

Dear Parents,

Clean Up Australia Day

Our school's Clean Up Australia Day will be held on the afternoon of Friday 27th February in and around our school. We are asking for parent helpers to join us and help to make a small difference in our community. If you are able to send along some gloves for your child/children this would be appreciated. We will be starting at 2:30 pm and finishing before home time. If you are available to help out, please notify your child's teacher.

School Council Positions Still Open

A reminder to all parents that nominations for School Council positions close on Tuesday 24th February at 4:00pm. Any parent who is interested can collect a nomination form from the front office. For existing School Council members, our next meeting is on Monday 23rd February at 7:00pm.

Enter/Exit Doors For Students

Students are reminded that they are to enter and exit the building through their classroom's external door or via the double doors near the eating area. The front door of the school should only be used when needing to access the office or in an emergency. I thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Payment For Uniforms

Parents please be aware that uniform items are to be paid for prior to taking them home. Upon receipt of payment, uniforms can be collected from the office or sent home with your child.

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.

Community Dinners

Parents are reminded about the Community Dinner to be held this Friday night at the Cricket Club rooms. A roast meal will be available at \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Bookings can be made through the Men's Shed on tsda@netspace.net.au until Thursday lunch time.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next Wednesday afternoon. Appointment times are to be returned by tomorrow so we can allocate interview times. Please remember that only one interview time will be scheduled per student. Parents who are unable to return an appointment request will be allocated a time. It is vital for each student's continued progress that communication between their parents and teacher is maintained throughout the year. Research shows that students perform better when parents are engaged in their child's learning.

Joel Fraser – Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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25 Feb	Wed	Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:00pm – 6:00pm
27 Feb	Fri	Clean Up Australia Day
		Materials Charges Due
5 Mar	Thu	Student Free Day
9 Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
12 Mar	Thu	P&F Hot Lunch Day
16 Mar	Mon	Parents & Friends AGM after assembly
19 Mar	Thu	House Sports – Davidson Street, Traralgon
23 Mar	Mon	School Photos
24 Mar	Tue	District Sports – Davidson Street, Traralgon
27 Mar	Fri	Last Day Term 1

SHOP LUNCH ORDERS

Please do not order banana flavoured milk on lunch orders as this is not on the lunch order list nor is it available for ordering from the shop.

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL KERNOT HALL

ON Friday 13th March, our music group will perform at the Multi-Cultural Festival to be held at Kernot Hall in Morwell. Our students will be performing 2 items – Waltzing Matilda and Trepang as well as a small group item – Tarantella. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the Festival and be part of the audience. Permission forms for the excursion will be given to the students today – could money and forms please be returned by next Monday.

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Fortnight Ending 13th February 2015



Prep/1	Lachlan Pass	For being a helpful role model and for showing good work habits.
1/2	Zara Tilley	For being a kind and generous class member.
2/3	Jesse Stevenson	For his great perseverance in his writing.
4/5	Rebekah Guy	For her excellent effort and research with her homework.
5/6	Flynn Mackintosh	For his high levels of concentration all week.
Principal	Aidan Prior	For taking time out of his play time to help look after the school grounds.

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Welcome BBQ

Our welcome to the new school year BBQ was held last Wednesday night. It gave parents a chance to speak to their child's teacher for this year and start to develop the home/school partnership. The BBQ was attended by a number of our families and a great way to socialise with each other. I would also like to thank staff for helping to cook the BBQ and also the offers from parents to help out.



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OUR WORM FARMS

On the 13th of February a man that works for the shire called Peter Collins came to our school to tell us, the 4/5 class, about our worm farm. We went down to the kinder to see their worm farm and it was moist and healthy. He talked about how to take care of the worms and to tell if they are healthy or not. He said that if they are moist they are happy!! Then he chose who is going to be the worm farm captains. They are James, Eric, Anya, Jesse, Kiara and Georgia. We have to take on this big responsibility for the year.

After that we went to our worm farms to see how healthy they are but they were very dry and crumbly. So we watered them so they were nice and moist like the kindergartens worm farm. Here are some things we have to do around once a week to keep them worms good and healthy:

- Rubbish - not to put rubbish in the worm farm, if they eat it they will get sick and die.
- Citrus - don't put citrus in the worm farm as it is poisonous, this includes banana peels and orange skins.
- Dirt - don't put dirt in the compost because there is this special coconut dirt that we put in last Friday.
- Compost - put some food scraps in the compost but they do not need much.
- Dolomite - we only use dolomite if it stinks a lot so you don't need much.
- Cardboard - we have to cut up spare cardboard into tiny little pieces and mix it with the compost. if no card board is available paper is fine. The type of cardboard in cereal boxes is best.
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*From Anya, Eric, Jesse, James, Kiara and Georgia
(the worm farm captains)*

WOMEN'S CANCER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Karent Hunt, a former parent, is taking part in the Peter Mac Weekend to End Women's Cancers. We are having a Supper Auction and Trivia Night on the 20th February at the Traralgon Tennis Club starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Karen on 0429 301 217 or Tanyah on 0427 955 366 for further information.

To support Karen the Traralgon South Zumba girls are having a special Zumba night this Thursday at 6:15pm in the Traralgon South Hall. Cost is a donation on the night.

C.A.T.S JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT

A presentation night will be held on Friday 27th February 2015 at 6pm sharp for all current Under 11 & 13 players at the C.A.T.S C.C Club rooms Traralgon South. A BBQ tea will be served with the club providing the meat and families attending are asked to bring a salad to share on the evening.

The evening will include a raffle as well as prizes to give away during the presentation night. Parents, Grandparents and siblings are all welcome to attend the function. Could all players that have not returned their club playing shirts too date, please bring along on the night. For catering purposes could families please advise numbers attending. Reply to : C.A.T.S Cricket Club.Junior Coordinator, Tony Harrup on mobile phone 0428 955340.

FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

The Gippsland Soccer League with the assistance of Fortuna Soccer Club are holding a Girls Festival of Football over weekend of 28th Feb and 1st March. This will be a wonderful opportunity to help kick off girls-only soccer which is a very new initiative in the Gippsland region. The event is free and gives all girls from the age of 5 and over the chance to try their hand at playing soccer and then they can subsequently sign up to a club on the day should they wish to. For further information contact Amanda Whitmore 0407 500388.

BOOKCLUB NEWS FOR PARENTS WHO USE THE ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

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Yvonne Game

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