Principal’s Report

Interim and Attendance Reports
Next Friday all children will receive their term 3 Interim Reports and our new Attendance Report. The report indicates where children are placed on a percentage based scale for attendance this term. The following statements are alongside the range of attendance for which your child has achieved:

◆ Your child’s attendance is above 97%. They are likely to be a Star Performer due to their excellent attendance. They will have the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability and will have the chance to benefit from the best educational opportunities possible.

◆ Your child’s absence is 95-97%. They are on the Green-Go Level for very good attendance and they are likely to achieve to the best of their ability.

◆ Your child’s attendance is between 90-95%. They are at the Amber-Take Care Level and are missing so much time from school that it may be difficult for them to keep in touch with their lessons, work and friends.

◆ Your child’s attendance is between 80-90%. They are at a Red Light Level-Be Alert Level. They are missing so much time from school that it will be very difficult to keep in touch with lessons, work and friends.

◆ Your child’s attendance is below 80%. Your child’s attendance is At Risk. They are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons, work and friends.

Our school takes great care in contacting families regarding absences, quite simply we want children to be at school unless they are too ill or have significant matters which may prevent attendance. Children who miss school inevitably struggle academically, socially and in their general well being. Please work with us to get the best for your child.

Regional Athletic Sports
We have a number of individuals and relay teams competing at tomorrow’s Regional Athletics sports. I’d like to congratulate those involved on reaching such a high standard and wish them every success. Well done also to Miss Grummisch who is the Regional Co-ordinator and puts in a lot of time and effort supporting junior sport.

End of Term Dismissal
A reminder that next Friday is the last day of school for term 3 and that children will be dismissed at 1.00pm. Lunch is obviously not required on that day.

Collect a Can for the Salvation Army
If you would like to help us support this worthy cause providing assistance to families in please send your donation of canned food to school by next Friday. All cans collected will be delivered to the Salvation Army at the end of term.

Fundraiser for Lymphoma Australia
Jan Street is hosting a ‘Bogan Bingo’ night to raise funds for Lymphoma Australia on Friday 1st November at Premier Function Centre in Traralgon. Flyers with more information and booking details are available from the school office. This is a very worthy cause and it would be terrific to get many peoples support. Well done Jan for her initiative.

Chris Joustra, Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Jacob G, 3/4D

AWARD — Persistence
Mitchell K, 1/2G

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

- Parents and Teachers.
- Accept the fact that parents will never run out of advice.
- Parents don’t bring their children into this world to make them feel miserable.
- Parents usually say no because they love you not because they hate you.
- Being a parent is not an easy job.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

- Make a point of ending each day with your child in a peaceful way.
- When your child tells the truth for something done wrong, first acknowledge your appreciation of hearing the truth, then, if necessary, follow through with the consequence.
- Avoid gender stereotyping – teach all your children to do all chores.
- Take advantage of the opportunities when your child wants your company – these opportunities fade with time.

Canteen Roster

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If you are unavailable for any reason please ring the school (5134 1793) to let Deb Minster know. Thank you.
The Value of the Fortnight is:

Forgiveness

What is it?
For Oiveness means that if someone hurts you, you are prepared to give the person another chance. Everyone makes mistakes. Sometimes we do things that we wish we had not done; that is when we need to learn to forgive ourselves. We need to know that we can change our behaviour if that situation occurs again.

Forgiveness means that you don’t retaliate or seek revenge even when you feel that you have just cause to do so.

Why practise it?
We are all responsible for our own behaviour. Sometimes we make a mistake and choose to do the wrong thing. If you are sorry for what you have done and you forgive yourself, then the situation or mistake can be a valuable learning experience.

How to practise it
To practise forgiveness you need to have courage and be prepared to look at the truth.

Sometimes very strong feelings come to the surface like anger, sadness or jealousy. Just observe the feelings and try to let them go. When you practise forgiveness you don’t take revenge on someone else. Observe the feeling and decide what needs to change to make things better. If somebody continually hurts you then you need to stop giving them the opportunity to do so.

Role play and discussion
• A good friend lost their temper with you but later apologised.
• Somebody accidentally broke a favourite thing of yours.
• You feel bad about something you did.
• A friend continually does something to hurt you.

Signs of success
• You remember that everyone makes mistakes sometimes.
• You are aware of your feelings without taking revenge.
• You correct your mistakes instead of beating yourself up.
• You learn from your mistakes.
• You don’t give uncaring people the chance to hurt you.

Starter activities
• Design an ‘I’m just a learner’ voucher. This voucher entitles the holder to make at least one mistake each day.
• Discuss a time when you felt very angry about something but were able to control your feelings without retaliating.
Children’s School Holiday Program

Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Shows
Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 September
Join Chef Anton in his pop up kitchen in the library for some fun and to learn about eating for a healthy lifestyle.
Chef Anton’s love of cooking is closely linked to his passion for a healthy lifestyle. When he’s not in the kitchen, you’ll find Chef Anton exercising in the park or at a local gym. Chef Anton will have some tips and hints for healthy eating for everyone.

Cost
This free event is brought to you by Latrobe City Libraries and Healthy Together Latrobe teams.

Tuesday 24 September
Traralgon Library 10am & 11am
Churchill Hub 2pm & 3pm

Wednesday 25 September
Morwell Library 10am & 11am
Moe Town Hall 2pm & 3pm

Duck Cameron Magician Extraordinare
Thursday 3 October
Award Winning Magician Duck Cameron’s unique show will captivate and keep you on the edge of your seat! His energetic skill encompasses music, dance, comedy, drama and illusion. His sharp and hilarious routines guarantee you a magical event to remember.

Cost
Children 2 years and over $5 per child

Thursday 3 October
Traralgon Library 10am to 11am
Morwell Library 1pm to 2pm
Moe Town Hall 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Bookings are essential! Please call Latrobe City on 1300 367 700 or book in person at your nearest Latrobe City Library.
These programs may be photographed for promotional purposes. Please advise a Latrobe City staff member if you do not wish for your photo to be taken.
**LOST PROPERTY**

There are a number of items in lost property.

If anyone has misplaced any items, Lost Property is located outside Mr Joustra's office. Items of clothing not picked up by the end of term will be added to our second hand clothing for re-sale.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME SO IT CAN BE RETURNED TO ITS OWNER.

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**FREE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN AT FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE**

Sunday 1st December, 2013.

Featuring a stage show, merry go rounds, jumping castles, face painting, Santa Claus, Humphrey B Bear, food, drinks and ice cream. All free.

To attend the party children must fall into one of the following categories: Vision Impairment, Hearing Impairment, Intellectual disability, Physical disability, Language disorder, Mental health conditions, Victims of Abuse, Terminally ill or living with a life threatening illness, Autism, Coming from underprivileged circumstances.

Contact Mr Quirk at school for more information.

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**HATS reminder**

Morwell Park ‘Sun Smart’ hats are compulsory in Term 4.

Hats are available at the office for $11.00.

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**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**

**Friday 20th September**

Dress in your favourite sports uniform for a gold coin donation.

All money raised goes to State Schools Relief.

Thank you.

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**ALL-ABILITY CRICKET – COME & TRY SESSION!**

‘All-ability’ sports are about fun and participation for EVERYONE! The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with special needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills, activities are modified so that everyone can ‘have a go’! Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for ‘ALL Ability’ Cricket – Come & try session.

Proudly supported by Traralgon West Cricket Club, the sessions will be run weekly during the 4th term, 2013 (day to be determined due to ground availability). The only criteria is that a parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child.

The ‘Come & try’ session will be held at Traralgon West Cricket Club – Jack Canavan Oval, Douglas Pde, Traralgon on WEDNESDAY 18th September from 5pm – 6pm.

The venue is wheelchair friendly!

More details about the program will be given at this session.

For more information phone Sam or Louise Varsaci on 51750877 or 0414540296

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**Collect-a-Can Fundraiser**

The JSC have organised a ‘Collect a Can’ fundraiser. ‘Collect a Can’ is all about helping the Salvation Army. The way our school community can help is by collecting as many cans of food as we can to donate.

Therefore, we are encouraging everyone to donate one or more cans of food for this fundraiser. All the cans collected will be given to the Salvo's and from there this will provide food for less fortunate people.

All food donated must be well before the use by date. Please donate.

Thank you.
'From the Garden'

Last Wednesday we held our second vegie stall, selling produce planted by students from various grades throughout the school. Once again the stall was an outstanding success, nearly every item sold. With a total of $32 raised on the day plus $46 from produce sold between the last stall and this one, our garden is certainly 'paying its way'.

A big thank you to Rhiannon 6A, Dominic 5S, Stephanie 5S and Dylan 5S for their help in preparing and selling the vegetables on the day.

Just over a week ago I had the privilege to attend the official opening of the Morwell Men's Shed. We will be forging links with this group by inviting members to help students plant future vegetable crops and asking them to make structures for our garden such as welding climbing frames for our tomatoes and peas. If any parents are able to lend their talents in this area or know of anyone who may be able to assist in future garden tasks, please let me (Mr. Johnson) know.

With our interactive Learning Program continuing in term 4, I will be back in the garden offering our Chook Care and Gardening option in order to prepare and plant our late spring & summer crops.

Happy gardening, Mr Johnson.

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Please complete these details and return to your class teacher by the end of term.

Signed ____________________________ Date. ___________

Walk with us in Traralgon to shine hope and fund research into better treatments and cures for blood cancer patients.

Location: Victory Park, Princes Hwy (opposite McDonalds)
Date: Wednesday 25 September
Schedule of Events:
5:00pm – Event Starts/Lantern Collection
8:00pm – Lantern Lighting, Light the Night Walk
8:30pm – Official Close
Parking: Parking is available along Princes Hwy and off Whittakers Rd.

Local entertainment will be provided throughout the evening as well as a sausage sizzle. Whilst we all love our pets, Light the Night is a pet free event.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Friday 18th October 2013

School Photo envelopes were given out with todays newsletter.

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