

Dear Parents,

Shave For A Cure

Parents are reminded that Shave For A Cure will take place this Thursday 12th March beginning at 2pm. Flynn, Blake and James will be shaving their heads and raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation in the process. James' father Joel will be supporting James by shaving his beard, which he has had for 15 years!! I would encourage all parents to come along to the Multi Purpose room and show their support. Donations can be made online at the Leukaemia Foundation website, in person or in the collection box at the front office.

Maths PD Day

Staff Maths Professional Development with Rob Vingerhoets Staff were fortunate to attend a PD session at Toongabbie Primary School last week. Rob who is a renowned maths teacher and consultant and has worked in a broad range of schools including New York, shared his considerable expertise with us.

While some of his ideas may challenge traditional views of how mathematics should be taught (worksheets, rote learning of tables, practice of drills, and the teacher doing all of the teaching), he backed his approach up with research and demonstrated, how maths can be very much a part of every-day life.

“Maths helps you make sense of the world”, “Maths is straight forward, - it's not tricky”.

Rob stressed the importance of working more efficiently and making the most of every opportunity. For example discussing ordinal number, odds and even numbers when lining up, using names for items cylindrical pencil holders, cube dice etc. We currently make these sorts of connections in English, but need to apply the same practices for immersion in maths.

Setting open ended learning tasks provide many opportunities for learning. Within lessons, students will have a warm up activity to engage them in maths, and an introduction will identify the task,

and articulate key words, symbols and concepts to be used. These are listed on the board and demonstrate how one quality activity can overlap and have students actively using maths to solve higher thinking tasks. Students then set about problem solving and the teacher can also adapt expectations and provide support as students engage in a range of strategies to solve given activities.

Staff will be running a parent information session to demonstrate a couple of his activities and show first-hand the opportunities available through a simply structured lesson on Wednesday 18th March beginning at 7:00pm. Please come along and join on us to find out about our approach to teaching maths at our school.

Joel Fraser – Principal

WOOLWORTHS DOMINO PROMOTION

Dominos have been suggested as a useful maths resource, particularly the ten ended ones. These can be used for many purposes: developing place value, totaling digits, practising tables, looking at the difference between numbers etc. Seeing the Woolworths Pixar Domino promotion advertisement was quite timely, having had this recommendation. Woolworths is giving customers one domino for every \$20 spent. If your neighbours, friends, relations or you do not wish to collect the set, the school would appreciate any donations to build up a fun resource to supplement our number work across the school in maths. Please send any dominos to the office. Many thanks in advance.

Ruth Bone – Maths Coach

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL BUNNY EARS/CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

On Wednesday 18th March, the Junior School Council will have an Easter themed dress up/casual clothes day. As in past years, we are asking for donations of Easter eggs and/or other Easter chocolate treats for prizes in our end of term Easter raffle. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Raffle ticket books have been sent home with the eldest in the family today. More books are available from the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
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
18 Mar	Wed	Easter Themed Dress Up Day – Cost: Easter Egg Donation Maths Information Session for Parents – 7:00pm
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 – Easter Raffle drawn at assembly at 1:15pm and students dismissed at 1:30pm

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL AT KERNOT HALL

A reminder for the students participating in the Multi-Cultural Festival this Friday to wear school uniform. The bus will leave school at 9:45am and students will need to bring a snack – lunch is provided for them. The Festival starts at 11.00am at Kernot Hall and parents and friends are most welcome to go along.

~ Yvonne Game ~

CATS NETBALL CLUB

Just a reminder for all those who would like to play netball this year to have their forms returned by the end of this week, Friday 13th. Forms can be returned to the box at the front office, or to Karen Pettifer or Jade Rohde. If you did not get a form or have any queries, please contact Karen on 0417318538, or Jade on 0407091679. Thanks, Karen Pettifer.

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RETURN SLIP FOR MATHS INFORMATION SESSION

Please send along this slip to indicate your attendance on Wednesday 18th March to assist us with planning.

Name:

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Congratulations to the newly wed Mr and Mrs Dinelli who were married on Sunday.

We wish them a life full of love and happiness together.



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