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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Year 6 Graduation & End-Of-Year Concert:

The previous week has seen us come together for two important events on our calendar, each providing us reasons to celebrate the achievements of our students. Last Friday our graduating Year 6 students had a special evening recognising the end of their time as a Traralgon South Primary School student, with a ceremony in our Multi-Purpose Room followed by a dinner a Momo's in Traralgon. It will be sad to see our Year 6 students depart but we know they will each be fantastic members of their new school communities.

Last night was our annual end-of-year concert, with this too being a fantastic evening. Our students displayed many of the RIPPER values as they got on stage and performed, and it was special to see audience members grinning from ear to ear as they did so. After another interrupted and disruptive year, as a school we are very grateful to be able to conduct both of these important events.

Below is a summary of all award winners presented at either of these two events. Congratulations to each of these students, you should be very proud of your achievements!

Academic Award: Brody Stevenson

Arts Award: Max Cameron

Wes Pump Memorial Citizenship Award: Eva Prior

John Ruyg Student Contribution Award: Declan Kamphuis

St Vincent De Paul Frederick Ozanam Scholarships: Alika Perry and Dan Riddell

2022 School Captains: Mia Jones and Declan Kamphuis

Please note: Our 2022 House Captains will be announced at our final assembly for the year at 1pm Friday 17 December.

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uEducateUs Parent Rollout:

As a final reminder, please use the remaining few days of the school year to log in to uEducateUs, as per the details previously provided to you. From the end of this week, communication with the school via the Class Dojo platform will be disabled. By setting up your uEducateUs account sooner rather than later, you can still communicate with us should you need any assistance, meaning our ability to support you is not as limited.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns, and I encourage you to also set your notification settings relating to the uEducateUs app to match your preferences.

Thanks for 2021, and Looking Ahead To 2022:

This time last year I think many of us were guilty of thinking the multitude of COVID interruptions and disruptions were behind us, with the new year providing us all a fresh beginning. I sincerely hope history doesn't repeat and 2022 will instead allow us to return to a 'normal' school year, with remote learning and cancelled events well and truly behind us.

On a personal level, the previous two years have, at times, been difficult. However, I am well aware they could have been so much harder without the support of our entire school community. Occasionally, I have delivered news or have been required to implement rules you might not have wanted to hear, however rarely have these frustrations been taken out on me or my team of staff, and for this I am most grateful. Thanks also to those who have checked in with me personally and offered encouragement and support, as this meant a lot.

Our 2022 school year begins on Friday 28 January (staff) and Monday 31 January (students), and I look forward to seeing you all then. In the interim, I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year's, spend quality time with loved ones, and have an opportunity to rest and relax!

Take care

Joel Blythman

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

17th December	Friday	Last Day Term 4 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
28th January	Friday	Staff first day Term 1
31st January	Monday	Students first day Term 1

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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Whole Grade	For displaying all the RIPPER values on our end of year excursion.
1/2	Straight Back Brigade	For a fabulous year in 1/2.
2/3	Connor H	For showing empathy and respect towards all.
4/5	Jack H	For showing persistence to complete his MAPPEN project.
5/6	Luke R	For showing warmth and empathy to his classmates.

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ICAS COMPETITION RESULTS

The English, Digital Technologies, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competitions were entered by a number of Year 2 to 6 students earlier this term. This is an international competition of a high standard and students who excelled received awards as outlined below. It is worth noting that participants from many schools are often only the higher achieving students, which makes any award commendable as students are ranked against them.

All certificates were presented at our Monday morning assembly.

- High Distinction Certificate: the top 1% of participants
- Distinction Certificate: the next 10% of participants
- Credit Certificate: the next 25% of participants
- Merit Certificate: the next 10% of participants
- Participation Certificate: for all remaining participants



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Congratulations go to all students who entered. Results for all competitions are as follows:

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AWARDS

Merit	Participation
Year 4 Sophie W	Year 4 Rohan P Year 5 Jack H Year 6 Natalie P

ENGLISH AWARDS

Credit	Participation
Year 2 Thomas W Year 4 Sophie W	Year 3 Amelia S Year 4 Rohan P Year 5 Jack H Year 6 Natalie P

MATHEMATICS AWARDS

Credit	Merit	Participation	
Year 2 Jack W Thomas W Year 3 Amelia S	Year 3 Greta L	Year 2 Jordan B Year 4 Rohan P Sophie W	Year 5 Jack H Year 6 Natalie P

SCIENCE AWARDS

Distinction	Credit	Merit	Participation
Year 2 Thomas W	Year 4 Rohan P	Year 4 Sophie W	Year 2 Jordan B Year 3 Max C Amelia S Year 5 Jack H Year 6 Natalie P

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SPELLING AWARDS

Credit	Participation	
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WRITING AWARDS

Credit	Participation
Year 4 Sophie W	Year 3 Amelia S Year 6 Natalie P

