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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

We're Back:

It almost seems strange to hear our school full of children, staff and lots of noise again! Our second experience of remote learning seemed to go on forever and felt much longer than the first, but it is amazing to have everyone back on-site again.

We will have three areas of significant focus for Term 4, notwithstanding those areas also related to our annual school improvement targets. Mental health and wellbeing forms our first priority area, with classroom teachers to place an increased level of attention in the next few weeks on re-establishing school routines, supporting individual students as necessary, unpacking our RIPPER values, developing social connectedness, and understanding the emotions of ourselves and one another. This work will provide a strong platform for our second priority area of learning. This is obviously our core business and having a deep understanding of where individual students are at in the continuum of learning allows us to target our teaching to support them with their next stage of development. The experiences of our students during remote learning were many and varied, so this priority area will form a bulk of our work for Term 4. Finally, our third priority area is linked to transitions. It feels crazy that we are already thinking about 2021, but we are steadfast in ensuring we can do everything we possibly can to ensure our end-of-year and beginning-of-year transitions occur as successfully as possible.

There are still some lingering COVID-19 restrictions that may yet require us to conduct our transitions differently in 2020, such as our Year 6 Graduation, 2021 Prep Transition Program, and End Of Year Concert, but we will navigate our way through these as best as we are able.

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Farewell Kate Kreun:

As previously mentioned, Kate will be finishing with us at the end of this week as she will begin her period of maternity/family leave. Kate has provided incredible support to our students and staff as an Integration Aide, and I know she will be missed by many (particularly those in the Year 2/3 grade). On behalf of the school community, we wish Kate and Allen all the very best for the upcoming birth and we cannot wait to share the news of the safe arrival with you all.

Class Placement Policy:

One key item of work for planning for 2021 relates to our grade structures, with many considerations feeding into this decision-making process. As per our Class Placement policy (see https://www.traralgonsthps.vic.edu.au/uploads/1/0/8/4/10847507/class_placement_policy_nov_2019.pdf) I would like to remind parents that should you have any requests for your child to be placed with a particular friend(s) that you do so in writing to me by Friday 30 October. We will not always be able to accommodate class placement requests but will endeavour to take your wishes into consideration wherever possible. Additionally, please also be aware that we will not consider any requests for your child to be placed/not placed with a particular teacher.

Term 4 – SunSmart Policy:

As we move into the summer months, please kindly be reminded of the expectations around our SunSmart Policy and the requirement for our students to wear a sun protective hat that shades the face, neck and ears for all outdoor activities (including recess and lunch times) during Term 4. Our school has been a SunSmart member with Cancer Council Victoria for 24 years and our recently renewed policy can be found on our website at:

https://www.traralgonsthps.vic.edu.au/uploads/1/0/8/4/10847507/sunsmart_policy_sep_2020.pdf

Take care

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY DATE EXTENDED...

CSEF eligibility for 2020 has been extended so that any families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible for CSEF up to 5 October 2020. Payments for students eligible between Wednesday 15 April and Monday 5 October 2020 will be made at 50 per cent of the standard primary and secondary per student rates.

If you have not already applied for CSEF this year and are now eligible, you can request an application form from the office. Applications will close on Friday 20th November.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

15th October	Thursday	Book Club Online Orders Close
23rd October	Friday	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
2nd November	Monday	Student Free Day
3rd November	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
20th November	Friday	CSEF Applications Close

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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Harry Wilhelm	For demonstrating great independence in his learning during remote learning.
Grade 1/2	Rachelle Perry	For her enthusiasm and participation during live lessons and working hard to complete so many learning tasks.
Grade 2/3	Error Faul	For demonstrating persistence in uploading his work at the end of remote learning.
Grade 3/4	Aaliyah Tassell	For always uploading meaningful reflections to her portfolio during remote learning 2.0!
Grade 5/6	James Guy	For his overall effort during the term, He worked really hard to complete a number of tasks, especially in his writing project.
Art/Music	Lachy Pass	For his persistence in handing in his work, uploading to his portfolio and making constructive reflections.
PE	Riseley Boys	For their participation in all learning activities in PE. Well done boys!

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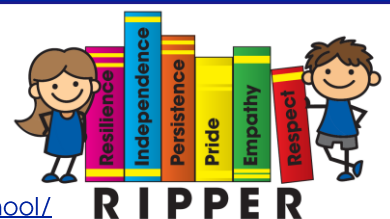
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BOOK CLUB...

The latest issue of Book Club is open for orders. The link for the Issue 7 catalogue and also the Loop ordering system is <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

We also have a small number of printed catalogues available from the office. If you would like one of these please ask your child to collect one.

We ask that all orders are now placed and paid for online through the Loop system. Orders will close on Thursday, 15th October.



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