



## **PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 5 TERM 1 2020**

This Monday (2 March) will see our 2020 student leaders presented with their badges at our weekly assembly, officially recognising them in their respective roles for the coming year. I would like to extend an invitation to our parent community to attend if you are able, supporting our children in this wonderful achievement. Russell Northe, Member for Morwell, will also be in attendance and will present badges to each of our student leaders.

Our School Council has been formalised for 2020, and I would like to welcome our new parent members in Evgenia Brand and Georgina Den Houting, and DET member Joanne Morrison. They will be alongside our returning and/or re-elected members in Leanne Kamphuis, Andrew Piechota, Duncan McAllister, Renee Paulet, Jade Rohde, Erin Riseley, Amanda Henderson and Paula Landy. Our AGM is scheduled for 7pm March 16, where we will elect our office bearers for the year, followed by our usual Council meeting. I look forward to working with our School Council throughout 2020 and encourage all members of our school community to engage with our councillors should you wish to discuss any relevant matters.

Over the previous week, we have begun rolling out our new laptops for student use, with 50 of our outdated devices replaced with modern versions. This has been a significant undertaking and a large investment in our teaching and learning program, especially important given our students are growing up in an ever-increasing digital age. Our capacity as teachers to use these devices in an engaging and relevant way continues to develop, and the increased functionality provided through these devices will further support this evolution. Don't panic though – there will always be a place for handwriting and learning to spell without the assistance of spellcheck!

The Victorian Government have recently installed a dispenser at our school to provide free sanitary pads and tampons to girls and young women, with this being implemented in every Victorian Government school in a phased rollout. Information regarding this initiative will be sent home to families of female students in Years 4-6, though copies will be available from our General Office should anyone else be interested.

Finally, I would like to thank our school community for supporting our student leaders in their first fundraising event for the year, the 'Bushies Bun-Raiser'. Incredibly, \$1124 was raised (that's 562 packets of hot cross buns sold by our school of 118 students!). Our student leaders have been busily working out where they would like their money from all 2020 fundraising events be directed towards, so once this has been determined, I will let our community know exactly where this support has gone.

Take care,  
Joel Blythman

### **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE - APPLICATIONS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY**

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.

**Applications close 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

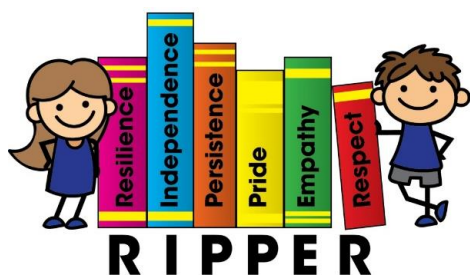
CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Card must have been current on 29/1/20.

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. If you applied for the CSEF at this school previously, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances/additional student on the claim. An information sheet has been sent home today and/or check with the school office if you are unsure.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri	<b>Materials Charges Due - \$160 per student</b> Clean Up Australia Day <b>Conveyance Allowance - Applications for Claims Close</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Mon	2020 Student Leaders Badges Presentation at assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Tue	Bun-Raiser Order Collection Day Book Club Orders Due In
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Wed	School House Sports in Traralgon - Whole School
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	School Council AGM & Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tue	District Sports in Traralgon - Ages 10, 11, 12/13 only
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tue	School Photos

### RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020



Prep/1	Amy Jewson	For always being a respectful listener during instruction time.
1/2	Hunter Harkess	For being organised and working independently.
2/3	Billy Kreun	For great engagement and efforts in class.
3/4	Layla Nicholls	For displaying independence and resilience.
5/6	Lachy Pass	For displaying independence and high level thinking skills in all areas.
Art/Music	Sophie Porigneaux & Abby Riddell	For displaying patience and persistence when drawing in their fine details of their musical instruments.
P.E.	Blake Fuller	For showing great technique in long jump.
	Emma Bates	For showing great technique during running practice in P.E.
School Captains Award	James Gu	In recognition of helping when people get hurt and caring for them.