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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

NEWSLETTER

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**TOMORROW IS A CASUAL DAY.
THE COST FOR THIS IS A GOLD
COIN DONATION PER FAMILY
MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS THE CHILDREN'S WARD
AT GOULBURN VALLEY HEALTH**

**We are now taking Prep enrolments
for 2012. Contact the office for
enrolment forms and information.**

**Jump Rope for Heart sponsorship
forms need to be returned by
Thursday. This is our Jump Off Day**

Hi everyone,

Last week was an extremely busy week with many events on at school. I would personally like to thank all of our parents who assisted last week with the Bike Education On Road Test, The Biggest Morning Tea and Munch N Crunch. All of these were very successful and we continue to get a lot of assistance and support with many of these activities. Thanks for our helpers who assisted with the big clean up in the Multi Purpose Room, New Library and Computer Lab also. Our existing buildings are slowly getting back to their normal state and we only have the Teachers Library to go. Yiiippeee!!!!

Our Bike Education program concluded last week and on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Mrs Sidebottom for her organisation with this. This program is very beneficial to our students and we look forward to it continuing into the future. It was great to see some parents take up the offer to attend the Life Education Information session last Wednesday. I hope you found the program valuable and we will continue to implement this program next year, thanks to the great financial support that we get from the Lions Club.

Last week, information went in the newsletter about the Grade 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek. At present, I have only had **one family** show interest in this camp so could this be addressed before the end of the week please. I will be giving final numbers to Congupna PS very soon, so that adequate planning can occur. Information is again included in this edition in the newsletter.

Karen will be at the office until Thursday, but I will be away for a week beginning on Wednesday. On this day, I will be attending a PD on the new National Curriculum in the morning before heading to Melbourne for the annual Hume Region Principals Conference. This concludes on Friday afternoon. Next Monday, I along with Miss Bicknell will also be attending the Grade 5/6 Urban Camp in Melbourne until Wednesday, so I won't be back at school until Thursday 9th June. If there are any matters of great concern, don't hesitate to contact me on my mobile – this number is above. Have a great week and I look forward to catching up with everyone at the Parents & Friends meeting tomorrow night.

David Brodie – Principal

GRADE 6 BIKE RIDE

The Grade 6 students had a successful Bike Ride to Zeerust last Friday. There were a couple of minor issues relating to seats and pedals, but the students were able to safely complete the ride without any major hiccups. Special thanks to Mrs Sidebottom for organising the ride and for Miss Bicknell for providing assistance as well.



1. Building Update

Last week, I had a successful meeting with Greg Clohesy from Liberty Kitchens. We are hopeful of beginning this project in our Multi Purpose Room, Computer Lab and Staff Kitchen in the next few weeks. There may be some minor disruptions to some class programs, but we will make sure that our school continues to be a safe learning environment for the children of the school. Our Power Upgrade has still not been connected. However, when I discussed this issue with our Building Site Manager he informed me that it normally takes about 10 working days for this to occur. As a result, we are hoping that by the end of the week, we may have full power which will then enable us to run our heaters.

This week, we are **definitely** expecting to have lighting and power installed into our sports shed and more power points will be put into our new buildings as well. This is set for Wednesday

2. Annual Report 2010

All schools prepare an Annual Report to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year. The report also provides an opportunity to communicate and publicise the longer term directions for the school. This document is available now at the office and is also accessible on our school's website.

3. Grade 5/6 Projects for Term 2

Last week the Grade 5/6 students began their Travel Diary Projects and will work on them until the end of term. The project focuses on Australian Landmarks and will give them a chance to explore what our country has to offer. Students are working in pairs and will work on their project **during school time only. It is NOT part of their homework.** They have started researching the costs of their travels and are enjoying planning their imaginary trip around Australia.

4. Transition Process for Grade 6 students

Last week, I made contact with some Secondary Colleges in regard to the Grade 6 Transition process. All students should have taken home information about Notre Dame College and I have been informed by the Principal of Wanganui Secondary College that Information Nights will begin during the first week of Term 3. Stay tuned for more information – I would recommend making contact with relevant schools.

Notre Dame College Year 7 Enrolment for 2012 - A reminder to families that applications for Year 7 Enrolment at Notre Dame College for the 2012 school year, close on 3rd June 2011.

5. Tree Planting Project

Our school will be involved in a Tree Planting Project on Friday 10th June at the Tallygaroopna Water Treatment Plant. The project will involve the students going over at 3 different times to assist with planting throughout the day. Mulch, plants, stakes and guards will be provided and the planting area will have been ripped earlier in the week. Professionals from Landcare and Waterwatch will be in attendance and they will provide a talk to the students on Biodiversity and how to plant trees prior to each group beginning. A BBQ lunch will be provided to all students who participate in the day.

Agenda for the day:

Planting Times (to be confirmed):

Group 1: (Grade 5/6) – 9.30am > 11am

Group 2: (Prep/1) – 11.30am > 1pm

Group 3: (Grade 2/3/4) – 2.00pm > 3.20pm

All students will walk down to the Water Treatment Plant at 1pm for a BBQ lunch on the day.

6. Prep 2012 Enrolments

Tallygaroopna Primary School is now accepting enrolments for 2012. If you wish to enrol your child please contact the Office on 58298264. If you know someone who is thinking of sending their child/ren here please get them to contact us in the coming weeks.

Last week, Mr Brodie went into the Kindergarten and read a story to the large 4 year old group. During this visit, every child in the Kindergarten was given an information pack which included information about the school and an invitation to visit the school for potentially new parents. During the second half of the year, we are hoping to invite the Kindergarten into the school on a regular basis to use some of our facilities/resources – play and sport equipment, computers...etc.

7. Grade 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek – final reminder

Students wishing to attend the Grade 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek should now put in an expression of interest and a small deposit. This camp is being organised by Congupna PS and is scheduled to be a 3 day camp from Monday 25th July until Friday 29th July. The camp will be a Cluster camp so 6 cluster schools will participate. Therefore, it is anticipated that 3 schools will attend the camp from Monday morning until Wednesday lunchtime. The other 3 schools will attend the camp from Wednesday afternoon until Friday afternoon. Planning is still taking place, but it is anticipated that the camp will cost between \$100 - \$150. Could families please fill out the form on the newsletter ASAP and hand in a deposit to Karen by Thursday 2nd June. Numbers will then be handed into Congupna PS. We will assume that students will not be attending the camp if this is not done.

Mrs Haberfield will be attending the camp and the Grade 2's will be split at school for the duration of the camp. They will have a small booklet to work through during this time.

Camp Website - <http://www.boec.vic.edu.au/index.html>

8. Jump Rope For Heart

This year our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Program. Sponsorship forms (not compulsory) went home a few weeks ago and these need to be back at school with money enclosed by Wednesday 1st June. We will be having our Jump Off Day on Thursday 2nd June from 2.30pm until the end of the day. **Please note this date change.** 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.



9. Grade 5/6 Camp

A couple of weeks ago, 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.

ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO UNTIL THE GRADE 5/6 CAMP
ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO TAKE SOME ITEMS TO WRITE AND COLOR WITH
DON'T FORGET A SLEEPING BAG AND 2 TOWELS

10. AASC Program

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 Campbell, Brittany, Eloise and Bailey.

11. Term Dates

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

May 31 st – Parents & Friends Meeting	June 1 st – Casual Day
June 2 nd – Jump Rope for Heart Day	June 2 nd >3 rd – Principals Conference
June 6 th > 8 th – Grade 5/6 Camp	June 10 th – Tree Planting Day
June 13 th – Queens Birthday Holiday	June 15 th – School Council Mtg.
June 23 rd – Responsible Pet Program	June 27 th – Reports Sent Home
June 29 th – Parent Teacher Interviews	June 30 th – Grade 3/4/5/6 Dance Festival
June 30 th – Munch N Crunch	July 1 st – End of Term 2 (2.25pm dismissal)

12. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for Term 2, week 5 –

P/1 Kyle Montgomery for using his 'Warm and Fuzzies'. It's great to see students looking after each other. Well done Kyle

2/3/4 Stephanie Fleming for the way she has been trying to be more organised and for her fabulous getting along skills. A marvellous effort Blossom!

5/6 Christiaan Van Taarling for the brilliant persistence he showed during our grade 6 bike ride to Zeerust PS and for the great effort he has been putting into his getting along skills. Fabulous work Christiaan!



Northerners Soccer Club Results

Under 9 – Northerners lost to Kyabram Knights Black 3-0. Excellent team effort, despite being a couple of players short. Great running and attack on the ball. Well done to the 3 players from under 7 s who filled in .

Awards : Jordan – Video Ezy, Stephanie – Wendys.

Under 7 – What a fantastic game. Kyabram were tough opponents but we fought hard for the whole game. Alyssa played so well fighting for every ball and scoring 4 goals!!! (Dee has been banned from all future games). There was some excellent passing between all the players resulting in goals to Campbell and Kyle also. Jack, Kal and Alexander all chased hard during the game also. The teamwork and sharing in the game is to be commended! Congrats and keep it up next week. Awards: Kal - Video Ezy. Campbell - Wendy's.

Tallygaroopna 11 and Under Netball Results

Well done girls on a great team game. It was lovely to watch, lots of great passages of play – attacking and defending all over the court. A good win against St Mels 10-4.

Awards: Video Ezy – Shannon Mawson-Cannon, Book City – Abby Klein

Northerners Football Club Results

Kialla 4.9.33 def Northerners 1.2.8

Goal Kickers: Shannon White – 1

Awards – Micadam Read – Wendys, Kyle Emanuelli – Video Ezy, Christiaan Van Taarling – Wendys, Brenton O'Brien – Video Ezy

Another tough game everyone tried their best well done boys.

Family Day Care – Casual places available

I have 2 casual places available on the following Fridays- 3rd and 17th June 2011. I have one casual place available on the following Fridays – 27th May, 10th and 24th June, 1st, 15th (School Holidays) and 29th July, 12th and 26th August, 9th and 23rd September 2011. If you are interested in using any of these places please give me a call

Sue Lau – Family Day Care. Ph 5829 8428 or 0408 054 233.

***The next Parents & Friends Meeting will be held this Tuesday
31st May beginning at 7.30pm***

Uniform Order

A uniform order was placed at the end of last term but unfortunately the bomber jackets are on back order. PSW have been having problems with their suppliers but tell us that the order should come through by early June. Hopefully this is the case but in the meantime there are some second-hand uniforms at school that may be useful in the interim.

Mobile Playgroup Bus

We have an opportunity to establish a playgroup at the Tally Kindergarten. It would be run by 2 play leaders who would have a bus full of play resources. Are you interested in utilizing such a service? If so, please let the Kindergarten know on 5829 8274

Book Club

Book Club order forms went home last week with students. If you would like to place an order please return completed forms together with payment by Tuesday, 7th June.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP – 15 MILE CREEK (EXPRESSION OF INTEREST)

My child/ren.....would like to attend the Grade 3/4 Camp at 15 Mile Creek. I enclose the amount of.....as a small deposit for the camp.

Signed.....

Parent/Teacher Interviews

(Student Led Conferences – Grades 3/4/5/6)

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 29th June starting at 9am and concluding at 5pm. Please indicate on the form below what time suits you. Times will be allocated on a first in first preference basis. If the times do not suit you, please contact the school to make an alternate arrangement.



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NAME:.....

Yes I/we would like to attend the parent/teacher/student interview session with you on Wednesday, 29th June.

My preferred time isam/pm.

SUGGESTION BOX

– HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL

-NAME _____

Bike Ed

Well done to all students in Grades 2-6 for completing a successful Bike Ed program. I was particularly pleased with the skill development of the younger students over the fortnight and also all the children's attention whilst instructing.

All grade 5/6s passed their On Road Bike Test on Thursday. A huge thanks to all the Mums who helped out or offered to help with the test (particularly as many were Mums of the younger grades). It's fantastic to see the support of our school's parents!

Friday we enjoyed our bike ride to Zeerust PS. Conditions were perfect, unfortunately we encountered a few technical hitches there and back. All this contributed to the fun of the ride and our ability to deal with challenges. The Grade 5s were able to have a mini ride around Tally and they showed they are ready for their own long ride. Thanks to the teachers for their support throughout the program.

Wendy



Introducing ACCESS ministries

ACCESS ministries is an inter-church body (representing twelve Christian denominations) which provides Christian religious education (CRE) and Chaplaincy in State schools in Victoria, under the provision of the *Education Act 1958* (revised 1986 and 2006).

What is CRE?

Christian religious education is a 30-minute weekly program for Prep to Year 6 taught in the classroom.

CRE teachers, representing the Christian churches are approved by the Minister for Education, have a Working With Children Check, and are trained and accredited through **ACCESS ministries**.

CRE complements the state school curriculum and uses an Agreed Syllabus published by **ACCESS ministries**. The training program for CRE teachers is regularly updated to reflect best practice in contemporary education. You have the right to withdraw your child from the program.

The Victorian Education Act and Regulations make provision for students to receive 30 minutes of religious education each week as a normal part of their schooling.

The CRE curriculum

The CRE curriculum engages kids, is easy to follow and helps students make good life choices. It makes connections between the student, values, the Bible and the Christian way of life. The curriculum introduces students to the key beliefs and values of the Christian faith and makes connections with their lives as individuals and as members of a community. It challenges them to apply the values they learn in the context of biblical teaching to the decisions and choices they make on a day-to-day basis.

Values and the CRE Curriculum

The importance of values in national, community and one's personal life is being increasingly recognised. In the CRE curriculum, there are strong correlations between the content of the lessons and values. The values espoused in state and national curricula are reflected in the material. Such values as care, compassion, respect, honesty and trustworthiness are referenced in the material.

Curriculum Books

Each CRE teacher commits to work from the Teacher Book designed for the age group they are teaching. This explains what they are to teach and ways in which it may be taught.

Each student has a Student Workbook in which is recorded some of the learning that takes place. The students complete one book each semester (half year).



SWEARING

Swearing may cause stress and conflict in the home, particularly if your child has not sworn before. Before dealing with it, both parents need to discuss their own values about swearing and what they think is acceptable. In some families one parent swears and the other does not, or one parent disapproves of swearing while the other does not – this gives mixed messages to the children. Some families think it is fine for adults to swear but not for children – this also gives mixed messages to the children.

Children will hear swearing around them at sporting events, parties and gatherings, on television and in movies. They need to learn that there are many unacceptable forms of language and that there are times and places when its use may cause distress to others.

Listed below are some suggestions for dealing with swearing at home:

- Try to be matter of fact and say something like, “We don't use that word in our family and I don't want to hear it again.”
- If children are experimenting with a word you could offer an alternative suggestion. For example if they are calling out a word you don't like, you could make up a fun word and suggest they try that instead. e.g. “I know a better word than that, what about saying 'ping'.”
- If your children say a swear word when they are angry or distressed it is probably most helpful to show them how to say what they really mean, e.g. “I can see you feel really cross/upset/ disappointed ... “ rather than make a big fuss about the use of the word.
- Set up a penalty box. If anyone swears or uses unacceptable language they are fined an agreed amount. Money collected in the box is donated to a worthy cause.
- Try not to overreact if your children swear at home; sometimes that is their sole purpose! Make sure that they know you are not impressed with their choice or use of language.
- Discuss the use of inappropriate language as a family. Set family rules.
- Both children and adults may sometimes swear out of habit. If this is the case, help them to find new ways of expressing themselves.
- Consider your own use of language. If there are words you do not want your children to use, remove them from your own language; remember that children learn best by example!

Swearing is not tolerated at Tallygaroopna Primary School and will be dealt with seriously. Staff at our school have a ‘zero tolerance’ to swearing.

