

DATES TO REMEMBER		
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Thu	P&F Hot Cross Buns - ordered buns being sent home today
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Fri	End Term 1 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Tue	First Day Term 2
19 <sup>th</sup> Apr – 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Wed - Fri	Years 3 and 4 Camp Coonawarra

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### LATROBE VALLEY 'ALL-ABILITY' FOOTY TERMS 2 & 3 2017

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with special needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills, activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team. We currently run four sporting programs locally, Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 (mid-term) – Basketball, Term 2 & 3 – Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for 'ALL Ability' Footy. The footy sessions will be held at West End Football ground, Douglas Parade in Traralgon with coach, Greg Lawrence, every Wednesday afternoon from 4.30 -5.30pm, during Terms 2 & 3. The cost will be \$40 for both terms. Siblings are welcome to participate but must also be registered.

Footy will start from **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017** onwards. A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child. Further queries to Leesa 0434673449 or Greg 0428011877 or via the Facebook group 'All ability sports, Latrobe Valley'

### TRARALGON NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Free come and try netball holiday clinic at Breed Street, Traralgon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00am - 11:00am for 8-12 years old and 11:00am - 12:00pm for 13 years and over. Book now on Netball Victoria Website - NV Booking or contact 5134 1705.

### PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION

If you would like to find out more about children's sensory processing there will be a session on Thursday 6 April at 4:00-5:30pm at LCHS Morwell, cnr Buckley & Church Streets. Cost is \$5.00 per family. Phone 1800 242 696 for more information.

## 2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The School Council **AGM** for 2017 was held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We welcome Melanie Harkess, new to School Council, along with Sarah Hagley, Jade Rohde and Kristine Travers as returning members.

Remaining members include Karen Pettifer, Duncan McAllister, Leanne Kamphuis, Sarah Wheatley, Kate Miljons and Ruth Bone.

Jody Bates and Desley Tulloch have not renominated for School Council and we would like to thank them for their years of service to School Council and the school community.

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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first term! It feels as though only yesterday we were having our first assembly and welcoming our new Preps through the door.

In the middle area there is a poster that displays the work carried out in relation to our school values. Since late December last year, we have held 3 parent sessions, numerous staff sessions and a whole school student session to canvas thoughts and come up with the final selection of values. Over the next few days if you could kindly take some time to look at these and place a tick on the one you most prefer. You will see the most popular values on the top then how we can have these as a way that is meaningful to the students, parents and staff. The values are something that will hold all of us to account.

Last week Mrs Dinelli, Miss Bone and myself heard Dr Peter Goss from the Grattan Institute talk about his paper on Targeted Teaching. This teaching model is forming the backbone of our current strategic plan and provides staff and the school with a consistent model to use. Dr Goss explained the research behind it, how schools have used it and presented the evidence to show how it improves student outcomes. One of the main messages I took from the session was not to compare where students are in terms of grade level, but how much progress they show over the year. We need to develop a deeper mindset where we don't look at them as meeting a Grade 3 standard, but rather someone that shows progress of a year, or more, over a 12-month period. The other taking for us as a school is to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of our structures here at TSPS: where we know where students have come from and where they need to go next. When this happens, we will truly have student progress.

Wasn't it a great day at the District sports two week ago! It was good for the students to have a win but even better was the attitude, support and sportsmanship shown by our students. We have had multiple sources take their time to tell us what a wonderful job our students did; from cheering on all schools and runners to supporting each other and being respectful to other students and adults. You all should be very proud.

The beginning of Term 2 already looks quite hectic with two short weeks to start and Years 3 and 4 camp the first week leaving on the Wednesday. We will be travelling to Coonawarra camp with a FULL itinerary planned.

This Friday we have an early dismissal time of 1:30pm. There will be an assembly from 1:15pm.

Wishing all of our families a safe and happy holiday. Stay safe if you are on the road around Easter.

***Adam Downes – Principal***

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

The new School Council held its first meeting of the year following the AGM and below are some of the items discussed.

- *Playground Works* – A big thank you to those parents who have recently helped out with maintenance tasks on our playground and in the yard. It is most appreciated. There are still some works that we hope to complete ourselves rather than by a contractor. If you have time and are able to help out with maintenance tasks, please take a look at the tasks with Adam and let us know what you can do to help out.
- *Uniform Policy* – The uniform policy is due for review this year, and will be considered by the Policies and Programs committee. If you would like to be a part of this working party, please let us know.
- *Road Safety*- School Council is looking into a road safety program (including some bike education) after interest was raised by parents. Investigations are continuing.
- *Working Bee* – The next Working Bee has been set for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 9am -12pm. If you are unable to help out on the day, there will be a list of tasks at the front office prior to the Working Bee, which you may be able to contribute to prior to this day. Many hands make light work!

*~ Karen Pettifer - School Council President ~*

**YOU CAN DO IT**  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**  
**For Weeks Ending 17th March and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**



P/1	Rohan Piechota	For following instructions and always trying his best.
	William Harkess	For showing persistence in his writing.
1/2	Austin Morrall	For his super efforts in Maths.
	Josh Elms	For great work in narrative writing.
	Harry Tilley	For putting his best effort into all learning tasks.
2/3	Alice den Houting	For taking her learning beyond the classroom.
	Dan Riddell	For seeking to challenge himself when making his artefact in MAPPEN.
4	Georgia Crowe	For her compassion and caring about her fellow classmates.
	Ben Hagley	For completing a most expressive piece of writing.
5/6	Kate Hagley	For being a supportive classmate at all times.
	Leila Hare	For being a caring and supportive friend to everyone.
P.E.	The Whole School	For fabulous efforts at the District Sports and displaying excellent sportsmanship.