

Dear Parents,

Our athletic sports were a great success last Thursday at Harold Preston Park in Traralgon. We started the day earlier due to the warm weather and were able to finish just before 2pm and the hottest part of the day. Our students put in a tremendous effort throughout the day and it was great to see everyone focussed on their event.

We had many parents in attendance to cheer on all of the children and it was great to have many parents' help with the organisation of the students and helping the teachers run the events. There were also parents who provided refreshments through the Streets van and others who set up the shade houses. Thanks to Rhonda Miller and Eamonn Fahy for coordinating these. It was a really nice feeling to have so many people involved and our students performing to the best of their ability.

Glengarry & District Sports Next Week

The Glengarry and District athletic sports will be held next Thursday 21st March and will again be held at Harold Preston Park on Davidson Street. Students will need to be at Harold Preston Park by 9:30am ready for a 9:45am start and students will be ready to be picked up at 2:30pm (approximately). Students are required to be in blue school uniform and will need their lunch, plenty to drink, sunscreen and their **school hat**. The school bus will not operate on these days, even if the events are postponed due to the weather, the bus will still not operate. In the event that the sports are to be postponed, parents will be notified at the earliest convenience.

It is our school's turn to co-ordinate the sports again this year and as was the case last year, we require some help from parents to ensure the day runs smoothly. One of the larger tasks is selling food and drinks which will be co-ordinated by our Parents and Friends Committee. We will need approximately 6 parents to help man the stall and sell items on the day. If you are able to do so for at least part of the day, please let me know at school.

Mathematics Professional Development Day

Our student free day was put to good use on Friday as the staff attended a professional development workshop on teaching the "big" ideas in Mathematics. Di Siemon who is well renowned for her research and work in maths presented to us. She outlined the "big" ideas at each level of the curriculum which were important for students to know as it would mean they could learn the next big idea with ease. Her research has shown that the difficulty students have in maths can be traced back to having difficulty understanding these "big" ideas. We will be looking at our student assessment data to identify how well our students understand those "big" ideas.

World's Greatest Shave

Our World's Greatest Shave afternoon will be held this **Thursday 14th March**. We have eight students who will be having their heads shaved for the leukaemia

foundation. There is still time for parents to make a donation if they wish with the donation boxes located at the school office. Parents are reminded that the Junior School Council is holding a Crazy Hair day to coincide with the World's Greatest Shave event. Students can dress up their hair and make a gold coin donation on the day.

Volunteers Needed For Trivia Night Committee

The School Council's finance sub-committee has been planning their fundraising for the year. We would like to hold a trivia night later in the year but realise this is a task that the three members of the sub-committee could not manage alone. We are asking for parents to register their interest in being able to help out with the co-ordination of the event. We will not go ahead with the planning of the event if we only have a couple of people to help, we require at least six people. We want to be able to share the load between a group of parents rather than rely on just a few which would make the task more difficult.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parents are reminded that Parent/Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for next Wednesday 20th March. Return slips were requested to be submitted by today outlining your preferred interview time. Parents who have not returned a preferred time will be scheduled with an appointment. Confirmed appointment times will be sent home by the end of the week.

Joel Fraser – Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS – CAN YOU HELP BAKE FOR THE SPORTS?

Parents & Friends are organising the food for sale at the District Athletic Sports next week in Traralgon and are in need of parents to make muffins, slices or biscuits to sell. If you are able to help by baking, the items need to have all ingredients listed and they can be wrapped in glad wrap or placed in a sealed container and delivered to the kiosk at the sports on Thursday morning 21st March.

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

This Friday 15th March, 37 students from years 4, 5 & 6 are performing at the Multi-Cultural Festival at Kernot Hall in Morwell. We will be performing 2 songs, "Halo Halo Bandung" and "It's a Small World." Our students will be playing the "Anklung" an Indonesian bambo instrument, singing as well as playing other tuned and untuned instruments. Other schools will be performing as well. The day runs from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Family and friends are invited to come along and watch our students perform.

~ Yvonne Game ~

PARENTS & FRIENDS – MICRO FIBRE HATS NOW AVAILABLE

We now have lightweight micro fibre bucket hats in size S-M available for sale for \$8.00 each. This size covers a wide range of head sizes as there is a pull string to tighten if needed.

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 8th March 2013**



Prep	Chris Bolton	For a positive attitude and having a good try at all activities.
1/2	Gabby Green	For always working hard and using class time productively.
2/3	Dylin Paton	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards her work and showing excellent getting along skills
5/6	Chase Wilkerson	For excellent effort and participation in the swimming program.
Art/Music	Jake Wheatley	For his enthusiasm and skill shown when working on his box loom.
P.E.	Harry Lockett	For being a good role model during P.E.
Principal	Logan Alexander	For showing positive leadership skills and responsibility during the athletic sports.

DATES TO REMEMBER

14 Mar	Thu	Crazy Hair Day / World's Greatest Shave
15 Mar	Fri	Multi-Cultural Festival at Kernot Hall Morwell
20 Mar	Wed	Parent/Teacher Interviews Easter Casual Clothes Day
21 Mar	Thu	District School Sports in Traralgon
27 Mar	Wed	School Photo Day Easter Raffle Money & Tickets Due In
28 Mar	Thu	Last Day Term 1 – Early Dismissal
15 Apr	Mon	Parents & Friends AGM – 9:15am in multi-purpose room

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CONGRATULATIONS STURT HOUSE



Congratulations go to Sturt House for winning the day yet again. It is the third year in a row that Sturt have won the house sports.

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 16260kwh which means we have generated 346kwh since our last reading.

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