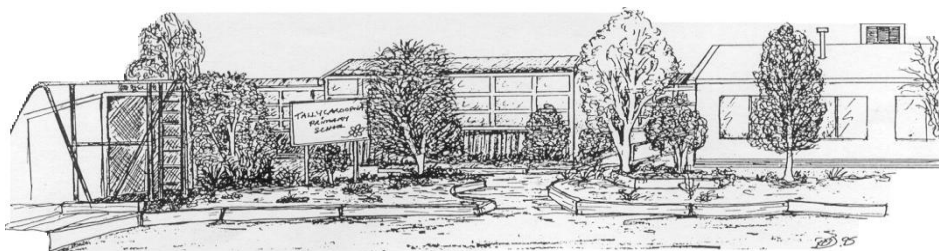


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NEWSLETTER

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**DON'T FORGET THE PARENT SESSION
FOR THE LIFE EDUCATION VAN AND
THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA THIS
THURSDAY AT SCHOOL!!!!**

Book Club

Book Club Issue 4 order forms went home with students last week. **If you would like to order please return the completed form with payment by tomorrow.**

Dear Parents,

What a great night last Wednesday. Special thanks to the dedicated staff and parents for making this night such a success and we are already talking about further nights such as this for later on in the year. We were very well represented by six students who participated in the Zone Cross County last week also and special thanks to the parents who were able to organise individual transport. Results in individual age groups were as follows: Lachie (39th), Ella (32nd), Samahna (24th), Mollie (30th) and Ebony (28th). Congratulations to Teagan Brett who came 3rd – what a fantastic effort. She now has the opportunity to compete at the State Championships in July, this will be a fantastic experience for Teagan and her whole family.

Mikayla Church had a huge smile on her face all last week as she has a new baby brother to spoil. Congratulations to both Darren and Christine on the addition to their family. There seems to be babies everywhere at the moment – my wife is also expecting our third child in October. Busy times ahead !!!

This week, students completed a bullying survey and the results for this were generally positive. Unfortunately, all schools have issues relating to bullying and I will be constantly addressing this with the students and parents. It was pleasing to see that 81% of our students feel safe either always or most of the time at school – so this speaks highly for the culture of the school. There were a handful of students consistently identified in the survey and I will be offering support to these students in the near future. Parents will be consulted obviously.

I am in the process of announcing staffing for the second half of the year and I hope to do that in next week's newsletter. A reminder also about permission forms for the Life Education Van and the Beauty and the Beast performance for this week. I will be away on Friday as I have a Shepparton Network meeting to attend, but Karen will be at the office until Thursday, as per normal. As a result, the office area will be unattended on Friday.

David Brodie - Principal

EDUCATION – WEEK (FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT)

What a great night – thank you to all of the staff, students and parents who helped out on the night.



1. Beauty and the Beast Performance

The whole school will be attending the Wanganui Park Secondary College's performance of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" this Wednesday 26th May. The students will attend this play with all the staff and we will leave school by bus at approximately 9.45am. We need to be seated at 10.45am for an 11am start so we plan to arrive at the venue at 10.30am. There will be a lunchtime interval from 12.20pm until 12.50pm, so students will need to bring their own lunch and drink on the day. Obviously, the pie warmer will not be used at school this day. The show will finish at approximately 1.50pm, so we plan to be back at school by 2.30pm.

2. Life Education Van

Our Life Education Program begins this Thursday. There will be a parent session on the same morning for 30 minutes from 9am – 9.30am. If any families wish to have a look at the Van and see how the program is implemented feel free to come along. Permission forms have been distributed to families and they must be returned before the day if possible.

Life Education Timetable:

9.00 – 9.30am >Parent Session

9.30 – 11am > Grade 5/6 Session which focuses on:

- * Recognising that legal drugs can affect all body systems resulting in short and long term consequences
- * Identifying services, products that advise educate and inform people of the facts about (legal) drug use
- * Examining the harmful effects that (legal) drug use can have on our environment and community
- * Describing the laws governing the advertising, sale and use of alcohol products
- * Identifying community strategies to reduce alcohol related harms
- * Increasingly accepting responsibility for personal and community health
- * Identifying, developing and practicing personal strategies to reduce alcohol related harms

12.00 – 1pm > Prep / Grade 1 Session which focuses on:

- * Health and Wellbeing
- * Physical activity and the body's response to it
- * Safety awareness, including syringe safety
- * Expressing feelings, needs and wants in appropriate ways

2.00 – 3.30 > Grade 2/3/4 Session which focuses on:

- * Describing the factors that influence the way a person values themselves
- * Recognising that effective communication is an essential component of maintaining positive relationships
- * Identifying medicines and drugs and the consequences of their misuse
- * Identifying people and products that advise, educate and inform the community about medicines
- * Investigating/evaluating a variety of behaviours and situations that may be harmful to a person's health
- * Practicing strategies to communicate effectively with others in a range of settings

3. Bullying Program / Support

Unfortunately, this issue has reared its ugly head with a couple of instances of late. As a result, all students have completed a bullying survey this week so that some students can be given adequate support in regard to this. In our Bullying Policy it states that: a person is bullied when they are exposed **regularly and over time** to negative actions on the part of one or more persons. Bullies are people who deliberately set out to intimidate, exclude, threaten and/or hurt others repeatedly. They can operate alone or as a group. The school will provide a positive culture where bullying is not accepted, and in so doing, all will have the right of respect from others, the right to learn or to teach, and a right to feel safe and secure in the school environment.

I have collated the bullying survey and 20 students were identified. However, only a handful of students were identified consistently. Students who are identified through the bullying survey will be counselled and given support with the aim of getting them off the bullying list. Parents will be consulted and contacted by phone and a permission form will be sent home also. I have contacted Kerri Ford (Hume Region Welfare Office) in regard to this so hopefully she will be able to assist me with this program. **If any families believe that their children would benefit from this support in relation to dealing with bullying at school can you contact me at school also. These sessions are aimed at being non threatening.** I have been encouraged that a couple of parents have seen me in regard to this so please don't hesitate to see me at school.

4. Parent / Teacher Interviews (Student Led Conferences)

Wednesday, 23rd June will be a pupil free day as staff members will be involved in parent teacher interviews. The students in **Grades 2-6** will be required 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

5. Active After School Care Program

Tomorrow **we will start our Dance Program for the next four weeks**. This will conclude on Tuesday 15th June. Next term, we will again begin the AASC program on Tuesday's with Dance (3 week program) and then finish with Netball again (4 week program). Soccer will continue, as per normal on each Monday this term, although no session will be held on Monday 14th June because of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Therefore, Soccer should conclude on Monday 21st June.

We have also finalised the program for the second semester. This will include the following:

- Term 3: starting on Monday 26th July
 - Monday > Cricket, Tuesday > Dance (3 weeks) & Netball (4weeks)
- Term 4: starting on Monday 18th October
 - Monday > Taekwondo, Tuesday – Touch Footy

6. 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.

7. Lost Property

This time of the year, a lot of lost property seems to turn up at the office. This often includes jumpers which are not cheap, so the students are encouraged to take off their jumpers before they go outside, if they feel that they would take them off in the yard. The inconsistent weather this time of the year often has a lot to do with this, so could you please reinforce this with your children and make sure that all specific items are named please.

8. Information for New Families & Students for 2011

It was great to meet some prospective parents for 2011 at the Information morning which was held last Thursday morning. We had a walk around the school and discussed some of the exciting times ahead for the school with new buildings and other classroom improvements. **If any other families would like to have an informal tour around the school please contact the office and we can organise a date.** I have mentioned previously, that I had received information regarding integration support for future students for 2011. Applications for this close mid year, so if any families are aware of any students who are intending to enrol at Tallygaroopna and are in need of support can you contact me ASAP.

9. School Leaders Project

Our School Captains have decided on an Action Plan which they would like to try and complete by the end of the 2010 school year. This focuses on brightening up the school grounds with some murals / paintings. If any parents can assist or know of anyone who has some special skills in regard to this can they contact the school as soon as possible.

10. Winter Issues

With the onset of the cooler weather, many children are experiencing colds, 'flu like symptoms etc. As a result, the school's supply of tissues is rapidly diminishing. As has been the case in the past, families are asked to send along a box of tissues. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

11. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 4 (ending 21st May)

Prep / Grade 1 **Alyssa Lindrea** for the way she uses her 'getting along' skills. Alyssa enjoys the company of her peers both in the classroom and in the playground. Well done Alyssa.

Grade 2/3/4 **Brenton O'Brien** for organisation and getting along. Brenton is a fantastic classroom helper and a great friend to everyone in our class. Well done Brenton!!

Grade 5/6 Zane Newbound for the persistence he has shown in his handwriting and the improvement he has made. Keep it up Zane.



Tally Auskick

Tally Auskick starts Tuesday, 25th May at Tally Rec Reserve starting at 4pm and finishing at 5pm. It goes for 5 weeks then stops for the school holidays and recommences Tuesday, 13th July for another 5 weeks. Total: 10 weeks. Approximate cost: \$55 - \$60

Registrations can be completed online at the Auskick website - aflauskick.com.au

Contact Nev Montgomery 0439614464 for any additional information.

Northerners Football Results

Northerners 7-1-43 defeated Grahamvale 1-3-9. Goal kickers were Kobe Currie 2, Jak Trewin 1, Nic Jacobson 1, Kyle Dorsett 1, Darcy Collins 1 and Christiaan Van Taarling 1.

Awards: Sportspower – Alex Ring, Star Bowl – Charles Atkinson, Time Out – Shannon White, Wendy's – Nic Jacobson, Video Ezy – Kobe Currie

We improved as the game went on. Well done on a hard fought win.

Northerners Soccer Results

Under 6 – Northerners played against the Orrvale Knights and lost 6-2. There was some great blocking in the field and at the net. Goal scorers were Kyle 1 and Nick 1. Awards went to Nick, Campbell and Kyle.

Under 7 – Northerners played St Mels and lost 7-3. Goal scorer was Mitchell with 3 goals. Awards went to Stephanie, Chelsea and Jordan. Good effort!

Tally 11&Under Netball Results

The girls moved up an age group this week into Under 11, Section 4. It was a closely contested game against St Brendans Topaz and the girls had to work really hard. We goaled early and took an early lead. A great team effort with lots of turnovers and a victory of 4-2 was the result. Awards – Book City – Shae Montgomery, Video Ezy – Brittany Meyland.

Parents' Club

Tomorrow is the last day to order Munch and Crunch. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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Chicken Schnitzel Munch and Crunch – Thursday 27th May

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Total cost (\$5 per meal):

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All families please bring cake/slice to staff room on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning please. Gold coin donation for Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday (if child is not having Munch and Crunch lunch).

The Parents' Club sincerely thank (in anticipation) all families for their donation of cakes/slices.

Next Parents' club meeting will be Thursday, 27th May at 11.30am.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart 2010. It is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become active, learn new skills and raise vital funds for cardiovascular research and community health programs. This program is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and help Australia's leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. Students are able to seek sponsorship for their participation in Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart. Last week a sponsorship form for students to use was sent home. At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off on June 4th.

SUGGESTION BOX – HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL -NAME _____

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL



**BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR THE WHOLE
COMMUNITY AND NEW STUDENTS FOR 2011**
10.30AM UNTIL NOON

WHERE: TALLYGAROPNA PS
DATE: THURSDAY 27TH MAY

**GOLD COIN DONATION + RAFFLE WITH
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO CANCER
COUNCIL**



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

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2011

Tour of the School and Informal Information Sessions available on request – contact the School Principal

Personal school tours with the Principal, David Brodie, are available by telephoning 58298264 for an appointment. For further information you are welcome to view our website:

<http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/>

Tallygaroopna Primary School offers:

Experienced Teachers / Small Class Sizes / School Productions / 3:1 Computer Ratio / Camps / Excursions / Swimming Program / Library and Art Specialists

New classrooms and facilities to be built in 2010 & 2011.