

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school term. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and spent some valuable time with family and friends over the school holidays. The staff and I have had a nice break and are ready for another great term.

School Flooded

Unfortunately, we have started the term off with the school being flooded on Sunday night. We have had a very busy couple of days getting the mess cleaned up. Water has flowed down the front steps of the school and under the door spreading into the hallway, offices and middle area, whilst also affecting three classrooms. The contractors have wet vacuumed the carpet to suck as much moisture out of the carpet as possible and we currently have a number of fans and dehumidifiers working to remove the remaining moisture in the carpet.

This has all taken place quite quickly to ensure our school is back up and running as soon as possible and the students remain in a safe environment. In the meantime, students in Grade 4/5 will be working in the multipurpose room, while students in Grade 5/6 will be working in the library. Conditions are expected to remain this way until the beginning of next week. I apologise for the inconvenience, however, we are doing the best we can at the moment.

Active After School Session For Term 2

The Active After School Program will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons this term, with sessions beginning on the 1st May. Activities planned for our school are ball games, with a focus on basketball on Wednesdays and Judo on Thursdays. Permission forms can be collected from the front office and will need to be completed even if your child participated last term.

Well Done Grade 5/6

Students from our Grade 5/6 sent in an entry to the Clean Up Australia Green Kids Awards. The competition was designed for students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 to submit a video about the practices that occur at school which help the environment. Our students'

video mentioned things like the rainwater tanks, the change to less rubbish bins and more recycling bins, including the three bin system in the classrooms and other sustainable practices. Our students' video was good enough to be awarded a prize as the 2nd finalist from a national competition which I think is a fantastic effort. The prize will be a pack from Moose toys for each student in Grade 5/6.

Years 3 and 4 Camp

Our students in Years 3 and 4 will be heading off to camp next Monday morning and returning on Wednesday afternoon at approximately 3:00pm. We will be enjoying some fantastic activities at the Coonawarra Farm Resort, including the flying fox, giant swing, archery and canoeing to name a few. We will be combining with Glengarry, Gormandale and Tyers primary schools this year which has proven to be a great opportunity for all the students to mix together. Further information will be sent home to parents in a special note.

No Newsletter Next Week

Due to my attendance at next week's school camp, a newsletter will not be published.

District Sports – Rescheduled Date

The District Athletic Sports which were postponed last Thursday have been rescheduled to Tuesday 30th April. If you are able to make muffins/cookies/slices for the Parents & Friends to sell on the day these can be dropped off at the kiosk at the sports. Baked items need to have a list of ingredients attached to the container/wrapping please.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2013

Earn and Learn is once again being run by Woolworths. When staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent. Once completed these sheets can be placed in the collection box in the school foyer.

Joel Fraser – Principal

OVARIAN CANCER FUNDRAISER AT TRARALGON VINEYARD

Looking for a fun way to help raise much needed funds for this difficult to detect illness? I am holding an Afternoon 'Teal' (Afternoon Tea; teal is the Ovarian Cancer Australia's representative colour).

Where: Traralgon Vineyard, Burnets Rd Traralgon.
When: Sunday April 21 2013, 3:00-5:00pm.
Cost: \$20 (including small gift)
R.S.V.P: A.S.A.P please (due to catering requirements)

Come and enjoy tasty treats and a cuppa, lively conversation, lovely views, live music (and if desired drinks at bar prices). I will also have my 'card and stationery shop' set up and 10% of any sales will also go to Ovarian Cancer Australia.

If anyone would like to support the cause further, a plate of savoury or sweet food would be very much appreciated as this would reduce the catering costs. It would also be great if I knew ahead so I could inform the caterers re the amount of food they would need to prepare.

Contact: Sue Wilkerson on 5195 5378, Mobile 0422 953 958 or email wilkers4@hotmail.net.au.

DATES TO REMEMBER

22 – 24 Apr	Mon – Wed	Years 3 and 4 Camp – Coonawarra
25 Apr	Thu	Anzac Day – Public Holiday
30 Apr	Tue	Glengarry & District Sports in Traralgon
1 May	Wed	First AASP Session for Term 2
19 May	Sun	Working Bee
27 May	Mon	Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting – Rescheduled due to lack of numbers – 9:15am

Price List for District Sports Day Kiosk

Tea/Coffee \$1.00	Hot Dogs \$2.50
Cakes/Slices \$1.00	Dim Sims 50c each or 3 for \$1.00
Fruit Boxes \$1.50	Vanilla Paddle Pops \$1.50
Water \$2.00	Rainbow Paddle Pops \$1.50
	Icy Poles \$1.20

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Glengarry & District Sports Day

The rescheduled date for the Glengarry & District Athletics Sports is Tuesday 30th April at Harold Preston Park, Davidson Street, Traralgon. Children are to be at the ground by 9:15am and will need to report to their teacher. Finishing time for the day is approximately 2:30pm and we ask all parents **to be there by this time**.

Attendance & Transport

All children are expected to attend. An absence note will be required if your child is absent on the day. As the bus will not be running on this day parents are to arrange transport for their children to and from the ground. Please note parking is available at the adjoining soccer ground (entry via Franklin Street opposite the tennis courts is still available).

Recess & Lunch

Children will need to bring their own lunches and plenty of cool drinks. A price list of items available at the kiosk is in this newsletter.

Clothing

School uniform is compulsory (shorts and runners are the best attire for sports). Please ensure that your child wears their school hat and have sunscreen on. Sunscreen can be provided by the school if needed.

Inclement Weather

School will operate as normal if the sports are cancelled but the school bus will still not run on this day. If the sports are to be cancelled due to inclement weather you will be sent an SMS on your mobile phone at approximately 8:00am and our Facebook page will be updated. Please update your mobile phone details to ensure the message is received.

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 17364kwh which means we have generated 603kwh since our last reading.

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