**2016 Prep Enrolment Forms are available at the office**

**Pie Order forms and money due back to school by Monday, 15th June, 2015.**

**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS .......... Adam Downes (Acting Principal)**

I couldn’t not feel a bit responsible for Brenda’s sadness on Monday morning. Of all the weekends for that to happen!

Today is another exciting extra-curricular activity with some of our senior students heading to Yinnar Recreational Reserve to represent the school in football and netball. This is part of the winter sports program that runs across the state. Our girls’ soccer team have already made it through to the next round on Tuesday at Traralgon. We are awaiting the results of today’s fixtures to see if any more teams make it through. This unfortunately doesn’t give us much time to get permission notes out, but we hope you show understanding.

One of the core responsibilities of School Council is to develop the policies the staff and wider school community are governed by. One policy that is up for review this year is the uniform policy. This is the one policy that seems to generate the most comment from the vast array of policies we have; as it affects all students and families directly. The policy attempts to bring a level of conformity and functionality to the school, whilst still making achievable for all families. Next week you will be sent a link to a quick survey which will help guide school council. Your input into this process is valued.

Some articles from leading parenting expert Michael Grose came across my desk this week that I’d like to share with you. Michael has written several books about parenting and the challenges it entails. The two articles are titled ‘Do less, not more for your kids’ and ‘Helping
kids deal with rejection’. In the first article he talks about building independence in children and my favourite opening quote from it is ‘The basic task of parenting is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance. REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game!’ I love this because it’s really what we try and do as teachers. We show the students what we would like them to do, then get them to do it, if they can’t then we provide the support until they can. In education it’s called the ‘Gradual Release of Responsibility’ and everything we do is centred around it. Michael’s challenge is over the next week to think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he/she can do for themselves and step back to enable them to do it for themselves. This may be getting their own lunchbox ready, carrying their bag into school, putting their own clothes in the laundry or cleaning out their own schoolbags.

The second article gives four points to help children deal with disappointment. Disappointment can come in many shapes and forms and will look different for each and every child. The four steps Michael recommends are:

1. **Model** optimism. Watch how you present the world to children, as the will pick up your view.
2. **Tell** children how you handle disappointment and rejection, not only is it reassuring for children to know that their parents understand how they feel but they can learn a great deal by how their parents handle situations
3. **Help** children recognise times in the past when they have bounced back from disappointment. Help them recognise those same strategies can be used again.
4. **Laugh** together. Humour is a great coping mechanism. It helps out disappointment in perspective. It helps them understand that things will get better. They always do.

The full articles are available from the office if you’d like to read more. His website is also very informative. [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)

Last week I met with Paul Jorgensen to discuss what has been happening here over the past two terms and the work we have been doing as a staff to further compliment the school’s current strategic plan. We also spoke about the further learning that staff, students, school council and parents would like to continue with in the second half of the year.

Stay tuned for details of our Maths night with consultant Rob Vingerhoets on Thursday, 25th June. A reminder there is no school for students on the last day of term.

Have a magnificent weekend.

**NEWS FROM PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)**

**Lunch Order**
- Special Lunch Order Pie Day – all orders and money are to be back to school by Tuesday, 16th June. Pie and drink for $5.00, extra pie $3.00 and extra drink $2.00. If you have missed out on receiving an order form, just write on an envelope or see Brenda. As we have to buy specifically for this day, NO REFUNDS will be given. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
- First 3 weeks of lunch orders will be Subway lunches with forms being sent home before the end of term.

**Wood Raffle**
WOW!! Thanks to everyone for selling their raffle tickets. We raised $780.00 from this event. What a fantastic job!! The 1st prize of the wood went to Dot Herbert; other prizes went to Levi Martin, Gavin Richards, the Turnbull family and the McFarlane family.

**Pie Drive**
Orders and payments are due back to school by Monday, 15th June. Delivery is Wednesday, 24th June, the last week of term.
**Lost Property**
We can return items to students if they are labelled. Presently, there are many items of lost property on the rack.

**Second-hand Uniforms**
For just $2.00 you can purchase just about any item of the school uniform from our second-hand uniform rack which is located just outside the staff room. Please come in and have a browse. If your family have grown out of any items, we would appreciate any donations for this rack.

**Don’t forget to support:**
Bakers Delight – Traralgon are now supporting us through their Doughraiser fundraising. Just mention Hazelwood North Primary School with any purchase and you are helping our school. A percentage of any purchase comes back to the school; too easy.

- Student Banking through Dollarmites
- Bakers Delight Doughraiser – Midvalley
- Bakers Delight - Traralgon
- Ritchies – IGA of Churchill

If you have any new ideas for fundraising, please do not hesitate to contact me on **0412 855 933** or **bronwyn@wideband.net.au** or just want to ask a question, no question is a funny question.