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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Prep-Year 6 Swimming Program:

Today marks the final session of our whole school swimming program and I would like to publicly acknowledge the wonderful support received from everyone involved to help ensure the level of success we have experienced. To our children, for their ongoing demonstration of many of our RIPPER values, to my staff for being so flexible with supervising the program as per the required ratios and managing changes to our normal program with no fuss, and to our parents for putting up with the increased washing, labelling clothes, and supporting your extra tired children each afternoon! A special thanks also needs to go to Andrew Piechota, Sherrie Lumley, Stuart Bald, Kleianthe Platt, Ross Game, Rob Preston, Caroline Dyall, and Luke Phillips as parent volunteers throughout – your support has been invaluable.

2024 Prep Transition Sessions:

To provide an additional layer of support to our 2024 Prep students, next week will see the first of an extra three transition sessions we will be conducting at our school. To summarise how these will look, they are as follows:

- 1. Tuesday 21 November (9:30am – 10:30am)**
This will be a session based in the Prep classroom.
- 2. Tuesday 28 November (9:30am – 10:30am)**
This will be an arts-based session, linking in to our creative art and music programs.
- 3. Tuesday 5 December (9:30am – 10:30am)**
This will be a PE session, providing students an active and movement-based experience. 2024 Prep students are reminded to bring a hat and drink bottle for this session.

Some subtle adjustments to our normal timetable will be made to accommodate these sessions.

Following the above, all of our 2024 students (Prep-Year 6) will experience a half day in their 2024 classrooms as a part of the State-Wide Orientation Day. As the name implies, this is a standard orientation day for all schools within the state, so our current Year 6 students should expect to

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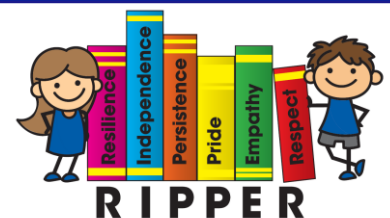
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attend their 2024 secondary school. If families of our current Year 6 students have not yet been notified about these particulars, I encourage you to contact your chosen secondary school directly.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

DATES TO REMEMBER...

22 nd November	Wednesday	Online LOOP Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
8 th December	Friday	Whole School End of Year Excursion – Inflatable World/Moe Apex Park
12 th December	Tuesday	Statewide Orientation Day
18 th December	Monday	End of Year Concert – 7:00pm
20 th December	Wednesday	Last day of Term 4 – Early Dismissal - 1:00pm

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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Joshua S	For displaying excellent listening skills and persistence at swimming.
1/2	Emma B	For demonstrating empathy towards her classmates and being a caring friend.
2/3	Jimmy T	For his persistence in solving difficult Maths problems.
4/5	Harrison P	For making really good learning choices for himself and asking great clarifying questions.
5/6	Bentley H	For putting effort into his work. He always strives to do his best.

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Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House – Upcoming Events

Gardening Workshops – As part of our Grow Latrobe initiative we are holding FREE Gardening workshops at the VRI Learning Garden. This is a great opportunity to learn the essentials to help your garden and grow your own food. Subjects include seeds & potting, soil preparation, basic plant care, compost and more. These workshops are free thanks to Latrobe Community Health Service Community Grant Program funding. The workshops are being held at the VRI Learning Garden 18-20 Queens Parade, Traralgon. The workshops are currently being held on Wednesday mornings 10.30am-12noon and we are open to requests for other timeslots. For more information phone 5174 6199.

Mega Garage Sale – We are taking part in the Australia wide Garage Sale Trail and are hosting a Mega Garage Sale with a whole lot of stalls all in the one place on Saturday 18th November 9am-12noon. This is a great opportunity to browse many stalls without needing to travel and grab a bargain. Come and help us Recycle, reuse, regift and reconnect! The Garage Sale is being held at the Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House 11-13 Breed Street, Traralgon. For more information please phone 5174 6199.

AGM – We are hosting our 46th Annual General Meeting on Monday 20th November starting at 6pm and followed by refreshments. We are also looking for interested community-minded Committee Members to join our Committee of Management. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and skills, make a positive impact and be part of our community. The AGM will be held in the meeting room at 11-13 Breed Street, Traralgon. For memberships and committee member enquiries please phone 5174 6199 asap.

Retro Cent Night – Grab your friends and family for a whole lot of fun, a healthy dose of nostalgia and your chance to win a prize at our Retro Cent Night. Purchase sheets of numbered tickets, pop your numbers into the 'I wish to win' prize buckets and the lucky number drawn 'Wins the Prize'. Come along to the VRI hall on Friday 1st December, doors open at 5.30pm for ticket sales and the event starts at 7pm followed by a light supper. The entry fee of \$5 gets you 1 sheet of numbers with more available at \$2 per sheet. We are still looking for donations of new quality gifts or gift vouchers as prizes. This is a fundraising event for programs of the Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House. Venue: The VRI hall 18-20 Queens Parade, Traralgon. Entry is limited so get in early, registrations are appreciated for catering purposes. Phone 5174 6199 or email enquiries@tnlh.org.au

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