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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

NAPLAN:

Over the coming fortnight, students in Year 3 and 5 will begin their NAPLAN tests, with all except the Year 3 Writing test to be completed online. This transition to online testing is mandatory for all schools from this year, and we have spent a large amount of time preparing our school and students for this new approach.

At a system level, a considerable level of attention is placed on school performance in these tests, as it allows schools to compare the impact of our teaching on student learning with others across the network, against 'like' schools, the state, and nationally. Despite this level of attention, primarily amplified through the media, our focus continues to be that on individual learning growth rather than level of achievement. Irrespective of a child's starting point, the level of learning growth they have made compared to others is where the real positives lie. Our Targeted Teaching Model and the commitment of our staff in ensuring they know where each child is at in their learning, where they need to move to next, and measuring the impact of their teaching on student learning, has been a notable focus of ours in recent years.

To support our Year 3 and 5s, teachers of these students in their grades have been following a comprehensive Action Plan over the previous month. This Action Plan follows a Gradual Release of Responsibility model, whereby teachers begin with whole class demonstrations about NAPLAN tests and question types, inclusive of explicit teaching and modelling of high-quality responses. Over a series of lessons and weeks, students have been supported to have less reliance on the classroom teacher and instead develop and refine their own skills in responding in a high-quality manner, thus providing our children every opportunity to be successful during the tests themselves. Furthermore, given the transition to online testing, an opportunity to complete many practice NAPLAN tests online has also provided support.

In short, all we can ask is for our students to demonstrate our RIPPER values over the coming weeks and give the NAPLAN tests their very best effort!

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Mother's Day Stall:

Many thanks to those who have donated items and/or time to help prepare for the upcoming Mother's Day Stall on Friday 6 May. All students will have an opportunity to visit the stall on Friday morning, with most items at an average price of $5 each. Stay tuned for an update next week and we hope all of the mothers or other special persons get spoilt on Sunday!

Open Day:

To celebrate Education Week, on Wednesday 25 May we will be conducting an Open Day and tour at 12pm to families looking to enrol their child in 2023. We encourage all participants to register their interest by contacting us so we can tailor the session to your needs, though we can accommodate tours at other times should this not be convenient to families. We look forward to showing off our amazing school!

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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Auslan Immersion Day

As part of our LOTE program, I will be teaching Auslan to all grades half an hour a week, before their PE lesson. This language will be taught through a variety of mediums including direct instruction, videos, books, games, worksheets and the like.

Next Monday the 9th of May we are having an Auslan immersion day. Throughout the morning, the children will be exposed to a range of activities including an art, music, literacy and PE lesson based around furthering their Auslan knowledge and exposure. It will be a fabulous way to introduce our new language and create a love for this beautiful language.

Look out for pictures and reports about this special event in next weeks' newsletter.

Krissy Travers

Cross Country

On Tuesday May 17th the District Cross Country will be held behind the CATS Cricket Club. Students who will turn 9 this year, or are already 9 and all older students, are eligible to compete if they wish to. Hopefully we will get a few trainings in before the day. It would be terrific if students did some practice runs at home as well.

The 9/10 age group run 2 kms

11 and 12/13 age groups run 3 kms.

We will walk the course at 9.45 am sharp and first event will begin at 10 am.

ALL TIMES BELOW ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY. PLEASE BE THERE EARLIER TO WATCH YOUR CHILD RACE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Age group	
9/10 boys	10 am
9/10 girls	10.20 am
11 boys	10.40 am
11 girls	11.10 am
ALL 12/13s (if numbers are small)	11.40 am

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Students wear school uniform. Please bring drinks and snacks, as well as a complete change of clothes, including footwear, as the weather can be unpredictable.

All students with medication requirements need to bring it with them on the day and hand it to their teacher, OR carry it on them whilst on the course.

Looking forward to a great event.

Krissy Travers

DATES TO REMEMBER…

4th May	Wednesday	Online LOOP Book Club Orders Close
6th May	Friday	Mother's Day Stall
16th May	Monday	School Hot Dog Lunch Orders Due In by 9:00am
17th May	Tuesday	District Cross Country – Age 9 and up
19th May	Thursday	Hot Dog Lunch Day
23rd May	Monday	Years 5 and 6 Camp Forms and $350 Payment Due
		Education Week
23rd – 30th May	Monday	Give A Damn Give A Can Appeal
25th May	Wednesday	Open Day and school tour at 12 noon for 2023 prospective enrolments
13th June	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
22nd June – 24th June	Wednesday – Friday	Years 5 and 6 Camp
24th June	Friday	End of Term 2 – 1:30pm Dismissal

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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...

Prep	Lillie G	For showing persistence with learning her sounds.
1/2	Amelia B	For showing excellent listening skills and following instructions promptly.
2/3	Buddy D	For being an inclusive and kind member of the classroom.
3/4	Harvey H	For putting in a fantastic effort in our daily health run.
5/6	Aemaeth R	For his responsible and independent response to his writing this week.
Art	Adrian O	For trying his best in Art, using a range of art techniques to decorate his bag.
School Captains	Tahlia R	For helping others.

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2022 Give A Damn Give A Can Appeal

Collection period is

from 23rd – 30th May

More information to follow.

TRARALGON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

All prospective families for enrolments in 2023 are invited to tour our school on

Wednesday 25 May at 12pm.

We encourage all participants to register their interest by contacting our school on the details below.

School tours can also be arranged for other times, so please let us know if this is your preference. Alternatively, a Virtual Tour is available on our website.

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The AEC is recruiting 100,000 Australians to help deliver the 2022 federal election, which is being held on Saturday 21 May.

There are paid temporary jobs available before, on and after election day. Salaries range from $25.54 to $48.29 per hour. COVID-19 safety measures will be in place to protect workers and voters.

Register today at aec.gov.au/electionjobs

Further information including descriptions of all election positions is available on the AEC website.

To find out more, please contact us at employtrainpay@aec.gov.au.

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11TH AND 12TH JUNE 2022

Opening times:

Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

GREAT FAMILY EVENT

A WIDE RANGE OF LAYOUTS

COMMERICAL AND TRADE STANDS

Entry Price:

Family $20.00

Adult $10.00

Children $ 5.00

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