



Dear Parents,

On Monday all school staff underwent training for part of the school's literacy program development. Our focus was on a framework called 'VCOP and the Big Write'. At last night's staff meeting we spoke about an implementation plan for the rest of 2018 and how we were going to ensure that all classrooms work together on the implementation. Working together as a Professional Learning Community helps embed our work and make sure we have the collective capacity to share learning and drive student outcomes together.

At today's end of term assembly, I will have the privilege of announcing our inaugural school captains. The role of school captains will continue to be developed over the year. Congratulations not only to our school captains, but to all those students who applied for the position and gave magnificent speeches. It was certainly a hard decision.

This is the role description given to all Grade 6 students.

*As the most significant student leaders in the school, School Captains are expected to be ambassadors who embody the school values which are Resilience, Independence, Pride, Persistence, Empathy and Respect. They must be approachable, reliable and trustworthy with high expectations of themselves and others. The School Captains are to take an active role in all aspects of the school community and work with others to achieve the best possible outcomes.*

*School Captains are chosen from the pool of Grade 6 students. The two top candidates will be selected regardless of gender. This may mean two girl or two boy school captains.*

As I take my long service leave in Term 2 I know you will welcome Dan Swallow to our school community. It's been great to have a good hand over to Dan over the last few weeks. He attended our School Council meeting on Monday night, our professional development session on Monday, an AIP monitoring meeting on Wednesday and several catch-ups over the last few weeks. While he is abreast of most of our school happenings, if there is something you'd like to ensure he knows about, I know he would be open to you meeting with him early next term.

I am very excited about my leave, but to be honest, a little sad that I won't be seeing all of the wonderful smiling faces of our students and their families. I love working at Traralgon South! I will see you all when I return in Term 3 ☺

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter and holiday period.

#### **Adam Downes - Principal**

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

The School Council **AGM** for 2018 was held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. We welcome Renee Paulet new to School Council, along with Duncan McAllister, Leanne Kamphuis, Sarah Wheatley, Kate Miljons and Karen Pettifer as returning members. Remaining members include Sarah Hagley, Jade Rohde, Melanie Harkess and Kristine Travers. School Council positions were filled as follows:

President	- Karen Pettifer
Secretary	- Duncan McAllister
Treasurer	- Jade Rohde
Vice President	- Leanne Kamphuis

School Council is forming a smaller working party to look at our 2017 Parent Opinion Survey results. We are meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm and invite any interested parents to come along and be involved. For more information please contact Karen Pettifer.

**~ Karen Pettifer - School Council President ~**

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

Our last count for this term is approximately 14,000 vouchers which is an amazing amount. Mrs Travers will be having a look to see what the best options will be to get sports equipment for the school. The vouchers can be sent to school up until the end of April so please send them along after the holidays. Thanks for all the support.

**~ Karyn ~**

DATES TO REMEMBER		
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mon	First day Term 2
30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mon	School Council/Parent Opinion Survey Results Meeting