

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tue	P&F Sports Day Orders Due In - 9:00am
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed	2018 Materials Charges Due
		Sports Permission Forms & Payment Due In
		First full week for Preps
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tue	House Sports in Traralgon
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fri	School Photos
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	District Sports in Traralgon

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## House Sports Information

Our students have been preparing for the School House Sports which will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Harold Preston Park on Davidson Street in Traralgon. Students will need to be at school by 9:00am as the bus will be leaving promptly at 9:10am and will return to school by 3:00pm approximately. One permission form for each student was sent home on Monday and these need to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> February along with the \$6 bus cost.

We are looking for parents to help out on the day, so if you are available, please leave a note at the office or let your child's teacher know. In the past, parents have walked around with their child and helped out at each event rather than helping at one event for the whole day, which is also very helpful.

Students can dress in their house colours during the day otherwise they are required in school uniform and must wear their school hat.

A pre-order form for icy poles and drink boxes was handed out last Monday by Parents & Friends. These need to be returned to the P&F blue order tub in the office foyer by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Students will need their lunch, plenty to drink, sunscreen and their school hat. If you are picking your child/children up directly from the sports you will need to find their class teacher and sign them out.

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Dear Parents,

I have been watching with interest the state of the American education system after the latest horrific incident that happened a week or so ago. It made me ponder how such an atrocity could happen when some of the clues were there. Whilst I am so very thankful our system is completely different, I was caught thinking about how we all need to pick up on those small clues when someone's mental, social and emotional health is down. We know in schools there are a variety of individuals and how each of these learn and react differently. Knowing each and every child and the way they 'work' is paramount to effective teaching. Picking up on sometimes the very small clues, when things aren't 'right', becomes difficult when surrounded by the thousands of distractions in the classroom which is why we need to work together and openly with students when things aren't right.

There have been several occasions in my time here when I wish I picked up on the clues sooner or paid more attention to individual students, staff and parents, as then I could have intervened or helped sooner. I encourage us all, over the next week, to pay a little closer attention to these aspects in those around us, to maybe pick up on both those subliminal and sometimes obvious signs when somebody isn't travelling well.

If at any time you have concerns please make sure you come and see me or your child's teacher.

We have been working with a graphic designer to decide on a graphic for our value system of RIPPER. This should be ready to show everyone next week. We are pretty excited about the launch of this and believe what has been designed so far will stand out well. It will also help us be creative around the school yard displaying our values.

There has been lots of hard work going on in PE classes whilst practising for our upcoming House Sports. We have two athletic sports days coming up. The first one is with our own school and the

next day is with smaller schools from the surrounding district. It is from the second day that athletes from a certain age group make it to the Divisional Sports against other Traralgon Schools.

### ***2018 Materials Charge - Due Next Wednesday***

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**

### **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 29/1/18. Contact the school office for full information.

### **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.