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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Student Supervision:

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of families dropping their child(ren) to school early, and/or not collecting their child(ren) after school until later in the afternoon. Please be reminded that as per both the Department of Education and our School Council endorsed [Yard Duty and Supervision Policy](#) that outside of the hours between 8:45am and 3:45pm, school staff **will not** be able to supervise students. Furthermore, an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service has been established on our school site to support families to ensure supervision options are available, particularly as we understand working families can find it difficult to balance both commitments. For additional information about enrolling your child(ren) at our OSHC service, please follow this [link](#).

Teaching & Learning:

To provide a brief update to our parent community about our school improvement efforts in our approach to effective classroom instruction, I would like to share some recent progress with this important work. More specifically, in the previous month I have begun increasing the frequency of my classroom observations and coaching of teachers embedding the Explicit Direct Instruction instructional model in classrooms, with this providing me a great whole school overview of our degree of implementation to date. Within this forum, I would like to recognise our teachers in their professional growth with this work, as it has been a positive shift in our collective instructional practice as well as the culture of observation and feedback in our school. Any form of change can be difficult, however for the first time, our teachers now have (and are using) a consistent language to discuss, compare, and contrast what high quality instruction looks like, strengthening our practice and ultimately improving learning outcomes for students. We've lots to still achieve, however this has been some great progress against our Strategic Plan goals to date.

Term 4 Hats Reminder:

As per both our Sunsmart and Uniform policies, please be reminded that upon our return to school next term, children will be required to wear a royal blue wide brim bucket hat whilst outdoors. For those that have misplaced theirs, these can be purchased from our General Office for \$8.50 each.

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Smoking:

In the previous week, there have been several reports of adults smoking at the front of the school at drop-off and/or pick-up times. I would like to politely remind our school community that it is an offence to smoke within our school premises and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access to school premises, and your support with these requirements would be appreciated by all.

School Holidays:

As this is the final edition of our newsletter for Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our school community a fantastic school holiday break and hope you all find some time to slow down and enjoy the brief change in routine. Personally, with the weather beginning to improve, the recent opening of the trout season, and Collingwood still alive in the AFL final series, I'm very much looking forward to the two-week break. Term 4 resumes on Monday 2 October, and for those interested in forward planning, all our (known) important school dates for the remainder of the school year have been uploaded onto the uEducateUs calendar.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

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 – 15 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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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Hugo R	For his application to and independence with maths tasks.
1/2	Xave S	For his great work in regrouping numbers for addition and subtraction.
2/3	Abbie R	For working her best all week!
4/5	Ruby O	For making a conscious effort to follow classroom expectations!
5/6	Zach B	For showing empathy and respect towards others.
Music	Jade J	For keeping the beat and playing the notes accurately for Hot Cross Buns.
School Captains	Isabel S	For including kids in games.
Principal	Ruby O	For making a great effort to improve her attendance. Keep it up!

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BOOKINGS REQUIRED
Book at Eventbrite or your local library

Free school holiday activities for the entire family

SEPTEMBER

Family Movies

Monday 18
Morwell Library 10am to 12noon

Wednesday 20
Moe Library 10am to 12noon

Lego Lab

Mondays 18 and 25
Traralgon Library
10am to 12noon and 2pm to 4pm

Thursdays 21 and 28
Morwell Library
10am to 12noon and 2pm to 4pm

Wednesday 27
Moe Library 10am to 12noon
Churchill Library 2pm to 4pm

Manga Drawing
For 12 to 18 year olds

Wednesday 20
Churchill Library 10am to 11.30am

Saturday 23
Moe Library 10am to 11.30am

Wednesday 27
Morwell Library 10am to 11.30am
Traralgon Library 2pm to 3.30pm

Badge & Button Making

Thursday 21
Traralgon Library 9.30am to 11.30am
Churchill Library 2pm to 4pm

Monday 25
Morwell Library 9.30am to 11.30am
Moe Library 2pm to 4pm

LATROBE LEISURE MORWELL

Badges, Buttons and Books
Friday 22, 12noon to 3pm

TRARALGON CENTRE PLAZA

Badge and Button Making
Wednesday 20, 11am to 2pm

Paper Plate Tigers
Thursday 28, 1pm to 3pm

Family Quiz Night

Wednesday 20
Morwell Library 5pm to 7pm

Preschool Yoga

Friday 22
Morwell Library 10am to 11am
Moe Library 2pm

Thursday 22
Traralgon Library 10am to 11am
Churchill Library 2pm

Artsbus Free Arts Program

Tuesday 26
Morwell Library
5 - 10yrs: 10am to 12noon
11 - 17yrs: 1pm to 3pm

Giant Games

Daily
Churchill Library



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Are you interested in being part of a sport or recreation club?

If you would like to see what clubs are on offer in Latrobe, then why not come and check out the Latrobe Sport & Recreation expo!

The expo will consist of stalls, activities, come and try sessions, skill development sessions, mini competitions, showbags, music and free food.

All community members welcome!

Wednesday 27 September 2023

11:00am – 4:00pm

**Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS),
Catterick Cres, Traralgon VIC 3844**

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