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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Facilities Update:

Over the school holidays, a majority of the works associated with our septic upgrade were undertaken, with a small number of finishing touches to be completed over the coming week. This upgrade is a result of our successful application for a Minor Works Grant in 2020, of which we were awarded \$190,665 to replace our current outdated and undersized system. The entire back half of our grounds will continue to be fenced off until all works are finished, so for those who use the Pre-School car park for drop-off/pick-up, we ask you please be mindful of this.

In addition, the fascia and doors to our Parents & Friends room was repainted, as was the external framework to our front sign in readiness for the internal component to be fitted in the coming weeks.

Tutor Learning Initiative:

As previously communicated, Stacey Dinelli will be leading our Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) throughout 2022. Following an exhaustive review of our 2021 approach, the first group of students to participate in our literacy and numeracy TLI streams have been identified following an analysis of their Semester 2 2021 teacher judgements and common assessments completed by all students in the latter stages of Term 1. This information allows classroom teachers, as well as staff involved in the TLI, to accurately identify starting points for learning, target their teaching to individual student needs, and monitor growth. We look forward to again being a leader within our local network with this work, following our successes in 2021.

Staffing Update:

For those yet unaware, Yvonne Game will be on well-deserved long service leave for all of Term 2. Consequently, we have added two vibrant and enthusiastic members to our teaching team – Jo Jones and Courtney Smythe. Jo will be teaching in various classrooms each Wednesday, whilst Courtney will be delivering our Visual Art program to all students on Thursday and Friday. We are very excited to have them on our team for the next 9 weeks and have no doubt our amazing school community will help them feel welcome.

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COVID Update:

In the final days of our Term 1 school holidays, the Victorian Government and the Department of Education and Training provided updated advice to schools regarding the management of various elements associated with the pandemic. These were communicated to all families via a uEducateUs announcement, and I ask those in our parent community who are yet to read this to please do so.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

DATES TO REMEMBER...

4th May	Wednesday	Online LOOP Book Club Orders Close
23rd May	Monday	Education Week
13th June	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

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LATROBE VALLEY **'ALL-ABILITY' FOOTY** **TERM 2 & 3, 2022**



*'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 additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills and are non-competitive. 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 three sporting programs locally (during school terms), Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – AFL Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All ability Footy, Term 2 & 3, 2022.

Footy training for school aged kids with additional needs. Siblings welcome to join in too!

*At West End Sporting Complex,
Douglas Pde, Traralgon*

Wednesdays, 4.30pm - 5.30pm

*Starting on **Wednesday 27th April, 2022.***

All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate/support if necessary.

Any further queries phone Lou Varsaci 0414540296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au or via the facebook group All ability sports, Latrobe Valley



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