Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Stockdale Road Primary School. I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas. The students and staff have settled back into the year with ease. A special welcome to the new prep families and other new families to our school community.

We have some new staff this year as well as familiar faces.

We will be having a casual ‘meet the teacher’ breakfast at school from 8:00am onwards on February 21st in front of the staffroom. We will provide toast etc. for parents and children. Your child will bring an invitation home for you.

On Thursday we will hold our ‘Getting to Know You Interviews’. A note was sent home last week. The interviews are an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher and discuss information you feel is important for your child’s teacher to know, such as, whether your child wears glasses, any allergies/medical conditions they have and the management treatment of these, current family living arrangements or even interests your child has. This is not an interview at which we focus on academic progress like the June interviews each year.

For those parents who came on the first day to meet the teacher and view the classroom, you will have noticed how inviting the classroom spaces are. Thank you to our fantastic staff for their work over the holidays setting up these wonderful learning spaces.
THANK YOU
We had a number of parents and children watering our garden and tending to our vegie garden over the holidays. Thank you to the Beattie and Betteley families. It is always reassuring to have parents keeping an eye on our yard during vacations. We did have graffiti and a few other issues but parent/staff presence in the yard can deter this damage.

STOCKY DOME COURT HIRE
For a number of years the Stocky Dome has been used all year round by netball and basketball teams for our students training. If you coach a netball or basketball team with stocky students, can you please email the school with your team name, contact details of the coach/team manager and preferred court hire time to traralgon.ps.stockdale@edumail.vic.gov.au or see Mr Rick Battista after school to discuss a booking time. All efforts will be made to ensure a time that suits you and your team. The timetable will be kept at the office.

ASSEMBLY
We will hold an assembly to welcome our new preps to our school community on Monday, February 27th at 9.00am. Russell Northe will also be in attendance to present our school leaders with their leadership badges on Friday 24th.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES FOR 2017
I would like to notify you of our school closure dates as directed by School Council.
- Monday January 30th
- Monday April 24th
- Friday March 10th
- Monday November 6th
The last three dates listed all coincide with public holidays. Please place these in your diaries

Julie Curtis
Principal

MS ARMSTRONG

STUDENT ABSENCE
Parents are reminded that if their child is absent from school it is important that the school is notified. There are a number of different ways that parents can do this:

- write a short note to the class teacher explaining the absence
- via the school app ‘Skoolbag’ through eForm’s then absences.
- Leave a phone message on the school absence hotline (5174 1607)EXT 3

YARD SUPERVISION AND THE REFLECTION ROOM
Each recess and lunch time teachers are rostered on to supervise the yard. These teachers wear high visibility jackets so that they are easily identifiable. If incidents arise in the yard children are encouraged to seek the assistance of a yard duty teacher in dealing with the issue. At times the issue may be complex and in these instances the yard duty teacher may send the child/ren to the Reflection Room to have the opportunity to discuss the issue with the supervision of an adult. The Reflection Room is a place where not only is the issue discussed, it is where children discuss with a teacher strategies for effective communication, building relationships, problem solving, managing emotions – self regulation, seeking help and so on.

If your child comes home and reports that they have been involved in an incident in the yard, we ask that you reinforce to your child that they are to report any incidents to a yard duty teacher.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SOCIAL MEDIA
Whist we understand that it is very exciting to post photographs of your child’s first day at school or first day of the 2017 school year, to ensure the safety of all children we ask that at all times you refrain from posting any photographs that are taken on the school grounds that include children other than your own.
**SCHOOL APP**

The School App is now available to upload on your phone. This is a great way to receive all of the latest newsletters, payment reminders for camp & excursions and to send in your child’s absence information.

*How to get the Skool Bag App on your phone.*

**IPhone and Android**
- Go to App Store (iPhone) or Playstore (Android)
- Search Stockdale Road Primary School Skoolbag
- Install - Once installed go to the ‘more’ tab, select set up and select the categories you would like to receive notifications from (i.e. Year 1 and Year 4)
- Ensure your settings in the notification centre (in settings) allow notifications to be pushed.

**ATHLETES FOOT TRARALGON**

**THE ATHLETE’S FOOT TRARALGON CASH BACK OFFER TO OUR SCHOOL**

Thank you to all the families who brought shoes from the Athletes Foot over the holidays.

The Athlete’s Foot Traralgon offers $5.00 cash back to Stockdale Road Primary School for every pair of school shoes, sport shoes, work shoes and casual shoes purchased by our families. Just mention the name of our school.

The Athlete’s Foot Traralgon offer a wide range of school shoes for children and have trained staff who can help select the correct shoe for your child. The correct shoes can help ensure proper bone and muscle development and can even help prevent foot and leg problems that could affect them for the rest of their lives.

The Athlete’s Foot is now stocking CLARKES.

**STOCKY MEAL DEAL**

*Stocky Meal Deals are every Thursday.*

Order forms will be sent home on Tuesdays for the Thursday of the following week and can also be [downloaded](#) from the [website](#). All orders and money are due in on the Friday’s before, by 9am and no late orders can be taken.

Parents please remember that we are no longer having Shop lunch orders on a Thursday due to the Stocky Meal Deal Days.

*Please remember when filling out the order to write down your child’s name and room number on the order form.*

**SUN SMART POLICY**

As part of our schools Sunsmart Policy at ALL children must wear a school sun hat whilst outside during Terms 1 and 4.

**STUDENTS WITH NO HAT, OR WHO HAVE INCORRECT HEADWEAR, WILL BE RESTRICTED TO PLAY IN A DESIGNATED SHADED AREA.**

**EASTER FAIR**

The Easter Fair will be held on **Wednesday 29th March** at Stockdale Road Primary School, Traralgon. There will be a variety of stalls for entertainment and for purchasing lunch. There will be plenty of entertainment for the children and adults. Keep watching for more details.

Leading up to the Easter Fair there will be a **casual clothes day** on **Wednesday 22nd March**. On this day students are able to wear Sunsmart casual clothes with enclosed shoes. They are requested to bring along an Easter egg or Easter bunny for the Easter Fair.
PIANO / KEYBOARD LESSONS

Piano lessons are available during school hours. Lessons are provided by a well known professional musician and music teacher Anton Fullerton. Anton is a reputable teacher with over 30 years local teaching experience. Anton’s after school private practice has a long waiting list. This is an opportunity to jump the queue and have your child taught conveniently, at an affordable weekly rate.

Ring Anton to express your interest and find out more.
PHONE 51750464.

Pax Hill Tennis Club Community Fun Day
Come - celebrate the new courts
Sunday February 26th
11am – 2pm in Maskrey Park

TRARALGON OLYMPIANS SOCCER CLUB
2017
ALL BOYS & GIRLS

"Have A Go & Bring a friend"
Training starts for all boys and girls
5 years & older at Ygor Olympians SC.

All welcome to try out for season 2017

Ages 5 – 10yr – 7th Feb TUESDAY – 4.45pm to 5.45pm
Ages 11 to 14yr – 7th Feb TUESDAY – 5pm to 6 pm

"Come and have a go"

WHERE: Harold Preston Reserve
Franklin St Entry
(opposite Tennis Courts)
Meet the coaches and have a kick
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AFTER TRAINING

For more information contact:
Sachien Mackay – 0400920631
Email – traralgon.cheapoens.jnr@gmail.com
Want your kids to enjoy fun and fitness at Gippsland's largest family-friendly soccer club?

New to the game or strapping on the boots again? Traralgon City Soccer Club is excited to announce that we’re kicking off training and introductory lessons on Thursday 9th Feb for a season start in March. Teams available for boys and girls of any age!

Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 train Thurs 4.30 – 5.30pm

Under 12s train Tues and Thurs 4.30 – 5.30pm

Under 14 and Under 16 train Tues and Thurs 5.30 – 6.30pm

Located on Davidson Street Traralgon behind the Table Tennis building. Please make any enquiries via email address tcsc1968@bigpond.com or find us on Facebook!

Netball Sessions with Shirley Fromberg – Are you after some extra netball coaching, Shirley Fromberg, who is an Advanced level coach, is running training sessions after school on Thursdays 3:45pm-4:45pm for Under 11’s and Thursdays 4:50pm-5:50pm for Under 13s. The cost to attend is $7 per week and we will train at the Breed Street netball courts during term 1. To register your interest please contact Shirley on: 0411041276 or via email: frommie@aussiebb.com.au