

Dear Parents,

Working Bee Thanks

The working bee on Friday afternoon went well as we were able to move 15 cubic metres of playground mulch and knock down the rebound wall and remove the concrete rubble. We had a small group of parents who came along and helped out which was great. Their children were also a great help particularly with spreading the mulch and then importantly trying it out to make sure it worked. Thank you to the Pettifer, Hagley, Rohde, Porigneaux, Bates, Gore and Harrup families for attending.

The Traralgon Concrete Recycling Centre also looked after us by not charging the school for the concrete rubble. As I mentioned last week, having parent helpers complete these jobs saves over \$1000 which the school can put towards purchasing other educational items.

Welcome Back Mr Fulton

I would like to welcome Mr Fulton back to our school for the remaining three weeks of the year. Mr Fulton will be taking the Grade 4/5 class while Mrs Allen is on long service leave. Mrs Allen will return next year and will be teaching the Grade 2/3 students.

Parent Survey – Responses Due This Friday

Parents are reminded that the survey regarding student behaviour at our school closes this Friday 6th December. At this stage we have only had a small response and really need more input from parents if we are to address the perception in the Parents survey data. I certainly encourage all parents to spend ten minutes and put down some of your thoughts about students behaviour in our school. A copy of the survey questions is available from the front office. There is also a collection box at the front office to ensure anonymity.

Orientation Day / 2014 Grades

Groupings for classes in 2014 have begun and will be ready before our Orientation day next Tuesday 10th December. Students will be told the class they will be in beforehand so they will know which class to go to on Tuesday morning.

We will also be joined by the pre-school students who will be attending our school next year. Miss Bone and I will be sharing morning tea with our new Prep parents from 11:30am. As in past

years we ask this year's Prep parents to provide a small plate of morning tea please.

CRE End Of Year Sausage Sizzle for Prep, 1/2 and 4/5

Our CRE teachers, Mr Martino and Mr Hickman are providing a sausage sizzle for the students in Prep, 1/2, 2/3 and 4/5 on Wednesday 11th December to finish off the year. Students in these grades can bring their own lunch if they don't want to have a sausage in bread.

Whole School Excursion

Our whole school excursion will be held on Monday 16th December and will be a good way to finish off the year. Students were given a permission form last week and are required to return them to school by Friday 13th December. We will be going to the Churchill Leisure Centre for a swim and students will be able to climb on the inflatable duck as well. After the swim, we will head over to the wooden playground in Morwell for lunch and a play on the equipment. I would like to thank our Parents and Friends committee for funding this excursion.

End Of Year Concert

Parents are reminded our end of year concert will be held on Wednesday 18th December on the oval at school. The concert will begin at 7:00pm and we ask that all students are at school by 6:45pm. It would be an idea to bring along a picnic rug or fold out chairs. We usually have a large audience and many keen helpers to pack up at the end of the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Last Day Term 4 – Early Dismissal

Parents are reminded that our last day of school for the year is on Friday 20th December. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on this day following a short assembly from 1:15pm. All parents are welcome to attend the final assembly for the year. As in the past, students will have a recess break only. Please ensure your child has enough food to see them through until 1:30pm.

2014 Materials Charge & Voluntary Levies

School Council approved the 2014 Materials Charge & Voluntary Levies to remain the same as those in 2013. Full details will be sent home this week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

6 Dec	Fri	Christmas Themed Dress Up Day – Hamper Donation
10 Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
13 Dec	Fri	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
16 Dec	Mon	Whole School Excursion
18 Dec	Wed	End of Year Concert – 7:00pm Start
20 Dec	Fri	Last Day Term 4 – 1:30pm Dismissal

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 29th November 2013



Prep	Lizzie Ralph	For showing improvements in her writing.
1/2	Jesse Stevenson	For demonstrating a positive attitude to classwork.
2/3	Anya Robinson	For enthusiasm and progress in her writing.
4/5	All of Grade 4/5	Thank you very much for being great students all year.
5/6	Nathan Harrup	For being a reliable and hardworking student.
P.E.	Logan Alexander	For performing amazing double skipping in P.E.
Principal	Zara Pettifer	For cleaning up rubbish in the yard without having to be asked to.

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Christmas Themed Dress Up Day This Friday 6th December

On Friday we will be having a Christmas Themed Dress Up Day. We are encouraging all students to dress up in their finest Christmas gear, or at the very least in red and green. We ask that students bring along an item for the Christmas hamper/prizes. Donations will be collected from each classroom on the day.

Note: School uniform is to be worn by those students not wearing Christmas themed clothes and remember to follow these rules:

- ★ No singlet tops
- ★ Shoes must be enclosed style
- ★ School hats must be worn outside

We look forward to your continued support
of this popular raffle!



Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 24060kwh which means we have generated 380kwh since our last reading.

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