



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK  
**SCHOOL  
INTERVIEWS**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 21st March. Bookings must be finalised before the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions or follow the link from our school website.

 

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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 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://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.

## School Photos

Our school photo day is this coming Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Students should be in school uniform and they will need to bring their photo order envelopes that were sent home a few weeks ago. Please do not place one student envelope inside another as each student must have their own envelope. Prepayment and online ordering can only be done up until the day of the school photos. If you are paying by cash, you will need to enclose the correct money as envelopes are not opened on the day and no change can be given. Cheques are to be made payable to John Ansell photography. Credit card payments are only available through the online ordering system.

**This Friday  
9<sup>th</sup> March**



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful day we had yesterday at our House Athletic Sports! We could not have hoped for better weather. It was great to see so much encouragement between the students and for all of them to give their all. Monday week we have our District Sports where nearly the exact same thing happens, except there are about 400 kids instead of 110. The expectation of the day is exactly the same; for students to have fun and try their best at all times.

The Department are releasing a new policy to be in place by the end of Term 2 surrounding absences, in a bid to curb the growing amount of unexplained and unnecessary absences across the state. The new guidelines will require schools to make contact with parents as soon as practicable on the day of an unexplained absence. This may be by use of electronic means or via phone. More information will be forwarded through as we come closer to the end of Term 2. If parents could please make sure you contact the school through email, phone, written absence note or Class Dojo in the meantime.

Absences are one of the hard items to deal with on occasions. We definitely do not want kids to be at school if they are unwell and risk infecting other students. There are those other absences where it could be avoided such as having a day off for a birthday or the like. The 'best' excuse I ever heard was the family got a new cat and they wanted their daughter to bond with the cat. This would be classed as an unapproved absence! Our absences increased significantly last year with 15.42 average days absence per student, compared to 12.30 in 2016.

On the topic of absences, we would like to remind everyone that school begins at 9:00am and anyone arriving after this time should sign the Late Arrival book. We completely understand that sometimes things happen which prevents families from getting to school on time. However, we have noticed lately that the arrival of students is becoming later and later with an increased number. We will be talking to students about the need to be in class at 9:00am and not wait until the second bell to start to move to their rooms. We are seeing a growing number of students outside playing until after the second bell which we will look at reducing as well. Your cooperation with these matters is most appreciated.

Today we had our new playground equipment installed in the top playground. This equipment was purchased with funds raised from the

Community Dinner, Parents and Friends money and School Council funds. It's very exciting to have this new and different piece in our playground. It will be right for the students to play on from Friday lunchtime.

**Adam Downes - Principal**

### **2018 PARENTS & FRIENDS SUB COMMITTEE**

Parents & Friends recently held their Annual General Meeting and the following committee members were elected:

President	Melanie Harkness
Vice President	Claire Coulthard
Treasurer	Ross Game
Secretary	Claire Coulthard
School Council Representative	Renee Paulet

Keep an eye out for meeting dates in the newsletter - all welcome at any meeting!

### **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Thanks to everyone for sending in the Coles vouchers and for taking the time to cut these. Really does save a lot of time and is appreciated!

~ Karyn ~

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fri	School Photos
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mon	District Sports in Traralgon
		P&F Hot Cross Bun Fundraisers Due In
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Wed	Parent/Teacher Interviews
		P&F Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea Orders Due In
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Fri	P&F Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tue	P&F Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser Orders delivered to classrooms
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Thu</b>	Last day Term 1 - Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mon	First day Term 2



## 2018 House Sports



6<sup>th</sup> March  
2018



Photos also  
on school  
website.

**Grade 3/4/5 Newsletter Snapshot writing about School House Sports. Our success criteria today was to write a powerful, captivating paragraph about an aspect of yesterday's house sports. We were concentrating on use of vocabulary and descriptions.**

I had just put my first foot on the slab of concrete. Then I took two quick steps and a surge of power, launched the softball through the air and over the three-point line. I got my first three for the whole day.

By Byron

I was screaming my head off. My teammates almost take off into space. My throat was sore but I kept on yelling. It was my turn. I held my breath. The butterflies were going crazy in my stomach. The whistle blew. I ran. I thought I was going well until another runner cut in front of me. My hopes fell. It was over. I kept on going. My airways were closing! I felt like I was dying. As soon as I crossed the finish line, I fell to my knees. I WAS DONE!

By Sophie

"On your marks, get set, GO!" The voice echoed through the air as I sprinted around the oval, sweat trickling down my face. I could hear the stampede of feet coming up behind me, my muscles tightened as I moved my legs at full power. A figure overtook me. My heart pumped even harder, pushing blood through my veins. I dived across the finish line, my lungs aching and gasping for air. I nearly guzzled down my whole drink bottle, dying of thirst. The person wrote a three on my record paper, as I lay down, relieved.

By Kate

It was nearly my turn. I was on the outside lane it seemed so far from the inside lane. The whistle blew. I pumped my arms as hard as I possibly could. I ran and ran. I overtook someone. Half way through the race, I felt like spitting my plate out to make my mouth bigger. My tongue detached my plate. I thought I was going to choke. I put my plate back in and ran as hard as I possibly could and crossed the finish line.

By Isobel

The cheering of my teammates was growing nearer. My leg was cramping up. My heart was racing. My leg was getting even more painful. I was sweating so much that it was making my clothes soggy and uncomfortable. I was slowing down. Almost there I thought, just 100 more metres. Come on give it a final effort my head was saying, so I gave it my all and sprinted my last stretch, stumbling across the finish line.

By Abby