

Dear Parents,

Yesterday our students participated in the District Sports at Harold Preston Park in Traralgon. On another quite warm day for April, our students put their best foot forward and tried hard at each of the events. It was terrific to see some great sportsmanship and camaraderie from all students. Whilst we were placed fourth overall on the day, there were a number of outstanding efforts, with many students qualifying for the Zone athletics in September. Thankyou to all of the parents who came along and supported our students on the day.

Asthma Education Session

All staff participated in an Asthma education session on Monday afternoon. A session was provided for parents, followed by a session for staff. The educator really emphasised the importance of all students having easy access to their medication as well as a clearly defined asthma action plan from a GP. The Asthma Action Plan in particular is vital as it can make a real difference to the health of a student suffering an asthma attack. Also, having medication that is still within its expiry date ensures that the sufferer is being medicated appropriately. We will be checking all student medication and action plans to ensure they are up-to-date and able to be followed easily.

Autism Awareness

Today is World Autism Awareness Day, with April being the month to celebrate and recognise Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A number of events are being held throughout regional Victoria and around the Melbourne CBD. Luna Park in St. Kilda will be closed to the public on Sunday 6th April, however, it will be open to children with ASD and their families. Luna Park will be made sensory friendly for the day, reducing sound and lighting effects, providing quiet areas and stopping rides if necessary to accommodate the needs of children with ASD. The "Light it up Blue" campaign is a global campaign that turns famous landmarks, cities and towns throughout the world blue, to highlight the pressing need for greater public education and awareness of autism in the community. This year, Federation Square, AAMI Park, Crown Casino, the Eureka Tower and the Arts centre will all turn blue to support autism awareness.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again this year. The school will not be taking an administrative role this year as we don't believe involvement in the program necessarily has a large impact on the reading practices of our students. We believe students already have good reading practices and that teachers recognise the amount of effort students put in to reading weekly.

If you would like to register your child for home-based reading you will need to go to the following site, print off and complete the registration form, and return it by mail to the Department.:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/childregister.aspx>

Joel Fraser - Principal

ART REMINDER

Next term in Art, the senior students will be continuing their unit on "printing" and will progress to making a "lino print", whereby they carve out a picture from a lino square. As a protective measure, these special "lino carving boards" are available whereby they hook onto the table, so that the students have more control over their carving. They are \$9 each from the Art shop, which is too expensive for the art budget to cover, so I was hoping we might have a very handy parent who could make some of these boards. I have one in the art room as an example, so if there are any parents out there that can cut wood and connect it together, please come and see me as it would be great to have some of these carving boards available for the students to use.

Thank you - Yvonne Game

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Friday 4 April, 2014. Please return all raffle tickets with money by Thursday so we can organise them for our raffle. If you would like extra tickets these can be obtained from our school office. A huge thank you goes to the parents and students who donated Easter treats for our prizes. So get those tickets in and we wish you all the best of luck on the day of the draw. The Junior School Council would like to thank you for your continued support with our fundraising ventures in 2014.

Junior School Councillors & Mrs.Allen (JSC Co-ordinator)

DATES TO REMEMBER		
3 Apr	Thu	P&F Hot Cross Bun Day (Snack and Orders)
4 Apr	Fri	Last Day of Term 1 –Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
22 Apr	Tue	First Day of Term 2
25 Apr	Fri	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

*Remember you can check our website for dates,
newsletters, pictures and some forms at:*

<http://traralgonsthps.vic.edu.au>

YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 28th March 2014



Prep/1	Alice	For excellent efforts in her reading and writing.
1/2	Cassie Matthews	For working hard to improve her handwriting.
2/3	Cooper Fraser	For great improvement with his organisational skills and great efforts in reading and writing.
4/5	Riley Ahlers	For showing determination with his running.
5/6	Harrison Meyer	For working hard to develop himself into a reflective learner.
Art/Music	Jesse Selwyn	For his excellent efforts in Art, using line and pattern very well with his Russian Babushka doll.
	Kyle Paton	For his excellent efforts with creating a well designed and colourful "painted paper" in Art.
Principal	Gabriella Green	For being a great friend to her peers in the playground.

ROUND ROBIN & TOURNAMENT CHURCHILL TENNIS CLUB

Churchill Tennis Club are having a Round Robin and Tournament day on Monday April 14, 2014. Non competition players 9:00-11:00am and competition players 11.30am – 3:00pm. \$2 per player or \$5 per family. Go to www.cdnews.com.au for registration form and details.

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Music Group Performance
At Assembly on Monday



Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 29608kwh which means we have generated 275kwh since the last reading.

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