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This is just to remind all Grade 5 students to please bring their green reader bags back to school tomorrow as they will be used this year to hold their readers, homework, notes, etc.

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many families attend assembly last Monday. This was a terrific start to the school year and I will no doubt catch up with all of you in the near future. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Morning Tea which was provided by the Parents Club, but it sounds like it was a great success with many parents staying and chatting until morning recess. A big thank you again to the Parents Club for organising this.

Last week, I had a constructive meeting with Catherine McNamara (Student Support Services Officer) who is a member of the Hume Region Student Wellbeing Support Team. I will be

working with Catherine and also Kerri Ford (Social Worker) throughout the year to address any specific needs of the children at the school. If any parents have any queries in relation to this, they can contact me at school. Catherine also assisted me with the 2010 Student Engagement Policy. This will be endorsed by School Council next week.

Karen is away until Wednesday this week, so I will be in the office and Mrs Sidebottom, will be teaching the Grade 5/6's. There will at times, be alterations to the staffing arrangements to the Grade 5/6 class, so I will keep parents informed as much as possible.

It was also encouraging to see that our new buildings sign arrived, so the federal government hasn't forgotten about us. Over the next couple of weeks, we will slowly be removing a lot of equipment from the portables in preparation for some more positive news regarding the new school buildings.

Congratulations to the four Grade 6 students who will represent our school with pride in their role as school captains. Lachlan Karl and Skye Austin have been elected school captains and Alex Ring and Soraya Cannon have been elected as Vice Captains. They will all work closely together in a variety of activities this year and they were presented with their badges at assembly this morning.



David Brodie Acting Principal

1. Prep Information

Throughout the month of February, children in Prep WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February. There may be some Wednesday's where Mrs Wallace may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but she will inform parents of this if there is a need. We will continue to implement a whole school buddy program on Friday afternoons. I have been informed by the Shepparton News that Prep photos will be conducted on Tuesday 16th February at approximately 10.30am. No permission forms are needed as this is covered in the student details information which goes home early in the year. The photos will be published in the Shepparton News on Wednesday 17th March.

2. EMA

Information for 2010

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**27 January 2010** which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**12 July 2010**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **26 February 2010** for the first instalment and **6 August 2010** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$225** for primary students and **\$450** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

| Instalment | Portion | Primary school* | Secondary school* |
|------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
| One | Parent | \$ 78.75 | \$ 157.50 |
| | School | \$ 78.75 | \$ 157.50 |
| Two | Parent | \$ 33.75 | \$ 67.50 |
| | School | \$ 33.75 | \$ 67.50 |
| | Total | \$ 225 | \$ 450 |

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of **2010** through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **26 February 2010** and prior to or on **6 August 2010**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

3. Art Van / Library Van

The mobile Art Van will visit fortnightly on Fridays commencing 5th February. Children will need an art smock with a name on it (most already have one) eg. old shirt, etc to protect their clothes from paint, glue, etc. The Library Van will also visit the school on a fortnightly basis commencing on Monday, 8th February. Children are asked to bring a library bag (either cloth or strong plastic) to protect the library books.

4. Religious Education

Parents wishing to change previous arrangements with their child undertaking RE will need to notify the school. This will be hopefully held on a Thursday and will begin soon.

5. Book Club

Book Club booklets went home with students last week. If you would like to make an order, fill out the order form at the back of the booklet complete with your child's name and return to school with payment (make cheques payable to Tallygaroopna Primary School) by Friday 12th February.

6. Keyboard

There is a possibility that students (Grade 1 – 6) may be able to still have Keyboard lessons this year. I have approached Cliff Doornkamp who is presently taking lessons at Kialla Central PS and he is able to visit our school on a Monday if there is interest from families. He will need at least 6 students for this program to go ahead. Lessons would be on an individual basis for 20 minutes each and they would cost \$15 a session. Families would have to commit to 5 weeks and the program would cost \$75 for term 1. We would be hopeful, that this would then continue for the whole year. If this program goes ahead, we are hopeful that lessons for the term would begin in week 3 and conclude during the last week of the term. Lessons would be conducted in the morning. Expressions of interest need to be at the school by Friday 12th February.

7. Conveyance Allowance

To be eligible to receive conveyance allowance, a student must:

- Be aged between 5 years by the 30th April and 21 years;
- Live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended.
- Be enrolled at the nearest government primary school.
- Have NO access to bus travel

Those people eligible need to obtain an application form from the office and return it to school by the 19th of February.

8. Grade 6 Printed T-shirts

We will again be organising to have a special print made available for the Grade 6 students' t-shirts/bomber jackets this year. Either new t-shirts or clean used shirts in good repair can be used. Students can get their bomber jackets printed if they wish. The cost will be \$8 to \$10 depending on the number of prints ordered (Spectrum require a minimum cost of \$80). Could Grade 6 families please fill out the following form and return to the Office as soon as possible. Please ensure that the student's name is clearly written. Please ensure that all garments are clearly labelled. The printing should be completed in 2-3 weeks if we can get all forms/garments back to school by Friday 12th February.

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Grade 6 Uniform Prints 2010

Name:

No. of garments:

9. Student Information

Attached to last week's newsletter was an envelope containing your child/ren details held at school. Could you please check these details to ensure they are accurate, sign, date and return the form with any changes back to the school office as soon as possible.

10. Active After-school Communities Program

Our Active After-school Program starts tonight with Multi Skills. The Badminton will start on Tuesday, 9th February. Both sessions will start at 3.45pm and finish at 4.45pm. Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. If your child/ren are interested, please fill out the AASC Permission form (available at the school Office) and return to school by as soon as possible.

11. School Council

The first school council meeting for the year will be Wednesday, 17th February at 7.30pm. This meeting will involve discussion regarding the appointment of a School Principal so all members will need to attend. Judy Rose, who is the school's Regional Network Leader, will be attending the meeting to formally discuss the selection process for this. **This year, there will be a couple of positions available for parents to be a member of school council. If anyone is interested in being part of School Council for 2010 could you contact David at school.**

12. School Photos

The 2010 School Photos will be taken on Friday 12th February in the morning. Please ensure that all school children are in school uniform. We will be taking a Grade 6 photo and a School Captain photo. Payment envelopes went home last Friday and will need to be returned with payment (cheques made payable to MSP Photography) by next Friday. Grade 6/School Captain Special Photos envelopes have been sent home with Grade 6 students and Family photo envelopes have been sent home with eldest children in each family. If you would like to order either a Special Group photo or family photo please follow the instructions on the relevant envelopes. Spare envelopes are available at the school Office.

13. Information and Meet the Teachers Evening

An Information and Meet the Teachers evening will be held at school on Tuesday, 16th February from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. At 6pm Mrs Wallace will speak to Prep/1 families for approximately 30 minutes. This year there will be no evening meal as we have found that very few families have made use of this facility in recent years.

14. School Volunteers

One of the tasks for School Council at the start of the year is to approve the current list of volunteers working in the school and any additions to the list during the year. Therefore, we require any volunteers to leave their name at the Office and let us know if they have a current Working with Children Card. Information about getting a Volunteer's Working with Children Check (which incurs no cost) is available at the Office.

15. Themes for Term 1

This term the school will be focusing on a number of different themes in class. These can be summarised below:

Prep / Grade 1 – Celebrations

Grade 2/3/4 – Local Government / Protecting the environment

Grade 5/6 – Federation / Australian Democracy & Law / Constitution

Tennis news

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL, ANOTHER WELL DESERVED WIN WITH SOME FANTASTIC PLAY BY ALL.

TALLYGAROPNA 5 /34 DEF MCEWEN 1/15.

TUESDAY TRAINING WITH KERRY AT THE COURTS AFTER SCHOOL

SATURDAY AT HOME TO MOOROPNA LAWN DUTY IS HARRI AND TEAGAN, WORKING BEE AND BREAKUP DATES NEED TO FINALISED PLEASE

School Uniform

Dear Parents,

We are looking at some different options for our school uniform and we are interested in your thoughts and ideas. This is the start of a long process and if families are keen for change it will take time to sort out, source companies, prices etc. We don't want to change logo or color. We mainly want to focus on a new style and or fabric for our shirt and offer an alternative to our current bomber jacket.

What do you think? What would you like to change or add to uniform list? Color change is not an option!

-No, I am happy with design and style.

-New shirt design and fabric.

-Keep bomber jacket but add an alternative.

-Get rid of the bomber jacket.

-Add something new ie vest, water proof jacket.

Please give us your thoughts and ideas so we can get an idea of what you would like and then we can try and find something that suits.

Looking forward to your responses.

Bev Montgomery

Uniform Co-Ordinator.



Tracksuit Top



Polo Shirt



Polo Shirt



1/2 Zip Polar Fleece

KIDS AND FRUIT STARTS ON TUESDAY !!!

Parents Club

The first Parents Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd March at 3.30pm at school. This is when Preps begin having a full week at school so we are hopeful some new families might be able to attend.

Puppy Sale

3 Male Whippet Pups are for sale. They are 14 weeks old and anyone interested can make an offer. Ring 58298470 for more details.

SOCCER NEWS

Boys and girls are invited to express their interest in playing soccer this year with Northerners. Starts approximately May 1st and ends mid-September. Age groups last year were U6, U7, U8, U9 and U10. Please note that age exemption can be applied for so that your child can play with their friends.

Shepparton Junior Soccer Association holds their AGM in a couple of weeks so we need to have an idea of how many teams we will be submitting for competition this year. Please detach the form below and return to Karen at the Office. All enquiries phone Yvonne Sprunt on 58298523.

NAME;.....
PH NUMBER.....
GRADE;.....
D.O.B.....
AGE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010.....
PARENT SIGNATURE.....

NORTHERNERS FOOTBALL

Expressions of interest are invited for students who would like to play school age football for Northerners Football Club. Please Contact Karen at Tallygaroopna PS and leave your name, date of birth and a contact number if you are interested.

TALLY NETBALL

If there are any girls interested in playing Under 11 Netball in the Shepparton Saturday morning Competition, please leave your name and DOB at the school Office.