

NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 17th March

Dear Families,

Welcome to week 8. Last week when I wrote my first report for the school newsletter, I was already very impressed with the warm, friendly and inclusive feel this school has and it was only my first day here.

Now after being here a full week, I have been blown away with how smoothly this school runs. As parents, you are very lucky to have such committed, caring and professional teachers, teaching your children. Your teachers work very, very hard and I have been witness to the great learning taking place in each classroom. So a HUGE, 'Thank you' to Miss Vandersteen, Mrs Judkins, Mrs Elrick and Mrs Robbins for all their hard work and dedication.

Then we have Mrs Mitchell and Mrs King taking care of all the administrative tasks for the school and these two really are busy all day making sure everything is sorted for the whole school community. These two ladies go well above their job roles to make sure nothing is missed, which makes the school a better place for all. Outstanding work ladies!

Our Chaplain, Mr Heath, better known to the students as Brian, is one of those unsung heroes. Brian provides support and guidance to the children and I was lucky to see firsthand how he interacts with the kids, helping them with any issues or worries they may have, or just being a great listener for them. Thank you Brian!

Les, our Grounds and Maintenance man works tirelessly to keep the school grounds looking neat and tidy, while saving the school money with his repairs and maintenance program. Keep up the great work Les!

I have had the pleasure of meeting Elle and Kerry as they work toward setting up this years Parents Club. Every school needs dedicated parents like these two who's only reward is seeing the money they raise benefit the school and its students. Then there is Tristian, another parent who doesn't seek any praise, here every morning running Breakfast Club for the kids. This is a great program that allows the children to 'top up' before the school day starts making sure their tummies are full so they can concentrate and learn. The school and its community really appreciate your time and effort. Thank you!

After school care has been running with Tennis Lessons over the past three weeks, with two young men (Scott and Tristan) provided by Tennis Victoria to coach and mentor our students. Alistar from Tennis Victoria came to watch the session last Wednesday afternoon and at the end of the session he came and told me that it was one of the best sessions he had seen and to pass on congratulations to all the students for their willingness to participate and listen. Great feedback for all involved.

Some parents have been asking about what is happening with Coronavirus, schooling and how long will the school stay open? The department continues to send out daily email updates...PTO

Things to remember ...

- **Lunch orders each Tuesday**
- **Special Hot Cross Bun day order form due**

and at this point it is business as usual. We have talked to all the children about the importance of hygiene, washing their hands and not coughing or sneezing over other people. We have also introduced a rigorous hand washing routine for the children, which they undertake at the start of the day, after recess and after lunch. Staff are also wiping everything down to help prevent sharing any germs. We will continue to send out updates as they are provided.

The department has also advised to restructure whole school assemblies and I have included a separate letter explaining this decision.

Well, this time next week Miss Halket will be back sitting in the Principals chair and I know the children will be very happy to see her back. I hope she is well rested and ready to continue the excellent work she has already done at this school.

Just a reminder that on Friday the 27th March school closes at 1.30pm.

Thank you all for making my two weeks so much fun.

Bye!

Russell Mitchell Acting Principal

2020 TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER		
March	Wednesday 18th	Active After School 3.15pm to 4.30pm
	Monday 23rd	Active After School 3.15pm to 4.30pm & Parents Club Meeting 9am
	Wednesday 25th	Active After School 3.15pm to 4.30pm
	Friday 27th	Last Day of Term 1—1.30pm dismissal
2020 TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER		
April	Tuesday 14th	First Day of Term 2
	Monday 20th	Parents Club AGM 9.am in Music Room
	Tuesday 21st	School Council Meeting 6.15pm Start

Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you
 • Tristian for helping with breakfast club everyday
 • Bec & Elle for hot lunches today
 • Peta for shopping for hot lunches
 Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you

Easter Egg Hunt

**WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
AT 12PM AROUND THE
GORMANDALE COMMUNITY
HOUSE GARDENS**

- Sausages on the BBQ, Fruit Salad Cups, Icy Poles and a Drink all for \$3.50 per child
- Pre-schoolers & toddlers hunt in the backyard.
- Older kids in the outer garden area
- Prizes for the most creative Easter Bonnet and Easter Baskets

PARENTS CLUB

Dear Families,

At this stage we will continue with our Hot Cross Bun morning tea, however if we are unable to source the buns or hot chocolate on the day before we will refund families and have another morning tea when life calms down a bit.

Thanks Ellen Sykes Parents Club President

We are all using good hygiene practices at school. It is essential that all students maintain thorough hygiene on a daily basis at home as well. If we all work together will all stay healthy :)





Eagles of the Week



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Supporting Education

When a child's learning is supported by their dads, they tend to be more motivated, engaged and enthusiastic in school.

Here are some tips to help you give your kids the support for learning they need:

- Encourage your child to chat to you about how their day went - good or bad. This will not only help develop memory skills, it will also help build their ability to express emotions and extend their vocabulary beyond 'It was good/boring/ok.'
- Focus on attitude, not effort. No matter how their day went, try to reinforce the positives, give lots of encouragement and tell them how proud you are of their hard work.
- Appreciate that there are different kinds of intelligence – academic intelligence is just one of them.

This is one of the many fabulous parenting tips from the Fathering Project (www.fatheringproject.org) which supports fathers and male parent figures in becoming more effective role models.

If there are any issues that you or your family are facing that you would like to chat about, please feel free to drop in for a coffee or a chat. I am here at Gormandale every Tuesday and every second Wednesday.

Brian Heath
School Chaplain



142 – 146 Liddiard Road
Traralgon

Tuesday 21st April

5pm – 6:30pm

Junior Campus,
Digital Learning
Hub

TRARALGON COLLEGE 2021 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING



Prospective students and families are invited to attend the Traralgon College Open Evening.

We would love for you to join us to explore the opportunities provided to our students throughout their time at the college.

- Student led school tours from 5pm to 6pm.
- A chance to meet and greet Principals and teaching staff.
- Information and displays relating to each learning area.
- Like Minds Program information will be available in the Digital Learning Hub for the entire evening.

Information session at 6pm in the Digital Learning Hub with a focus on the learning opportunities offered at Traralgon College.



For any queries please call Traralgon College Junior Campus on (03) 5174 8733 - <http://metro.traralgc.vic.gov.au/>

LUNCH ORDER FORMS

SCHOOL LUNCHES			
Tuesday			
NAME :.....GRADE.....			
Amount	ITEM	COST	
	BIG M 250 ML	\$2.00	CHOC STRAW
	PRIMA	\$1.00	
	WATER	.50c	
	HOT DOG	\$2.80	
	HAWAIIAN PIZZA	\$2.00	
	CHICKEN NUGGETS <small>5 PER SERVE</small>	\$2.30	
	Party Sausage Roll	\$.50	
	PIE	\$3.00	
	PARTY PIE	\$.50c	
	DIM SIMS 1 per serve	\$.70c	
BEEF CHICKEN	CUP OF NOODLES	\$2.00	
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