

Weekly Newsletter No 4
Wednesday 6th March 2019



Dear Parents,

What a crazy week it has been! To go from fire threat over the weekend and beginning of the week to now raining and cold. We kept students in over Monday and Tuesday due to smoke and poor air quality. We did give the option for some students to go outside but kept their activity to a minimum. All those with an Asthma plan, had no choice and had to remain inside. We thank all of our families for their understanding around this time. Our thoughts are with those families who have recently been impacted by the fires.

On Monday we made the early decision to cancel/postpone the House Athletic sports due to a variety of reasons. We do not yet have a back-up day but we are working on it. At this stage it looks like it will be held here at school and at the CATS oval. We will confirm shortly. Our District Athletics Sports will still be held on the 19th March.

On the 25th of February we held our first Parents and Friends meeting for the year, which also doubled as the AGM. Unfortunately we were unable to elect a President/Vice-President or Secretary for 2019 so far. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank again last year's committee for the amount of work they have done in raising money for the school. There are lots of jobs that can be done to help the school through the P&F committee without holding a committee position. These range from coordinating Mother's and Father's day stalls, to assisting in hot lunch days to anything else really. You don't have to be able to attend meetings to help. If you are interested in lending a hand please see myself or Karyn in the office.

Congratulations to both our returning and new School Councillors. We had 4 positions that were open; 2 Councillors re-nominated and we had 2 new parents wishing to join. Given this number there is no need to proceed to a formal ballot as all are elected unopposed. I'd like to extend the school's thanks to Sarah Hagley who ends her long standing School Council membership. Sarah is re-joining us as a community member for one year.

Looking over the attendance data for the past month we are still seeing a large amount of students arrive after the 9am bell. I am working with students who continue to play in the yard after this time, but we would love your cooperation in getting students to school before the 9:00am bell. Our first bell rings at 8:50am and this is for students to get organised for the day and go through their morning routines. We have seen a large amount of students put their bags in and then go to the playground/oval/basketball court to play games. They then think that the 9:00am is their cue to return to class. I'd like to remind students and families that when the 9:00am bell rings, students should be in their rooms ready to start learning for the day.

Many thanks to the 'mulch fairy/ies' that have started to spread some of the mulch on our new garden. We are planning some times where the students will also assist this task. We are also hopeful to plan something for a Sunday afternoon where families might be able to donate just an hour of their time to assist in moving and spreading the mulch. Looking at our garden we have only a few plants that have struggled in the heat over the past month.

Adam Downes - Principal

ART ROOM

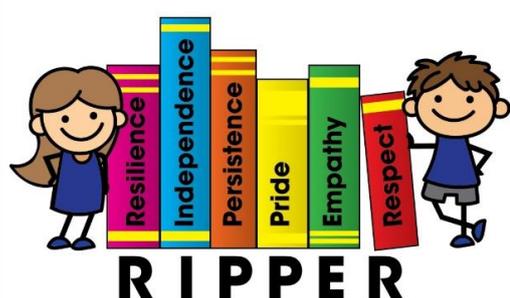
Small boxes are needed for the Junior Unit please. Any cereal, cup-a-soup and biscuit boxes will be appreciated.

Thanks - Yvonne Game

DATES TO REMEMBER

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11 th Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 th Mar	Tue	District Sports in Traralgon
25 th Mar	Mon	School Council AGM - 7:00pm

Student Awards - Week Ending 22nd February 2019



Prep	Alice Cameron	For being a respectful listener and showing great independence to start work.
1	Max Cockayne	For concentrating and persisting with his work.
2/3	Danielle Game	For demonstrating respect and excellent listening skills.
3/4	Max Cameron	For displaying all RIPPER values during his heroic efforts saving the Rosella. Your strength and gentleness should be commended!
4/5	Milee Hayes	For showing independence and interdependence during her learning.
6	Maddie Hodgson	For showing empathy to her class mates.
Art/Music	Declan Lazaris	For demonstrating persistence when adding details and patterns to his art work.
	Leo Skurrie	For demonstrating persistence with his art work, adding lots of details and patterns to his initials.
P.E.	Lulu Thomas	For always showing independence to complete activities in P.E.