

Dear Parents,

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teaching and non-teaching staff for their fantastic contributions throughout the year, but especially in the last term. We are very fortunate here at TSPS to have such a dedicated and supportive staff who are always planning for the best outcomes for students.

Thanks must also go to all parents who have helped in any way, shape or form throughout the year. Our school is such a dynamic place and wouldn't run as effectively without the support of families who continually assist with classroom help, camps, excursions, working bees, swimming programs, sports days, special lunches, community dinners, concerts and many other activities run throughout the school. The support given, regardless of how much, adds to the wonderful feel there is around the school.

I would also like to thank all members of School Council and the Parents and Friends committee for their ongoing hard work and support. This next level of support allows the school to run as efficiently as it does. The amount of fundraising has been staggering this year and sees the school in good stead for the years to come.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all the families from Traralgon South. Education is a real partnership and we wouldn't be able to do our job as effectively if it wasn't for the hard work families do at home to support us. Because of this we have ability to work together to improve all aspects of the children as they walk through our doors.

End of Year Concert

We will be holding the concert tomorrow, Wednesday 16th December, on the school oval, with students asked to be at school by 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start. Please bring along a rug or fold out chairs to sit on.

The Christmas raffle also will be drawn with 13 prizes to be won. Thanks to the generous support of our families.

Buildings

It has been a very trying time since the storm event. We are still in makeshift accommodation with offices and classrooms out of order until at least this Thursday now. We still have a number of blowers and de-humidifiers operating to try and dry wall spaces and skirting boards. Despite the disturbance, the students and staff have been fabulous with their attitude towards the disruption. It has also pleasing to have so many offers of help from the community, businesses and other local schools to help deal with the clean up. There will be further work completed over January to replace/repair any damage.

Special Effort

This week, I received a letter that warmed my soul in every way possible. Most of you will be aware that Alice den Houting from Grade 1/2 has been doing a special fundraising effort this term. Unbeknownst to her family originally, Alice, by herself, organised for a tin to come to school and took it to one of the community dinners for families to make donations in support of breast cancer. It then developed further and with the generous support of Kate Edwards from Meraki and kind donations from the entire Traralgon South community, a donation to Breast Cancer Network Australia was made in Alice's name. In total Alice raised \$175.90 which is an amazing effort by one special, caring little girl! Great Job Alice!

Teacher Change

There has been one small change to the staffing line up for 2016. Ruth Bone is now taking Grade 4/5 and Paula Landy will be in the Grade 3 room.

Grade 6 Graduation

Last week we held the Grade 6 Graduation for the exiting Grade 6 students. It was a wonderful night that celebrated the primary school lives of our leaving students. Three awards for excellence were handed out on the night; Zara Pettifer received the Academic Award, Emily Grist received the Arts Award and Emma Hagley received the Wes Pump Sports Award. We wish all of our Grade 6 students the very best as they enter the next phase of their educational journey. Please make sure you keep us up to date with all of your achievements.

Whole School Excursion

On Thursday we have our whole school excursion to Energetic Gymnastics in Traralgon. We will be leaving school at approximately 10:00am and returning just after 1:00pm. Given the hot forecast, please make sure that all students bring a hat and extra water.

End of Year / Start of Year Dates

Parents are reminded that the last day of the school year is Friday 18th 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.

The new school year begins on Wednesday 27th January, which is a **student free day**. The first day of school for students is Thursday 28th January. Students in Prep will start on this day as well, though they will not come to school on the Wednesdays in the month of February.

Adam Downes - Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS - THANKS

Thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee members for your dedication and contribution throughout 2015. Your attendance to meetings for planning, assisting with organising events and being willing to help has been fantastic. It has been a successful year with the plan to purchase 8 iPads in early 2016.

Thank you to the parents for supporting the committee with the hot lunches and events during the year. We look forward to another great committee in 2016 and would like to encourage new and existing members to join.

See you in 2016 from the Parents and Friends committee 2015.

~ Nerylee Morris – P&F President ~

YOU CAN DO IT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 11th December 2015



P/1	James Guy	For always listening and starting his work promptly.
1/2	Alice Den Houting	For her excellent reflection on our class books.
2/3	Grant Jenkins	For being a wonderful helper in the classroom.
5/6	Abbey Lambert	For being a helpful and kind member of the classroom.

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 th Dec	Wed	End Of Year Concert – 7:00pm start
17 th Dec	Thu	Whole School End of Year Excursion
18 th Dec	Fri	Term 4 Ends – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
27 th Jan	Wed	First day for staff (Student Free Day)
28 th Jan	Thu	First day for all students

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Merry Christmas

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

All the best to our Year 6 students and any other children leaving our school with their future schooling and I look forward to catching up with everyone else in 2016.

*Adam Downes
Principal*

Our 2015 Year 6 Graduates



Graduate Award Winners

