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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Extreme Weather:

I feel like most of my posts on Class Dojo and these Principal Reports are almost always referencing another unforeseen interruption to our school year, and like many of our readers, I think it is only natural to sometimes wonder when it will all end. Although the weather forecast last week warned us of a significant weather event, I think few would have predicted just how severe the impact would be on our local community. So many beautifully large trees have fallen, many impacting on roads, driveways, and waterways, and coupled with the incredibly high amount of rainfall in such a short period of time, our amazing natural landscape looks a little worse for wear. Here at our school, despite the loss of power and septic services for a few days forcing our school to close, we largely escaped without too much damage. Yesterday saw a majority of the fallen trees and limbs removed, with stump grinding left to finish. Despite a history of our school flooding, it seems the work we have done on rectifying our gutters and drains at the front of the school have thankfully worked, with no water entering the school buildings at all. I am aware that many in our community have not been as fortunate, and again I would like to offer our support to those families. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

From a student wellbeing perspective, although every child processes these events differently, I was impressed to witness how well our students returned to school yesterday. The value of a normal school routine and being in the presence of their friends cannot be underestimated, and I look forward to the last two weeks of term continuing to offer that support to our children.

Emergency Management Drill:

As a part of our emergency management procedures, we are required to undertake an annual whole school drill for both a lockdown and evacuation event. As such, at approximately 10am on Friday 18 June, our school will be practising the procedures associated with a lockdown. Largely, this will entail a siren sounding with an accompanying announcement, and all grades briefly pausing their teaching and learning programs to follow the relevant instructions. Classroom teachers will have a conversation with their grades leading up to this training drill, and we will also complete a review afterwards to identify any areas for improvement. Although a real lockdown is rarely required, I am sure our school community can appreciate the need for us to be prepared by practising this in readiness.

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Teacher Planning:

A finding reached through our school review last year identified the importance of our teachers working collaboratively to plan curriculum and assessment, and ensuring this is developed in a consistent manner from Prep to Year 6. As a team of teaching staff, we have spent almost the entire semester building a Traralgon South Primary School approach to curriculum planning and assessment, with these tools ready to be implemented by our teachers during their planning days next week. This is a significant milestone in our current School Strategic Plan, with our students to be the recipients of a teaching and learning program that is consistent between grades (for example, Year 2 students in a Grade 1/2 class experience a similar program to Year 2 students in a Grade 2/3 class). This approach is strengthened through collaborative practices rather than teachers working in isolation, and coupled with the presence of respectful challenge within teaching teams, these ensure the highest quality program is developed in readiness for delivery next term. If you would like to see an example of this work in action, please let me know as I will be most willing to share.

Roadworks:

As many may have already noticed, on behalf of Latrobe City, 'MC Civil and Landscaping' have this week begun works out the front of our school. This will entail footpath improvement works between our lower gate entrance and the main car park entrance, and near where the school bus typically parks. Weather dependent, these works are expected to take 1-2 weeks to complete. These works may have some impact on travel to and from school, and potentially see a need for the school bus to use our main car park on different occasions. I am working with those involved to minimise any disruptions and inconvenience as best as I am able.

Take care

Joel Blythman

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

25 th June	Friday	Last Day of Term 2 - Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
12 th July	Monday	First Day of Term 3

NETSTARS
NETBALL CLINICS

Hosted by Julie Corletto - 3 x World Champion
& Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist

TRARALGON

DATE: Monday 5th July 2021
TIME: 9am - 3pm
AGES: 7 - 14 years old
VENUE: Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium, Catterick Crescent, Traralgon
COST: \$85 per participant

Every participant receives a Netstars T-shirt

Bookings essential & close 24 hours prior to the clinic, unless sold out. Only a limited number of places available, book now to avoid missing out.

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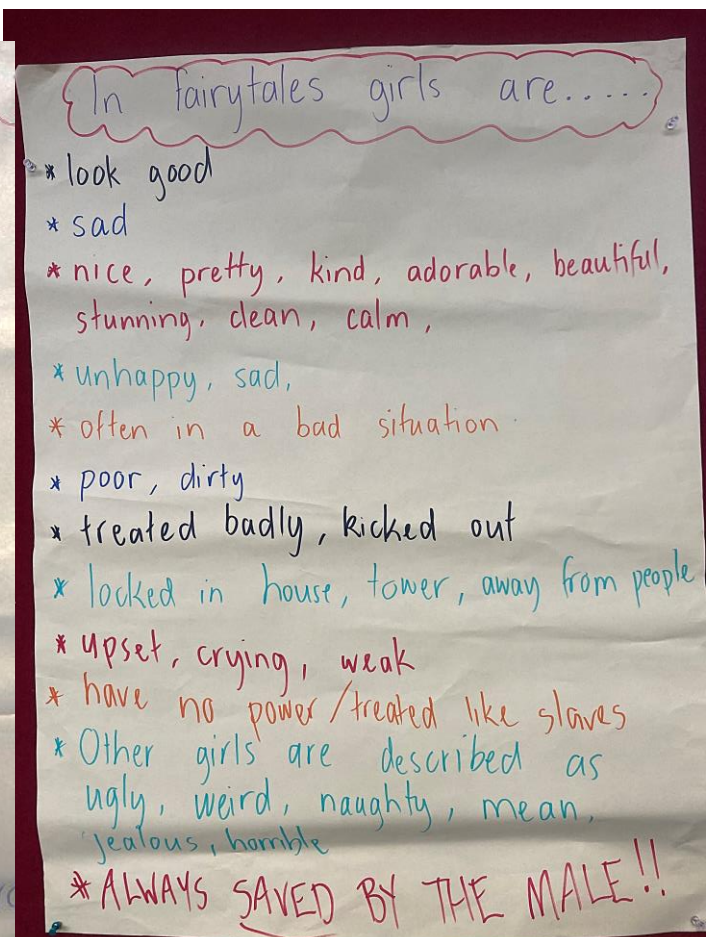
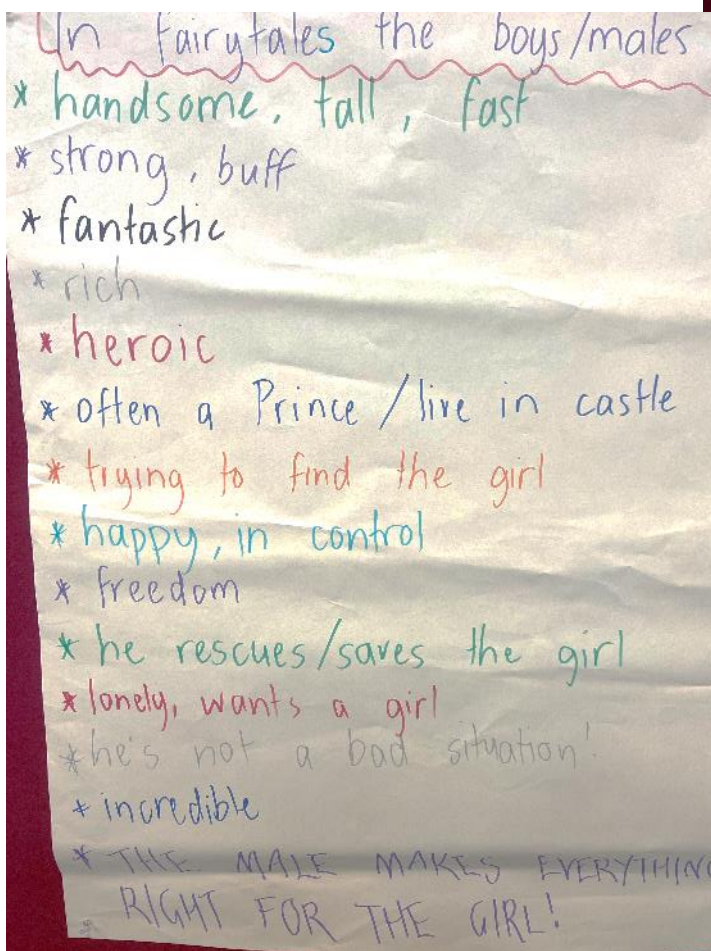
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Respectful Relationships (RR)...

As part of our RR program we have been looking at Gender and Identity and the stereotypes associated with girls and boys. Along the way we have challenged rigid ideas of what girls and boys should and should not like, how they should dress, colours they prefer etc. Lately we have turned our attention to fairytales and stories that show strong stereotypes of female and male characters, that mostly follow similar patterns. Across all grades we made posters of the common themes highlighted. This was a very interesting activity and the children really enjoyed looking at the characters and the way they were depicted depending on their gender. Hopefully students will challenge and identify the stereotypes they encounter in the media, books and on television.

Kristine Travers



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In 2 Learn Traralgon South

Vacation Care Program CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR JULIANA @ juliana@in2learning.com.au OR 0411 821 530. Complete an enrolment form to attend by the Friday 18th June 2021.

Breakfast, morning tea and afternoon tea provided. Please pack lunch, water bottle and a hat. Hours of operation 7.00am-6.00pm.













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School Holidays Program

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	Monday 28/06/2021	Tuesday 29/06/2021	Wednesday 30/06/2021	Thursday 01/07/2021	Friday 02/07/2021
VACATION CARE PROGRAM	BUG DAY During Bug Day we will be making a bug hotel, Dragon Fly Art having a look at different insect prints. 	CRAZY DAY Come and join us with some crazy hair while we do face painting, chalk side walk art and silly string fun! 	COVID 19 DAY Let us all learn together about covid safety by making a poster writing letters to family we miss, decorative facemasks and much more! 	OCEAN DAY Today's activities will be focused around the ocean we will be making tornado's in a bottle and looking at some ocean creatures! 	CHRISTMAS IN JULY Today we will be playing Jingle Bell Toss, decorating pine cones having a look at a 3D christmas tree and some Elf's on the Shelf's. 
	Monday 05/07/2021 SPORT'S DAY Come and try to get through our obstacle course, play flag football and take part in our Net Ball Challenge. 	Tuesday 06/07/2021 CHINA DAY Come and learn how to make Chinese Lanterns, Paper plate dragons, paper fans and Koi Fish's. 	Wednesday 07/07/2021 WINTER WONDERLAND Winter has hit and today we will be embracing the colder weather! We will be making fake snow and doing winter craft. 	Thursday 08/07/2021 HARRY POTTER DAY Come Dressed up as your favourite Harry Pottere characters as we will be making potions, wands and broom stick races! 	Friday 09/07/2021 CAMPING DAY Today we will be making camp fire art, playing card games we will be fishing and making smores. 

For online bookings go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe60uqzOVMunEg2NOMj4JDpagv0Wk8aH9s3GQ9PJyGhp4YUHA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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