

Dear Parents,

### ***It's A Boy!***

Congratulations to Mrs Phillips and her husband Luke on the safe arrival of a baby boy on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Ashleigh and Luke named their son Harrison Judd and are very happy. We wish them all the best.



### ***2013 Reflections***

As the end of the year draws closer it is important to reflect on what we have been able to achieve over the course of 2013. We have continued to work towards challenging our students to think creatively and independently. Our students are given many opportunities to be leaders within their class and throughout the school. We continue to believe that it is important for the development of our students that these opportunities continue and even more are provided. We are getting better at identifying the balance between allowing students to struggle with a problem before intervening.

We have also had a significant focus on developing the social skills of our students. Our "Value of the week" has provided explicit teaching of the right way to interact with peers. Our more focused approach to targeting bullies has enabled us to manage the issue more effectively and change student behaviour. Our students are quite settled and it was nice to receive many compliments during the Grade 5/6 camp in Melbourne about how well behaved our students were.

This year, we held a successful Trivia night with over 100 people attending. It was a great night with lots of fun had and plenty of laughs and we were able to raise several thousand dollars for the kindergarten and school to share.

It is these moments of reflection that makes me excited for the new year ahead, whilst also looking forward to the Christmas break.

### ***Grade 6 Graduation Dinner***

The Grade 6 Graduation Dinner was held last Friday night at the Traralgon South hall. It was an enjoyable evening with the students presented to the audience and old photos and video shown of each student. Awards were presented in the categories of The Arts, won by Lauren Miller and Amelia

Bolton, Academic Achievement won by Taylah Adam and Emily Cook, while the Wes Pump Memorial Award which is awarded to the student who displays high qualities in sport and citizenship was won by Sophie Richmond. I would like to thank Miss Kloot for the co-ordination of the graduation along with the committee of parents who helped with the organisation of the event.

### ***Christmas Concert and Christmas Raffle***

Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for this Wednesday night, beginning at 7:00pm. We are planning on holding the concert on the school oval as we did last with the weather forecast quite favourable. We will also draw the Christmas raffle and I would like to thank everyone who donated an item for the prizes – we have 13 prizes to be won. Could you please return raffle books and money by this afternoon.

### ***Thanks To Parent Helpers and Staff***

I would like to thank all of the parent helpers we have had throughout the year. We have had many parents help out in the classroom or on special theme days. We have also had valued parent representation on our School Council, the Parents and Friends committee, at working bees and the many fundraising activities throughout the year. All of this support is valuable to the culture of our school and strengthens the relationship between the school and our families which benefits our students. I look forward to working with our parents again next year and encourage those parents who may not have had the same level of involvement to come in to our school and help to make our school stronger.

A big thank you also goes to our staff who strive to teach our students to be the best they can be. The support provided to me this year has been greatly appreciated and I look forward to continuing to work with you all next year. We will also welcome Mrs Fowler to our school at the beginning of the year. Mrs Fowler will be visiting our school on Thursday morning to meet her students. Parents are also encouraged to come along and meet her.

### ***Early Dismissal – 1:30pm this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December***

Parents are reminded the last day of school for this year is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The day will conclude at 1:30pm with a short assembly beginning at 1:15pm. Students will have recess only on this day so please ensure they will have enough to eat as the students won't be having lunch at 1pm. The first day of school next year for all students is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2013. The staff and I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a relaxing summer.

**Joel Fraser - Principal**

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Could all library books please be returned by this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## TRARALGON SHOW ART ENTRIES

Congratulations to the students who received a certificate for their art entry into the Traralgon Show from November. We had just over 20 students receive an award for their art work ranging from 1st to Highly Commended. Our students entered a range of different art mediums which included drawings, paintings, collages, pottery, mosaics and other articles of craft. Thank you to all the students who entered art – Traralgon South was very well represented at the Show. Well done!

~ Yvonne Game ~

## SOMERS CAMP 2013 REPORT - By Ana Varela-Pereira

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December Tiannah, Nina, Jake, Riley, Chase and I left from Liddiard Road Primary School to Somers camp. My favourite activity was the Giant Swing. The Giant Swing was 18 metres high. I shared a hut with 20 girls. Our hut number was 3. I was in activity group 4, with the Flying Fox we had to race someone and we could have 5 turns. One of the activities was surfing, it was my first time surfing and I loved it. We stayed for 9 days. I made lots of friends. On Sunday we had visitors, my mum, step dad and real dad came. Around 160 kids went to camp. In the morning we had morning activities and I always did animal feeding. At assembly in the morning we sang a few songs. Two of the songs I liked were Ghost Chickens In The Sky and Big Black Hat. On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> my group did a concert. I was in the scene called Holly Water. We had to make them funny. I had an exciting and awesome time at camp.

## NATIONAL ALL STYLES 2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS by Taylor Robinson

On Friday Kaycee, Mum, Dad and I all went to Sydney - it took 12 hours to drive to Sydney. When we arrived at Sydney and got to our hotel we signed in at the Novotel hotel. On Saturday the first day of the karate competition was on. We had Karta and Continuous Sparring. Kaycee and I didn't get anything in Karta but I got something in Continuous, I got 1<sup>st</sup> place so I am a national champion, but unfortunately Kaycee didn't get a placing but she did really well. On Sunday the second and the last day of the karate comp was on which was Point Sparring. Kaycee didn't get a placing but still did really well and should have got a placing, I got a placing which was second place.



## Weekly Newsletter No 38 Tuesday 17<sup>h</sup> December 2013

Congratulations to everyone on making 2013 a fantastic year at Traralgon South Primary School. I hope you all enjoy Christmas with your family and friends.

Please have a safe and relaxing summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Good luck to our Grade 6 students as they begin their secondary school life.

## End Of Year Excursion

Students enjoying the activities at the Churchill Leisure Centre before going to the Morwell Town Common wooden playground. Thanks to our Parents & Friends sub committee for making this whole school end of year excursion free of charge for families.



## YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013



Prep	Jessica Pettifer	For displaying a kind and caring attitude to other students.
1/2	Cooper Fraser	For showing improvement when listening.
2/3	James Pettifer	For great leadership in the paper making activity.
4/5	Emily Grist	For her extra efforts with her B.T.N. reports.
5/6	Chelsi Adam	For growing more confident and being a positive class member.
	Josh Neilson	For being a responsible and hardworking class member.
P.E.	Amelia Bolton & Sophie Richmond	For their excellent efforts during concert practise.
Other	Miss Kloot and Grade 6	For excellent efforts in organising the Grade 6 Graduation.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

17 Dec	Tue	Raffle Tickets Due In
18 Dec	Wed	End of Year Concert – 7:00pm Start
20 Dec	Fri	Last Day Term 4 – 1:30pm Dismissal
29 Jan	Wed	Students' First Day – Term 1 2014