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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Thank You:

Last Wednesday saw our school celebrate Book Week with a dress-up activity day, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent community for your support of this event. Whilst there may have been some audible groans or frantic organisation in the lead-up to the day, for us it was perhaps the first time as a school we have felt 'normal' again this year, providing a nice distraction from the constant COVID-19 interruptions and alterations to our usual program. Looking at the faces of our students, I am certain they too appreciated your efforts as they enjoyed a range of activities designed to help promote a love and excitement for books, in turn supporting our whole school improvement goal of developing a high level of literacy outcomes for our students.

School Review:

This week will see our third attempt at beginning our School Review, with this originally scheduled for Term 2, postponed to Term 3 due to our first bout of remote learning, and then pushed again due to the second wave of COVID-19. This process is an exhaustive and crucial aspect of school strategic planning, allowing us as a school community to reflect on our progress over the previous 4-year period, identify areas for future growth and improvement, and develop a strategic plan for 2021-2024. Involving two visiting Principals as Challenge Partners strengthens this process, providing an independent perspective on our school improvement journey. Joining Tamina Taylor (Principal at Yinnar Primary School) and Julie Skee (Principal at Newborough East Primary School) is Duncan McAllister (School Council President), our reviewer (Karen Patten), and Kevin Mealing (Senior Education Improvement Leader from the Department of Education and Training).

World Teachers' Day – Friday 30 October:

On Friday 30 October, World Teachers' Day provides an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the continued dedication and support our teachers provide our students. This year World Teachers' Day has the theme 'Teachers: leading in crisis, reimagining the future.' This theme reflects the continued commitment teachers have made to their students and as education leaders, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While this year has been difficult for

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us all, World Teachers' Day is a great way to say thank you to our teachers for their support and efforts in helping students adapt during this challenging time. You and your children can get involved by sending a message of thanks to a teacher by using the hashtag #WTD2020 on social media. Don't forget to tag the school so we can see all your messages!

Head to [www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/world-teachers-day.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/world-teachers-day.aspx) to access a range of resources to help you and your children to celebrate World Teachers' Day 2020, including 'Thank You' card templates.

## Save The Date:

Pending future COVID-19 restrictions, we have tentatively scheduled our end-of-year concert for 7pm Wednesday 16 December. We are yet to determine what format this will take (virtual, on-site, crowd restrictions, etc.), though please mark this date on your calendar and await further information as it comes to hand.

Take care

Joel Blythman

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Monday	Student Free Day
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Friday	Parent Payment Intention To Purchase Due In
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Tuesday	Parent Opinion Survey Concludes
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Friday	CSEF Applications Close
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Wednesday	Tentative Date For End Of Year Concert

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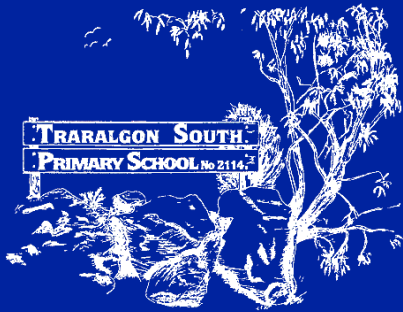
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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



<b>Prep/1</b>	Lola Phelan	For demonstrating the RIPPER values, particularly persistence when working.
<b>Grade 1/2</b>	Cooper Johnson	For a great effort in all learning areas and an amazing effort in spelling.
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	Levi Fearnley	For making some great connections when discussing texts.
<b>Grade 3/4</b>	Jace Summers	For taking pride in his handwriting.
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	Christian Dann	For his consistent approach to his learning. He is co-operative and is always applying himself to the best of his ability.
<b>Art/Music</b>	Amelia Sims	For creating a detailed peacock collage out of her painted paper and displaying lots of persistence while making it.
<b>PE</b>	Alice Johnson Milla Phelan Seth Perry	For developing and running such a fun and interesting game in PE.

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## WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents have been invited to participate in this year's survey and have been provided survey login information via direct message in Class Dojo. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will conclude on Friday 13 November 2020.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

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