



# THE RIPPER TIMES

Weekly Newsletter of Traralgon South Primary School

## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Regional Cross Country:

Last Thursday, four of our students represented our school at the Regional Cross Country event in Drouin, following their qualification in the District event in early May. It is with great pride that I share their results below:

Student	Time	Position
<b>Girls 9/10yo (2km)</b>		
Tahlia R	00:09:20.217	27
<b>Boys 9/10yo (2km)</b>		
Bowie R	00:07:53.777	7
<b>Boys 11yo (3km)</b>		
Liam P	00:12:03.517	8
<b>Girls 12/13yo (3km)</b>		
Mia P	00:15:09.917	39

Each of these children have done incredibly well, and on behalf of the school community, I would like to publicly congratulate them for their effort, attitude, and behaviour demonstrated throughout. Pleasingly, both Bowie R and Liam P have qualified themselves for the State Cross Country event on Thursday 18 July, and we look forward to providing a further update thereafter. Good luck boys!

### The Resilience Project:

With the days getting shorter and the weather becoming colder, the likelihood of children filling their down time with the aid of a screen or device is likely to increase. Our connection to The Resilience Project recently provided me with the provocation of why being bored is a good thing, especially with children, as this provides time for sitting with our emotions rather than escaping them. Furthermore, imaginative and unstructured play without defined rules is crucial to developing skills that build resilience. I found this an interesting concept, and it stuck with me when I was recently in a public setting, waiting for an event to begin. As I looked around, every adult, and nearly every child, was looking at a device and most likely filling their time mindlessly.

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I'm guilty of doing this too, and quite often, but reading [this article](#) has since made me more alert to how I could instead approach these down times differently, as an individual, but also as a parent. I encourage our parent community to take 3-5 minutes to read it too and challenge yourselves to go out of your way to allow your children to be bored.

## Supervision & Duty of Care:

I would like to politely remind our parent community of our [Supervision Policy](#), as in recent weeks, we have been getting a growing number of students dropped off to school early and/or not collected until later in the afternoon. This has led to a number of low-level issues occurring in the yard as children are left unsupervised, often for extended periods, including some children making their own way to the General Store, interrupting our Outside School Hours Care program, or behaving in a manner that we would not otherwise expect. For clarity, our grounds are supervised from **8:45am until 3:45pm**, and the In2Learning Outside School Hours Care program provides an on-site service for supervision of children outside of these times. Inquiries for enrolments at In2Learning can be made [here](#).

Your support with the above would be very much appreciated.

## 2025 Enrolments:

With a number of younger siblings of current students attending the neighbouring Pre-School, please be reminded of the Department of Education timelines for 2025 Prep enrolments, with Friday 26 July the nominated due date for these. I am sure many parents/carers will be feeling like they have only just got into a Pre-School routine and are possibly not yet ready to even think about school enrolment, hence this polite reminder message. Enrolment packages can be collected from the Pre-School, our General Office, or from our website (under the 'Prospective Families' tab). Of course, if you would like to visit our school to discuss enrolment for your child in 2025 in more detail, I would be most willing to support this and I encourage you to reach out to arrange a mutually convenient time to do so.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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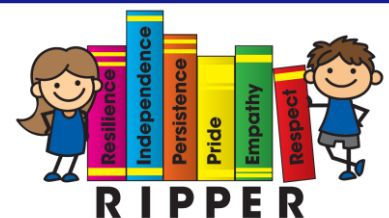
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## DATES TO REMEMBER...

28 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	End of Term 2 – 2:30pm Dismissal
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	First Day Term 3
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	Student Free Day

**Vote for our school to WIN a \$1000 shopping spree at Mid Valley’s Sculpture Competition!**

Visit the sculpture display at Mid Valley Shopping Centre (near Rivers) to vote for your favourite sculpture! On Display: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June.



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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Axel J	For taking pride in his written work. Well done!
1/2	Marlee L	For continuously displaying RIPPER values in all aspects of her learning.
2/3	Violet M	For working really hard to make a fantastic Dojo book.
4/5	Liam P	For exceeding classroom expectations by being a fantastic role model for his peers.
5/6	Nathaniel R	For his improved attitude towards all learning tasks. Keep up the awesome work!
Art	Charlotte M	For the persistence she demonstrated while learning to create a Gods Eye.

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## School Holiday Classes

**Kids Hammock**  
Tuesday 2nd July @ 12pm  
Monday 8th July @ 5:30pm

**Kids Hoop**  
Monday 1st July @ 5:30pm  
Tuesday 9th July @ 12:45pm

**Acro**  
Wednesday 10th July @ 5:30pm

**Junior Bungee Fitness**  
45minutes (\$18)  
Tuesday 2nd July @ 12pm  
Tuesday 9th July @ 12pm  
Wednesday 10th July @ 4:15pm

**\$25** 1hr Sessions

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