

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our school is registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. Coles will issue vouchers on sales from 7 February 2018 to 3 April 2018 (inclusive) but only while stocks of vouchers last. Vouchers can be sent to school and put in the collection box in the office foyer or family and friends can place them in the collection box at Traralgon Coles.

NETBALL

Are you interested in playing netball? Will you be 8 years or over by the 21st April 2018? Callignee and Traralgon South (CATS) Netball Club are putting teams into the Traralgon Netball Association (TNA) winter competition on a Saturday morning. Registration packs and information will be available from the front foyer of Traralgon South Primary School. Please contact Karen Pettifer (0417318538) for further information.



If you are keen on playing please text Karen to advise ASAP, so that teams can be sorted. Forms will need to be completed and returned to school in the box provided at front foyer by Wednesday 28th Feb at the latest. All players must be registered.

CATS netball club needs new parents to help in the running of the club and coaching teams, as some of our current committee are moving on after having given many years of service. If you wish your child to play, please consider joining the committee or helping out with a team. Unfortunately if there is insufficient parent support either on the committee or in coaching positions, CATS netball may not be able to submit teams for the children to play in.

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 th Feb	Fri	Student Free Day
19 th Feb	Mon	Book Club Orders Due In
		School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
28 th Feb	Wed	2018 Materials Charges Due
		First full week for Preps
6 th Mar	Tue	House Sports in Traralgon
9 th Mar	Fri	School Photos
12 th Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 th Mar	Mon	District Sports in Traralgon

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Student Free Day This Friday 16th February

A reminder that this Friday 16th February is a Student Free day as staff work with all other staff from our cluster on improving their planning and assessing. The idea behind this is that we, as a system, build teams that our teachers can collaborate and share ideas with. It is hard sometimes having only 5 grades. Opening up and working with 10-12 in the same teaching area will help build our knowledge and effectiveness.

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Dear Parents,

It was fantastic to see so many new and returning families at our 'Welcome to 2018' BBQ last night. If you weren't able to make it but would still like to look through the classrooms, please message your child's teacher to make a suitable time. Unfortunately though, I'm a bit over cooking sausages! Thanks to all families and staff for making it a great night.

A reminder this Friday is a Student Free day as teaching and support staff attend professional development sessions with our district. Teachers will be working with Dr Janelle Wills from the Marzano Institute on the development of Proficiency Scales and our support staff will work with Department Student Support staff.

Sent home with this newsletter is information for our School Council nomination process. School Council is an integral part of the running of the school and they oversee important factors such as the financial running of the school, set school policies, set programs for building and ground maintenance and ensure the school is reaching its targets set in both the 4 year strategic plan and the annual implementation plan. Each year roughly half of the School Council is up for re-nomination or election. Nominations for School Council open today and must be received by next Wednesday at 4pm. You can self-nominate or have someone nominate you. If we receive more nominations than positions, then we must enter a ballot. The Department has very stringent rules and regulations around the formation of school councils.

School Council meet at least 8 times per year which averages for us about 2 Monday night meetings per term. If you would like more information on nominating or the role of school council please contact either myself or our current President Karen Pettifer. Our first meeting for the new Council will be in March which will also double as our AGM. Date yet to be set.

On Monday directly after assembly I will be holding a quick question and answer session for issues parents would like to raise. For our

new families, this might be an opportunity to ask that burning question about anything in particular. For our current families, it might be a question that has arisen over time or just this year. The issues raised should be broad in nature such as our athletics day or reading for the school. I encourage you to raise individual or private concerns privately. Please remember however, there are privacy and confidential areas that cannot be discussed. If you cannot make the session, please do not hesitate to contact me via email/phone or in person at some time during your day.

2018 Materials Charge

The 2018 Materials Charge have been set by School Council and will be \$145 per student. This payment goes towards student and class consumable materials. This payment is not voluntary and needs to be made before the end of February unless an appropriate payment plan has been organised with me.

2018 Voluntary Contributions

The 2018 Voluntary Contributions have been set by the School Council and will be \$10 **per student** which goes towards grounds maintenance, in particular mowing, plus the \$20 working bee payment and/or \$30 IT payment **per family**.

Adam Downes - Principal

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

You may be eligible to receive conveyance allowance for transporting your child to and from school. To be eligible to receive conveyance allowance, a student must:

- Be school age
- Reside more than 4.8km by the shortest route from the nearest school attended or bus stop,
- Be enrolled at the nearest government primary or secondary school, or at the nearest appropriate registered non-government school.

If you believe you are eligible to receive conveyance allowance, please contact the school to complete an application.