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Welcome to the 2010
school year!

This is just to remind all Grade 5 students to please bring their green reader bags back to school tomorrow as they will be used this year to hold their readers, homework, notes, etc.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2010 school year. I am really excited about being Acting Principal of the school for term 1 and I have made every effort to communicate with families over the holiday period and let them know that I have an open door policy at the school. Apologies if I haven't made contact with you yet. This will happen soon. We trust that all families enjoyed the holiday break and have had a chance to recharge the batteries in readiness for the 2010 school year. The school numbers are listed above but if anyone needs to contact me out of school hours, my mobile number is 0411960164. I would again like to acknowledge Peter Fraser's contribution to Tallygaropna Primary School over a long period of time. He has made a huge impact to the whole school community and I along with everyone else wish him well in his retirement. We will no doubt, see Peter throughout the year. He has been a great assistance to me already, allowing me to gain more of an insight into the operation of the school. I would also like to thank the staff at the school for being so helpful and aiding me to gain more insight into the daily activities which occur at school. Apologies for such a large first newsletter, I promise they will be condensed more in the future.

This year we welcome **Kathleen and David Steigenberger (Campbell), Andrea and Neil Walker (Harvey) and Jo and Andrew Klein (Abby and Bill)** into our community and we trust that their time will be both rich and rewarding.

New pupils are **Jhett Cannon, Alyssa Lindrea, Kyle Montgomery, Aimee Moorfoot, Campbell Steigenberger, Harvey Walker (Preps), Bill Klein (Grade 1) and Abby Klein (Grade 3)**. We wish them well in their first year at Tallygaroopna Primary School.

We also welcome a familiar face in Mrs Wendy Sidebottom who will be sharing the Year 5/6 teacher duties with me. Wendy brings an enormous amount of experience and enthusiasm to our school and we are sure that she will have a significant impact on education at Tallygaroopna Primary School. Wendy will be teaching on Wed, Thurs and Friday – although there will be times when some changes will occur.

Over the holiday period, new carpet was installed in the administration area of the school and there will be many alterations occurring this year as a result of the new buildings which will be constructed in the near future. I will endeavour to have regular updates in regard to this so WATCH THIS SPACE !!

I am sure lots of families have had a look at the My School Website (<http://www.myschool.edu.au/>). I was encouraged to see the progress that the school has made over the last 2 years in regard to NAPLAN results. Unfortunately, Grade 5 results from 2009 were unavailable because of low enrolment numbers. The attendance rate of 96% was a highlight and I am positive we will continue to strive for high performance in the future.

David Brodie
Acting Principal



1. Prep Information

Throughout the month of February, children in Prep WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February. There may be some Wednesday's where Mrs Wallace may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but she will inform parents of this if there is a need. We will continue to implement a whole school buddy program on Friday afternoons.

2. Newsletter / School Website

For the information of new parents, please note that newsletters are usually sent home each Monday. Please check your child's bag for these as they contain important information on what is taking place in the school. Any items for the newsletter must reach the office by 9.00am on Monday. The newsletter will also appear on the school website and it will be there each Monday after school. I encourage all families to take a look at this site as it will be constantly evolving with time. Class Wikis / Blogs which are being used in class, are also accessible via the school website along with many other valuable resources for parents and children.

3. Staffing

Staffing arrangements for this term are as follows:

| | | |
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| Acting Principal | - | Mr David Brodie |
| Prep/1 | - | Mrs Sandra Wallace |
| Grade 2/3/4 | - | Mrs Claire Haberfield |
| Grade 5/6 | - | Mrs Wendy Sidebottom / Mr David Brodie – Mon & Tues |
| Business Manager | - | Mrs Karen Armstrong |

4. School Assembly

A school assembly is held each Monday morning beginning at 9.00am. Parents are quite welcome to attend.

5. EMA

Information for 2010

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**27 January 2010** which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**12 July 2010**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **26 February 2010** for the first instalment and **6 August 2010** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$225** for primary students and **\$450** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

| Instalment | Portion | Primary school* | Secondary school* |
|------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
| One | Parent | \$ 78.75 | \$ 157.50 |
| | School | \$ 78.75 | \$ 157.50 |
| Two | Parent | \$ 33.75 | \$ 67.50 |
| | School | \$ 33.75 | \$ 67.50 |
| | Total | \$ 225 | \$ 450 |

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of **2010** through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **26 February 2010** and prior to or on **6 August 2010**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

6. School Times

The school day commences at 9.00am and concludes at 3.30pm. Lunch is from 1.00 – 2.00pm, recess from 11.00 – 11.30am.

7. Art Van / Library Van

The mobile Art Van will visit fortnightly on Fridays commencing 5th February. Children will need an art smock with a name on it (most already have one) eg. old shirt, etc to protect their clothes from paint, glue, etc. The Library Van will also visit the school on a fortnightly basis commencing on Monday, 8th February. Children are asked to bring a library bag (either cloth or strong plastic) to protect the library books.

8. Physical Education

The main PE lesson will take place on Wednesdays. Suitable footwear should be worn on these days.

9. SunSmart Policy

Tallygaroopna Primary School endorses a SunSmart policy during Term 1 and Term 4. Students must wear their wide-brimmed hat at recess and lunch time. New hats may be purchased from the school at a cost of \$7.00 each.

10. Religious Education

Parents wishing to change previous arrangements with their child undertaking RE will need to notify the school. This will be hopefully held on a Thursday and will begin soon.

11. Term Dates

Term dates for the 2009 school year are as follows:

- Term 1 27th January to 26th March
- Term 2 12th April to 25th June
- Term 3 12th July to 17th September
- Term 4 4th October to 17th December

* Please note that the first day for students is Monday, 1st February.

12. Book Club

Book Club booklets went home with students today. If you would like to make an order, fill out the order form at the back of the booklet complete with your child's name and return to school with payment (make cheques payable to Tallygaroopna Primary School) by Friday 12th February.

13. Payment Envelopes

Specially printed envelopes have been sent home with the students today. When sending money to school, please seal it in the envelope, fill out the details on the front of the envelope and post it in the green box inside the office door.

14. Medicine at School

For those students required to have medication whilst at school, a Medication Request Form is required to be filled out, signed and returned to the school office prior to the student be administered medication. A form is attached to this newsletter. Further copies are available at the Office. This does not apply to children with asthma with their puffer, although the office must be informed of the child's needs in this regard. Any change to the child's medical condition should be relayed to the office ASAP.

15. Keyboard

Unfortunately Chris Evans has decided to hang up the boots in regard to teaching keyboard at the school. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank her for her dedication over a long period of time and I know that she will be missed. I have contacted some local schools and with a bit of a luck this may still continue in the future. More details may be available soon.

16. Headlice

Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair for lice. We were relatively 'lice-free' last year and would like to continue in this vein this year. Thanks for your cooperation.

17. Frozen Fruit Freezes

Frozen fruit sticks will be available for sale each Friday at lunchtime for 50 cents each.

18. Kids and Fruit

Kids and Fruit is once again offering our students the opportunity to enjoy fresh and tasty fruit and vegetables 5 days a week. Cost will be \$10 per term. Please complete the form and return to school with the money by this Wednesday morning, 3rd February. The program will start next Monday, 8th February.

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Kids & Fruit Program Term 1 2010

| Student Name | Class | Comments – any allergies? |
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NB# From time to time, Kids & Fruit Inc. will introduce new fruit and vegetable varieties to the program and therefore it is imperative that you inform the school of any allergies your child suffers which will be forwarded onto Kids & Fruit Inc. (eg. allergy to citrus fruit or strawberries). If a fruit or vegetable is provided that your child is allergic to, Kids & Fruit will compensate accordingly.

19. Fruit in the Classrooms

This year, all classrooms will be having a fruit/vegetable break at 10.00am each morning. Students are asked to bring along a piece of fruit/vegetable to eat at this time. Students involved in the Kids and Fruit program will be given their fruit at this time. There will still be the usual play lunch at recess time.

20. Conveyance Allowance

To be eligible to receive conveyance allowance, a student must:

- Be aged between 5 years by the 30th April and 21 years;
- Live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended.
- Be enrolled at the nearest government primary school.
- Have NO access to bus travel

Those people eligible need to obtain an application form from the office and return it to school by the 19th of February.

21. Uniform Order

If you would like to order new uniforms, please fill out the attached uniform and return to school with payment (cheques payable to Tallygaroopna Primary School) by Friday 12th February.

22. Parents' Club

A big thankyou to the Parents' Club for organising the Morning Tea today. It was a great idea and it was terrific to see so many families attend the first assembly for the year. New and existing parents are always welcome to join this club which constantly supports the school.

23. Student Information

Attached to this newsletter is an envelope containing your child/ren details held at school. Could you please check these details to ensure they are accurate and return the form with any changes back to the school office as soon as possible.

24. Active After-school Communities Program

We will be starting our Active After-school Program next week. We will be offering Multi-skills on a Monday (starting next Monday 8th February) and Badminton on a Tuesday (starting next Tuesday 9th February). Both sessions will start at 3.45pm and finish at 4.45pm. Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. If your child/ren are interested, please fill out the attached form and return to school by this Friday, 5th February.

25. School Council

The first school council meeting for the year will be Wednesday, 17th February at 7.30pm. This meeting will involve discussion regarding the appointment of a School Principal so all members will need to attend. Judy Rose, who is the school's Regional Network Leader, will be attending the meeting to formally discuss the selection process for this.

26. Personal Property


Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Child Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to school property. Therefore, staff, students, parents and guardians should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

27. School Photos

The 2010 School Photos will be taken on Friday 12th February in the morning. Please ensure that all school children are in school uniform. We will be taking a Grade 6 photo and a School Captain photo. Please contact the school if you want either or both of these photos. Payment can be made at a later date for these photos.

28. Information and Meet the Teachers Evening

An Information and Meet the Teachers evening will be held at school on Tuesday, 16th February from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. At 6pm Mrs Wallace will speak to Prep/1 families for approximately 30 minutes. This year there will be no evening meal as we have found that very few families have made use of this facility in recent years.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE AN ASTHMA ACTION PLAN? 

Every student with asthma should have a written 'Asthma Action Plan'. This is important for the school in caring for your child because it provides up-to-date, detailed information on how to manage your child's asthma. This plan should:

- Be completed by the student's parent/guardian in consultation with the student's doctor
- Outline how to care for day-to-day asthma (listing normal medications that have been prescribed and how often they should be taken)
- List key symptoms or special features that indicate the student's asthma could be worsening or an 'attack' is developing and the steps that should be taken to manage it
- List symptoms that are serious enough to need urgent medical assistance (ie. ambulance)
- List the Asthma First Aid procedure for an asthma 'attack'
- List the name and contact number of the parent/guardian, emergency contact and student's doctor
- Be easily accessible for all school staff
- Be updated annually or when a student's asthma changes significantly.

If an Asthma Action Plan is not provided, school staff will follow the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy for Asthma First Aid which is a standard first aid protocol.
For a copy of a School Asthma Action Plan or further information, please call the Asthma Helpline on 1800 645 130 or visit The Asthma Foundation of Victoria's website www.asthma.org.au.

TENNIS NEWS:

Our last game was on Friday, 18th December against Kialla Park in the evening on synthetic courts so that was something different for our team. Unfortunately we were defeated by them.

#Training starts again tomorrow (Tuesday 2nd) at the courts. I can no longer get to training so Kerry will be taking over for the remainder of the season.

Only 4 games to go till the end of our season. This week we are at home. Starts 8.45am against McEwen. Humphreys are on duty

You need to discuss with your parents and team mates what you would like to do for your end of year break-up as we need to get it organised.

Any outstanding fees need to be paid.

SOCCER NEWS

Boys and girls are invited to express their interest in playing soccer this year with Northerners. Starts approximately May 1st and ends mid-September. Age groups last year were U6, U7, U8, U9 and U10. Please note that age exemption can be applied for so that your child can play with their friends.

Shepparton Junior Soccer Association holds their AGM in a couple of weeks so we need to have an idea of how many teams we will be submitting for competition this year. Please detach the form below and return to Karen at the Office. All enquiries phone Yvonne Sprunt on 58298523.

NAME:.....
 PH NUMBER.....
 GRADE:.....
 D.O.B.....
 AGE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010.....
 PARENT SIGNATURE.....

NORTHERNERS FOOTBALL

Expressions of interest are invited for students who would like to play school age football for Northerners Football Club. Please Contact Karen at Tallygaroopna PS and leave your name, date of birth and a contact number if you are interested.

TALLY NETBALL

If there are any girls interested in playing Under 11 Netball in the Shepparton Saturday morning Competition, please leave your name and DOB at the school Office.