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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 NO.13 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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**This week is Education Week. All parents and grandparents are welcome to come in any time this week to have a look at our new building and to have a look at classroom programs.**

**The Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Munch N Crunch will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Dear Parents,

Last week was a very cold week at school and all staff were very concerned about the number of children who had inappropriate clothing on during this time. As has been stated in previous newsletters and at assembly, all children must have good winter clothes on while we await our full power upgrade on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Staff have no problem with children bringing in beanies or rugs to stay warm, but wearing shorts and short sleeve shirts with no jumper on is a concern. At present, we are unable to turn on our Split System Heaters so can all parents please reinforce this. We have only one more week to wait, before everything is working efficiently in our new building.

Last week, students in Grades 3 and 5 completed NAPLAN testing. I would personally like to congratulate all of the students who undertook these activities. Their effort and concentration was first class and I know that they have tried to complete these tests to the best of their ability. What was encouraging was that we had 100% participation with these tasks. We have a busy week ahead with the Bike Education Program beginning today for students in Grades 2-6. Mrs Sidebottom is coordinating this program and I know that it will be a success, despite potentially inclement weather over the next 2 weeks. Good luck also to the students who are representing our school on Wednesday at the Zone Cross Country at Princess Park in Shepparton and the Young Leaders Conference. I know that you will do your best and represent our school with pride. A reminder that permission forms need to be returned for the Young Leaders Day and \$8 is the entry fee for the Zone Sports – this needs to be at the office ASAP.

Karen will be at the office until Thursday and I will be in the office all week apart from Monday and Friday (teaching), if any matters need addressing. I will be away at the Young Leaders Conference at Wanganui SC on Wednesday as well. Mrs Haberfield will be attending a Victorian Institute of Teaching PD day on Thursday and Miss Bicknell will be at a Beginning Teachers Conference on Friday. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

*“Remember the three R’s - Respect for self. Respect for others. Responsibility for all your actions.”*

### 1. New School Logo Design

Everyone in the school community would like to thank Gillian O'Brien for the tremendous effort that she has put into the new school logo design, which features our new and existing buildings. This now sits proudly at the top of our school newsletter along with other school items such as our school website. Gill is very talented in the field of Art and design and we all appreciate the time that she has put in, so that our new facilities are promoted as much as possible.

### 2. Building Update

Last week, we had some more visits by builders to discuss the implementation of our new kitchen servery and undercover area. This project is still ongoing, but we hope to have some more details in regard to this in the next few weeks. Our new building has also been inspected for defects and these will be erased over the next few weeks and all new and existing buildings are now accessible using the one master key. O'Sullivan Windows also spent some time measuring our windows for flyscreens for the future and we will be getting a new administration building door in the next few weeks.

This week, we are expecting to have lighting and power installed into our sportshed and more powepoints will be put into our new buildings as well.

### 3. Parent / Teacher Interviews (Student Led Conferences)

At School Council last Wednesday night, we were able to approve our final pupil free day for 2011. This day will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June for Parent / Teacher Interviews. The students in **Grades 3-6** will be encouraged to attend interviews along with their parents because these sessions will be initiated by the children - **student led conferences**. These aim to do the following:

- \* to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their academic performance
- \* to teach students the process of self-evaluation;
- \* to facilitate the development of students' organizational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence;
- \* to encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue;
- \* to increase parent attendance at conferences

All students in the school have set individual goals for the semester and these will be discussed at this meeting. Teachers will send these specific goals home to families prior to the meeting. More details will be available soon

### 4. Parental Notification – Buses

It is imperative that families who have children who are bus travellers contact the school if their children are not going on the bus in the afternoon. This will enable the bus to keep to the scheduled times. Mrs Haberfield will be the school contact for buses in the afternoon and parents will need to make contact with her using either notes or phoning the school. Alternatively, parents can text message Mrs Haberfield on 0400 879 206 but please **DO NOT** ring her mobile during class time. **There has been some confusion of late, so could parents contact the school to confirm specific days which children use the bus please.**

### 5. Jump Rope For Heart

This year our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Program. Sponsorship forms (not compulsory) should accompany today's newsletter and these need to be back at school with money enclosed by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. On this day, we will be having our Jump Off Day which will involve some fun skipping activities outside.

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is about teaching school children how to keep fit and healthy. Conducted by school teachers, children learn physical activities like rope-jumping to improve their strength, gaining confidence and stamina to extend their physical abilities elsewhere. Students who participate in Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart have lots of fun with their peers. At the same time they are learning about helping save Australian lives by asking family and friends to sponsor them for being a part of this fun program. Funds raised go towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke in Australia.



### 6. Education Week

All government schools in Victoria will be celebrating Education Week from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We would like to invite parents to 'pop in' for a visit to your child's/children's classroom at some stage during the week. All classes will be running their normal programs and this may include Art, PING, Bike Education, The Ultranet. We believe this will give us the opportunity to showcase the great work students and teachers are doing.

## 7. School Fees – Reminder

At School Council last year, we were able to approve our new school fees for 2011. There were obviously some changes that occurred but we made these still affordable and in line with other schools in the local area. Keep in mind that last year's fees for one student were \$150 - which included \$90 for Excursions and \$60 for fundraising. We have also been able to rely on our Bingo account and Drought Relief Funding to support excursions and programs in the past, both of these will not be available this year.

### **2011 School Fees Structure per student:**

**Subject Levy \$140**

**Excursion Levy \$45**

**Total of \$185 (increase of \$35)**

The subject levy includes many programs which are implemented at school including MACC Van, MARC Van, Mathematics, etc.

The Excursion Levy includes the following (whole school activities):

Life Ed. Van

Cluster Days

\* Term 1 – Aquamoves

\* Term 2/3/4 – Cluster Days at other small schools

\* Performance at Wanganui Park SC

\* Athletics Sports

Please note that these fees are both compulsory fees. We have decided to not put Swimming under the umbrella of the Excursion Levy because of the cost associated with this program. This year, this program will again be held at Aquamoves for 1 week in Term 3. The cost for this program is \$42 per student and families will have a choice in regard to whether their children participate in this program. Other excursions that happen throughout the year will not be whole school activities, so there will be a pay as you go policy implemented as well. Examples of these are Cross Country, Sailing and Kanga 8s.

Parents are able to pay school fees in one payment or organise a plan which would involve partial payments throughout the school year. If you have any queries in regard to this please feel free to contact David or Karen at the office.

## 8. NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in NAPLAN tests this week. There were four tests including language conventions, a writing task, reading and mathematics. The writing task was completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 about whether too much money is spent on children's toys. There were some very interesting arguments presented with many students suggesting money spent on toys is a very good investment!

The results are usually made available in September with schools being able to access results through an official website. Individual written reports are then sent to school and we distribute these to parents.

## 9. Bike Education Program

Information went home a couple of weeks ago regarding the Bike Education Program. Children were able to use their own bike if it passed a safety checklist (this has been sent home previously). Students are able to wear their own helmet if it is also up to standard. Parents were asked to bring student's bikes to school so that bike safety checks could be conducted. Bikes were brought to school on Tuesday 10th and Friday 13th of May before school to be checked. We asked for parent's cooperation in ensuring any necessary repairs, adjustments or replacements were carried out.

Bikes will be safely stored at the school during the weeks of Bike Ed if required. For those students without a bike or helmet, they will be able to use a bike and helmet from the Bike Ed trailer. We only have 8 so it will be first in basis.

In the program students learn rules and responsible behaviours regarding riding on footpaths and how to ride safely and competently on the road. Certificates will be handed out indicating your child's progress.

There will be an on road test for students in Grade 5 and 6 where students will ride around the town of Tallygaroopna. This is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May with further information to follow. We will require the assistance of parents to observe riders and complete a simple assessment checklist. Students in Grade 6 will hopefully have the opportunity to take part in a class ride on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to conclude their Bike Ed program.

Scheduled dates for Bike Ed.

Week 4 – 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May

Week 5 – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May

### 10. Grade 5/6 Camp

Last week, all students received information about the Grade 5/6 Camp. The cost for the camp is \$190 and this will need to be paid before the camp. Mr Brodie and Miss Bicknell will both be attending the camp. Three important forms need to be handed in for each student attending the camp: Confidential Medical Information, Parental Permission Form and Campers Agreement.

### 11. Zone Cross Country

Good luck to the students participating in the Zone Cross Country at Princess Park this Wednesday. **Students Selected for Zone Cross Country (top 10) are – Samahna, Justin, Olivia, Ebony, Ella, Teagan, Mollie and Brenton.** Information went home last week and if students are wishing to participate, \$8 needs to be paid to the school by Tuesday. All students will need to be there by 11.45am for general instructions.

Approximate starting times for the events will be as follows:

12 noon – 10 & Under Boys	2000 metres	12.15pm – 10 & Under Girls	2000 metres
12.30pm – 11 Year Boys	3000 metres	12.50pm – 11 Year Girls	3000 metres
1.15pm – 12/13 Year Boys	3000 metres	1.35pm – 12/13 Year Girls	3000 metres

### 12. Young Leaders Day / Zone Cross Country

All of our School Captains and Vice Captains will still attend the Young Leaders Day at Wanganui Park SC on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Three of the four school leaders (Ella, Samahna and Justin) will have the option to compete in the Zone Cross Country on this day as well if they wish. Mr Brodie (private car) will take them to the Young Leaders Day and then take them to the Cross Country at Princess Park if they wish to participate in this opportunity. The students will then return to the Young Leaders Day at the completion of the Cross Country. Permission forms need to be returned ASAP.

The students have started to work on their Pre-conference task. They will require a snack and drink in the morning and a BBQ lunch will be provided for lunch. No money will be needed because students won't have access to the canteen.

### 13. AASC Program

Our term 2 program began last week. Multi Skills will continue on a Monday and Dance will be on a Tuesday. Students can still participate in this program, provided they have returned the permission forms for this program. Extra ones can be collected at the office if needed. Participation winners this week were – Chelsea, Leah, Alyssa and Harri.

### 14. School Uniform

Just a reminder, that all students are required to wear appropriate school uniform at school. During the colder months there may be the odd time where some uniforms may be in the wash, but a note is required if wearing school uniform is not adhered to. I have received a couple of these, so this is great to see that families are aware of this at home.

### 15. Life Education Van

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, our school will be participating in the Life Education Program. Mums and Dads will be invited to a Parent Information morning on this day from 9.15am until 9.45am before class programs begin at 10am. The Grade 2/3/4 program has changed from what was summarised in last weeks newsletter. A summary of this program is included below:

Grade 3/4 (2-3.25pm) – Topic Change

Topic: All Systems Go- Yr 1/2/3 or 4

Harold takes the class on an adventure, travelling in the blood through the human body. The journey begins at the heart and visits a number of other body parts. As well as examining some human body parts and their function, other issues raised are: Peer pressure, Passive smoking, Safety with medicines

### 16. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 2 are:

May 16 <sup>th</sup> – Bike Ed. Program Begins	May 18 <sup>th</sup> – Young Leaders Day (Wanganui SC)
May 25 <sup>th</sup> – Life Ed. Van	May 26 <sup>th</sup> – Biggest Morning Tea
May 26 <sup>th</sup> – Munch N Crunch	May 31 <sup>st</sup> – Parents & Friends Meeting
June 1 <sup>st</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart Day	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> >3 <sup>rd</sup> – Principals Conference
June 6 <sup>th</sup> > 8 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 5/6 Camp	June 10 <sup>th</sup> – Tree Planting Day
June 13 <sup>th</sup> – Queens Birthday Holiday	June 15 <sup>th</sup> – School Council Mtg.
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Responsible Pet Program	June 27 <sup>th</sup> – Reports Sent Home
June 29 <sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews	June 30 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 3/4/5/6 Dance Festival
June 30 <sup>th</sup> – Munch N Crunch	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – End of Term 2 (2.25pm dismissal)

### 17. Working With Children Checks – Renewal Process Reminder

WWC Checks are required for all non-teaching school based employees. This includes both current and new employees. It is an offence to engage in child-related work in educational institutions without a current assessment notice. WWC Checks came in to effect in April 2006 and are valid for 5 years. If cardholders intend to continue in 'child-related work', legislation requires them to renew their checks after 5 years. Legislation also requires card holders to update their details. This should be done as a matter of priority at the cardholder's earliest convenience.

The Main Points are:

- 8 weeks prior to expiry, a pre-populated renewal application form will be sent to the cardholder.
- From 1 December 2010 the WWC card became the assessment notice, replacing the assessment notice letter that accompanied the card initially.
- A 'Volunteer' card cannot be used for paid 'child-related work'. You must re-apply, pass the check and receive an 'Employee' WWC check card.

#### Actions Required:

- All WWC cardholders are required to update their details as soon as possible by calling the Information Line on 1300 652 879 or updating them online at: <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu>
- Please note that failure to notify changes in employer and voluntary work within 21 days may incur penalties.
- On receipt of your Renewal Application, check that your details are correct; if so present your current WWC Check along with the notice at participating Australia Post outlets.
- If changes to your details are required you must get another renewal notice from WWC after updating your details.
- Lodge your Renewal Application as early as possible to avoid letting your WWC Check lapse.
- Failure to renew will require cardholders to fill in a new application form and submit a full 100 points of identification. Cardholders will be unable to perform 'child-related work' without a valid Working with Children Check.
- For more information regarding the renewal process, call the Information Line on: 1300 652 879 or see: <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/>

### Lost Property

A named bomber jacket has been lost since last week. Could families please check your child's bomber jacket to make sure it hasn't been taken home by mistake. A lost property tub now sits in the new building near the sink.

### 18. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for Term 3, week 2 –

**P/1 Harvey Walker** for his organisational skills in getting his work completed on time, always having his homework back by Friday and quickly ready to listen for instructions. Well done Harvey.

**2/3/4 Teagan Brett** for the effort she has been putting into Dance rehearsal and for the persistence she shows in getting work completed in the classroom. Great effort Teagan!

**5/6 Emily Stivala** for the great effort she put into dance practices and for her willingness to help out at all times.



## **Tallygaroopna 11 and Under Netball Results**

Results for Round 5

In cool conditions the girls took to the court against Kialla West Blue (and some old team mates). A great team effort by everyone. Some lovely goaling from Abby and Olivia. Score 23 to 1.

Could see us move up a Division next week.

Awards Video Ezy - Zailie Dempster

Book City - Olivia Meyland.

## **Northerners Football Club Results**

Wilmot Rd 4.9.33 def Northerners 3.2.20

Goal Kickers – Justin Lindrea – 2, J.Trewin – 1

Awards – Justin Lindrea – Wendys, Zane Newbound – Wendys, Darcy Collins – Video Ezy, Marc McHale – Video Ezy.

In very cold conditions we came up against some tough competition. Stick at it boys, work hard & listen to Cale at training and on Saturday's.

## **Northerners Soccer Club Results**

**Under 9**

A great game was played in chillier conditions this week. Northerners played Murchison and all the kids put in a terrific effort. Final score was Murchison 7 to Northerners 1. Awards: Chelsea and Mitchell.

**Under 7**

On a very cold and windy day the Under 7's had a great game, winning over Murchison 5-1. Goal kickers were Kel Beaton, Kyle Montgomery, Alexander Down and Campbell Steigenberger. Lots of running and a great team game.

## **Parents' Club**

Parents' Club will once again host the Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, combining this day with a tour of the new building. **Families are asked to donate a cake or slice.**

Parents' Club are also going to hold a Munch & Crunch on this day. The menu will consist of Chow Mein, Prima and a piece of cake or slice (to be served at recess). Cost will be \$5 with \$1 of each order being donated to The Biggest Morning Tea. Children not ordering Munch & Crunch can purchase cake/slice at recess for \$2. If your child would like to order Munch & Crunch, please fill out the following form and return to school with payment by Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.



### **Chow Mein Munch & Crunch 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Family:**..... **No. of lunches:**.....

**Total Cost:**.....

**PARENT TALK**  
**Coping with High School – A Transition for Students and Parents**

Transition to high school is considered by some to be one of the most traumatic experiences our children will encounter. This period in a young person's life is already associated with huge physical, cognitive, and emotional changes – and they are expected to cope with social and academic change as well! Parents must also travel this path with their children and, for many, it is equally overwhelming.

Orientation days certainly establish the framework for the change, but how do parents and students manage the everyday issues like homework and preparing for tests and exams? Home is where the cracks often start to appear. A common question from parents is “Are we ready for this?” Once the novelty of new classrooms, an assortment of different subjects and teachers, new friends and new routines have worn off, students AND parents are faced with the reality of increased workloads, increased teacher expectations and exposure to unfamiliar subjects. How can parents help.....and should they?

A variety of studies have concluded that parent involvement declines as children progress through high school. Often feeling intimidated by demanding curricula and the physical size of the school, parents tend to withdraw from active and obvious involvement. This does not suggest that they have lost interest in helping their children, but rather that they view high school as the beginning of independence and that they need to take a step back. In reality, it is prior to and during this transition phase, that parents MUST be more involved. Positive parental involvement in children's learning, even in high school, has a positive impact on children's learning. So, how can parents be ‘participants’ in their child's education ...without making it obvious?

- Don't wait until Year 7 before deciding that your child needs some organisation strategies - talk about a system of filing and storing the important 'stuff' so at least they can FIND what they need to complete work.

- Don't wait until that first assignment is due before realising that your child needs to develop planning and time management skills - planners and diaries are VERY useful tools....and take the heat off kids and parents!

- Don't wait until your child is so tired and stressed by homework that you decide to reduce the number of extra activities happening each afternoon.

Transition phases in education, whether from pre-school to primary, primary to high school or high school to the work place, are periods of growth and change. Parents need to remain ‘in the loop’ and focus on the positives with their children. Whether your child is 5 years of age or 18, they still need the support and understanding of their parents – open lines of communication are critical.

Believe it or not, questions I am asked by parents of children starting school or starting work have a commonality – how do we help our kids achieve their potential? The earlier we start putting some ‘tried and true’ methods into practice, the better our kids will cope with these changes and the greater the chance of success. Parents often don't give themselves nearly enough credit for having a wealth of life experience....these life skills are the same skills they need to survive in school and beyond. Step up and be confident you can help your kids - they may not thank you now....but they will!

**Angie Wilcock- High Hopes Educational Services**

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*If you would like more information about this or another parenting topic; are interested in attending a parenting program or workshop in your local community or an individual parenting consultation with a parenting worker, contact Meredith at the Shepparton office of Hume Region Parent Education service, Primary Care Connect (formerly Goulburn Valley Community Health Service). Telephone: 58 233 200.*



# TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL



**BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR THE WHOLE  
COMMUNITY AND NEW STUDENTS FOR 2012**  
**10.30AM UNTIL NOON – includes tour around the new  
school buildings**

**WHERE: TALLYGAROPNA PS**  
**DATE: THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**GOLD COIN DONATION WITH ALL PROCEEDS  
GOING TO CANCER COUNCIL**



**PHONE THE SCHOOL ON 5829 8264 IF YOU ARE  
PLANNING TO ATTEND FOR CATERING  
PURPOSES**