teddies doesn't keep them in a round jar
- * The Coles brand cookies are kept in a mini sized jar

A Ginger Cookie was also stolen. Who stole it?

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YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 20th November 2015



P/1	Roman Sturre	For his fantastic writing about his holiday.
1/2	Leo Skurrie	For his great explanation of his knowledge about cakes and calendars.
2/3	Benj Selwyn	For his great application towards problem solving tasks in Maths.
4/5	Eric Porigneaux	For a positive attitude and hard work in all learning tasks.
5/6	Abbey Lambert	For working hard and always applying herself to her learning.
P.E.	James Pettifer	For always trying his best during P.E. sessions.
	Makayla Elms	For always doing her best during P.E. sessions.

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Old Gippstown (& Queensland) Recounts by Prep/1

Yesterday we went to Old Gippstown. We went inside of their school and we sat in their seats. They were very, very old. My favourite part was seeing the snake. I love snakes. I rode in the olden days fire truck. It was bumpy on the bridge, very bumpy to me. I liked it so much that I wanted to have ten turns. I wanted to have the treasure hunt. I love treasure hunts, they are fun. There were lots of outside things like the bath and the washing tubs. By Grayce Meyer

Yesterday we went to Old Gippstown. I saw a gold painted rock. I tried to lift the rock but I dropped it on my finger. It hurt so much. My finger still hurts so much when I squeeze it. By Lachlan Pass

Yesterday I went to Old Gippstown. I went in the school and I liked the shop. I saw an old washing machine and I went up the stairs. By Deegan Borg

In Old Gippstown I went for a ride on the fire truck. I went in to the school. I had fun. I loved going to Old Gippstown. By Nahla Rutowicz

Yesterday at Old Gippstown there were very old things there. We went in the old fire truck. It was really fun. We went for a ride in it twice and it was fun. By Natalie Piechota

I went to Queensland. I went on the Scooby roller coaster. I slept in a queen size bed. I went to Wet and Wild. At Wet and Wild there was a tornado slide and a red and yellow slide. I went to Sea World. I saw creatures of the deep. By Roman Sturre

Yesterday I went to Old Gippstown. I went on the fire truck. We sat in the old school. By Eva Prior

Yesterday we went to Old Gippstown. We went to a school. It was good. I was in the ruler spot, that means when you smacked by the ruler. There was a bath outside so they can see your butt! We got to go on the old days fire engine. One of the houses had stairs, they were cool even though there was lots of stairs. When we were there my hat nearly fell off when I was on the fire engine. By Matthew Adam

On the 19th of November 2015, yesterday, the grade Prep/1 and the ½ went to Old Gippstown. We went on a fire truck. Another school was there. We watched the blacksmith. He made melted stuff. By Dan Riddell

At Old Gippstown there was lots of old stuff. We went in the fire truck. By Harry Tilley

On Thursday we went to Old Gippstown. We went in to the old classroom. The teacher's name was Red. We went to the blacksmith. He made melted sticks with a swirl on the end. By Brodie Morris

Yesterday we went to Old Gippstown. We got to go on a fire truck. Brodie's hat fell off his head. He found his hat. The toilet was small. The fire truck was big. There were old things there. By Luke Ruff

We went on the old fire truck. We watched Ford demonstrate how to wash yourself. Dan washed clothes and dried clothes. By Matilda Peck

Yesterday we went to Old Gippstown. At Gippstown we went in the fire truck. They had a bath outside. Everybody would have seen your butt! Matthew and Austin were at the naughty table at the old school. They got in trouble and got a smack. We went inside a shop. There was lots of stuff in it. We went to the blacksmith, he was burning wood. He made a lollypop out of wood. It was heavy. It was metal. It looked funny. We went in the school bus. It took one hour there and back. By Will Edgar

At Old Gippstown we rode in a fire truck. My hat almost fell out of it. After that I had something to eat. I learnt about their old washing machine. I also learnt how to wash clothes. I also learnt how long their bridge was. By James Guy

Yesterday we went to Old Gippstown. We got a bit of wood from the blacksmith. We got a ride in the old fire truck. The toilets were small. The fire truck was big. It was cool in the fire truck. There were big things there. The old school was big and cool. It was fantastic seeing olden day things. By Brody Stevenson

At Old Gippstown there were very old things. By Austin Morrall

There were old things there. We went to the old school. Matthew nearly got the cane. We went in the old fire truck. By Caity Dalrymple

On Thursday our grade and the 1/2s went to Old Gippstown. I learnt that they had baths outside. They had to wash the dishes outside. I liked John the blacksmith because he melted metal and twisted it too. Brody held a bit of wood that John burnt a flower on to. By Ford Gore

THE NEXT P & F LUNCH DAY ... "THURSDAY 3rd December"
PIZZA DAY – Don Louie's

Orders must be in blue box at the office no later than 9:00am
Tuesday 1st December ... but why not get your order in early so you don't forget!

Please ensure that EACH CHILD HAS THEIR OWN SLIP, these are given back to each class for the kids to bring with them when they collect their food. Envelopes must clearly state child's name, their class and total amount enclosed.

SLICE OF PIZZA \$2 Each

Qty

Hawaiian

BBQ Chicken

Pepperoni

Margherita

Cheese & Garlic

DRINKS \$1.50

Pop top

TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____ **Grade** _____