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Weekly Newsletter of Traralgon South Primary School

PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Student Led Conferences:

As highlighted in our termly calendar on uEducateUs, and also regularly referenced in the 'Dates To Remember' within our weekly newsletter, Student Led Conferences (SLCs) will be conducted at the end of this term. This work is an important component of our 2021-2024 School Strategic Plan, with our second goal within this focused on "building engaged, independent and self-regulating learners".

SLCs are significantly different to the traditional Parent Teacher Interview format many would be familiar with, and over the next few weeks, I will continue to share further information to help explain how these look at our school. In short, and as the name implies, SLCs shift the focus back to where it belongs – on the student. With this, SLCs also provide an emphasis on our students being an important voice within the overall reporting cycle at our school, with this summarised as follows:

- Term 1: Getting To Know You Interviews (parent and teacher led)
- Terms 2 & 4: Semester reports (teacher led)
- Term 3: Student Led Conferences (student led)

There are plenty of opportunities for parents to meet with classroom teachers throughout the school year, with fewer opportunities for our students to be supported to take a lead role in these conversations.

To begin, here are some answers to commonly asked questions:

1. *What are SLCs?*

A SLC actively involves parents, students, and teachers in reflecting on student achievement, using a student portfolio as a stimulus for discussing work samples, and setting future goals.

2. *How are SLCs different from the Parent Teacher Interviews we've done in the past?*

In a SLC, the student does most of the talking. In the weeks leading up to the SLC, during class time students are supported to practise and prepare for their SLC, and they will develop a portfolio of work samples to help present their learning achievements to their parents. The classroom teacher will help facilitate the SLC, and parents will be encouraged and supported to be active listeners too.

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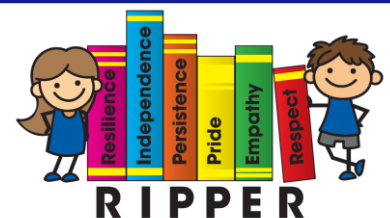
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3. *Why are we introducing SLCs?*

Instead of the traditional approach of parents and teachers discussing a child's progress through a Parent Teacher Interview (without much input from the child), SLCs place the student at the heart of the assessment and reporting process. Importantly, SLCs provide students a voice to discuss, share, and celebrate their learning achievements.

4. *When will SLCs be conducted?*

SLCs are scheduled for 4pm-7pm on Thursday 14 September and 9am-1pm Friday 15 September 2023. School Council have approved Friday 15 September (the last day of Term 3) as a student free day to enable daytime SLCs sessions to occur.

5. *If parents are unavailable on the dates set aside for SLCs, can another time be arranged?*

Perhaps, depending on other commitments. Please contact the classroom teacher to organise an alternative time.

6. *Will parents have an opportunity at the end of SLCs to talk privately to the classroom teacher?*

If you would like to discuss anything in private with your child's teacher, we politely ask an appointment is made for another time.

As a starting point, I hope the above helps explain this exciting work, and we hope you share our enthusiasm for this also. More information around SLCs at our school will be shared as the term progresses, so we encourage you to keep an eye out over the coming weeks.

Father's Day Stall:

This year, due to the Year 3/4 camp falling on Wednesday 30 August-Friday 1 September, our Father's Day Stall will be held from 2pm-3:30pm on Tuesday 29 August. We have a small number of parent volunteers willing to support this stall, however if you were interested in assisting too, please let me know. Additionally, any donations to support this fundraiser will be gratefully accepted, though not expected. Should you wish to donate items, please consider avoiding any perishable items that may not last from the stall on Tuesday, to Father's Day itself on the Sunday immediately afterwards.

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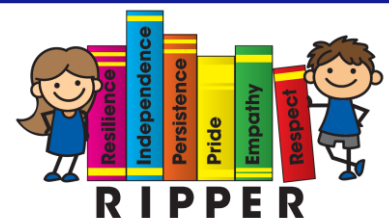
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Little Angler Kits:

The Victorian Government is investing \$1.5 million from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund to provide up to 95,000 Little Angler Kits to primary school aged children in Victoria.

The free kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a **FREE** Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a free fishing kit.

Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs. Please contact me if you would like to opt out of this initiative.

The roll out of kits will occur through the second half of 2023 (16 October - 4 December) so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the summer school holidays.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle and information on how to use them to catch a fish. Please note that the tackle tray includes fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer.

Kits will be handed out to students to take home with them as soon as the school receives them. Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live when the kits start being distributed. It will have useful information, instructional videos, and online resources about where and how to fish linking to existing resources from Fishcare and new resources to be produced just for the Little Angler Kits program.

This initiative aims to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn how to fish, as well as learning more about marine life and the natural environment.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

23 rd August	Wednesday	Book Week Activity Day
28 th August	Monday	Scholastic Book Club LOOP Online Orders Close
29 th August	Tuesday	Father's Day Stall – 2:00pm – 3:30pm
30 th August – 1 st September	Wednesday – Friday	Years 3 and 4 Camp – Coonawarra
14 th September	Thursday	Student Led Conferences – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
15 th September	Friday	Last Day Term 1 – Student Free Day
		Student Led Conferences – 9:00am – 1:00pm
2 nd October	Monday	First Day Term 4
31 st October – 10 th November	Various Days	Whole School Swimming Program – Information to follow
6 th November	Monday	Student Free Day
7 th November	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday

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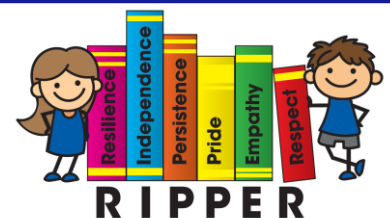
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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Gracie P	For showing improved listening skills during floor time.
1/2	Poppy M	For her excellent work in VCOP warmups and the Winter Holiday Big Write.
2/3	William V	For his positive attitude and independence in the classroom.
4/5	Beth B	For always making good choices in the classroom and showing RIPPER values during all tasks.
5/6	Hollie K	For seeking clarification to ensure her brochure on Cordoba was completed to a high standard.
Music	Will M	For his enthusiastic participation in Music and always putting in his best effort.
School Captains	Jace S Bentley H Rohan P	For sharing their work with the younger kids.





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Stroll & Roll...



Congratulations to our first recipients of the Stroll & Roll incentives for using active transport! These students each recorded 10 active travel stamps in their travel passports, and we look forward to celebrating further active travel milestones achieved by our students in future assemblies.

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Junior Cricket



CATS Cricket Club are seeking Junior Players in the u10 / u12 & u16's age group. We are taking registrations now.

If your child would like to play cricket in a family friendly club at Traralgon South, just 10mins drive from Traralgon please contact our Junior Coordinator – Linda Williams
M: 0417 822 057 E: catscricketclub.juniors@gmail.com

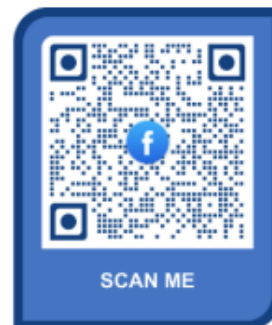
Our club provides playing tops, all equipment & doesn't charge our Juniors any fees, making Cricket at CATS CC one of the most affordable sports in the Latrobe Valley.

Scan the QR codes for more information on our New Website or Facebook page.

Or enter the URL below:

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At Home with Satellite



Fun, creative program of activities and workshops for children who have a family member living with mental health challenges.

At Home with Satellite is a fun, creative program, for children and young people aged 8-14 years old (approx.) who have a family member that experiences mental health challenges. Workshops help participants express themselves creatively and unleash conversations about hard-to-express feelings.

They run during the school holidays and can be done in a home environment.

At Home with Satellite inspires:

- Artistic expression, imaginative play, and creative adventures
- An accessible opportunity to make new friends from afar
- Chances to share experiences within a facilitated setting
- To connect with peers who are having similar experiences

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Satellite Camps is coming to Gippsland later in the year during September school holidays!



Satellite Camps are extremely popular and one of our program highlights!

The three-day overnight camps offer a mix of engaging outdoor and indoor activities like hut building, bushwalking and ropes courses, and creative drawing, tie-dyeing and jewellery making.

Satellite Camps create a fun and safe environment for building skills and confidence, while making great peer connections with other young people with families "a bit like theirs."

Location: Camp Coolamatong (15 mins from Bairnsdale)

Date: September 18th-20th 2023

Ages 8-12 (*primary school only)

Connect with us. We would love to hear from you!

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