



# TRAWALLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DATES

August 22 **School Council meeting CANCELLED**  
August 31 Cluster Day – Navarre (Book week dress up day)  
Sept 4 MARC van visit  
Sept 8 Zone Athletics at Llanberris  
Sept 18 MARC van visit  
Sept 22 Last day of term 3

**PATHS STAR**  
For this week is:



Clayton Treuer

## Students of the Week



**James Malloch** – For completing 150 nights of reading at home. A superb effort.

**Lylah Hutchins** – for making good choices in class and for trying really hard in writing.

**Ada Smart** - For being brave and going on the Big Slide at Questacon.

**Dan Roberts** - For being a TV star & meeting General Sir Peter Cosgrove at Questacon.

**Lochi Treuer** – For becoming a confident shopper of souvenirs on camp.

**Clayton Treuer** - For facing your fear of heights and going to the top of the Telstra Tower.

**Nick Walker** – For being selected to be the face of Science Week!

**Dallas Smart** – For playing your part of “President of the Senate” very well at Parliament House.

## 2017 Parent Opinion Survey

Attached to this newsletter is a letter explaining the process for the Parent Opinion Survey for 2017. The survey is to be done online and the link is on the letter attached.

All families are asked to complete this survey by this Sunday August 27, 2017. If you have any questions, contact Kate.

### **See Saw App for 4-6 students**

Attached to this newsletter is a letter explaining how to sign up to the 2017 version of the See Saw app being used by the students at Trawalla. Read through the letter and have a go at signing up. If you have any problems contact Kate or Zoe.

### **Canberra Camp**

The students in years 4-6 from the seven schools in the Pyrenees Cluster had the most amazing time away last week.

The student enjoyed an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

Some highlights included meeting the Governor General of Australia, General Sir Peter Cosgrove and his wife Lady Cosgrove at the Ian Potter Questacon Science centre. While we were working with Sir Peter the local Win News team filmed a news segment, which our students starred in. We also had an incidental meeting with the President of Croatia, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic. We saw her entourage arrive and we said hello to her as she wandered through The Australian War Memorial. Other places we visited included, the Australian Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, Parliament House, the High Court, Telstra Tower, the Royal Australian Mint and Questacon Science centre.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### **Cluster Days**

Term 3 Cluster day will be *Thursday, August 31* at Navarre P.S.

This day is a dress up for Book Week, all students are invited to come to school in a costume of their favourite book character.

Please complete the attached permission form and return prior to the cluster day.

### **BIG WRITE**

Students in F-6 are to write an information report based on the stimulus sheet that is being sent home today. Students are to talk about the picture and think about a plan for their writing at home in preparation for the Big Write on Thursday morning.

### **Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Earn & Learn is on again starting on July 26<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Trawalla School has a box in the Lucas Woolworth store. Families can send any stickers to school for collection.

For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you earn one sticker.

More Sticker sheets are available at [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).

### **Gardening**

Thanks to the parents who have sent along cuttings for our garden.

**Bookclub** – due back on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Naplan** – The Naplan results have arrived at school parents are asked to collect from Kate.

**SUBJECT: Invitation to participate in the 2017 Parent Opinion Survey**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Your family has been selected to participate in the 2017 Parent Opinion Survey.

Each year, the school conducts an opinion survey amongst the school community. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

- ◆ The survey is conducted **online** by ORIMA Research and should take around **15 minutes** to complete.
- ◆ The survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Sunday 27 August 2017**.
- ◆ The survey can be completed using any device connected to the internet (even a mobile phone).
- ◆ Should you require access to a device to complete the survey, please let the school office know.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final open-ended question will be provided back to the school.

Please use the link below to complete the survey. **NOTE:** Only **one parent** from your family is invited to complete the survey (the link below should only be used once and should **not be shared** with anyone).

**To complete the survey between Monday 7 August and Sunday 27 August, simply:**

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/POS/parents.php?s=LB87DV3>

2. When complete, please submit your responses by pressing the tick (✓) button at the end of the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Questions?**

- ◆ Should you have any technical queries regarding the Parent Opinion Survey, please do not hesitate to contact ORIMA Research on 1800 654 585 (toll free), or by email: [pos@orima.com](mailto:pos@orima.com)
- ◆ Should you have any participation or survey-related queries, please contact the School, or the Department by email: [parentopinion.survey@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:parentopinion.survey@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,  
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