



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those families and students who were able to make it to our 'Open Night Barbeque' last night. It was well attended and reports from staff said it was great to see so many students from different age groups come and have a look at their rooms. Thank you to those who were able to help out or came and offered. This is one of those extra-curricula activities that we like to run to help build connectedness with our families and students.

A reminder that School Council nominations are open until 4pm on Wednesday 26th. If we receive more nominations than our 4 open positions we will go to a ballot type election. If you would like to know more about the role of School Council, please make sure you make a time to come and see me.

Schools are dynamic places with lots going on at all times. Teachers are always willing but not always able to discuss situations or concerns on the spot. We do have a range of open communication options if you would like to raise an issue. I do however ask you to respect teachers' time outside of our general school hours of 8:30am- 5pm. If you send a Dojo or email outside of these times please do not have the expectation that a reply will be immediate or even until the next day.

Also please be respectful of the job that our teachers do. It is not an easy job dealing with 20-25 little minds and have each on task 100% of the time, and remember each and every little fact that may help them learn. If you do have deep concerns, please email the teacher or ring to make an appointment. Generally teachers will have time in the morning or at pickup to deal with smaller issues, but these may not be the case. Thank you so much for your understanding with this.

We understand at the moment there are a lot of little charges coming out. These are for the incursions, athletic days, author visit, and some larger ones coming shortly for example, the Years 3/4 camp, Year 6 tops, Materials Charges and school photos. We do try and keep these spread out but this can't always be the case. We are always willing to listen if you cannot pay some of the larger amounts straight away or in one lump sum. Please see either myself or Karyn if you need to.

2019 Materials Charge

The 2019 Materials Charge have been set by School Council and is \$150 per student. This payment goes towards student and class consumable materials. This payment is not voluntary and needs to be made asap, but before the end of February, unless an appropriate payment plan has been organised with me.

2019 Voluntary Contributions

The 2019 Voluntary Contributions have been set by the School Council and will be \$10 **per student** which goes towards grounds maintenance, in particular mowing, \$20 Working Bee **per family** and \$30 IT payment **per family**.

Tissues

A reminder to parents that tissues are no longer included in the Materials Charge, as per the Department of Education and Training policy. However, we do ask that parents supply a box of tissues to their child's classroom please.

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. If you have claimed this in the past you do not need to fill in another claim form.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Card must have been current on 29/1/19.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$125. Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at this school previously, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances/additional student on the claim. Check with the school office if you are unsure.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
25 th Feb	Mon	Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting after assembly - all welcome School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
26 th Feb	Tue	School Council Nominations Close - 4:00pm
28 th Feb	Thu	2019 Materials Charge due in
1 st Mar	Fri	Clean Up Australia
4 th Mar	Mon	Circus Challenge Incursion - \$7.50 per student
5 th Mar	Tue	School House Sports in Traralgon
7 th Mar	Thu	Chris Collins - Author Visit Incursion - \$5.50 per student
11 th Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 th Mar	Tue	District Sports in Traralgon



CATS NETBALL CLUB Winter Season 2019



Is your child over 8 and are they interested in playing netball in 2019?

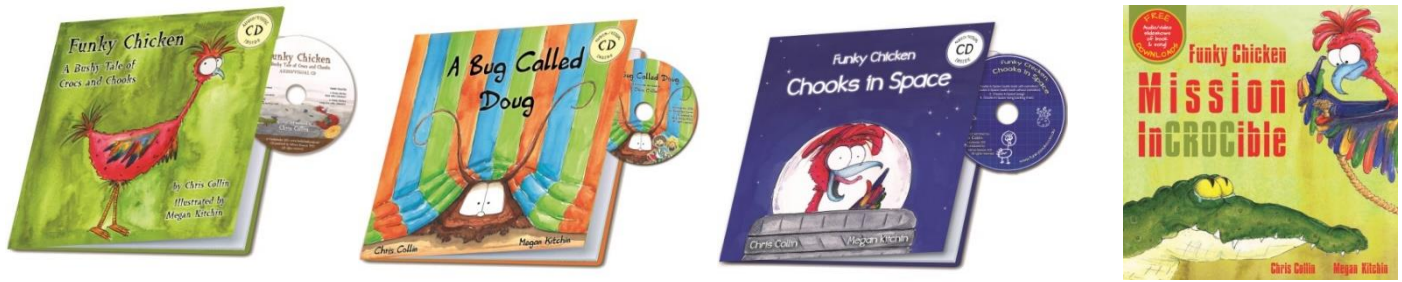
CATS (Callignee and Traralgon South) Netball Club are looking to enter teams into the Traralgon Netball Association (TNA) winter competition. Games are played on a Saturday morning at the Breed street courts in Traralgon, and competition normally starts in term 2, and continues into term 3 with a break over the school holidays.

As well as entering teams with players from previous years, we are very keen to enter a **beginner team this year, for players of any primary school age who have never played before**. This may be a mixed team of grades and boys and girls. To help with our beginner players, the CATS netball club is offering a large reduction in our club fees.

If you would like to know more information or would like to express an interest in your child to play, please text or phone Karen Pettifer on 0417318538. Registration forms will be out very soon, but we are trying to sort out players and teams now. If you know of someone who wants to play, let them know ASAP.

Fees: Fees for netball include a VNA (Victorian Netball Association) fee, which is your insurance (\$56 for 2019); and a club fee which pays for our team entry fee, umpire fees, uniform hire, balls etc. The club fee for 2019 will be \$70, however only \$20 for beginner players.

All team also need coaches and parents to help out, if you are interested in helping out, please let Karen know. The club has previously supported parents in attending basic netball coaching courses if desired.



Award-winning children's author **Chris Collin** is visiting our school!

Chris has published four best-selling books, including the wild and wacky *Funky Chicken A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks*, *A Bug Called Doug*, *Funky Chicken Chooks in Space* and his 2018 release, and *Funky Chicken's* wildest ride yet, *Funky Chicken Mission InCROCible*!

- ***Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space*** is in the Qld and Victorian Premiers Challenge Book List and was voted WINNER in the 2016 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards!
- His first book ***Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks*** is in the Premiers Reading Challenge Book List in Qld, NSW and Victoria and was shortlisted in the 2014 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards.
- ***A Bug Called Doug*** is in the Qld Premiers Reading Challenge Book List and has been included in the 2019 Brisbane School of Distance Education E-Kindy program.
- ***Funky Chicken Mission InCROCible*** is in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge Book List.

If you are interested in purchasing a *signed* copy of Chris' beautiful books, *Funky Chicken* puppet or other merchandise, just fill in the attached order form and money slip, pop it into an envelope and deliver back to the school per the steps below.

**** There is a copy of all four books available at the office if you wish to view before placing an order. ****

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

Deliver your completed order form (on the back of this sheet) in a sealed envelope to **the office** by **Thursday 28th February 2019**. Chris will deliver pre-ordered books to the school on the day of the visit.

Alternatively, you can **place an order** at www.funkybooks.com.au

FUNKY BOOKS

ORDER FORM

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ABN 54 886 710 599



Office Use Only

DATE: _____ LOCATION: _____

Cash, Credit Card or Cheque (Payable to Funky Books) Accepted – Please no payment to the school.

ITEM	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
HARDCOVER BOOKS			
Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks (RRP \$24.95)		\$22.50	
Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space (RRP \$24.95)		\$22.50	
A Bug Called Doug (RRP \$24.95)		\$22.50	
NEW RELEASE			
Funky Chicken: Mission InCROCible (RRP \$24.95)		\$22.50	
OTHER			
Funky Chicken Puppet (RRP \$24.95)		\$22.50	
Funkybooks Calico Library Bag (RRP \$7.50)		\$5.00	
SUPERMEGAFUNKY PACK! – ALL 4 BOOKS, A FUNKY CHICKEN PUPPET AND A LIBRARY BAG SAVE OVER \$30 off RRP!		\$110	

Recipients name & Class here: _____

Message (Optional – Chris is happy to write the message) _____

PAYMENT SLIP

Full Name _____

Postal Address _____

Contact Ph Number _____ Email _____

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD (please note - this form will be shredded once processed)

Type of card (please tick) Visa Mastercard

Card No.

Expiry Date - Amount \$ _____

Name printed on the card _____