



Dear Parents,

An exciting day today! We had the delivery of the new furniture for the middle area. This consists of pod ottomans, and tables and chairs that will be utilised by small groups and individual students. We went with furniture that is flexible in usage but also adaptable for any age group. We're looking forward to seeing it utilised for many years to come.

This morning we had the CFA ladder truck here to come and take aerial photos of our school to assist with Emergency Management procedures. This was mainly done as we are assisting a CFA member with some professional development. I was fortunate enough to go up in the basket as well! Some great shots were taken of the school and immediate area. Pity it was drizzling but I can assure you the wind is stronger the higher you go up! After a few photos and selfies, it was time to head back down. Many thanks to the CFA for allowing this to happen.

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks we have had some local residents using our school bin and recycle bin for their own personal rubbish. As you can imagine with a school that has 120 people, we do fill up the bins regularly, especially the recycling that is only emptied every 2 weeks. A majority of the waste is larger bags and boxes which take up considerable room. Last week we could not fit another item in either our red bins or recycling. Thanks for your consideration regarding this matter.

Planning for 2018 has been well underway for some time. Whilst grade structures and staff placement aren't yet finalised, if you have specific learning requests or information that would assist with planning please make sure you put this into an email or make an appointment to come and see me.

A reminder that there is no school on Monday or Tuesday next week. Monday is one of the school's curriculum days which we are utilising for report work and Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

**Adam Downes - Principal**

## **OUTSTANDING ICAS RESULTS**

The ICAS (International Competitions & Assessments for Schools) competitions have concluded for 2017. It is worth summarising and further acknowledging the outstanding results of some of our students.

Over the 6 competitions for Years 2 to 6 (English, Writing, Spelling, Digital Technologies and Mathematics), Traralgon South students received 5 High Distinctions and 16 distinctions. (the top 1 % and the next 10% of participants). These are outstanding results, especially notable when considering many schools enter only their higher achieving students.

Featured in this photo are our 'High Distinction' award winners. Heath Kamphuis – Maths & Science, Kate Edgar – Spelling, Isobel McAllister and Abby Riddell – Science. Congratulations to these students and to all students who challenged themselves to do their best!



<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon	Student Free Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri	Student Free Day
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Wed - Fri	Years 5/6 Melbourne Camp
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue	End of Year Concert
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Fri	End of 2017 School Year - 1:30pm dismissal

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**YOU CAN DO IT**  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**  
**For Week Ending 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**



P/1	Danielle Game	For persisting with her problem solving in Maths.
1/2	Harry Tilley	For working his best to solve problems in Maths.
2/3	Lachlan Pass	For being an encouraging and thoughtful class member.
	Piper Skurrie	For being a resilient learner and making great progress in her counting skills.
4	Ben Hagley	For consistently showing pride in his work to achieve his best results.
5/6	Seirena Tapai	For showing persistence when working on her writing goals.
Art/Music	Ella Prior	For excellent application and detail on her clay portrait.
	Kate Hagley	For persistence and patience making a workable clay whistle.
P.E.	Byron Smythe	For showing silence and stillness during P.E. poses.
	Ayva Rohde	For always displaying maturity and teamwork during P.E.