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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Mother's Day Stall:

Please be reminded of our Mother's Day Stall, scheduled for Friday 10 May. With thanks to our parent volunteers and donations from our school community, we look forward to providing our students an opportunity to purchase a small number of item(s) for their mother or special other, whilst raising funds for our school.

Items will be priced between \$2-\$5, and grades will be sent to the stall at different times, with an opportunity for any second visits provided to students once all have attended.

To all of the Mother's and special others in our school community, I hope you get spoilt and receive plenty of cuddles on Sunday!

### National Walk Safely to School Day:

Also scheduled for Friday 10 May, I would like to encourage our students (with parent/guardian support) to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual National Walk Safely to School Day. As many of our school community would know, using active transport as a means to travel to and from school has been a focus of ours over the previous few years, supporting increased levels of physical activity, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and strengthening student wellbeing. Participating in this initiative will also contribute towards our grade competition within the Stroll & Roll program, of which our Grade 1/2 class won for Term 1 with an extra PE session with me!

### 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

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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.

## School Saving Bonus:

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. This message is to share more information about how families will be able to access and use this support.

This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025.

It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025.

Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

## Existing supports:

The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for camps, sports, excursions and uniforms.

The application-based Affordable School Uniform program, through State Schools' Relief, will continue to be available to families experiencing financial hardship or other forms of vulnerability and short-term crisis. This program allows schools to make multiple applications for support on parents' behalf throughout the year if needed.

There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

Take care,

Joel Blythman

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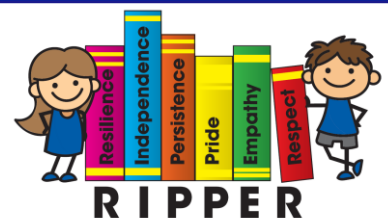
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## DATES TO REMEMBER...

10 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday	Mother's Day Stall – 11:30am – 1:00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday - Friday	Give a Can. Give a Damn collection week

## 2024 Give A Damn Give A Can Appeal



The Junior School Council, on behalf of Rotary, are once again collecting cans of food for this year's 'Give a Damn, Give a Can' food appeal. Last year our school collected 400 cans. Our aim is to beat that effort and collect even more for this year's appeal which helps many families in need.

We are collecting the cans from 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May. Students can take their donations to their classrooms.

Thank you for your support! – The Junior School Council



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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Gracie P	For making good choices in the yard and classroom this week. Well done.
1/2	Hugo R	For independent learning and giving everything a go!
	Archie H	For consistently showing independent learning and always trying his very best!
2/3	Kaylee P	For demonstrating kindness and patience when helping others.
4/5	Harrison P	For showing empathy and helping his classmates when recognising they need support!
5/6	Buddy D	For always being so thoughtful. Your kind attitude is greatly appreciated. Keep it up!
Art	Beth B	For demonstrating pride in all her artwork using her skills of persistence and pure talent.
	Eira J	For always trying her best in Art by giving her work a lot of thought and showing pride.
PE	Christina A	For always showing persistence and pride to do her best in PE.

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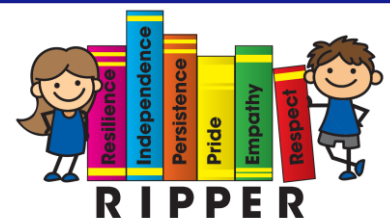
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## ENROL NOW FOR 2025



#1

Collect an enrolment package from our General Office, our website, or from the Traralgon South Pre-School.

#2

Complete all steps as detailed within our 'Student Enrolment Parent Checklist' and return all documentation to our school by Friday 26 July 2024.

Please contact us if you would like a tour, need assistance, or have any questions.



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## FAMILY FUN Day!

Carers of children with a disability you are invited to Interchange Gippsland's Family Fun Day!

**Date:** Sunday 16 June, 2024  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Location:** Gumbuya World, Garfield  
**Cost:** FREE (places are limited)



Join us for a Family Fun Day at Gumbuya World to connect with other Interchange Gippsland families, meet new friends and enjoy family time!

Free entry and lunch is supplied- please bring your own water bottle or drinks can be purchased at your own cost at Gumbuya World.

Come along and experience the wildlife and rides.

\*Limited transport options from ICG offices are available!



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