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

## NEWSLETTER

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**The next School Council meeting will be held tomorrow night. This meeting will begin at 7.30pm. The Finance Committee will meet on the same night at 6.30pm.**

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

Hi everyone,

Last week's camp was a tremendous success and I would personally like to thank all of the children who attended the camp and made the trip such a rewarding time. Going away from home is often a challenge and it was great to see so many of the kids step out of their comfort zone and experience a different way of life in the "big smoke". I was a little nervous about the public transport factor, but as the camp progressed these fears were erased as the children showed a lot of responsibility and awareness of their surroundings around Melbourne. I have already booked another camp for our cluster for 2013 (June 5<sup>th</sup> > June 7<sup>th</sup>) and I look forward to having a similar positive experience in the future.

Our Tree Planting day went to plan last week thanks to some nice weather and some photos and information is included in this edition of the newsletter. Special thanks to all of the helpers on this day. Planning for the school production is progressing well also and we hope to announce the auditions next week. We are busy at school preparing not only for this event, but also the Dance Festival which will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Assistance will be needed very soon for the Production, so we will provide information in the newsletter when this is required.

Last week, Pie Drive orders went home and these need to be returned this Thursday. This is a major fundraising event for the school and I am sure that this will be supported well by the school community. The Parents and Friends Group are extremely motivated to do some extra fundraising this year and more events will be advertised in the newsletter early in Term 3.

Karen will be at the office until Wednesday this week. I will be in the office on Thursday and Friday, but I will be attending a Principals Sub Regional meeting in Shepparton on Wednesday. Have a great week, hard to believe that it is only 3 weeks until the term 2 holidays.

David Brodie – Principal

"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand."

**PIE DRIVE ORDERS ARE DUE BACK TO SCHOOL THIS THURSDAY.  
THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP ON ON WED 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE.**

Grade 5/6 Camp Highlights – Melbourne Urban Camp

Last week, 14 Grade 5/6 students from Tallygaroopna PS attended the Urban Camp. The experience was fantastic and included many visits to tourist attractions around Melbourne. These included the Scienceworks, Melbourne Aquatic Centre, State Parliament, Victoria Market, IMAX, Melbourne Museum, Aquarium, National Sports Museum and the Shrine. The camp was a great adventure because all teachers and students travelled around using Public Transport – and we survived!!!!





## Tree Planting Day

Last Friday, the whole school was involved in an Environmental Day which included planting a number of trees at the Tallygaroopna Treatment Plant. The day was very enjoyable for all involved and allowed the students to learn about environment sustainability. The day was organised by the GV Water Board and all students who assisted throughout the day were provided with a BBQ lunch.



### 1. Building Update

Last week, we had our fly screens installed on the windows of the new building. We have had a couple of extra powerpoints put in the new building as well, but are still awaiting the installation of another 3. We were also very fortunate to receive our new photocopier, which is part of the BER building package. We have decided to put the photocopier which we currently have in the new building, because we have a current lease agreement in place with this one. **As a result, the new photocopier which now sits proudly in the administration building will only be used if the current one is not operational.** Last week, our new storage cupboards arrived and these now sit proudly in each classroom along with the project room. Over time, these tubs will fill up fast with lots of Art/Craft, Science and Maths Equipment.

Last Friday, we had our Power Upgrade inspection and we are now awaiting the Truck Appointment which will enable our school to finally receive our full power connection. This could take up to 10 days. This process has been very frustrating and I thank everyone in the school community for their patience with this. The two junior grades moved back into their old classrooms last week, because of the cold weather.

### 2. Kindergarten Visit

This Thursday, the children from the Kindergarten will be visiting our school in the morning. This will be from 11.30am until midday and the Grade 5 students will be involved because next year, they will have the responsibility of being buddies for these children. The visit will involve a quick play on our school playground. 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.

### 3. Interschool Sport

Next term on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July, we are hoping to enter 2 teams in the Goulburn Murray Division Sport Championships. We will enter a Football and a Netball team and may join up with another cluster school so that we have appropriate numbers for the day. Last year, both teams were combined with Congupna PS. As in past years, students in Grades 5/6 will be invited to participate in the day first. Some Grade 4 students may be invited if we need to fill spots for teams.

There is a cost to enter each team and obviously we will need to travel to and from the venue by bus. The football is scheduled to be held at the Mooroopna and John Gray Ovals at Mooroopna while the netball will be at the McEwen Reserve in Shepparton. Costs for the day will be set by School Council – pay as you go scheme.

### 4. School Reports

These will be handed out on Monday 27<sup>th</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. Report folders will be handed out with reports, to new students in our school this year, so that past and present reports can be collated into this one folder. All students who were at our school last year, should already have this folder. **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.**

The report cards have:

- a chart with an A-E rating, showing your child's current progress against the expected state-wide standard as well as the progress they have made since the previous year
- a chart showing your child's level of effort and class behaviour
- details about attendance
- easy to understand comments from teachers outlining what your child knows and can do, any areas in which your child needs to be given further help or extended, and how this will be done
- suggestions for how you can help at home

<http://vels.vcaa.vic.edu.au/parents/>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/studentreports/default.htm>

### 5. 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.

#### 6. Transition Process for Grade 6 students

The Transition Process for Grade 6 students going on to secondary college in 2012 is about to commence. We anticipate that "Choosing your Secondary College" booklets will be delivered to primary schools during week 9 of term 2. (week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June).

#### **Information nights at secondary colleges are scheduled for:**

<b>Shepparton HS</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.00 – 8.00pm</b>
<b>Wanganui Park SC</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.00 – 8.00pm</b>
<b>McGuire College</b>	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>7.00 – 8.00pm</b>
<b>Mooroopna SC</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.00 – 8.00pm</b>

Open days will be held at all 4 colleges on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15 and 11.15 am. Families are welcome to visit any of these schools at any time. To ensure that someone is available, please make an appointment with the school.

Placement forms are to be completed and returned to primary schools by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

***Please note parents will need to make their own arrangements to take children for these visits.***

#### 7. Responsible Pet Program

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, our school will participate in a Responsible Pet Program. This is free to the school and all grades will be involved. A timetable for the program is as follows:

Grade 5/6 (10.10am – 11am)

Prep/1 (11.30am – 12.10pm)

Grade 2/3/4 (12.15pm – 12.55pm)

#### Information about the program:

Pets have long been recognized as valuable members of the family. Over the past couple of generations we have seen an increase in the average age we are having our first baby from our early twenties to early thirties and as a result our pets are often well established in the family unit before baby comes along. Pets and children can form a wonderful close bond and it is heart-warming to watch them interact. Apart from obvious companionship and affection, there are many other benefits for children sharing their lives with a pet.

- Pets teach responsibility
- Children learn about the requirements of a living being such as food, water and exercise.
- Pets aid childhood development
- Pets help children develop nurturing and social skills. Developing positive feelings about pets can aid self-esteem and help children develop verbal communication and compassion.
- Pets are a friend to children
- Children turn to pets when they need a friend, confidante or protector. Children often refer to their family pet as their 'best friend' As pets do not judge children or get angry at them, children often trust them with their secrets and private thoughts.
- Pets teach life lessons
- Pets are often the first experience a child has with death and grieving
- Pets are fun
- Pets provide unconditional love and affection
- Children can participate in safe games with their pets and those who participate in walking/exercising the family dog have the added benefit of extra physical activity.

Parents are the first and most influential educators in their child's life journey. Teaching your child about the joys and responsibilities of pet ownership begins from an early age as they learn from your interaction and the way you nurture and guide their experiences with their pets.

### 8. Dance Festival

Students in Grades 2 – 6 will be participating in the Dance Festival on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. This will be held in Shepparton and children will travel by bus with Mrs Haberfield and Miss Bicknell. The festival begins at 1.30pm and concludes at 2.45pm. We anticipate that we will leave school at 1pm and return at 3.15pm. More details soon.

### 9. 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 Cohan, Brenton, Kyle Emanuelli and Stephanie.

### 10. 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.

### 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. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 2 & 3 are:

June 15 <sup>th</sup> – School Council Mtg.	June 16 <sup>th</sup> – Pie Drive Orders Due
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Pie Drive Orders Arrive	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	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – Munch N Crunch / Casual Day
July 1 <sup>st</sup> – End of Term 2 (2.25pm dismissal)	July 18 <sup>th</sup> – First Day of Term 3
July 25 <sup>th</sup> > July 27 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 3/4 Camp (TBC)	July 27 <sup>th</sup> – Parents Club Meeting – 7.30pm
July 29 <sup>th</sup> – Zone Football / Netball	August 1 <sup>st</sup> – AASC Program Starts – Term 3
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> – School Council Meeting	August 4 <sup>th</sup> – Munch N Crunch
August 10 <sup>th</sup> – Wanganui SC Performance	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Book Week Begins
September 1 <sup>st</sup> – Munch N Crunch	September 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fathers Day Stall
September 7 <sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting	September 7 <sup>th</sup> – Book Day at Katandra West PS
September 12 <sup>th</sup> > 16 <sup>th</sup> – Swimming Program	September 21 <sup>st</sup> – School Concert (TBC)
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – End of Term 3 (2.25pm dismissal)	

### 13. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for Term 2, week 7 –

**P/1 Campbell Steigenberger** for his great getting along skills. Campbell is always willing to help anyone, inside or outside the classroom. Well done Campbell.

**2/3/4 Jordan O'Brien** for the outstanding effort he constantly puts into everything he does from his schoolwork to the getting along skills he displays in the yard. A fabulous effort Jordan!

**5/6 Darcy Collins** for the brilliant effort he put into all of the activities on camp. Your confidence and persistence really shone through. Fabulous work Darcy!



**Reminder: Occasional Care Take-a Break Community Meeting tonight at 7pm at Tallygaroopna Pre School.**



## **Parents' Club**

Parents' Club are running a Munch & Crunch on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July costing \$5 per student. The menu will be a crumbed chicken wrap plus a muffin and a fruit box. Please fill out the following form and return with payment by Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June if your child/ren would like to participate in this Munch & Crunch

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### **Munch & Crunch – 1<sup>st</sup> July – Chicken Wrap**

Name..... Lettuce  Cheese  Mayo

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***The Parents' Club are running a Pie Drive through Higgins Bakery this term. An order form was attached to last week's newsletter – new ones can be collected from the office. Completed order forms together with payment are due back to school by Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. Cheques are to be made payable to Tallygaroopna Primary School. The pies are due to be delivered to school on the following Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and need to be picked up between 2pm and 3.30pm.***

## **Family Day Care – Casual places available**

I have 2 casual places available on the following Friday- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011. I have one casual place available on the following Fridays – 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> (School Holidays) and 29<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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

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## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

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

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>th</sup> June.

My preferred time is .....am/pm.

## BACK TO BASICS

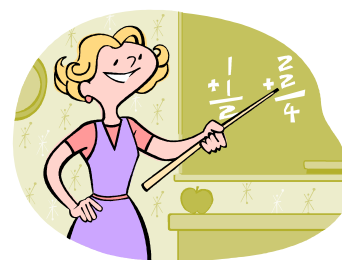
Many parents are worried about what is commonly referred to as a lack of 'basics'. I am sure that parents don't want a return to old-fashioned methods or to recreate schooling of yesteryear; rather, parents want to be sure that certain areas are given appropriate emphasis. If you ask any parent, this is what they will most likely want for their children:

- To read fluently.
- To write with correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- To express themselves clearly.
- To be competent in numeracy skills.
- To have a sound understanding and appreciation of the world in which we live.

What could be more reasonable? I cannot imagine any teacher or other educational professional who would not share these objectives. The only problem is this list is not complete! For students living and working in the 21st century, schools need to provide a lot more, and they do!

Schools and society owe each child the following, which go far beyond the traditional basics as defined by the 3 'R's'. The 'new basics' include:

- Learning to understand oneself as a 'learner'.
- Communicating effectively in speech and writing.
- Logical reasoning and clarification of issues.
- Thinking critically about local, national and international issues.
- Understanding of our own and other cultures.
- Cooperating with others in work and social life.
- Investigating and solving a wide range of problems.
- Appreciating and modelling approaches to healthy living.
- Expressing ourselves through the arts.
- Valuing those qualities which make a civilised and compassionate society.
- Applying information in everyday life situations.
- Being actively involved in their own communities.
- Learning via a range of multi-media applications.



Meeting these 'new basics' is an exciting challenge for schools and school communities.

### Skateboard Coaches Wanted -

The Active After-school Communities Program (AASC) is looking for **Skateboarders** who would like to participate in a **Level 1 Skateboard Coaching Course** to be held in Wangaratta on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, with a view to coaching primary school aged children in the AASC program. If you feel you are a confident skateboarder with a passionate attitude to teaching young grommies how to **Shred**, please contact Regional Co-ordinator Susan Pasquali on 0428 200 018 to register your interest. Registrations close Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, limited no. of places available.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### TIGERS BASKETBALL CLUB INC

7.30 PM MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2011  
MAIN BASKETBALL STADIUM

All Welcome

Any enquiries please contact  
Jodie Stradling on 58218515