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Weekly Newsletter of Traralgon South Primary School

PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Welcome To Term 2:

I trust everyone had a great Term 1 school holiday period and were able to enjoy some of the lovely Autumn weather. Term 2 is a slightly shorter term than normal (9 weeks instead of the usual 10), though we have many excursions, camps, sports, and other school experiences scheduled throughout. For those unaware, the calendar on uEducateUs is updated with these events regularly, so in addition to our other forms of communication, this can be a handy reference for upcoming events. I will note though that typically, this calendar is updated primarily for the term ahead rather than for the entire year in advance.

With Monday 24 April scheduled as a School Council approved student free day, our staff come together to continue our learning around a common instructional model. We have spent the previous 8 months competing a large amount of professional learning and research into the *Explicit Direct Instruction* approach and we are now in the early phases of lesson development and implementation of this into our practice. Stemming from our current Strategic Plan, this important work will provide a common language for our teachers to compare and contrast their instructional practice with one another, whilst also being sure to use a proven approach to instruction that is based on evidence and best practice. This has been exciting and challenging learning and we are looking forward to these next steps.

Anzac Day:

Yesterday, two of our student leaders (Danielle and Grace) represented our school community at the Traralgon Anzac Day ceremony. Together, they laid a wreath on our behalf and joined many others in our community in paying tribute to our fallen soldiers. Given we are now back together, we will also commemorate this day with a short service as a whole school on Wednesday morning.



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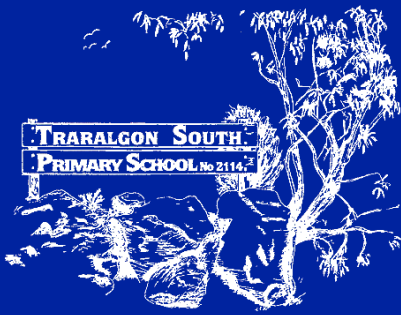
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Mother's Day Stall:

On Friday 12 May, we will be conducting our Mother's Day Stall fundraiser. More specific details will follow, however should we have any parent volunteers willing to assist with the supervision and running of this event, please let me know as soon as possible.

Head Lice:

Upon our return to school this morning, it has come to my attention that a number of families experienced an outbreak of head lice at the conclusion of Term 1 and/or early in the school holiday period. Whilst the cycle is likely to be broken given the time since passed, I thought it might be worthwhile informing families of this and requesting a level of vigilance, just in case.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

DATES TO REMEMBER...

1 st May	Monday	Grades 4/5 & 5/6 Netball Excursion in Parkville
8 th May	Monday	Payment and Forms Due for the Years 5 & 6 Camp – Phillip Island - \$323 per student
		School Council Meeting
9 th May	Tuesday	District Cross Country
12 th May	Friday	Mother's Day Stall
16 th May	Tuesday	Student Free Day
17 th May	Wednesday	Division Cross Country
29 th May – 31 st May	Monday – Wednesday	Years 5 & 6 Camp – Phillip Island

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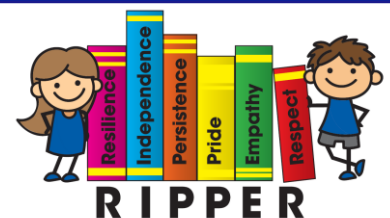
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Peaceful Kids program in Traralgon in Term 2 for Primary aged students

'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. Other benefits include teaching children to self-calm, empowering children to manage their own anxiety, and supporting children so that they know that they are not alone with suffering from anxiety.

The program in Traralgon will be run by Nicole Leeder, who is a local primary teacher with 12 years' experience in the classroom and a Certified Peaceful Kids Facilitator. The following programs are on offer:

- Intensive 8-week program running on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening after school in hourly classes with small groups of 4-6 students. New groups start each school term
- New school holiday program of 2-hour fun mornings of meditation and mindfulness activities (no experience in meditation or mindfulness necessary).
- Biweekly 'Chill Out' one-hour sessions in Term 2 (no experience in meditation or mindfulness necessary). Flexible booking to attend these sessions when it suits!

Bookings or Further information - Nicole Leeder, Ph: 0455253338

Email – N.harmoniouskids@gmail.com

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SATURDAY 29TH APRIL
9am - 2pm
2 Prince St
Rosedale

Fundraising Market AND Family Fun Day

- Market Stalls
- Children's Entertainment
- Meet First Responders
- Food Vans
- Police Pro Active Unit
- Raffles
- Coloured hairspray
- Face painting
- Lucky number draws
- Ambulance Victoria
- CEA

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Hotel Rosedale is currently closed but will be open for inspection on the day.

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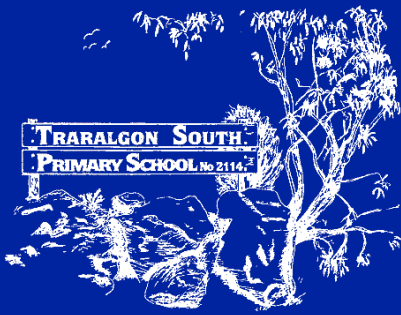
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CHILDREN'S
AUTHOR TALK

Stories Behind the Stories

with Jane Godwin



Tuesday 2 May 2023
4pm to 5pm
Traralgon Library

In this fun and interactive session, Jane will empower young people to see themselves as writers and storytellers. She will offer tips and strategies for kids to explore their own ideas and experiment when writing creatively.

For children in primary and lower secondary.

Scan below to book or visit your local library.



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Bush Babies Playgroup

Session times available are:

Mondays 9.15 – 10.45

Mondays 11.15 – 12.45

Wednesday 9.30 – 11.00 FULLY BOOKED

Wednesdays 11.30 – 1.00

Wednesdays 1.30 – 3.00

Starting week beginning 1st May for 7 weeks

\$15 per child per session

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PLACES

book now!!!

TERM & CASUAL bookings available!

For casual bookings follow the link or QR code

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHPTJ>

Term bookings made by contacting Wendy directly (messenger, email, phone)



Location: Burnet Park Girl Guides Camp, Guide Camp Road, Glengarry

\$15 per child (adults free)
Discount for additional children in family group
Siblings under 12 months free with paying sibling

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Further Enquiries:

Wendy MacDougall

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Bush Babies Playgroup is an opportunity for children (aged 0-6) along with their families to engage in nature based play activities in the great outdoors. I am a qualified Early Childhood Teacher and also have a degree in Natural Resources Management.

I am passionate about children, play and the early years as well as instilling a love of nature. I have two young bush babies of my own, Matilda 3 and Harriet 1, who will come along with me to the sessions.



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