

Dear Parents,

On Monday we held our House Assemblies to vote for this year's house captains. All students in 5/6 were invited to prepare a speech they were to read out to their peers. It's never easy to do public speaking, let alone at that age and in front of your close friends. All candidates did an amazing job though and unfortunately there had to be some unsuccessful students. Where there were not enough 5/6 students, interested Grade 4's were invited to run. Congratulations to those students who were voted as 2017 house captains.

It's been great to see some of our classrooms engage with parents through 'Class Dojo'. This is a program that allows parents to see exactly what is happening in the grade through teachers awarding 'Dojo points' to reward positive behaviour. Please be aware though that all classrooms are at different stages of this and we cannot compare points given between two classes, while some classes are still setting up their 'Dojos'.

This coming Monday we have a parent session running straight after assembly to help us develop our school's new vision and values. Our goal for these sessions is to ensure that our parent community has had an avenue for direct input into the future direction of our school. Our school vision will be central to everything we do here at TSPS. It will help guide our curriculum development and the way students are taught and helps set an explicit learning agenda. Our values will also be used as guidance and will provide staff, parents and students a system to strive towards. The values are an important part of developing our whole culture of learning and how we interact with everyone.

On Monday 6th March we have our House Athletic Sports held in at Harold Preston Park on Davidson Street in Traralgon. We will once again be bussing students from school to the sports and back to school again. This is a pre-cursor to the much bigger day where we have our inter-school sports with other schools.

At our House Sports we will again have some drinks and icy poles for sale. We are looking for parents who may be able to man the

stall for a short period of time between 10:00am and 1:30pm. The more help we have, the shorter the stints will be. If you are able to help, please email Mel Harkess on melharkess12@gmail.com to register. She will then do a roster so you can plan your day and see your children participate in the sports. Early weather forecasts show it to be more than 10 degrees cooler than last year's hot sports day...thank goodness.

From next week our Preps will be attending full time! For the last few weeks they have been having Wednesdays off to allow staff to do the raft of testing required. It's been so refreshing to see their smiling faces on the days they are here. Below is a photo of them receiving their starting school bags provided by the Department.



Adam Downes - Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council met Monday 20th February, with the following topics discussed on the evening:

Playground Works – a recent audit of the schools playgrounds has highlighted a few maintenance works and modifications that are required. Some of these works will need to be out-sourced, but we are hoping to complete some works ourselves to reduce costs. If you have time and are able to help out with maintenance tasks, please take a look at the tasks required with Adam and let us know what you can do to help out.

School Web Page – The school web page is continually updated with newsletter items and notices etc. It has been raised at School

Council that it would be great to 'freshen up' our school web page. If you can, or know of anyone who can help with web page development we would love to hear from you.

Uniform Policy – Brief discussions were held regarding our uniform policy with the likelihood that there may be changes considered in the future. Any changes in uniform policy is done with extensive consultation with the wider school community, so please be prepared to have your say.

Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan: Both of these documents are currently in their draft stage and were discussed at the meeting prior to being finalised. It is anticipated that they will be completed shortly and will provide guidance for the school's direction in 2017 and the upcoming 4 years.

Vision and Values: as noted in previous newsletters we are currently undertaking the task of developing our school values and vision. Further community consultation will occur on 27th Feb, 9:30-10am and on 21st March, 6-7pm. We are encouraging all families, past and present to have a say in helping the school develop our values and core vision.

Karen Pettifer – School Council President

DATES TO REMEMBER		
27 th Feb	Mon	Community consultation meeting 9:30am
28 th Feb	Tue	2017 Materials Charges Due
2 nd Mar	Thu	P&F Hot Dog Orders Due In by 9:00am
3 rd Mar	Fri	P&F Hot Dog Lunch Day
6 th Mar	Mon	House Sports in Traralgon
13 th Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
14 th Mar	Tue	School Photos
16 th Mar	Thu	District Sports in Traralgon
21 st Mar	Tue	Community consultation meeting – 6:00pm
22 nd Mar	Wed	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 2:00pm – 6:00pm
		P&F Hot Cross Buns – Orders due in

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HOUSE CAPTAINS

This year we have elected eight House Captains, two from each house and also eight Vice Captains. The two House Captains from Yellow House are Riley Palmer and Marnie Lockett and Vice Captains are Ella Prior and Aidan Prior. The two Captains from Red House are James Pettifer and Julia Bates and Vice Captains are Ben Hagley and Kate Hagley. The two Captains from Blue House are Rebekah Guy and Charlotte Mackintosh and Vice Captains are Alexandra Gore and Phoebe Rhodes. Finally the two Captains from Green House are Eric Porigneaux and Ayva Rohde and Vice Captains are Jesse Selwyn and Tahli Zarth. On House Sports Day they will organise everyone in their house for the relays and give them the score sheets at the start of the day, as well as making sure they encourage their team to do their very best!

By James and Marnie – Grade 5/6

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