

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 25th November 2016**



P/1	Max Cameron	For being organised and using class time productively.
1/2	Abby Riddell	For being enthusiastic and productive in preparing for MAPPEN presentations.
3	Jessica Pettifer	For putting in a great effort in researching her Inquiries.
4/5	Ayva Rohde	For managing her learning time effectively in completing activities.
5/6	Blake Jenkins	For staying focused and demonstrating some great thinking during inquiry sessions.
P.E.	Mia Jones	For always working cooperatively in P.E.

DATES TO REMEMBER

5/12/16	Mon	Curriculum Day – No school for students
6/12/16	Tue	State Wide Transition
7/12/16	Wed	Year 6 Graduation
9/12/16	Fri	JSC Christmas Dress Up Day – Hamper Donation All library books due back
12/12/16	Mon	Review Parent Information Session after assembly
13/12/16	Tue	Review Parent Information Session 5:00pm
14/12/16	Wed	End of Year Concert
16/12/16	Fri	Whole School Excursion - \$7.50 per student
20/12/16	Tue	Last Day Term 4 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm



**Junior School Councils
Christmas Dress Up Day!!!!**

It has come around to the time of year (December) when you get out the tinsel and dress up in the theme of Christmas!

On Friday the 9th of December, we will be holding a Christmas Dress Up Day. You may wish to wear Christmas clothes eg. red and green or Christmas t-shirts. If you dress up, we would ask you to bring a donation of goods to put towards the raffle hamper prizes. Donations may include: non-perishable food items, teddies, toys, decorations etc. These should be handed to your JSC representative. Each class has a box for collections.

Raffle tickets will be sent home today and will cost 50c each or \$5.00 for the booklet. This will be drawn at the end of year concert on 14th of December.



**Anya Robinson
J.S.C. Rep**

Dear Parents,

At Monday night's School Council meeting I presented the school review report that was derived from our panel discussions on the 14th November. The report detailed how we went over the past four years according to our set goals and then listed new goals and targets to reach for the next few years. The main details of the report will soon be available on our website. In a short summary; we partially met some of our targets, but in most we did not. We need to improve our level of teaching across the board and implement some school wide changes. This will happen from the very beginning of 2017. Some of the key improvement strategies came in the following areas;

- Develop a school wide vision and value system
- Develop an agreed and viable curriculum with continuums of learning to identify individual point of need learning and student goal setting
- Determine an agreed instructional model
- Utilize a range of formative assessment strategies to support differentiation and explicit teaching.

I know that you are now asking 'What does that look like for my child and their learning?' Glad you asked that question! What this means is that we as school will be targeting teaching to move students onto their next level of learning, not teaching them what they already know. Having higher expectations of their learning and building students to know; 1) where they are with their learning 2) how they are going by giving and receiving feedback 3) where to next in their learning continuum. This fills my vision of teachers knowing where each child and every child is, and teaching them accordingly.

We will be able to share with parents a focus that each teacher will be working on (much like the rationale used with Mappen), then each student will work to achieve their next stage of learning.

I am happy to run two parent information sessions about our review and the next steps for Traralgon South PS on Monday 12th December directly after assembly and then again on Tuesday at 5pm. Each session would go for approximately 1 hour.

A reminder that this coming Monday 5th December is a Curriculum Day – no students will be at school on this day. The day will be used by staff to visit other schools in the area and to look at best practice, then return to school and begin to develop our next strategic plan.

Also at Monday night's School Council meeting we made a time for a group to investigate the Parent Opinion Survey results. This time has been set for 2:00pm on Wednesday 7th December. We will look at the results and what they mean and work through an action plan to improve them. If you are interested you are more than welcome to come.

This Thursday night is a very exciting night! We are holding our very first Grade 2 sleepover at school. The students from Years 1 and 2 will be returning after school to have tea and do some camp type activities. The Year 1's will then return home leaving the Year 2's to sleep over for the night. On Friday we will have breakfast at school and the entire Prep-2 students will spend the day doing camp type activities. It looks like it will be a fantastic time!

Adam Downes – Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Students are asked to please return any library books that they have borrowed by **Friday December 9th**.

PARALYMPIAN STUART TRIPP'S VISIT - REPORTS BY GRADE 5/6

On the 24-11-16 we had a Paralympian come in and his name was Stuart Tripp. He spoke about his life before the Paralympics and how he became a Paralympian. He was in a really bad car crash and he lost half of his leg so now he has a prosthetic leg. He also broke multiple other parts of his body. He had gone to another Paralympics before the 2016 Rio games. He went to the 2012 London Paralympics too. He came last there and at the 2016 Rio Paralympics he came second and got a silver medal. We had the chance to hold the medal and put it around our neck. It was a really good and fun session. He also gave our school a book he had written himself. It has some gross photos and also some photos of the car after the car crash.

By Hannah Meyer

On the 24th of November a Paralympian came to our school, his name was Stuart Tripp. I have known him ever since I was a baby as he is good friends with my parents. He talked about how he lost his leg in a car accident. He has a prosthetic leg and he told us how it works. He also talked about his recovery. Four years ago he went to the London Paralympics, he came last in his race. This year he went to Rio and everyone thought that he was going to come last. At the race they put the person that they think will lose first and he was first. He ended up getting a silver medal. He showed it to us and we all got to touch it. I hope that he gets to go to Tokyo in 2020.

By Sienna Crowe