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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Semester 2 Reporting:

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has recently adjusted the expectations around student reporting for Semester 2 in recognition of the disruption caused by COVID-19. In response, we will therefore provide a modified written report for the parent/carer of each student enrolled at our school for Semester 2, focusing on what progress has been made and what has been achieved by each child. The elements outlined below are above and beyond the minimum requirements set out by the DET, and we trust that despite the disruptions experienced throughout Semester 2, your child will be provided an informative student report to conclude the school year.

To summarise, at Traralgon South Primary School our Semester Reports will include:

For English and Mathematics, our teachers will:

- ☑ provide a short description of what was taught; and
- ☑ provide a short comment on progress and achievement in their learning across the semester; and
- ☑ report achievement by making a teacher judgement against the Victorian Curriculum F-10, including Towards Foundation Levels A-D, achievement standards; and
- ☑ report progress from the last time that curriculum area was reported on; and
- ☑ include an age-related five-point scale.

For all other curriculum areas taught, such as those within MAPPEN, Physical Education, and Music, our teachers will:

- ☑ provide a short description of what was taught; and
- ☑ provide a short comment on progress and achievement in their learning across the semester.

We anticipate Semester 2 reports will be finalised, proof-read, and printed in readiness for distribution to families by Wednesday 15 December.

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## Fundraising Update:

Many might recall our student leaders instigating \$2 from every school beanie sold in 2021 to be donated to the Carrie's Beanies For Brain Cancer charity, and I am pleased to share \$100 will be donated to this cause. These funds, in addition to 50% of funds raised through our raffle attached to the (postponed) Community Market and Car Boot Sale, saw \$919 donated in total to this wonderful cause. This is a fantastic achievement and thank you to our school community for contributing to this initiative throughout the year.

## Staffing Updates:

Over the previous fortnight, we have employed two Integration Aides to support various students in our classroom and cover upcoming leave. I would like to introduce and welcome Emma Robinson and Eliza Jeffrey to our team of staff, and already they have added great value to our overall program. We look forward to working with them for the remainder of Term 4.

This week also marks the final week on-site for Maddie Edebohls, as she will be undertaking a placement for her university studies for the remainder of 2021. Don't panic though, Maddie won't be leaving us permanently, and we look forward to seeing her back as a part of our team in 2022!

## Vale John Black:

Over the weekend the sad news of the passing of John Black filtered through, and whilst I personally didn't have the pleasure of meeting John, I am aware of the many strong ties he had with our wider community. John had a deep connection to the CATS Cricket Club and had the privilege of the oval adjacent to our school, also the home grounds of the CATS Cricket Club, named in his honour. John was also a key figure in many Community Dinners. I've had many fondly share their love of these fundraising dinners with me, not only for the purposes of financially supporting various community and sporting groups, but perhaps more importantly, helping to keep community members within our area connected with one another. On behalf of our school, our condolences go to John's family and friends, and also to those within our school community who have been impacted by his passing.

Take care

Joel Blythman

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## DATES TO REMEMBER...

<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Wednesday	Book Club Online Loop Orders Close
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Wednesday	Whole School Excursion Forms & Payment Due
		Years 5 and 6 only – Wilson Promontory Excursion - \$35 per student plus dinner money. More information to follow.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Tuesday	State-Wide Transition Day
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Thursday	Life Education Catch Up Sessions for Grades Prep/1 and 5/6 only
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Friday	Whole School Excursion – Inflatable World Moe & Apex Park Moe
		Year 6 Graduation
		School Uniforms – Last day for purchases made through the school
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Friday	Last Day Term 4 – Early Dismissal at 1:15pm

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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



<b>Grade 1/2</b>	Cruz S	For fabulous efforts in reading.
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	Jack H	For a fantastic effort and attitude towards swimming.
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	Tayla L	For her conscientious efforts both within the classroom and while participating in the swimming program. You're a star!
<b>Music</b>	Liam C	For his continued enthusiasm and participation in our Music lessons.
<b>P.E.</b>	Zach B Murray R Harley D	For consistently carrying the sports equipment. Great persistence.

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**WORKING BEE**  
AT TRARALGON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER | 3:30PM - 5:30PM**  
**PLEASE BRING WHEELBARROWS, SHOVELS,**  
**RAKES AND/OR GLOVES.**  
**STAY FOR AS LITTLE OR AS LONG AS YOU**  
**WOULD LIKE**

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## Managing illness in schools and early childhood

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

### What you need to know

#### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

#### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

#### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

**Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma** whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

**Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms** such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

#### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

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