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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Upcoming Changes to NAPLAN Reporting:

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels. Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean. As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

The Resilience Project – Part 5:

Following on from Parts 1-4 in previous editions of The RIPPER Times, in this week's presentation from [The Resilience Project](#), Martin shares an important message about creating environments where our kids can ask for help.

65% of adolescents do not seek help for mental illness.

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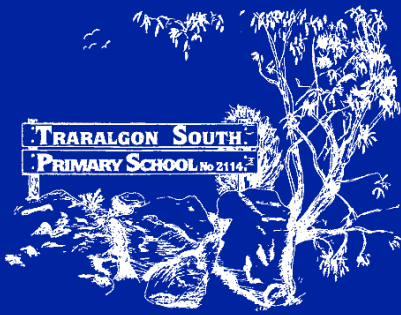
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In this presentation, Martin shares a personal experience about a traumatic event that happened to him as a child. He explains how he overcame adversity and built resilience by asking for support, particularly from his family.

Note: This video contains a story of sexual abuse that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).

To view Part 5 of the series, follow the link below and under the heading 'Explore The Key Principles', select the 'Emotional Literacy' tab:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-martin/>

Thank you for participating in this Parent and Carer Digital Program series.

You can re-watch the videos and access activities and resources anytime via the [Parent & Carer Hub](#).

You can also stay up to date with The Resilience Project news and events by [signing up to the Newsletter](#).

NAIDOC Week:

NAIDOC Week is often recognised in the final week of the Term 2 school holidays, so as a school, we instead incorporate associated learning opportunities in the classroom at the beginning of Term 3. This year, the theme for NAIDOC Week was "For Our Elders", with it providing us an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. Students were able to participate in various indigenous games in PE lessons, create 'story stones' to share narratives with their classmates, and begin learning the Acknowledgement of Country in Auslan. Furthermore, today we were extremely fortunate to have Uncle Laurie, a local Gunaikurnai elder, visit our students to share his expertise through a range of different and interactive learning experiences. This was a great experience and one our students participated in with much enthusiasm, and on behalf of our school, I would like to thank Uncle Laurie and Rhi Tomholt for putting this together for our children.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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Give a Damn, Give a Can!

This year, we will once again be participating in the Give a Damn, Give a Can food drive run by the Rotary Club of Traralgon.

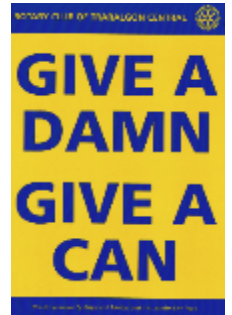
Last year, every Traralgon government, independent and Catholic school took part in the campaign and a record of more than 17,000 cans were collected in our area!

We will be starting to collect cans at the start of Term 3! We ask that students bring in clearly labelled and in date cans of food to be collected in their classrooms and donated to Vinnie’s Food Bank. Donations of other non-perishable, in date items will also be welcomed!

We appreciate your support with this wonderful campaign and hope to help towards another record-breaking collection of food cans.

Thank you,

Junior School Council



DATES TO REMEMBER...

17 th July – 29 th July	Monday	Give A Damn, Give A Can Appeal
20 th July	Thursday	Online LOOP Book Club Orders Due
21 st July	Friday	Brainstorm Productions Incursion – 2:00pm – 3:30pm at Traralgon South Hall – Whole School – No cost – There will be no assembly
30 th August – 1 st September	Wednesday – Friday	Years 3 and 4 Camp - Coonawarra

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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Indi P	For showing a great deal of persistence and independence with her learning this week. Well done!
1/2	Jacob B	For showing empathy towards classmates and initiative to help others.
2/3	Harry W	For his consistent effort and independence with all learning tasks.
4/5	Liam B	For having a positive attitude and a great start to the term. You've really worked hard this week!
5/6	Grace B	For always showing persistence in completing classroom tasks. This is evident in her writing.
Art	Amelia T	For her fantastic participation, persistence and giving great feedback in Music.
PE	Amelia B	For her excellent skills and persistence during the basketball game.
Auslan	Amelia T	For contributing to our "What is Auslan" conversation with enthusiasm and knowledge.
School Captains	Tyler M	For always making people feel included.

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Bush Babies Playgroup @ GLENGARRY

Mondays ~ 10.30 – 12.00
Wednesdays ~ 9.30 – 11.00
Wednesdays ~ 11.30 – 1.00
Wednesdays ~ 1.30 – 3.00

\$16 per
child per
session

*sibling discounts apply

Term 3 ~ **CASUAL** bookings

Follow the link or QR code

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



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