

NEWSLETTER



Soaring to great heights

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INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This Wednesday (tomorrow) is our annual athletics carnival against the other Traralgon Rural Schools. The students will be competing with students from Traralgon South, Tyers, Glengarry and Toongabbie Primary Schools. Each event is either timed or distance is recorded – these are the times and distances which determine the score your child receives for each event, it does not go on the first in the race or the student who threw the furthest. A score of 3 is the highest score for each event. All students who participate receive either a 3, 2 or 1.

To determine the winning school, the total scores for all students in each school is calculated and then divided by the amount of students participating on the day for each school. The winning school is presented a perpetual trophy/plaque.

WHOLE SCHOOL INVERLOCH EXCURSION

This Friday the whole school will travel by bus to Cape Patterson to investigate the Rock Pools. We will be stopping off in Leongatha to have a snack and toilet break and then heading to the Rock Pools. Lunch will be at Inverloch, then after a play we will be traveling back to school. I anticipate we will be back at school between 4 and 4.30. If you would like to know a closer time on the day please CALL the school mobile and I can update our progress.

There are still a few seats available to travel with us on the bus. Please let me know if you are interested.



NOTE: Our school bus will run in the morning as normal however it will not be running at night so parents need to make arrangements to collect their children from school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

There is still one position available for School Council – if you are interested please come and see me.

The AGM is next Tuesday (the 22nd of March) at 7.30pm in the Staffroom).

GRANDPARENTS MORNING & LAST DAY OF TERM ACTIVITIES

This year we will have times specifically designed for our grandparents to come and visit our school. The last day of term (March 24th) is the first of our Grandparents days. Our students love showing off what they are learning and how they are learning, they particularly love showing off to their loved ones. We will be taking photos of our students and their grandparents on the day

The last day of term will include an Easter Hat Parade (with the Kinder joining us) and an Easter raffle. The hat parade will begin at 1.30pm. (Our lunch time will be altered to allow time in the afternoon). The last day of term finishes at 2.30pm. The school bus will run at this time. Thank you to all the parents who have donated Easter items for the raffle; if you haven't donated yet please send them in by next Tuesday.



Student of the Week

WEEK OF 26.2.16		WEEK OF 4.3.16	
NAME	AWARD GIVEN FOR	NAME	AWARD GIVEN FOR
Grace	Helping others	Emma	Dedication to her work
Jessica	Overcoming her nerves for her Oral Presentation	Natalie	Working well in class
Maartin	Great reading	Hayley	Wonderful start to grade 6
Harlen	Preparing long jump pit	Emily	Great work in place value
Ava	Great MAB work in maths		
Ethan	Preparing long jump pit		
Jonathan	Outstanding effort in senior maths class		

25 NIGHTS READING

Zoe Thomas	Shanequa Mikayla	Natalie Amelia	HollyAnne
KATIE GRACE NATHAN EMMA JACK M	AVA HAYLEY JACK S JESSICA CAITLYN	JAKE BAILEY STEVIE RYLEIGH OLIVIA	GEMMA ED AJ HAYLEY

SPELLING

Jack Gemma Stevie AJ Harlen Emily



SPELLING HOMEWORK

Spelling homework will continue this week, with the final test for the term being undertaken next Tuesday (22nd) as we do not continue these over the holidays. New words will be sent home again in the first week of Term 2.

The spelling groups are flexible groups, unlike other schools we choose to focus our students on learning words which are at their academic level rather than their grade level. If your child attains five weeks of high pre-tests results (explained below) they will move to the next level.

Group 1 – 12 or more out of 16 for 5.

Group 2 – 15 or more out of 20

Groups 3 to 6 – 20 or more out of 25.

We regularly look at each student's results however if you think we have overlooked your child's results please let us know and we can assess how they are going.

BULLYING SURVEY

Each term we ask the students who they like working and playing with and if they are being given a hard time by any student and if they see any other student being given a hard time. All students have now completed their survey and Brian will be following up with any student who mentioned any bullying – to allow us to find out what is happening, how often and where in the school.

MONSTER TRUCKS

Over the past few weeks we have been buying Monster Trucks for the students to play with in the sandpit and in the dirt. It is wonderful to see our Prep students confident to come into the Staffroom, find their name on a piece of paper and trade this for the Monster Truck. They have quickly learnt the borrowing system.

SKOOLBO

Our Grade Prep students were incredibly excited last week to begin using Skoolbo (a website and Ipad App). Skoolbo focuses on each student's individual reading and maths skills. The program is designed to work on the student's Zone of Proximal Development (where the student is currently working and needing to be working on next). Although it looks like the students are just 'flying aeroplanes' they are constantly receiving feedback about their work, with correct answers allowing the 'pilot' to continue flying further. In addition to this student earn points for each of their activities, which they can cash in to buy items for their 'bedroom'. Another positive aspect of this program is that each classroom teacher is able to log into each child's account to set tasks and see where they need additional work on.

If you would like to see it in action, please chat to your child's teacher to see when they will be using in the classroom, or we can give you a personal demonstration outside teaching times.

NEW VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND THE USE OF VARIOUS TECHNOLOGIES IN THE CLASSROOM

The Victorian Government has introduced a new curriculum to be fully implemented in 2017 (schools can choose to implement in 2016). A new aspect of the Victorian Curriculum is 'Digital Technologies'. Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) has been a part of the curriculum for many years, which focuses on students having the technical skills to use safely various digital practices. The Digital Technologies Learning Area develops the student's thought processes to unravel problems (problem solving) and to create a digital solution to these.

As much as parents may be concerned about the use of computers, ipads, cameras, the Internet, emails (Senior School) and other technological devices in the classroom, we must teach our schools to use these. In addition to the curriculum requirements, students learn easily by 'playing games' on these technologies as the response is instant, both positive and negative. It is amazing to watch how students work together 'to beat' the computer, they try one way and if it doesn't work they try another way – they happily undertake all of these techniques without even realising they are learning.

The programs we use in the classroom are based on the topics being taught or may be a revision of topics taught previously. Patrice and I had a lovely serenade last week by a Grade 2/3 student singing along to the two timetables rap being played on the ipad. This is a much better way to learn timetables than the way I 'learnt' them in primary school.

SPORTS IN SCHOOLS

Due to sports practice and the school athletics there will be no Sports in Schools on Wednesday 16th March. Next term we will run extra sessions.

2016		<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
	TERM 1	◆
March	Wednesday 16th	◆ School Athletics ◆ (NO sports in School)
	Tuesday 22nd	• Hot Cross buns delivered to school • Sports in schools • School Council AGM
	Wednesday 23rd	• Sports in Schools
	Thursday 24th	• Last day Term 1 (Early Dismissal 2.30pm) • Easter Parade
	Friday 25th	• Good Friday
		TERM 2
APRIL	Monday 25th	• Bike Ed starts
	Tues 10th—Thurs 12th	• NAPLAN
	Wednesday 25th	• Grade 3/4 Camp

IMMUNISATION

CERTIFICATES

Just a reminder that if you haven't presented your child's immunisation form to school yet could you please do it as soon as possible. Many thanks.

PARENTS CLUB

IMPORTANT DATES

23rd March—Easter Raffle tickets and **prize donations due back**

24th March—Drawing of the Easter Raffle

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of JSC was last week with Tyler, Brody, Ethan, Oscar, Nathan and Emma attending. The topic for the day was Easter Dress up Day. This will go ahead however it will not be a fundraiser as Mrs Robbo said that parents have had a lot of expense over the last month.



FREE HOTSHOTS 'Come and Try' Session

will be held on Sat April 9th

Phone for details

JUNIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

ANZ Tennis Australia Hotshots for ages 5 – 12

FREE trial lesson available FREE tennis racquet and t-shirt upon enrolment in term program.

LET'S PLAY TENNIS - For children above 12 years of age
FREE trial lesson available.

MUM'S and DAD'S PROGRAMS and CARDIO TENNIS

LADIES' and MEN'S GROUPS (beginners or experienced)

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE



All School Sport

Each Tuesday afternoon the entire school participates in sport activities organised by the upper grade. There is a huge variety of activities being played depending on the weather. Ie: bowling, dancing, basketball.



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TUESDAY LUNCH ORDERS

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