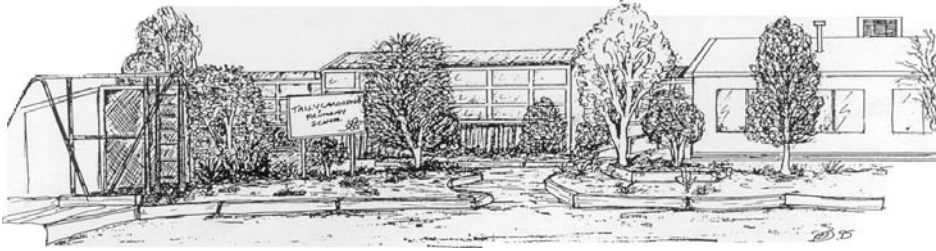


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## NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 NO.16

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL NOW BE HELD ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. THIS WILL INVOLVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCHOOL REVIEW.**

#### **School Values:**

Tallygaropna Primary School aims to:

- Develop in each of our students a desire for lifelong learning so that they become valuable members of society
- Place an emphasis on teaching the students how to live with others and encourage their creativity
- Endorse the philosophy of "Consider the feelings of others at all times."

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has recovered from the busy week. A huge thankyou to the parents who assisted with the big day on Thursday and the Biggest Morning Tea and Munch N Crunch lunch were both very successful. It was great to see so many people from the local area attend the morning tea and I continue to be impressed by the sense of community spirit that the school has.

I was impressed to hear about the behaviour of the students at the Beauty and the Beast Performance at Mooropna last week. We always need to be conscious of the school's image and reputation away from the school environment and I continue to be really proud of our children away from school. I am now planning another matinee performance in Term 3 which will involve Shepparton High Schools rendition of All Shook Up. Last Wednesday, I attended a Regional Dinner with David Bagley and it was a good opportunity to meet other Principals along with their School Council Presidents. The night involved Regional Personnel discussing current initiatives along with a briefing about the role and aim of School Council. A reminder about the Suggestion Box, which now sits proudly at the office, designed by students in Prep/1. I have had a couple of ideas handed in and these things will be addressed at School Council in a few weeks time.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Ms Dunne, who has been at our school for the last 3 weeks as a student teacher. It has been a pleasure having her at the school and we wish her luck in her future ambitions as a teacher. I will be away on Tuesday this week and mostly unavailable on Wednesday and Friday. Karen will be at the office, as per normal, if any parents need any matters seen to. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie - Principal

### 1. School Review

This Wednesday, I will be having a pre review panel meeting with our school reviewer at school. This will be from about 10am until 1pm, so I will be unavailable during this time. On Friday, we will be having our School Review Panel meeting and this will be for the whole day. This day will involve myself, David Bagley, Mrs Wallace, Gary Fletcher (Acting Regional Network) and Alex Robins (School Reviewer). Mrs Haberfield will attend the day during the first two hours. Again, I will be unavailable during most of this day as this meeting involves key stakeholders of the school discussing current achievements and future directions of the school for the next few years.

### 2. Staffing for Semester 2

I have been able to finalise staffing for the second half of the year. Mrs Wallace will be taking well deserved long service leave for all of Term 3, so Ms Williams will be teaching the Prep/Grade 1 students for Term 3. Mrs Wallace will return in Term 4. Mrs Haberfield will be returning to teach the Grade 2/3/4 students for the second of the year, so I am sure that the students will welcome her back with open arms. There is only a minor alteration with the Grade 5/6 class. I will be teaching for 3 days from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Sidebottom will continue with her teaching role on a Thursday and Friday. She will also provide some release to staff on a Wednesday.

### 3. Mentoring for First Time Principals

Part of being a new Principal in a school involves participation in professional development which enables me to carry out my duties in a successful manner. Therefore, I will be away on Tuesday as I will be participating in a Mentoring Course at Melbourne. The *Mentoring for First Time Principals* program is designed to support first-time principals to successfully transition into the principal role, and to further develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions they need to lift the quality of teaching and learning in their school. Participants will benefit from individual mentoring with an experienced practitioner, and group mentoring where they can learn with a peer group offering multiple perspectives and a diversity of ideas.

The program aims to:

- further develop participants' understanding of the leadership capabilities that school leaders require to create and sustain effective learning environments;
- further develop participants' ability to sustain their own and others' well being, focusing in particular on the capabilities of 'developing relationships', and 'developing and managing self';
- ensure a learning focus for each mentoring relationship that draws on the Developmental Learning Framework for School Leaders and addresses learning needs identified through the use of the iLead 360° survey; and
- ensure high quality mentoring by providing support and guidance to mentors, and by monitoring the mentoring relationship.

### 4. Social Skills Program / Support

Last week, I had a meeting with Kerri Ford (Hume Region Welfare Officer) and we have scheduled a support session for **students who need assistance with dealing with bullying in and out of the classroom**. This is only minor, but I consider it still important so I am dedicated to providing this support to students and families if they feel that it would be beneficial to talk and discuss elements of this. As a result, this session will occur on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm until 3.30pm and students involved will spend about 30 minutes each with Kerri. Permission forms will be sent home this week about this. These will need to be returned, in order for children to participate in this support program. Staff at the school will also meet with Kerri and she will summarise what was discussed and what can be followed up. This will enable a whole school approach to occur.

I have also been in touch with Karen McNamara who is a Senior Project Officer (Student Welfare) at the Region and she will be attending a staff meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June to spend some quality time with staff discussing specific strategies which relate to developing relationships at school. She has kindly offered to run a **Parent Session next term on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, so I encourage all Parents to attend this if possible. This is strictly only a Parent Session as support sessions for children will be conducted at school.**

As stated in last week newsletter, I have collated the bullying survey and a handful of students have been identified. **These students 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. Involvement in this program should be seen as a positive, as it is aimed at assisting students to have better relationships with their peers in and out of the classroom. I will be implementing this program, but Kerri Ford may be able to assist as well.

We need to remember 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.

## 5. General Hygiene

The flu season is now upon us. The following information has been provided by the Education Department and will help schools to prevent and contain the spread of all strains of influenza.

### Seasonal Flu Vaccine (Fluvax)

- The Victorian Department of Health has suspended the seasonal flu vaccine (the Fluvax) for children five years of age and under on advice from the Commonwealth Chief medical officer due to an increase in adverse reactions from children in this age group. Fluvax is available through GPs.

### H1N1 influenza (Swine flu) Vaccination

The free vaccine to protect against the H1N1 Influenza 2009 (Swine flu) is still available through GPs.

- The Department of Health advises that it is particularly important to vaccinate children, adolescents and young adults as pandemic H1N1 influenza 2009 (Swine flu) spreads more readily in these age groups.
- The H1N1 influenza 2009 (Swine flu) vaccine has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and is available to everyone from six months of age from local doctors and some local Councils. Note that doctors may charge a consultation fee.

### General Hygiene – see pictures in newsletter

- Good personal hygiene plays a significant role in preventing the spread of the pandemic H1N1 strain and other strains.
- Schools should ensure the personal hygiene needs of students are attended to as soon as practicable and appropriate toilet and hand washing facilities are provided to students.
- Schools may also wish to consider reinforcing basic hygiene habits such as hand washing by making specific times available for students to wash and dry their hands before and after lunch breaks, and covering their nose and mouth with a tissue when they sneeze.

## 6. School Reports

These will be handed out on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Teachers spend a lot of valuable time putting these together so please take the time to read these before attending Parent Teacher Interviews. I am in the process of getting a report folder for every student in the school, so that past and present reports can be collated into this one folder. Hopefully, all students will receive this folder this term. **If any parents are missing any reports from previous years can you contact Karen at the office and we hopefully can make a copy of this for you.**

## 7. Parent / Teacher Interviews (Student Led Conferences) – NOTE CHANGE!!

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June will be a pupil free day as staff members will be involved in 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

## 8. Active After-School Care Program

Soccer and Dance will continue this week. I was really impressed with the student's behaviour during the first week of Dance and I am sure that this will continue in the coming weeks. Dance will conclude on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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). No Soccer session will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June because of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Therefore, Soccer should conclude on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

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

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

#### 9. Somers Camp

We are fortunate to have 6 students from the school attending the Somers Camp. This begins on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and concludes on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June and all payments, applications and medical forms have been passed onto the coordinating school, Bouchier St. Primary School. This week, I should receive information regarding where the pick up for students will be and the time. I will contact parents when I find out this as soon as possible.

#### 10. Jump Rope for Heart

This will be held on Friday for one hour from 11.30am. The whole school will be involved and the teachers will run some fun activities with music. Students who are gaining sponsorships for this are reminded that they should not be doorknocking by themselves for safety reasons. All sponsorship forms need to be returned before this day please.

#### 11. 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.

#### 12. 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.

#### 13. New Families & Students for 2011

It was great to meet some prospective parents for 2011 at the Information morning which was held a couple of weeks ago. 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.

#### 14. 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. This project will start in Term 3 on the brick wall of Mrs Wallace's classroom.

#### 15. Footy Clinic

Students from Grades 2 to 6 will be participating in a Footy Clinic conducted by AFL stars at Numurkah on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This is a reward for the fantastic behaviour which has been evident out of the school grounds during the first semester. More details will follow in the next few weeks – permission forms will need to be returned.

#### 16. Grade 3/4 & 5/6 Camps

A reminder that the Grade 3/4 Camp to Curumbene will be held from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August. This is in week 4 of term 3 and more details will be available next term regarding costs, clothing lists...etc. The Grade 5/6 camp venue has been finalised and this will be held at the Phillip Island Coastal Discovery Camp from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. This is in week 3 of term 4. I am hopeful that both camps will be partially subsidised from the Drought Relief Funding which we have just recently received.

The Grade 3/4 Camp is being organised by Zeerust Primary School and the Grade 5/6 Camp is being organised by Lemnos Primary School. Obviously both camps will involve teachers and students from our small Cluster Schools.

Camp Websites:

<http://www.campcurumbene.com.au/>

[http://www.camps.ymca.org.au/htm/htm\\_phillipisland.asp](http://www.camps.ymca.org.au/htm/htm_phillipisland.asp)

## 17. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 4 (ending 28<sup>th</sup> May)

Prep / Grade 1 **Chrissie Karl** for the persistence that she shows in all her work and the fabulous 'getting along' skills that she uses. Well done Chrissie.

Grade 2/3/4 **Connor McNab** for persistence. Connor has been working exceptionally hard with his writing, and is doing a fantastic job with learning to use his full stops, capital letters and describing words.

Grade 5/6 **Soraya Cannon** for her great organisational skills in class and with her homework. Great work Soraya.



### Northerners Soccer Results

**Under 6\_** – Northerners played Tatura and won 7-5. Great playing in the rain. Kids were happy to get their new football bags and enjoyed playing in the mud.

**Under 7** – Northerners lost to Tatura 2-8. Goal kickers were Mikayla and Mitchell. Awards went to Bill, Mikayla and Mitchell. A great game was played in the rain on Saturday. Well done to all the players. Thanks to Steph for coming with her broken arm to support her team from the sidelines

### Tally 11&Under Netball Results

The Junior Netball was cancelled this week due to wet weather, so the girls had a week off.

### Jump Rope for Heart

The Tally Jump Off is on this Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am. Parents are welcome to attend and watch (or join in) with the children's skipping. Any students who have sponsorship money will need to bring their money and their form along on Friday so this can be sent off to the Heart Foundation. The Heart Foundation will then donate 10% of money raised to the Tally School.

### Uniform Update

At the last Parents' Club meeting held last Thursday an update on the uniform chase was given. I have received some unrealistic quotes back from a couple of companies and I am still waiting for a few more. The quotes are for a two tone t-shirt. Our problem is the colours – bottle green and red – are an unusual combination and hence have to be specially made which increases the cost. The Junior School Council was approached for their thoughts and they also surveyed the upper grades of the school. The children wish to keep the Bomber jacket, change the shirt, change or add bucket hat instead of broad brim and get rid of the long sleeved shirt. Great to have input from the kids as they are the ones who have to wear it. Current uniform will continue as is for the time being. Orders will be taken for bomber jackets and t-shirts (and any other items on the order form). Some t-shirt sizes will need to be ordered in. Change is not immediate and at this stage may not change much at all. Your thoughts and input are still eagerly sought.

Bev Montgomery – Uniform Coordinator

### Book Club

The Winter Book Club Sale order forms went home today. If you would like to place an order please return the form with payment to the office by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### Parents' Club

**A huge thank you to all families who contributed to the Biggest Morning Tea. A very successful morning with \$185 being raised for the Anti Cancer Foundation.**

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Protect yourself and your family  
Cover your cough and sneeze



1 Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.



2 Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin.



3 Wash your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel.

Stay germ free and healthy

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Protect yourself and your family  
Wash your hands regularly



1 Wet your hands.



2 Put soap on your hands.



3 Rub all parts of your hands until you have a thick lather.



4 Rinse your hands under running water.

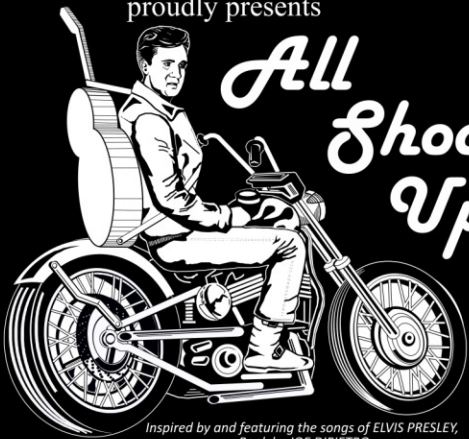


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## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Tallygaroopna Primary School



## 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.

# TALLYGARROOPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL



## SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM - SOCIAL SKILLS

**ALL FAMILIES ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**VENUE: TALLY PS (MRS WALLACE'S ROOM)**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**TIME: 6PM – 7.30PM**

**SUPPER INCLUDED AT THE CONCLUSION**

Information Session for Parents  
Conducted by Karen McNamara  
Senior Project Office (Student Welfare)  
Hume Region

Kerri Ford (Welfare Officer) attending also

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.....will be attending the School Support Program conducted by Karen McNamara on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. I understand that this is strictly only for parents.

Signed.....