



# THE RIPPER TIMES

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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Curriculum Contributions (per student):

Each child at Traralgon South Primary School is provided with a significant amount of curriculum consumables to support their learning within the school, and not just in their classroom. Naturally, these items come at a significant cost to the school, however due to the relationship we have with various suppliers, plus our ability to buy in bulk, we are often able to source these items at discounted prices. Some examples of these consumables, beyond the typical classroom stationery items, include art and craft supplies (of which you may see some examples of for Mother's Day), sporting and musical equipment, laptop computers and iPads for student use, clay for ceramics, library books, and hands-on items to strengthen learning in Maths (blocks, shapes, cubes, money, counters, etc.). Without the support of families paying the \$160 in curriculum contributions each year, we will be faced with reducing the availability of these items for your child, unfortunately then diluting the quality of their learning experiences.

For those yet to pay these curriculum contributions as per our [Parent Payment Policy](#), we politely request you do so at your earliest convenience. Given the current financial climate, we are very open to families making alternative payment arrangements, such as paying a smaller amount each week/fortnight, paying in instalments, or in other ways that suit your individual context. Please ask as we are very willing to work in partnership with you.

Payments can be made via cash at our General Office. Unfortunately, we do not have EFTPOS facilities at the school, though payments can also be made via direct deposit to our school account below. Please also include a description of the related item you are making a payment for in the reference field. For example, '*Student name: 2023 School Contributions*'

Account Name: Traralgon South Primary School

BSB: 083 001

Account Number: 387779521

### Mother's Day Stall:

A huge thanks to our parent volunteers for supporting our Mother's Day stall last week, and a second huge thank-you to those that donated goods too. Watching our children excitedly select

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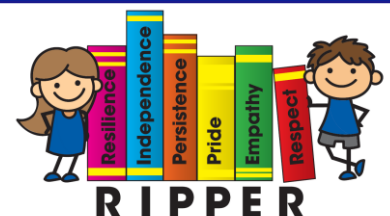
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items for their Mum was the highlight of my week and I hope their excitement continued into Sunday morning when they watched their gifts get unwrapped.

## Work Experience:

This week, we are pleased to welcome back two of our ex-students from the class of 2019 in Ben Hagley and Georgia Crowe for their work experience placement. Next week, Jessica Ruff, also an ex-student, will complete her work experience placement at our school too. It is lovely to be able to support these young adults in their experience of the world of work, and just quietly, we are super chuffed they want to come back and spend the week with us!

## Walk & Wheel Wednesday:

To continue with our efforts with encouraging active transport to school, each week we will have a 'Walk & Wheel Wednesday'. This won't be celebrated in the same fashion as our Ride2School Day earlier in the year, but instead is designed to support students to develop a regular routine, and thus create a healthy habit. Research has shown that when we are active, we are more likely to feel better about ourselves and the world around us, so a by-product of these efforts will strengthen our work in supporting student wellbeing.

Not dissimilar to our Ride2School Day, we acknowledge that our rural environment provides some barriers to active transport, so I encourage students (and families) to instead park a little further away from the school and walk, ride, or scoot the remaining distance, wherever possible. As the year progresses, I will share more information about how Latrobe City will provide further support, which will also include travel tokens and rewards for those students that use active transport regularly.

## Student Free Day:

Yesterday, all our staff spent the day in Melbourne for The Resilience Project seminar. This professional development event was designed to empower school staff with tools to improve our students' mental health, as well as look after our own wellbeing. The day provided us with a great opportunity to complete this learning together, and at the same time, whilst also networking with other schools so we can further strengthen our delivery of the program in our classrooms. To date, this has been some of the best professional learning we have experienced, and whilst only very

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early in our journey, we hope you have noticed some subtle shifts in your children too. If you're yet to notice or hear much, I strongly encourage you to start the conversation with your child and their teacher as it is fascinating work.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

26 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday	JSC Movie Fundraiser
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Monday - Wednesday	Years 5 & 6 Camp – Phillip Island
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	School Council Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	King's Birthday Public Holiday

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## 2024 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Open 1 May until 30 June

**If your child turns 3 or 4 years of age before  
30 April, 2024 they can enrol for kinder.**



Enrol online at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/kinder) or scan the QR code, you can also call 1300 367 700 to arrange support to complete the online form.

Enrolments received after 30 June will be offered in order of receipt where places remain available.



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