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PRINCIPAL REPORT…

2023 Grade Teachers:

As communicated in previous editions of The RIPPER Times, our grade structures for 2023 have been determined and we are in the very last stages of allocating students to each, based on a variety of factors. As I am sure many can appreciate, this is a large jigsaw puzzle that will never fit perfectly given the number of constraints, however we are very confident that we will achieve a great outcome overall. At the time of writing, we anticipate the placement of students into grades will be communicated next week, ahead of the State Wide Transition Day the week after (Tuesday 13 December).

With regards to our staffing, I am now able to provide an update on teacher allocations to our 2023 grades, with these as follows:

Prep/1:	Ashleigh Phillips
Grade 1/2:	Ruth Bone
Grade 2/3:	Paula Landy
Grade 4/5:	*Maddison Edebohls
Grade 5/6:	Ben Rilen

For those eagle-eyed readers, you will have noticed that our current Integration Aide, Maddie, has been listed as the classroom teacher for Grade 4/5 in 2023. If you were unaware, Maddie has been studying a Bachelor of Primary Education full-time online through Swinburne University over the previous four years, balancing this with her employment at our school over a very similar period. I am extremely excited to announce Maddie will be shifting into a classroom teacher role at our school, though to be transparent, this is not yet fully locked away as we are in the final stages of the approval process occurring centrally, anticipated to take up to another fortnight given the large volume of requests. Given the preliminary approvals we have received to date and coupled with the ever-growing interest and tight timelines we face, I am comfortable in sharing this (highly-likely-but-yet-to-be-fully-approved) appointment publicly.

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The domino effect of the above will be the impact on our Integration Aide workforce, and I plan to conduct an employment process from mid-January 2023, allowing us to appoint a successful candidate, and possibly two, very early in Term 1 2023.

New Fire Danger Rating System:

In recent times, the Fire Danger Rating System has been updated and refined, seeing a system now used Australia wide. As a Category 3 school on the Bushfire At Risk Register, we are required to implement an additional level of risk management strategies, including developing and communicating the particular response of our school on various fire danger rating forecasts. I encourage our school community to familiarise yourselves with the attached document that outlines this information, despite the warmer weather not yet being something we are experiencing this season.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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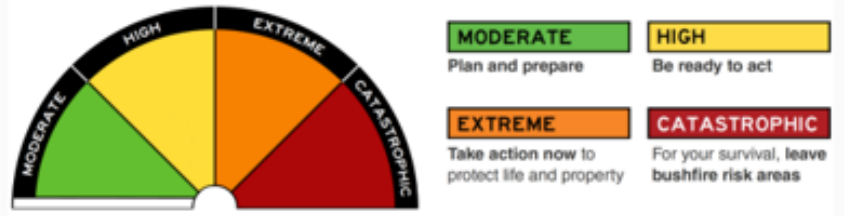
School Procedures for the 2022-2023 Bushfire Season

Traralgon South Primary School is included on the Bushfire At Risk (Category 3) register by the Department of Education and Training. Inclusion on this register is a trigger for schools to pre-emptively close on days forecast Catastrophic in their Bureau of Meteorology district, as well as other pre-emptive and preparedness actions in line with our fire risk category.

The following is to inform families and the local community of our planned response to Fire Danger Ratings and local conditions during the bushfire season, to keep our students and staff safe.

Australian Fire Danger Rating System:



Planned Response of Traralgon South Primary School:

FORECAST FIRE DANGER RATING (West & South Gippsland)	ACTION	COMMUNICATION
Catastrophic	• SCHOOL CLOSED/RELOCATED (decision made by the Department of Education and Training). • Out of hours care cancelled. • Bus routes, camps and excursions through Catastrophic area cancelled. • No staff onsite. *Families enact their bushfire survival plan.*	• Parents contacted directly, up to 4 days prior, and confirmed the day before. • Decision will not change. • Local CFA notified.
Extreme (No fires in local area)	• **School and out of hours care remain open.** • School to monitor Vic Emergency website/ABC radio and keep in contact with Regional Emergency Management staff from the Department of Education and Training. • Follow advice of Emergency Services. • If considered necessary, approval will be sought for school closure/relocation as above. *Families enact their bushfire survival plan.*	• Parents notified of any changes to situation, if possible. • Parents to ensure they can be easily contacted, or alternatively, inform the school who the best contact is for that day.

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FORECAST FIRE DANGER RATING (West & South Gippsland)	ACTION	COMMUNICATION
Extreme (Fire in local area – for example: Callignee, Churchill, Loy Yang)	• **Principal to request approval for school closure/relocation** from Department of Education and Training. • School to monitor Vic Emergency website/ABC radio and keep in contact with Regional Emergency Management staff from the Department of Education and Training. • Contact Emergency Services. • Follow advice of Emergency Services: - If time allows and if safe to do so, evacuate with Emergency Services escort. - Shelter in place in Multi-Purpose Room. • Out of hours care cancelled. • Bus routes, camps and excursions through relevant areas cancelled. • If parents arrive during this time, they will be strongly advised to stay on school grounds *Families enact their bushfire survival plan.*	• Parents contacted directly as soon as possible. • Parents notified of any changes to situation, if possible. • Decision will not change. • Local CFA notified.
High	• School to remain vigilant and be ready to act, as necessary.	• Parents notified of any changes to situation, if possible.

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DATES TO REMEMBER…

1st December	Thursday	Inflatable World Forms & Payment Due In - $20 per student
13th December	Tuesday	Statewide Orientation Day
14th December	Wednesday	Year 6 Students Celebration Day
15th December	Thursday	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
16th December	Friday	Whole School End of Year Excursion – Inflatable World
19th December	Monday	End of Year Concert
20th December	Tuesday	End of Term 4 – Early Dismissal at 1:00pm

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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 this year. 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.

Certificates will be presented at our Friday assembly. They are determined as follows:

- 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

Congratulations go to all students who entered. Award winners for each competition are listed below:

Mathematics	Writing	Science
Credit Thomas W – Year 3	**Credit** Amelia S – Year 3	**Credit** Thomas W – Year 3 **Merit** Levi S – Year 2
English	**Digital Technologies**	**Spelling**
Credit Thomas W – Year 3 **Merit** Sophie W – Year 5	**Credit** Thomas W – Year 3	**Credit** Bowie R – Year 2 **Merit** Sophie W – Year 5

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IN 2 LEARNING

Join our fun filled Greater kids Vacation Care program! To confirm your booking, please complete and return our enrolment form and Vacation Care Booking Form.

Opening hours 7:00am - 6:00pm | Contact number: 0411 821 530 | juliana@in2learning.com.au

VACATION CARE PROGRAM IN 2 LEARNING

Monday 16/01/2023	Tuesday 17/01/2023	Wednesday 18/01/2023	Thursday 19/01/2023	Friday 20/01/2023
Dance Party Bring your dancing shoes and have a dance party with glow sticks.	**Bring your wheels** Bring your scooters bikes and helmets for a day of riding.	**Teddy Bear Picnic** Bring in your favourite teddy bear today for a special picnic lunch.	**Sausage sizzle at the playground** Let's go have a play at the playground just done the little hill and enjoy a sausage sizzle.	**Hawaiian Shirt Day** Come dressed in your most colourful Hawaiian shirt and enjoy Zooper Doopers outside.
Monday 23/01/2023	**Tuesday 24/01/2023**	**Wednesday 25/01/2023**	**Thursday 26/01/2023**	**Friday 27/01/2023**
Talent show & device day Bring your talents and show us your skills in music, dance, magic, or jokes. Prize for the winner Child consultation winner larger prize others a smaller prize for being part of it.	**Pancake Day** Make and eat pancakes for afternoon tea	**Arts and crafts day** A whole day of arts and crafts. Come and create a masterpiece.	**CLOSED FOR AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY.**	**Pyjama Day** Come dressed in your pyjamas for a relaxing end of holidays. G and PG movies and popcorn.

Complete the booking form by the 16th December **2022 .** Breakfast, morning tea and afternoon tea provided. Please pack lunch. **Price is $74.90 dollars per day**

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

If link doesn't work please contact Juliana on 0411 821 530 or email juliana@in2learning.com.au

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Kinship Support Group

Are you caring for a child or children because a family member or a friend is unable to?
Would you like to meet others who are in a similar situation and will understand what you are going through?
Would you like to be with people who will listen to your stories without judgement?
All Kinship Carers are welcome and morning tea will be supplied

The first Monday of each month

10 am – 12 pm

Morwell Neighbourhood House

48-50 Beattie Crescent

Morwell

Next Meeting-Monday 5th of December 2022

RSVP for catering: Anita on 0475 740 927 or
kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au
or click the following link to register https://forms.office.com/r/GxK2dgVsBu

BERRY STREET

Believing In Children, Young People, Families & Their Future.

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