



Dear Parents,

On Monday we have our next Student Free day as staff undergo professional learning in writing. The approach we are looking at is called 'VCOP and the Big Write' and it will allow a consistent approach to writing improvement from Prep to Grade 6. Miss Bone has been trialling the approach in her room since her and I did the same training last year. There has been some very good results shown so far and one of the biggest positives has been students taking the responsibility for their own improvement. An agreed structure and school approach for writing and VCOP will be developed in Term 2.

What a great day we had on Monday at the District Sports. While it was pleasing to go 'back-to-back', the more exciting feature of the day was how all students showed tremendous resilience and persistence, trying their best at all times. It was great to hear the cheering for students not only for our school but others as well. These are the types of extra-curricular activities that help build our school pride and student connectivity.

One of our agreed values for TSPS is Independence. This is also one of the biggest areas leading parenting educator Michael Grose talks about. As we lead into Term 2 we'd like our parents to begin to build this with students further by having an established meeting place for after school that is not the middle area. As we move through the year, our classes are beginning to use the middle area as a creative learning space. Moving to an outside meeting place will help assist this.

We are encouraging our students to use the outside doors to their classrooms where possible. This includes the mornings, after assembly and leaving the classrooms throughout the day and at the end. One exception to this is the Grade 1/2 room who need to use the back glass door. This also frees up the congestion for parents and families who need to use that door for prams and small toddlers. We'd also like to remind students that the front steps and the front door are not to be used unless they are with a parent. We are finding when students are dropped off they are using these areas as the main area to stand. This creates a level of congestion for families who need to come to the office.

Students were reminded yesterday that if they ride their bikes or scooters to school, they need to be placed in the bike racks as soon as they arrive at school. Those who do not follow this rule and ride their bikes/scooters dangerously around the school will be asked not to bring them. After school, the footpath out the front is a 'NO-RIDE' zone. All students need to walk next to their bike until they reach the end of the school fence. We have had some very close calls with bikes/toddlers and parents where students have gone zooming along the footpath straight after school. If you could please reiterate this with your child if they ride their bikes it would be most appreciated.

I can't believe we are at the end of the term next week. A reminder that we finish at 1:30 next Thursday. We will have our end of term assembly starting at 1:15. At this assembly we will be announcing our school captains for 2018! Apologies we haven't had an assembly for a few weeks. It's been very difficult with sports, public holidays and a busy school timetable.

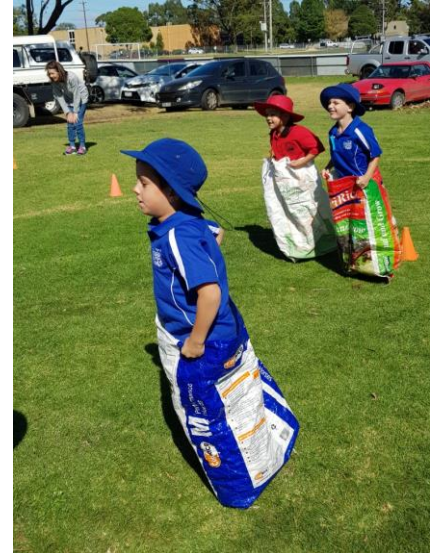
Adam Downes - Principal

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Vouchers can be sent to school up until the end of April so please send these in asap. Thankfully these no longer need to be cut but thanks so much to those who took the time to do this. I have now received the satchels to return vouchers in and the first lot is being sent back today with 6,100 vouchers inside. Thanks for all the support.

~ Karyn ~

DATES TO REMEMBER		
23 rd Mar	Fri	P&F Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
26th Mar	Mon	Student Free Day
27 th Mar	Tue	P&F Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser Orders delivered to classrooms
29th Mar	Thu	Last day Term 1 - Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
16 th Apr	Mon	First day Term 2



District Sports Reports by Grade 1/2

On Monday 19th of March, Glengarry, Gormandale, Toongabbie, Tyers and Traralgon South had sports. We did long jump, sack race, throw, sprints, discus, distance and shot put. I got there by car. It was at Traralgon Little Athletics ground. Traralgon South won. I wish we could do it every day.
By Sian Coulthard

On the 19/03/18 5 schools went to the school sports. We went on a bus and I sat next to Harry and we talked. When we got there we got into groups. Then we did 4 events. Then we had lunch and then we did 2 more events. Traralgon South Primary School won. I wish we could go on the bus every day.
By Jack Ralph

On Monday Glengarry, Gormandale, Toongabbie, Tyers and Traralgon South Primary School went to the Traralgon Little Athletics ground for the school sports. We did long jump first, then shot put, then the sack race (for fun) , then we had snack. Then we had discus then distance, then throw and then lunch and then sprint. Mr Downes told us the winner. It was Traralgon South. I loved the sports!
By Sophie Wilhelm

