

Dear Parents,

Congratulations Hannah

Well done to Hannah Meyer who competed at the Zone Swimming Sports last Thursday. Hannah swam in the 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly and placed second and third respectively. She has now qualified for the Regional swimming sports to be held next Thursday 12th March in Sale.



Student Free Day

Parents are reminded of the School Council approved Student Free Day for this Thursday 5th March. On this day, we will be attending a local Professional Development workshop held by Rob Vingerhoets who will be working with us to develop a whole school approach to teaching numeracy. Rob is a well renowned educator who has worked with schools right through Australia and overseas. We also plan to provide a parent information session following the workshop to explain to parents how we teach maths.

Travelling To School

A couple of weeks ago I put a notice in the newsletter regarding students riding/walking safely to school and safe road use in general. Unfortunately, I am still receiving reports from parents about students riding their bike all over the road whilst going to and from school. I also observed two students riding around without helmets on. It is really important to take care on the roads and in the school car park and wear the appropriate safety equipment. Children need to remember to ride on the left hand side of the road, and look carefully for cars and trucks before crossing the road. It is important that everyone remembers the safe road rules to ensure nobody gets hurt. Please talk to your children to ensure they understand how to stay safe on the roads.

Preps – Full Attendance From This Week

Parents of students in Prep are reminded that their children will begin full week attendance from this week. We look forward to seeing all of our Prep students at school tomorrow Wednesday 4th March.

Clean Up Australia Day

Last Friday was Clean Up Australia day for schools. Again this year, we had students picking up rubbish along Keith Morgan Drive, Chester Court, the cricket oval and surrounds, as well as the school's grounds and car park. It was really pleasing to see that only a small amount of litter was collected and that our town is quite clean. I would like to thank the parents who were able

to come along in the afternoon and help out during the activity. Our students in Grade 5/6 worked with our Prep/1 students to complete a litter audit of our playground. They found that most items of rubbish collected were icy pole wrappers.

Public Holiday This Monday

Parents are reminded that Monday 9th March is the Labour Day public holiday. The school will be closed on this day.

School Council Report

Our School Council met on Monday 23rd February for the first time this year. I was able to announce that our school has been successful in receiving an ICT grant of \$4000 to go toward the purchase of a new file server and desktop computers for the classrooms. The financial statements were presented and approved for the previous month and the 2015 Budget was also approved. Discussion also centred around the removal of the trees over the January holiday, with the remaining trees to be removed over the coming months. Children will be moved away from marked trees on windy days to ensure their safety.

Grade 3/4 Camp Approved

The Grade 3/4 camp to Coonawarra from April 15th – 17th was approved. As in past years, when our school is organising the camp we are able to take a parent helper. All helpers are required to have a current Working With Children's Check to be eligible to attend. Parents who are interested in coming along can register their name with me by Friday 20th March. If more than one name is registered, School Council will draw a name out of the hat to select the parent.

School Councillors Needed

School Council nominations closed last Tuesday afternoon with all nominees being elected and two vacant positions still remaining. The elected Parent representatives are: Sarah Hagley, Jade Rohde, Duncan McAllister and Desley Tulloch, while the elected DEECD employee is Stacey Kloot. I would like to thank all members for their nominations and look forward to working with them again this year.

As we still have unfilled vacancies for a position on School Council, I am permitted to call for a second round of nominations to fill the two remaining positions. Nominations are to be submitted to the school office by 4:00pm on Tuesday 10th March. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office. I would like to encourage all parents who would like to become more involved in their child's education to consider nominating for the school council and help develop our school further.

One position available is for one year, while the other position available is for a two year term. School Council meetings are held on a Monday evening at 7.00pm (usually the third Monday of the month). At least two meetings per term are held. There is also a requirement to be on a subcommittee such as Buildings and Grounds, Fundraising or Policy and Programs. Naturally there is a time commitment but our School Council meetings are relatively short (no more than 2 hours).

- **Do I need special experience to be on School Council?**
No! What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.
- **Why is Parent membership so important?**
Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Please see me if you require any further information regarding this process or if you need a nomination form.

Joel Fraser – Principal

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

On Thursday 12th March at 2:00pm I will be doing the World's Greatest Shave with Blake Henry and Flynn Mackintosh. We are shaving our heads to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Please come along and support us if you can. You can donate on the day or search up our names on the World's Greatest Shave website and donate online.

James Pettifer – Grade 4/5

P.S. My Dad is also supporting me and he will be shaving off his beard, which has not been off for over 15 years!

CATS PLAYGROUP OPEN DAY BBQ

Families of children aged 0-5 are invited to our free BBQ on Thursday 12th March from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Come along and have a look at our amazing facilities, our scenic playground and meet some of our regular members. Bring your family. RSVPs essential by 4th March to Renee on 0417 594 848.

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Badges Presented

At assembly this week we presented our school leaders (Junior School Council representatives and House captains) with name badges. House captains will be busy in the coming weeks with the House Sports on Thursday 19th March, while our Junior School Council will be meeting very soon to discuss potential improvements that can be made to our school. The Junior School Council will also discuss possible fundraising activities to carry out during the year.



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DATES TO REMEMBER		
5 Mar	Thu	Student Free Day
9 Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
10 Mar	Tue	P&F Lunch Orders Due In
12 Mar	Thu	P&F Hot Lunch Day
		World's Greatest Shave – 2:00pm
13 Mar	Fri	Music Group performing at Multi-Cultural Festival
16 Mar	Mon	Parents & Friends AGM after assembly
19 Mar	Thu	House Sports – Davidson Street, Traralgon
23 Mar	Mon	School Photos
24 Mar	Tue	District Sports – Davidson Street, Traralgon
26 Mar	Thu	Art Exhibition -4:15pm Little Theatre, Traralgon
27 Mar	Fri	Last Day Term 1

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL KERNOT HALL

Preparations are still going well for our performance scheduled for Friday 13th March. There are 30 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 that will be participating on the day. The Festival starts at 11.00am at Kernot Hall and parents and friends are most welcome to be part of the audience. Our students will be performing 3 items. All students will be in school uniform, apart from 3 students that are dressing up for their item. The bus leaves school at 9:45am to go to Kernot Hall. We will be having one last practise at school on that morning, so I do ask for students to arrive at school on time for that. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yvonne Game

ART EXHIBITION AT LATROBE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

We have finally secured a date for our art exhibition at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon (Little Theatre, corner of Breed and Grey St Traralgon). Our display will begin on Thursday 19th March and we will have our official opening the following week on Thursday 26th March from 4:15pm. Students in Years 5 and 6 have been working very hard on a special art piece for the display this term. At the official opening on Thursday 26th there will be drinks and nibbles available and official photos will be taken with the students and their art work. It would be great if we could get a strong Traralgon South crowd turn up for the opening. Parents, students and their families are most welcome to come and have a look even if their child doesn't have a piece of artwork on display.

Thank you - Yvonne Game

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 27th February 2015



Prep/1	Matthew Adam	For consistently using writing time productively.
1/2	Georgia Crowe	For working hard to develop her understanding of place value.
2/3	Lincoln Sturre	For working hard to improve his listening skills.
4/5	Abbey Caldwell	For her interest and enthusiasm in learning about sustainability on our excursion.
5/6	Emily Grist	For confidently delivering her speech to our class.
Art/Music	Savannah Theissling & Dylin Paton	For being helpful in the Art/Music room by packing up very thoroughly and diligently.
P.E.	Kiara Tapai	For trying very hard to learn triple jump.
	Will Edgar	For listening carefully to instructions in P.E. class.
Principal	Capri Tyler	For being responsible and a positive role model during Clean Up Australia Day.

Grade 4/5's Excursion by Alex Gore

On the 27th of February Grade 4/5 went on an excursion. First we got on a bus and went from school to the landfill.

The Landfill!

When Grade 4/5 arrived at the landfill we met Peter Collins and he took us into the information centre and we watched two films. The first film was about recycling. The second one was about the landfill and why everyone needs to pitch in. The second one was also about how the landfill fills up and that one garbage truck can take 900 bins in one full truck. Then Peter talked to us about what goes in the rubbish and what is recyclable things or things that have been recycled many times or just once. Then we had our lunch and headed to DASMA.

DASMA

When we arrived we had to put on safety vests and special glasses. As we went in it started to stink. Then it stank a lot. Almost everyone brought along a recyclable object. The people who did bring one got to see it go along the conveyor belt and get piled into its place. There was glass all over the floor and paper everywhere! After we looked at all the big blocks of recycling we headed off.

PineGro

At PineGro Peter was the guide person. We walked around the compost and saw the big water sprayer. The compost was getting watered because it was too dry! We all got a feel of how hot the inside of one pile of compost is in the middle. It was hot! On our way back to the bus we saw a machine that made soil.

Transfer Station

At the Transfer Station we got to look at all the different types of piles and things that people throw away. We also got to look at the gift shop. We got to have a metal pencil sharpener each.

After all that we got to go back and do Clean Up Australia Day!



Our Excursion by Rebekah Guy

On Friday the 26th of February Grade 4/5 went on an excursion to learn about sustainability. First we went to the landfill and that is where we met Peter Collins. Peter Collins told us about the landfill and we could ask questions too. When we got out of the bus we went into the education centre and watched two short movies. The first movie showed us about the different bins and the second movie was about reduce, reuse and recycle! After the movie Peter Collins set up things that can go in the recycling, in the compost bin and in the rubbish bin.

The landfill and DASMA smelt horrific. When we went to DASMA we saw how recycling gets recycled. We also saw blocks of recyclables. At DASMA we also got to wear vests and glasses.

We also went to PineGro and went on a one kilometre walk. On the walk we saw a lot of piles full of green waste. There was rubbish in the green waste but rubbish shouldn't be in any of the green waste piles. The last place we went to was the transfer station, this is where people throw their old furniture and machines. After we had finished we got to go into the shop full of lots of things people threw out.

