Dear Parents,

Tax Invoices for School Fees have been sent home today.

This year, as a trial only, we will be accepting BPAY payments for School Fees and both Camps ONLY.

The BPAY Biller Code and Reference No. is located at the bottom of your Tax Invoice.

Parents are still able to pay by cash or cheque.

We would appreciate payment by the End of March, 2015.

As usual, arrangements can be made with the office to pay by instalments.

We thank you for your co-operation.

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

What a fantastic time we all had at the Grade 6 leadership camp in Marlo! The students (and you as their parents) should be very pleased with their behaviour and how they conducted themselves. We had a great time building friendships and getting to know each other as we fished, prawned, yabbied, walked and learnt more about ourselves and others. Do yourself a favour and ask one of the Grade 6 students about the Drop Bears, Snowy River Crocs and the ‘Bull’ that ‘chased’ us across the paddock in the rain at night! Fun times! I truly mean this when I say they were one, if not the best behaved students I’ve ever been on camp with.

There was some serious work being done however, as on Thursday we attended the School for Student Leadership - Snowy River Campus. This is a tremendous facility that houses Year 9 students from across the state to work on leadership skills for an entire term. Our students
worked with teams from the Snowy River campus to build some of their own skills, which is being continued back here at school with Mrs. Duncan and Miss Loprese. To me, life is about constant improvement and learning. I’m sure each of the Grade 6’s learnt something about themselves and came away with something they can improve on.

At School Council on Monday night we discussed the school’s uniform policy. Even on Council, there was discussion and an element of confusion about the correct footwear. Over the next few weeks we will gather some photos to show what ‘does’ and ‘does not’ meet the school policy on footwear. It’s safe to say that steel cap boots, thongs and sandals do not form part of the footwear we’d like to see at school. We also understand that some footwear may have just been purchased and we do not expect parents to go and buy another pair straight away.

As you would all know, we are in the middle of re-developing our playground. To fully do this, we need the old wooden playground structures removed. If you would like any part of what is left, please come a let the office know. We will be organising a working bee before the end of term to remove the remaining unwanted parts and develop the area around our new flagpole!

A few dates to put in your diaries;
- BBQ and meet the teacher – Monday, 2nd March 5.00 – 7.30
- Parent-Teacher chats – Tuesday, 10th March - Information coming
- House Sports – Friday, 13th March

Lastly, well done to all of those students who represented the school at the swimming sports on Monday. We have 5 students (Cooper, Calista, Boyd, Ryan and Mitchell) who made it through to the next round for individual events and our 12/13 girls relay (Calista, Hannah, Lara and Lily) also made it through. Hazelwood North came 3rd overall but it’s not just about winning, each and every child gave their absolute best effort. Thank you to those parents who were able to come and support and help on the day.

It’s not long now...GO PIES! Enjoy the beautiful weather on the weekend.

Swimming Sports - Monday, 16th February, 2015
50 metres Freestyle Team

Preview

In Prep W next week we will be focusing on;

Reading: We will be learning to read the words; my, is, am, I, a, the and knowing the sounds t makes. We will be reviewing the sounds m and s make. Continue to read the reader your child brings home every night.

Maths: We will be focusing on counting by 1s to 10 and beyond, counting backwards from 10. Ordering numbers to 10 and naming 2D shapes. We will be revising writing the numbers to 5 and learning to write the numbers 6 and 7. At home, you can practice counting with your child and identify 2D shapes in the environment, as well as drawing these shapes on paper and asking your child to name the shape.
Writing: We will be practicing writing our name and the letters m, s and t in lower and upper case. We will also be writing the words; my, is, I and am. At home you can help your child write their name through getting your child to trace over their name, then getting your child to have a go at writing their name by themselves.

On Tuesday we had a visit from Constable Hayley. We learnt about what number to dial in an emergency and the role of a Police Officer. We got to learn about the equipment a Police Officer wears. Some of us got to try on some of the equipment. We then learnt about stranger danger and who to safely cross a road. We then got to sit in the Police car!

In Investigations, the Preps have been spending time exploring our new Investigations room. We have been learning about being responsible and resilient as well as how to collaborate with each other.

BORROWING FROM OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY
All students visit the School Library regularly where they have the opportunity to borrow and return books of their choice. Junior students are able to borrow two books and the senior students’ three books.

When a student has reached their borrowing limit, they will be unable to borrow until at least one book is returned. Books are borrowed for two weeks, after which they will become overdue. Students will be reminded at their weekly Library session if they have reached their borrowing limit, or if they have any overdue. Books can be renewed so that students can continue with a particular title. I will send out reminder notices listing overdue books periodically throughout the year.

To protect the Library books, we expect the book(s) to be carried in a separate bag (which can be placed inside their school bag), either a designated Library bag or other. During Library sessions, if students do not have a Library bag, they will be provided with a plastic bag to carry their book(s).

Accidents do happen so please return Library books even if they damaged, chewed, scribbled on, become wet, or lose pages. I can repair them or order a new copy, but most importantly, your child will be able to borrow other books. Similarly, if you believe a book is lost, you can write a note informing me that you have helped your child search for the book, but have been unable to find it.
Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding your child’s use of the School Library.

Here is a list of the days and times each Grade comes to the Library:

• **Prep/W** Thursday 11.30 am
• **1/2A** Thursday 9.00 am
• **2/3G** Wednesday 12.30 pm
• **3/4B** Wednesday 11.30 am
• **4/5/6D** Wednesday 2.15 pm
• **5/6L** Thursday 2.15 pm

Kaye Stockdale........Library Technician

**STORY TIME**
The After-School story time has started once again at the Traralgon Library on Wednesday at 3.45 pm. (School term only). This story time is for families.

For stories, fun and craft come to the Library every Wednesday. Bring your after school snack food and drink with you (as children get very hungry after school).

For more information, please email **Noeline Grayden, Senior Library Officer, Latrobe City Council** at Noeline.Grayden@latrobe.vic.gov.au or telephone direct on 03 5176 3312.

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

**Calendar of Events**

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**Lunch Orders**

*Friday, 6th* March will start our Lunch Order days for the year; this will be a sausage sizzle put on by Parents’ and Friends’ Club. We will do a special lunch day once a month with the other Friday’s lunch being supplied by Subway-Morwell. Notes for these will be out soon.

**Cadbury Chocolates**

Thank you to all families who returned the Chocolate forms; the chocolates will be ready for collection on Friday, 27th February after school. We will give out to the eldest in the family unless otherwise arranged. Please let us know if you want to make other arrangements.

**Hot Cross Buns**

This year for a change we are supporting Bushies Bakery in Glengarry; forms will be out next week. These forms are due back on Monday, 16th March with buns delivered to school on Wednesday, 28th March.

Don’t forget to check out the school website [www.haznthps.com.au](http://www.haznthps.com.au) for important dates on the school calendar.

**Beleza Uniforms**

As from Saturday, 28th February, 2015, Beleza Uniforms of Traralgon will not open on Saturday mornings.

**Cooking Area**

HELP is required to clean ovens, fridge and cupboards. The cupboards need to be organised and labelled. Please contact Bronwyn on 0412 855 933 if you can help out.
Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on Monday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March commencing at 9.30 am at the school. This will be the AGM followed by the general meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0412 855 933 or bronwyn@wideband.net.au if you have any questions on any of the above or leave a message with Brenda at the office.

Come along and have a chat and a cuppa.

Expression of Interest

Somers Camp

http://www.somersschoolcamp.org

Grades 5 & 6

Tuesday, 28\textsuperscript{th} April to Wednesday, 6\textsuperscript{th} May, 2015.

Cost: $210.00

Family Name: ........................................................................................................................................

Student’s Name: ......................................................................................................................................

Grade: .....................................................................................................................................................

Please return to school by Tuesday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} March for processing.