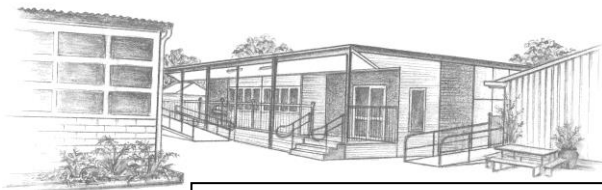


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MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund** - A reminder to contact the office if you would like an application form in regard to this.
- 2. Forms to Return** - Thank you to the many families who have returned a number of forms to start the school year. Your assistance in returning these ASAP would be appreciated for the following forms - Student Engagement Policy, E Smart Policy, Green Confidential Information Sheet, Asthma Management Plans for relevant families and Chaplaincy Consent.
- 3. School Fees** - We have had a wonderful response to this so far and this is attributed to the transparency with the Parent Payment letter that was sent home at the beginning of the year. **A reminder that fees are due on 29 February unless alternate arrangements have been made with the school office.**
- 4. English Online Interviews** - These begin this week on Wednesday afternoon and all Foundation families should have received a timetable in regard to this. The timetable was also put on Tiqbiz. Please try your best to be on time during this period so that formalised Literacy testing can occur with ease.
- 5. School Council** - The first School Council for the year will be held next Wednesday 17th February with the Finance Committee meeting at 6.45pm followed by School Council at 7.30pm. The new School Council will not meet formally until the AGM in March.
- 6. Student Leaders** - Congratulations to all of the Grade 6 students who have been nominated by their peers to take on leadership roles this year. Harvey and Kyle will be our School Captains for the year and Alyssa and Jhett will run School Council with Mr Brodie and both act as Presidents. Further details will be in next week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 7. Lunch Orders** - A minor alteration has been made to the lunch orders - version 2. Sandwiches and Pop Tops are no longer available. An updated lunch order went on Tiqbiz last week and all students received an updated pricelist today. Orders are due on Wednesday.
- 8. Athletics / Fosbury Flop** - All students are currently completing some Athletics activities with Mr Brodie during P.E. sessions every Tuesday. All students should have good running shoes during this time and girls are encouraged to wear shorts on this day. We are in the process of practicing with High Jump, so Fosbury Flop permission forms need to be returned ASAP.
- 9. Headphones** - Any students without their own headphones will receive some supplied by the school this week.
- 10. Meditation** - We are currently in discussion with Chill Skills in Shepparton in regard to some meditation sessions with all of our students - possibly for 15 minute sessions / 3 times a week. This will link with our Social & Emotional Program of Bounce Back. More details in next week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 11. Work Placements** - We are hopeful that some work placements may occur for some additional support for some of our larger classrooms. These may be in the F/1 and 4/5/6 classrooms. People involved in these programs will go through the necessary process (ie: Working With Children Checks...etc).
- 12. Bees** - We noticed a large swarm of bees at the end of the basketball court last week and this area has been out of bounds. The bees have decided to depart the school, but we will make a conscious effort to keep an eye on bees and wasps around the school buildings and grounds.
- 13. Book Club** - This went home last week. Orders and payment are due back at school by this Friday. Please make cheques payable to Tallygaropna Primary School.
- 14. Conveyance Allowance** - Any families who are eligible for this should contact the office ASAP. The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus, and is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus. Application forms are available at the school office and need to be returned to school by Friday 19 February.
- 15. Sporting Schools Program** - This program continues this week with Athletics today and Lawn Bowls on Tuesday. A reminder to pick children up promptly - 4.35pm on Monday at school and 4.45pm on Tuesday at the Recreation Reserve.
- 16. OSH Care** - is available only on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as per normal. **A new enrolment form is to be completed for each child on an annual basis.** These can be collected at the office and are available on our school website.
- 17. Foundation Students** - A reminder that students in Foundation will continue to have Wednesday's off in February. The first full week for Foundation students begins on Monday 29th February.
- 18. Northerners Cricket** - The next cricket match to be scheduled at our school is this Friday 12th February.
- 19. Specialist Programs** - Our LOTE (Italian) program began successfully with Mr G last week and it was terrific to see the students enjoying opportunities with Music (Mr Davey) and Science (Mrs Woolley) today as well. Feel free to drop in and see some of these classes in action if you wish.

David Brodie (Principal)

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