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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

2024 Prep Transition Sessions:

Earlier this week we hosted our first transition session for our 2024 Prep students and although the sample size is still quite small, we were super impressed with how well these children settled into a classroom environment and associated routine. With several more sessions remaining to provide a well-rounded transition experience, we are confident our incoming Prep children will be ready to start school in the new year. These remaining sessions are as follows:

1. **Tuesday 28 November (9:30am – 10:30am)**

This will be an arts-based session, linked to our creative art and music programs.

2. **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.

As a reminder, all our 2024 students (Prep-Year 6) will also 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 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.

2024 Grade Structure & Staffing:

As an extension of the above, we are very close to finalising our grade structure and associated staffing for next year. As per our Class Placement policy, parents and guardians were provided opportunities to submit requests for our consideration prior to 1 November. Furthermore, our students have also undertaken a process to identify the qualities of a 'good learning friend', how these qualities can differ from a 'good friend', and how it is perfectly fine for these friends to be different from one another. An outcome of this activity has been the opportunity for children to identify fellow students they would like to request to be in a grade with next year. Alongside our internal professional judgement, based on a wide range of factors, the grade structure is then put together. We are confident the entire process is well considered, despite the range of limiting

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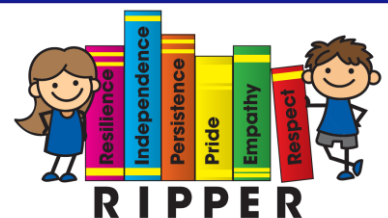
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factors that can impact small schools such as ours. Students will be informed of their 2024 grades prior to the abovementioned State-Wide Orientation Day.

With respect to our 2024 staffing, I can also provide our school community the following outline:

Prep/1	Ashleigh Phillips
Grade 1/2	Kylie Ingle
Grade 2/3	Paula Landy
Grade 4/5	Maddison Edebohls
Grade 5/6	Ben Rilen
Health/PE/Auslan	Kristine Travers
Art/Music	Yvonne Game
Tutor Learning/Disability Inclusion	Stacey Dinelli
Integration Aides	Leonie Curley, Maddison Kennedy, Kerry Stewart
Learning Specialist	Ben Rilen

As readers may have identified, our staff profile for next year has several notable changes. Firstly, after 36 years of service to the education of children within the Latrobe Valley community, Ruth Bone will take a period of long service leave before concluding her teaching career. Earlier in her career, Ruth taught for a short period at both Glengarry and Tyers Primary Schools. A significant portion of time has since been spent as a classroom teacher at Traralgon South Primary School, with appointments as a Maths Coach, a LOTE consultant for the Latrobe Valley School Support Centre, and a teacher of Indonesian also being noteworthy roles. Since my arrival to Traralgon South Primary School 4.5 years ago, I have been amazed with Ruth's focus on being the best teacher that she can be, her willingness to adapt and evolve her practice to mirror current research, ensure every one of her students achieve, whilst also supporting her colleagues to do the same. Ruth leaves with a large amount of knowledge, expertise, and a deep understanding of the history of our local community, and on behalf of the school, I would like to thank Ruth for everything she has done throughout her career to date.

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With Ruth's departure, Kylie Ingle has been successful in her application to teach at our beautiful school next year. Kylie was raised and educated in Traralgon, began her teaching career at Mill Park Heights Primary School, and has gone on to teach at Traralgon Primary School, in Scotland as a relief teacher, at Townsville Grammar, and more recently, at Casey Grammar School in Cranbourne as a Leading Teacher. Kylie has a strong background in early years education and is currently completing a Masters of Education. Pleasingly, Kylie will be able to visit our school several times before the end of this year to support her induction, and this will also include participating in the upcoming State-Wide Orientation Day.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ben Rilen on his appointment to a Learning Specialist role from the beginning of next year. This leadership position will provide coaching and support to teachers in our instructional practices, ensuring we continue to improve our abilities when implementing a whole school evidence-based instructional model. This is a new position and a level of leadership we have not previously been able to provide, with our students the ultimate beneficiaries of this as the instruction they receive being of the highest quality. To provide time for Ben to do this important work, he will be based in the classroom 4 days/week and coaching other teachers on the remaining day, with the final remaining piece in our staffing profile being the Grade 5/6 teacher for the fifth day of the school week. Stay tuned on the outcome of this!

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

22 nd November	Wednesday	Online LOOP Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
24 th November	Friday	JSC Friday Fun Day
1 st December	Friday	\$22 payment and forms due for EOY Excursion
8 th December	Friday	Whole School End of Year Excursion – Inflatable World/Moe Apex Park
12 th December	Tuesday	Statewide Orientation Day
13 th December	Wednesday	Final day to purchase uniforms from the school
14 th December	Thursday	Year 6 Celebration Day
15 th December	Friday	Year 6 Graduation Evening
18 th December	Monday	End of Year Concert – 7:00pm
20 th December	Wednesday	Last day of Term 4 – Early Dismissal - 1:00pm

School Uniform Sales

Due to having to do a stocktake, the final day for the purchase of school uniform items from the school will be Wednesday, 13th December. Items to be collected and paid for by this date please.

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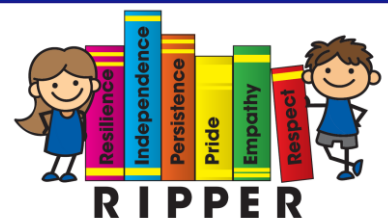
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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Lilliana S	For showing great persistence to learn all her sounds which helps her to read accurately.
1/2	Madeleine S	For being an animated Gretel in our fairy tale dress up day.
2/3	Mahley C	For working hard and improving in Maths.
4/5	Ryan R	For showing persistence during instructional writing. Well done!
5/6	Jace S	For his efforts in drafting his explanation text topic. His intro was especially engaging with the play on words.
School Captains	Charlie S	For helping a student and including them in games.





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JSC FUN FRIDAY

On Friday the 24th of November, JSC are hosting a Fun Friday! On this day, for a gold coin donation, students can come to school dressed in their favourite colour casual clothes. We will also be running 5 different fun activities throughout the day!



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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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LATROBE INDIAN ASSOCIATION
Presents

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Festival of lights



Lighting on Kay Street



Outdoor Music & DJ



Outdoor Dhol



Aerial Fireworks



Jumping Castle



Indian Classical Dance



Indian Bollywood Dance



Indian Food Truck



Indian Classical Music



Face Painting

25TH NOV, SAT | 4 PM ONWARDS
 📍 Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon

DRESS CODE: INDIAN/FORMAL
WESTERN FORMAL / SMART

INDOOR ATTRACTIONS

4 PM TO 6:30 PM | ENTRY: ADULTS \$20 // KIDS \$15
 At Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon

Indian Classical Dance (by Dr. Chandrabhanu's Team)
Indian Bollywood Dance (by Bollywood Dance Company)
Indian Folk Dance (by ABCD Dance Group)
Indian Classical Music (by Jay Dabgar and Company)

OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

5:30 PM TO 9 PM | ENTRY: FREE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
 At Kay St. (Between Broad St. & Church St.)

Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Henna, Kay St. Tree Lighting
Indian Classical Music, Live DJ and Indian Dhol
Bollywood Dance Performance, Indian Food Trucks (At cost),
Aerial Fireworks (9 pm)

For any enquiries,
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Traralgon South Tennis Club

Traralgon South Tennis Club would like to invite all tennis players on Tuesday 28th November at 6pm for a social hit. Simply turn up with your racquet and join some of our friendly clubs people for a hit. Any stage from beginner to expert is welcome. As a club we would like to start this on a regular basis over summer months to get our community outside, utilising the tennis courts and being social!!

No RSVP necessary, just turn up!



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