



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 1 TERM 3 2019

Although the previous few weeks have been a whirlwind, I have been incredibly appreciative of the warm welcome and friendly faces that have greeted me as your new Principal. Upon sharing the news of my appointment, many have told me how lucky I am to be leading a great school, full of talented staff, lovely students and supportive families. Within the local community, the reputation of Traralgon South Primary School is quite strong, and this is one I will be aiming to enhance even further during my tenure.

I mentioned at our first assembly on Monday morning how different, but also how similar, my previous experiences as Assistant Principal at Lowanna College are to this school. Despite coming from a school with nearly 1000 students and 130 staff, high quality teaching and learning is very similar despite the environmental context. Throughout the current Traralgon South Primary School strategic plan, our teachers have worked incredibly hard to develop their practice so they can provide the very best learning experiences for our children, and they have done this through working in teams, sharing their practice, and reflecting on what has, or has not, worked in their classrooms. Within the targeted teaching model, the use of student achievement data to inform what students need to learn next has also been a focus. Amongst others, these initiatives will continue to be embedded as we move into our next school review in 2020, allowing us to achieve the very best outcomes for every child. Again, these are areas I look forward to leading our school community through over the coming years.

On a separate matter, please be informed that all parents have been invited to complete the Department of Education and Training 2019 Parent Opinion Survey. Additional details regarding this survey, how it is conducted and how the results are used by our school are provided below in this newsletter, in addition to a letter sent home today. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

As the weeks progress, I look forward to meeting you all, and thank the school community again for such a lovely welcome.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Our final count was 13020 stickers! We are now in the process of “spending” the points and we will let you know what is decided. Thanks again for supporting the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

25 th July	Thu	Book Club Orders Due In
29 th July	Mon	School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
11 th Aug	Sun	Last day for Parent Opinion Survey online access
14 th Aug	Wed	ICAS online payments close for Years 2 - 6 students participating
23 rd Aug	Fri	Musica Viva
9 th Sept	Mon	Prep - 2 Swimming Program Begins



Parent Opinion Survey

Your School, Your Say

Traralgon South Primary School is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July** to **Sunday 11th August**. To access this survey, you will be provided a separate letter, detailing the survey link and your PIN.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Please speak to Mr. Blythman if you would like more information.