

Dear Parents,

Badges Presented

At assembly this week we presented our school leaders with badges and a certificate from Federal Gippsland MP Darren Chester. Our School Council president Gareth Downes was present to recognise our students who have been selected as Junior School Council representatives and House captains. House captains will be busy this week with the House Sports on Thursday, 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.



Also at our assembly, Zoe and Amelia Bolton played the national anthem on the keyboard and flute. The girls did a fantastic job and played with great confidence which was applauded by students, parents and staff.



Headlice Checks

Thank you to the mums who were able to conduct the head lice checks over the past two weeks. We were able to check every student during this time.

Clean Up Australia Day

All students participated in Clean Up Australia Day last Friday afternoon. It was pleasing to note that there was very little rubbish collected from around the town. Unfortunately though, most of the rubbish collected was from around our school and in the car park. We have also had to have students eat their snack inside at recess time to ensure the rubbish goes in the bin. We will be focussing on what we do with our rubbish for the remainder of the term and hope to see some improvement in the state of the yard.

Car Park Safety

Parents are reminded about safety in the car park during pick up and drop off times. There are usually quite a lot of students moving to and from cars at these

times and it is important that parents drive at a suitable speed when entering and exiting the car park, as well as making sure to look behind you before reversing. Students should only be entering the car park to get into their car and it is not a safe place to play. Likewise, students who ride bikes/scooters etc to and from school need to ensure they ride on the footpath at the front of the school and are very careful when crossing over Chester Court near the shop. If everyone remains vigilant and aware of students during these times, we will be able to ensure their safety.

School Council News

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 and Kylie De Martin, 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 12th March. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office.

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.

Active After School Communities Program – Change of Day

Due to coach availability and the athletic sports, we have had to make changes to the Thursday night After School Program. Please note, this only affects those students participating in the Aussie Rules sessions. The schedule for the rest of the term is:

Tuesday 5 th March	3:30 - 4:45pm
Thursday 14 th March	3:30 – 4:45pm

Tuesday 19th March 3:30 – 4:45pm
Tuesday 26th March 3:30 – 4:45pm

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Please notify the school if your enrolled child cannot attend.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A notice will be attached to our newsletter providing more information in regard to the Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled Wednesday 20th March. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, so please make a time to meet with your child's teacher by completing the return slip by next Tuesday 12th March.

Student Free Day

Parents are reminded that this Friday 8th March is a student free day. No students are required to attend school on this day. Teachers will be spending the day in Churchill, participating in a workshop by Di Siemon who will be explaining about the big ideas in mathematics. Next Monday 11th March is also a public holiday, so students won't be required back at school until Tuesday 12th March.

Crazy Hair / Shave For A Cure Day – Change of Date

Please note the Crazy Hair / Shave For A Cure Day is will now be held on Thursday 14th March.

Joel Fraser – Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER		
6 Mar	Wed	First Wednesday for Preps to attend
7 Mar	Thu	School House Sports in Traralgon – 9:00am start
8 Mar	Fri	Student Free Day
11 Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
14 Mar	Thu	Crazy Hair Day (Change of day)
21 Mar	Thu	District School Sports in Traralgon
27 Mar	Wed	School Photo Day
28 Mar	Thu	Last Day Term 1 – Early Dismissal
15 Apr	Mon	Parents & Friends AGM – 9:15am in multi-purpose room

CALLIGNEE AND TRARALGON SOUTH (CATS) NETBALL

Calling all girls and boys who would like to play netball for the winter season – it's time to enrol. All you need is to be able to play on Saturday mornings and to be 8 years old by April 21st. Games begin next term but players need to be enrolled by 18 March. Please see Mrs Travers or Emily or Nina Cook to collect a form to enrol. Someone will visit classrooms to make sure children don't miss out.

School House Sports

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF START AND FINISH TIMES FOR THE DAY

Our Athletic Sports will be held this Thursday 7th March. Due to the forecast hot weather, we have altered the schedule of the day. We will be starting the events at 9:00am with students to arrive at Harold Preston Park from 8:30am. We anticipate the running events will be held first thing in the morning to get them out of the way before it gets too hot. Due to the earlier start of the day we expect the pick-up time for students will be between 1:30pm and 2:00pm. We will have shade shelters set up and the Parents and Friends committee will also be providing icy poles and drinks for purchase. It is a good idea for parents to ensure their child brings their school hat, lunch and a refillable drink bottle. We are looking for parents to help out with the events. In the past, parents have walked around with their child and helped out at each event rather than helping at one event for the whole day. If you are available to help, please let your child's teacher know.

Items for sale will be:

Icy Poles	\$1.00	Rainbow Paddlepops	\$1.30
Water	\$1.00	Fruit Boxes	\$1.00

If you are able to help sell on the day please leave your name at the office tomorrow along with the time you would be willing to help.

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 15914kwh which means we have generated 276kwh since our last reading.

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**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 1st March 2013**



0/0	Jayden Henry	For good listening and participation in all activities.
1/2	Jackson Skurrie	For working hard to finish lots of school work this week.
2/3	Jesse Selwyn	For displaying helpfulness in the classroom.
4/5	Flynn Mackintosh & Lachie Mayes	For working conscientiously on further developing positive social skills and relationships.
5/6	Nina Cook	For being a helpful member of the class at all times.
Art/Music	Chloe Mayes & Maddison Hodgson	For excellent detail when making her playdough sea creatures.
Principal	Taylor Robinson	For helping other students with their organisation skills during the swimming program.