



THE RIPPER TIMES

Weekly Newsletter of Traralgon South Primary School

PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Welcome To Term 3:

I trust those in our school community were able to find some time to enjoy the school holiday break and a change in routine over the previous fortnight. Whilst cold, there were a number of clear days and it has been lovely to hear the variety of adventures our students experienced during the break.

The coming term will be a busy one (aren't they always?!), and I encourage our parent community to stay engaged with our usual communication channels (primarily our weekly newsletter and uEducateUs) to keep abreast of upcoming events and activities. As a brief summary, this term will include:

- Prep/1 & Grade 1/2 100 Days of School celebration (Friday 19 July)
- Our school review (Monday 22 July and Tuesday 6 August)
- School Council approved Student Free Days (Thursday 25 July & Friday 20 September)
- Year 5 & 6 camp (Wednesday 14 August – Friday 16 August)
- Various interschool sporting events
- Several incursions
- Father's Day Stall (Friday 30 August)
- Student Led Conferences (Thursday 19 September & Friday 20 September)

Congratulations Mrs Phillips:

As many would be aware, Mrs Phillips finished at the end of Term 2 to begin her maternity leave, and it is with great excitement that on behalf of the Phillips family, I can announce the safe arrival of Parker Jye Phillips, born on 3 July 2024 and weighing 3.76kg. Congratulations to Ash and Luke, and we can't wait for a cuddle!



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NAPLAN:

For our Year 3 and Year 5 families, please be aware that individual NAPLAN reports for tests conducted earlier this year have recently arrived at our school, and they will be sent home in sealed envelopes this week. Whilst these tests provide valuable information, please remember that they are just a series of tests conducted over a short period of time, and they alone do not define student success. As a collective, we are super impressed with the level of achievement of our students and congratulate them on their efforts!

School Review – Parent Focus Group:

As a follow-up from the voluntary online survey offered to families during Term 2 (thanks to those that responded to this, your feedback and input was especially valuable), a short parent focus group will be offered in a face-to-face setting with members of our school review panel. This will be scheduled from 8:50am to 9:20am (approx.) on Tuesday 6 August, at a location within the school yet to be determined. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to share their experiences of our school and help shape the strategic direction for the next four-year period, and I encourage readers consider taking part.

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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DATES TO REMEMBER...

25 th July	Thursday	Student Free Day
26 th July	Friday	Online LOOP Scholastic Book Club Orders Close
19 th July	Friday	Years 5&6 Camp Payment & Forms Due
14 th August – 16 th August	Wednesday – Friday	Years 5&6 Camp – Woorabinda
30 th August	Friday	Father's Day Stall

MIDVALLEY SHOPPING CENTRE'S SCHOOL'S SCULPTURE COMPETITION:

Last term our school participated in a competition to build a model using recycled materials to represent World Environment Day. Thank you to all the people who visited Mid Valley and voted for our school. We are happy to announce that we came runner's up and have received a \$50 voucher for our school. Also a big thank you to all our wonderful students that worked so hard on creating the best model they could.

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THE STEM ZONE EXPERIMENT

FAMILY SCIENCE FESTIVAL

3 hours of science experiments and discovery
with guest scientist presentations!

SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

Morning Session | Afternoon Session
9:00am - 12:00pm | 12:30pm - 3:30pm

See you at
LARDNER PARK
155 Burnt Store Rd, Lardner VIC 3820

YOUTH \$11.50

VISIT THE WEBSITE OR BOOK HERE:
<https://www.stemzone.com.au/special-events>

Get in the Zone! FOR **NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2024**

Lardner Park
An Australian Government Initiative

Inspiring

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government

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