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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Student Attendance:

Over the previous 12 months, and in line with a statewide focus, our school has paid a stronger level of attention towards our processes and procedures associated with student attendance. These efforts have included a combination of our back-end data entry practices, working with particular students and families to support higher levels of attendance, and ensuring our processes align with all other government schools within the Inner Gippsland region. 2023 saw an improvement in student attendance rates for our school compared to the year prior, however we do not want to become complacent in our efforts towards promoting the importance of students being at school on a regular basis. Much of the learning undertaken in the classroom is arranged in a sequential nature, and a child experiencing interruptions to this has a significant negative impact on their ability to fully comprehend and apply the learning within.

I encourage all readers to reflect on the number of absences and/or late arrivals your child has recorded already this year and compare these numbers to the table below. Whilst a day here or there might not seem like much, the cumulative effect over the course of the school year can quickly become significant, thus having a detrimental effect on your child’s learning.

1 or 2 days off school a week does not seem like much but...

| If your child misses... | That equals... | Which is... | And over 13 years of schooling, that is... |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 day per fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Almost 1 ½ years |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Almost 8 years |

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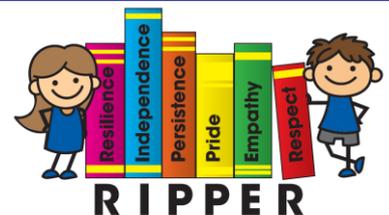
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How about being a little bit late each day?

| He/she is only missing just... | That equals... | Which is... | And over 13 years of schooling, that is... |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 10 minutes per day | 50 minutes per week | Almost 1 ½ weeks per year | Nearly ½ a year |
| 20 minutes per day | 1 hour 40 minutes per week | Over 2 ½ weeks per year | Nearly 1 year |
| 30 minutes per day | Half a day per week | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ years |
| 1 hour per day | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years |

EVERY DAY COUNTS – If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

School Council:

Earlier this year, opportunities were provided to our parent community to nominate themselves or others for a two-year position on our School Council. Following the closing date for nominations, I can announce that the number of nominations matches the number of positions available, and we therefore do not need to conduct a ballot. Consequently, our 2024 School Council will consist of the following members:

Parent Representatives:

Emma Camilleri
Leanne Kamphuis
Jo McInnes
Andrew Piechota
Kathryn Preston

Lisa Prior
Erin Riseley
Sharon S
Jackie Smith

Staff Representatives:

Stacey Dinelli
Paula Landy

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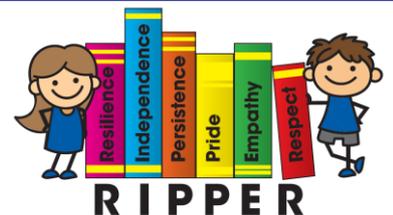
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I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank Evgenia Brand for her four years of membership on School Council. This has been a huge commitment and her tireless efforts in supporting our school to be the best it can, cannot be underestimated.

Our AGM will be held at 7pm on Monday 18 March 2024 and office bearers will be elected at this time. Once these positions have been determined and sub-committees formed, I will communicate these to our school community also.

2024 Student Leader Badge Presentation:

As highlighted in the previous edition of The RIPPER Times, Martin Cameron MP (State Member for Morwell) will attend our whole school assembly on Friday 8 March (this week), beginning at 3pm, to present all of our 2024 student leaders a certificate of congratulations. This will also include the badge presentation for our 2024 Junior School Councillors (noting our School Captains and House Captains were presented their badges at the end of 2023). Assuming the weather forecast remains positive, we will conduct this assembly on the Undercover Court to cater for the expected larger number of parent and family attendees.

The Resilience Project – Digital Wellbeing for Families Webinar

Our connection to The Resilience Project wellbeing program has provided this free opportunity for families (see the image on the following page), scheduled for 6:30pm on Tuesday 19 March. To register, please do so via this [link](#).

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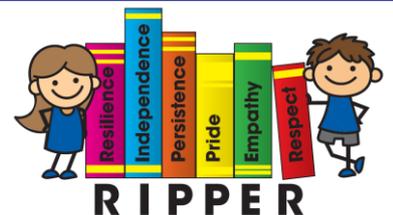
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Digital Wellbeing for Families Webinar

AUDIENCE
Parents & Carers

TIME & DURATION
60 minutes

FORMAT
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

This new presentation gives parents/carers the opportunity to reflect on their family's digital wellbeing. They will explore **practical tips and strategies** to create **healthy habits around screen time** to positively impact relationships and **strengthen connections** within the home.

Presented to you and other schools, parents/carers throughout the session will:



Gain insight into the **latest research around family screen time and its impact** on individual and collective wellbeing in the home.



Be provided with **ideas and strategies to enhance their own digital wellbeing** to role model for their family.



Feel equipped to **support their children's device usage with practical strategies** without screen shaming, banning or removing devices.

Take care,
Joel Blythman

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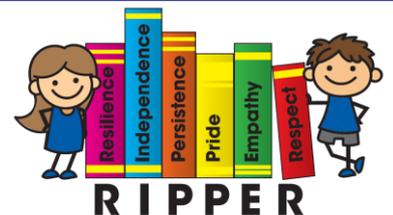
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DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| 11 th March | Monday | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| 12 th March | Tuesday | School Photos |
| 13 th March | Wednesday | Missen Link Easter Bun Orders and Payment Due |
| 22 nd March | Friday | Missen Link Easter Bun Orders Collection Day |
| 25 th March | Monday | District School Sports – Years 3 to 6 students only |
| 28 th March | Thursday | Last Day Term 1 |
| 29 th March | Friday | Good Friday Public Holiday |
| 15 th April | Monday | First Day Term 2 |

U/10 Girls Basketball

Looking for girls born in 2015 and 2016 to start up a new Traralgon South Basketball Team to play at the Traralgon stadium on Friday nights. The winter season for 2024 starts late April and runs through till September.

Costs per child include \$80 registration for the season and \$29 for Basketball Victoria Licence (paid annually).

If you are interested or need more info please contact Kassie 0416933156.

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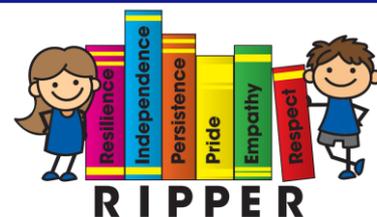
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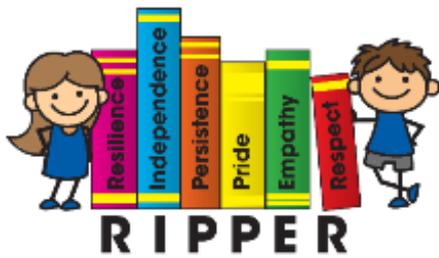




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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



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| Prep/1 | Lillianna S | For displaying persistence and determination with her reading! |
| 1/2 | Lillie G | For consistently demonstrating independence and respectful listening in our classroom. |
| 2/3 | Hadley K | For consistently working to the best of her ability. |
| 5/6 | Jack W | For his outstanding persuasive writing. It was convincing, but also very funny to listen to! |
| Art/Music | Daisy K | For her enthusiasm and persistence to complete her Van Gogh sunflowers. |
| | Aubrey S | For her excellent paper portrait which demonstrated great colour, pattern and skill. |
| PE | Vann D | For showing independence and persistence during PZE class to complete all activities. |

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IN 2 LEARNING

Join our fun filled Vacation Care program!
 To confirm your booking, please complete our online booking form!
 Opening hours 7:00am – 6:00pm | Contact number: 0411 821 530 | juliana@in2learning.com.au

| | Monday 01/04/2024 | Tuesday 02/04/2024 | Wednesday 03/04/2024 | Thursday 04/04/2024 | Friday 05/04/2024 |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| VACATION CARE PROGRAM IN 2 LEARNING | <p>CLOSED Public holiday</p>  | <p>MEXICAN DAY!</p> <p>Did someone say Taco Tuesday? Come and enjoy a day of colourful activities and a Taco lunch while we watch COCO!</p>  | <p>TECHNOLOGY DAY BRING IN YOUR DEVICES</p> <p>Bring along your tablets, iPad etc and enjoy a day of using technology to enhance your learning and play experience.</p>  | <p>HAWAII DAY</p> <p>Come in dressed in your most colourful clothes and enjoy a fun filled day of activities followed by making pizzas for afternoon tea.</p>  | <p>ARTS AND CRAFTS DAY</p> <p>Come in and spend the day creating things.</p>  |
| | <p>Monday 08/04/2024</p> <p>DISNEY DAY.</p> <p>Come in for a day filled with activities and watch our favourite Disney movies.</p>  | <p>Tuesday 09/04/2024</p> <p>PIRATE & FAIRY DAY</p> <p>Come in for a fun filled day of activities. What will you come dressed as?</p>  | <p>Wednesday 10/04/2024</p> <p>PLANTING DAY</p> <p>Come in a paint your own flowerpots and plant some seeds in them. Followed by making popcorn and watching the Lorax.</p>  | <p>Thursday 11/04/2024</p> <p>BRING YOUR WHEELS DAY.</p> <p>Bring along your bike, scooter, skateboard, or rollerblades. Please don't forget your helmet</p>  | <p>Friday 12/04/2024</p> <p>PARTY DAY.</p> <p>let's cook all our favourite party food and have a dance party to celebrate the end of the holidays.</p>  |

Complete the booking form by 22nd March 2024.

Breakfast, morning tea and afternoon tea provided.

Please pack lunch, hat, and water bottle.

Price - \$74.90 per day per student

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

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