



# THE RIPPER TIMES

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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### 2023 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey:

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**. Survey links and other associated details will be communicated once the survey opens.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

### Stroll & Roll Program:

Beginning this week, students are able to earn an active travel token for each day they use active transport to school, recorded in their very own 'Stroll & Roll Active Travel Passport'. Last week, I visited each grade to explain the particulars to students in more detail, with prizes awarded to those who achieve 10, 20, 30 and 40 active travel tokens. Furthermore, Latrobe City have donated a scooter to our school, and students will be provided a raffle ticket for entry into the draw when they achieve 50 and 60 active travel tokens before the end of the year.

To support this program, Latrobe City have developed two 'Park & Walk Zones', signposted and mapped as shown on the following page. These can be used by anyone, especially those who

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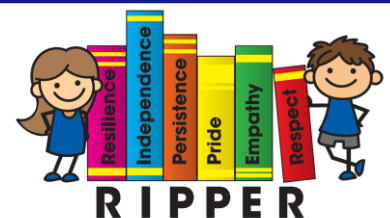
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live too far away from our school given our rural location. This way, parents and carers can drive part way to school, use the chosen 'Park & Walk Zone', and students follow the route as indicated on the map below to actively travel to school. For those who travel by bus, they can instead complete a lap of the school upon arrival and receive an active travel token.

As highlighted in previous editions of The RIPPER Times, the purpose of this program is to support our children develop lifelong physical activity habits, which in turn improves the physical and mental wellbeing of our children. Our students are super excited to participate, and we look forward to seeing this program gain momentum as the term progresses.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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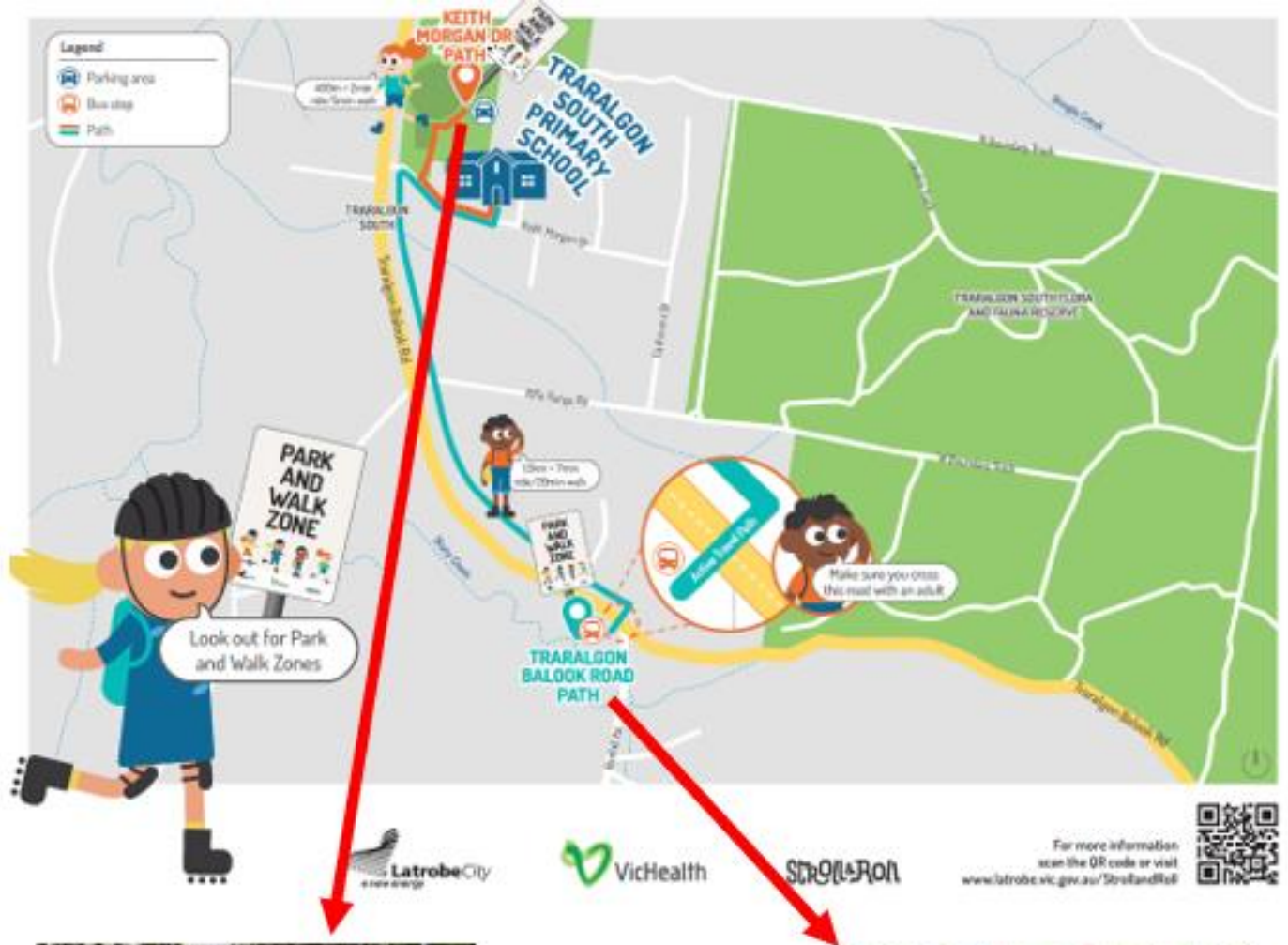
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## DATES TO REMEMBER...

9 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday	Years 3 and 4 Camp – Forms & Payment Due In Today - \$365 per student
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Wednesday	Book Week Activity Day
30 <sup>th</sup> August – 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Wednesday – Friday	Years 3 and 4 Camp – Coonawarra
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday	Student Led Conferences – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday	Last Day Term 1 – Student Free Day
		Student Led Conferences – 9:00am – 1:00pm

## GIVE A DAMN, GIVE A CAN



Junior School Council would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to this appeal. We nearly doubled the amount collected last year! These will be put to good use by the Rotary Club helping those in need of some extra support.

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## Book Week Activity Day

Dear Parents,

Book Week is approaching and here at Traralgon South Primary, we will mark it with a Cross-aged activities day on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The theme for this year is "Read, Grow, Inspire."

We invite children to dress up as a book character or something related to this theme. We will have a Whole School Parade at 9.10 once the rolls have been marked. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the parade. Hopefully the weather is good, and this will be held in the undercover area, otherwise we will use the Multipurpose room. After this, students will rotate through a number of activities based on this year's shortlisted picture story book titles. We're looking forward to a fun day, promoting literacy, and our RIPPER values with students working together collaboratively.



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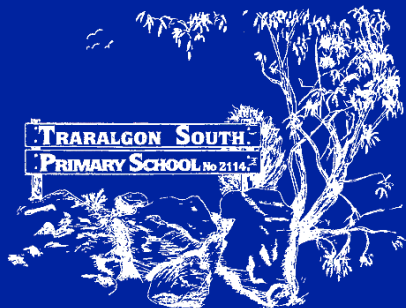
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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Finnegan J	For showing resilience and persistence in all areas of his learning.
1/2	Caleb P	For excellent efforts in his reading and writing.
2/3	Lily F	For a great effort and attitude towards all learning tasks.
4/5	Harrison P	For making a conscious effort in keeping neater bookwork during word work.
5/6	Havana W	For consistently showing respect to everyone, in particular with using her manners. Keep it up!
Music	Mattias P	For keeping the beat in Music and playing his instrument with enthusiasm.
PE	Piper R	For persisting and showing resilience to master skipping.
	Chloe B	For her independence and resilience to keep trying during skipping lessons in PE.
Auslan	Isabel S	For always showing respect, independence and resilience to tackle every Auslan task.
School Captains	Buddy D	For helping and being a kind person to everyone.

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 **national science week 2023**

16 August 2023

4:30 - 6:30pm

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**Information about renewable energy projects**

**Fun activities for the whole family**

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## TAFE Gippsland

Battery Coins  
Tours

Secret Messages  
Displays

## Gippsland Tech School

Sensory lights

Robots

Power Generation

Wacky Scientist

### Industry Partners:

Star of the South  
Engineers Australia  
Marinus Link  
Latrobe City Council

Gippsland Water  
Energy Australia  
Skills & Jobs Centre  
CarbonNET

## Federation University

Presentations by Professor Rachel Webster at  
4:30pm and 5:30pm

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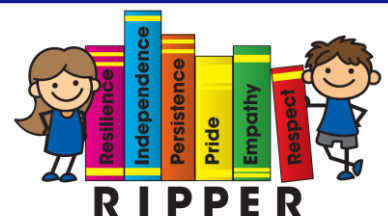
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