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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Split Return To School:

The previous few days have been a mix of emotions as we welcome the return of our Prep – Year 2 students to on-site learning and continue to educate our Year 3 – Year 6 students through a remote and flexible learning program. Our Prep – Year 2 students have stepped straight back into a fantastic routine and been completing some very important learning together in the classroom this week, with ongoing preparations for Student Led Conferences, completion of MAPPEN units, and further consolidation of literacy and numeracy concepts with their teacher. This will provide a perfect stepping stone for Term 4 and allow these children every opportunity to strengthen their understanding of key concepts before the school holiday period. Not seeing our Year 3 – Year 6 students on-site has been difficult, but their ability to display high levels of pride in their schoolwork and resilience whilst still learning remotely is to be admired. We cannot wait to have our school full again and whilst we are not yet certain, we remain hopeful this will be in place from the beginning of Term 4.

### End of Term 3:

Please be reminded that with the previously announced postponement of our student free day and associated Student Led Conferences at the end of this week, Term 3 will conclude at 1:30pm on Friday 17 September. Term 4 will resume on Monday 4 October.

### Life Education:

With lockdown disrupting the Life Education program for two of our grades, please be aware that we have been able to reschedule a return visit for our Prep/1 and Grade 5/6 classes on Thursday 9 December.

### Term 4:

To provide some transparency and advance notice to families, we are continuing to find our forward planning of camps and excursions a little difficult at present, especially when it comes to balancing the importance of providing families advance notice of expenses associated with these experiences, providers having cancellation fees and other associated booking conditions,

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and the uncertainty of fluctuating COVID-related restrictions. As such, please be aware of the following (restrictions pending) upcoming camps and excursions:

- Grade 5/6 Traralgon and Rural Cluster Camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort (Wednesday 20 October to Friday 22 October) - \$350/child
- Prep – Year 6 Swimming Program (10 sessions from Wednesday 3 November to Tuesday 16 November) – approximately \$70/child (final costs TBC)

Please note – we are asking that **NO PAYMENTS** are made for the above at this point, and at the beginning of Term 4 we should be in a much better position to make some final decisions about these.

Take care

Joel Blythman

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

17 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday	Last Day of Term 3 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday	First day of Term 4
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Monday	Student Free Day

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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



<b>Grade P/1</b>	Amelia T	For demonstrating pride in her work.
<b>Grade 1/2</b>	Bowie R	For his excellent efforts in remote learning and showing thoughtful reflections about his learning.
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	Errol F	For consistently uploading work to Dojo and persisting with all tasks.
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	Milla P	For her efforts and attitude towards home learning tasks.
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	Matilda P	For consistently showing persistence in completing her work to a high standard.
<b>Art</b>	Fletcher B	For his great job creating his dot painting by showing lots of enthusiasm and using his favourite colours.
<b>PE</b>	Sophie W	For showing resilience and independence to complete so many "challenging" PE activities.

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## Rebel Community Givebacks Program

Thanks to our school community and their family and friends who have joined up as a Rebel Active Member and nominated our school, we have once again been able to purchase more sports equipment. If you do shop at Rebel Sport and aren't already a Rebel Active Member, just ask in store or join up online and remember to nominate our school to receive the credit. Each time you purchase anything at Rebel Sport, in store or online, the school receives 5% credit of your purchases, and these funds are regularly used to buy new balls and other equipment.

This photo is of the recent purchases we were able to make due to this support. No doubt the students will enjoy all our new footballs, netball and hoops.



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## LATROBE VALLEY 'ALL-ABILITY' CRICKET TERM 4, 2021

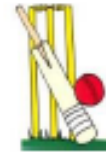
'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for EVERYONE! The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills, activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

All school aged children with additional needs are invited to join us for 'ALL Ability' Cricket, the sessions will run weekly during Term 4, 2021.



Sessions will be held at

Traralgon West Cricket Club 'West-end' – Jack Canavan Oval, Douglas Parade,  
Traralgon on  
TUESDAYS from 5pm – 5.45pm, starting October 12<sup>th</sup>,  
then every Tuesday till end of Term 4  
(except Melbourne Cup Public holiday)



A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child.

Cost is \$20 for the Term – siblings welcome to join in too!  
Registration form & payment due by 19/10 please. Please let us know if there are any issues.

### COVID RULES: (Parents/Carers, please note!)

- Participants to hand sanitize on arrival and have named drink bottle.
- ALL adults present are to check in using the QR code.
- 1.5m physical distancing to be adhered to at all times/masks may be required at times.
- If children have their own bats please bring along. All equipment used will be disinfected after each session.

For more information or questions phone Sam (coach) 0414516295 or Louise Varsaci 0414540296 or find us on Facebook - All-ability Sports, Latrobe Valley

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