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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

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 on Tuesday 6 August, located in our Spare Classroom/Auslan room, next door to our Library. There is no need to RSVP or register for this session – it is an open invitation. 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 fouryear period, and I encourage readers consider taking part.

2024 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey:

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

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The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

If you would like more information, I welcome you to make contact to discuss this further.

State Cross Country:

As previously reported, we were super proud of Bowie and Liam qualifying for State Cross Country, with both students competing in this event last week. Below is a summary of their achievement in their respective races, and on behalf of the school community, I would like to congratulate them on their RIPPER efforts!

Bowie R 9/10yo (2km) 85th place (out of 93 competitors) 00:09:39.790

Liam P 11yo (3km) 57th place (out of 95 competitors) 00:13:38.930

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 (this week) 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,

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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
14 th August – 16 th August	Wednesday – Friday	Years 5&6 Camp - Woorabinda
30 th August	Friday	Father's Day Stall

Private Music Lessons

There are a few spots available for private music lessons conducted by Tania Baldwin, currently on a Wednesday here at school. Tania teaches piano, keyboard and guitar. If you are interested and for more information contact Tania on 0448 924 340.

Appreciation from the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central, we pass on huge appreciation to your school and parent community for support to Give a Damn. Give a Can. While the club receives wonderful community support the schools are front and centre, annually contributing over 75% of the total collection; this year just on 13 000 cans. Special thanks to parents for allowing your children to raid the pantry and to the school co-ordinators, whose spirit of generosity and creative thinking leads to expansive collections.

Traralgon South PS has been enormously generous in recent years. As a past principal I was always struck by the generosity of the parent community. This years collection was a remarkable 400 cans. Thanks once again.

Ian Whitehead. Rotary Club of Traralgon Central

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with **James Hart**



Wednesday 31July 2024

4.15pm to 5.15pm **Traralgon Library**

James Hart grew up loving comics, cartoons and drawing. After finishing his studies, he turned that passion into a full-time career as an illustrator. Over the years he has worked on toy designs, animations and books for multiple clients and publishers across the world, including Anh Do's Sky Dragon series.



Scan the QR code to book or visit your local library.







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Enter our National Water Week poster competition for your chance to win fantastic prizes!

Prizes

- School prize: \$500 for a sustainability project or STEM resources
- **Student prizes:** \$100 & \$50 local gift vouchers + Gippsland Water prize packs

Upload entries online by 5pm Friday 6 September 2024.



Rose's winning poster from 2023

www.gippswater.com.au/nwwpostercompetition

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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...





Prep/1	Evelyn T	For a wonderful start back to term 3, always trying her best and showing respect.
1/2	Archer M	For taking pride in his learning and behaviour and working persistently during Sounds-Write!
2/3	Mahley C	For her fantastic efforts in all learning areas.
4/5	Henry R	For completing all learning tasks to a high standard, being an inclusive classmate, and a flexible learner with a broken arm.
5/6	Thomas W	For his efforts during writing. He set himself a challenge and sought feedback to develop 2 excellent limericks.
Art	Errol F	For his enthusiasm and participation while performing in our focussed objects lesson.

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READY-SET-CONNECT



Hello, Traralgon!

FREE NDIS
NETWORKING EVENT

- m Tuesday 06/08/2024
- 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM
- Kernot Hall Morwell, 50-70 Princes Dr. Morwell VIC

WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

HOW?

Register at onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

JOIN US

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