

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Thanks to everyone for sending in the Coles vouchers. It would be a great help if you are able to cut them before putting them in the box as it makes counting so much quicker!

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

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.

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THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

28th February 2018

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 21st March. Bookings must be finalised before the Friday 16th March, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents who do not have internet access please contact the school office. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Now you can book school interviews online. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions or follow the link from our school website.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You may change your bookings any time prior to the closing date of 16th March at 4:00pm, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

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Dear Parents,

At the start of every year we hold Parent-Teacher interviews as a way of having dedicated time with your child's teacher. We hold these interviews more at the beginning of the year as this gives a chance for parents to share the same amount of information about their child's learning to assist the teacher as the teacher can share with parents. Our interviews have been scheduled for Wednesday 21st March for between 1:00pm and 6:00pm. If you are unavailable during these times, please see your child's teacher to arrange a separate time.

Next Tuesday, we have our House Athletic Sports at the Davidson Street facility in Traralgon. This is a great day for our school as students try their hardest to get as many points for their house as they can. In the past, points have been VERY tight so every point counts for their houses. Thank you to those parents who have said they can help set up. If you do happen to find yourself available that morning, any help is greatly appreciated.

At last night's staff meeting, we had a healthy and robust discussion about our house sports and the standards for each age group in each of the events. This year there will be some changes to certain age group standards for some events. The discussion surfaced after we received a letter from two senior students last year about the message some of our standards sent. Harry and Lulu Thomas sent letters with very convincing arguments about the disparity of the standards and the message they send with boys and girls. Whilst we as staff agreed to most changes, there are some that will remain the same; but it's important to see that change has happened because these two students felt so strongly. I commend both Harry and Lulu for being amazing citizens and enacting debate and discussion, which has led to change.

Last week, our House Captains were voted in by students and it was so great to see the amazing effort the students put into their speeches. Given the above discussion, this year it was decided instead of having 1 boy and 1 girl captain, we would have the 2

students voted in from our 5/6 students. If this meant that we had 2 girl captains or 2 boy captains, this would be the democratic vote and the 2 people students voted as their choice.

Congratulations to all those students who stood in front of their peers to give a speech. That takes a certain amount of pride and resilience. Our 2018 House leaders are:

Cook – Yellow House

Billy Wheatley and Jessica Ruff – Captains
Aidan Prior and Esther Miljons – Vice Captains

Sturt – Red House

Savannah Theissling and Seirena Tapai – Captains
Jessica Pettifer and Ben Hagley – Vice Captains

Hume – Green House

Tahli Zarth and Grant Jenkins – Captains
Benj Selwyn and Abby Riddell – Vice Captain

Flinders – Blue House

Jesse Stevenson and Leo Skurrie
Leila Hare and Sheldon Tassell

2018 Materials Charge - Due Today

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 is due today. If you have not made an appropriate payment plan please contact 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