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PLEASE KEEP WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER FREE. THIS IS OUR VALUES NIGHT WHICH WILL SHAPE THE SCHOOL'S NEXT STRATEGIC PLAN. INVITATIONS SOON.

SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD THIS WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 6.30PM PRIOR TO THIS.

THE FOOTY DAY IS HELD ON FRIDAY. STUDENTS CAN COME IN THEIR FAVOURITE FOOTY COLOURS AND FUN ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD.

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to the families who helped with the Working Bee on Sunday. The morning was very well attended and your assistance was greatly appreciated. I am hoping to hold a couple of final working bees early in term 4 in preparation for our new building. Details will be available in the near future.

Today, all families will receive the Parent Opinion Survey. This survey is confidential and I encourage all parents to be honest with this so that the data which we collect is reliable and we can then act upon it. I would also like to emphasize what a great place Tallygaropna Primary School is and try and keep in mind all of the positive things which happen and why this makes our school a great learning environment for our children.

Unfortunately, I didn't get to meet with Don Gargan from the Hume Region last week as he got held up at the Regional Office. Therefore when information becomes clearer in regard to the State School Improvement Program (\$300,000) I will inform the school community immediately. This may involve redevelopment of existing facilities to create administration and community spaces, but we have collated a large wish list which will be discussed at this meeting. School Council will be heavily involved in this process as well.

This week is Literacy & Numeracy Week and I encourage all family members to use this opportunity to come into our school and have a look at some of the programs which we implement. I will be teaching until Wednesday this week and I hope to release staff on Thursday morning so that they can complete some observations in classrooms to give each other feedback in regard to teaching practice. I have a Mentoring meeting on Friday afternoon at Benalla but, Karen will be in the office until Thursday to attend to any specific needs. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

1. Prep Enrolments for 2011

We hope to finalise Prep enrolments by the end of this term. Please contact the office if either you or a friend plan to enrol your child/ren at Tallygaroopna for 2011. **To assist with planning for 2011, we also need to know of any students who will be leaving our school at the end of the year.**

2. Ultrahet Evaluation

Our school has been selected to participate in an Ultrahet Evaluation Project. The Department has engaged Education Services Australia (ESA) to undertake an evaluation of Ultrahet implementation over the next three years. The project consists of quantitative data collection and qualitative data analysis undertaken by consultants dk2 Pty Ltd on behalf of ESA.

As part of the data gathering, three online surveys will be administered to three hundred randomly selected schools. The purpose of the surveys is:

- to gather baseline data in 2010;
- a climate check in 2011; and
- a final evaluation survey in 2012.

The first set of online surveys will be administered between **October 11 and 22** and are designed to gather information about the expectations, attitudes, experiences and Ultrahet use of principals, teachers, students, parents and Ultrahet Coaches. Surveys are customised for each group.

For this first set of surveys, it is not essential for you or your school community to have had any experience with the Ultrahet.

If you have any questions about the survey, or the following guidelines, please contact Meredith King, Ultrahet Evaluation Project Team, via email on enquiries@dk2.com.au.

Who will be surveyed?

This round of surveys targets four groups within each of the 300 schools:

- Principals;
- Teachers;
- Students; and
- Parents.

The Ultrahet Evaluation Project is designed to evaluate:

- how the Ultrahet is being used to support existing practice or to transform practice;
- the role of the Ultrahet in improving student engagement, wellbeing and achievement;
- the implications of anywhere, anytime access to data, devices and the system;
- the implications of increased access to learning technologies on rural and remote users of the Ultrahet;
- how the Ultrahet is being used by learners, teachers, managers, support staff and parents to support effective learning, teaching and management;
- the ways in which the Ultrahet is being used to respond to individual learning needs;
- which functions and features of the Ultrahet are most useful to whom, and which approaches to use have the most impact;
- whether the Ultrahet supports improved home, school links and parent engagement;

3. Parent Opinion Survey

These went home with children today and they are due back at the office by Friday 10th September. The overall objective of the Parent Opinion Survey is to collect data about parent opinions and for individual schools to then use this information to drive further improvements.

4. Fruit in Schools Program

Students in the Prep / Grade 1 class will participate in a Fruit in Schools Program tomorrow. The session will be held in the Multi Purpose Room and begin at 10am and conclude at 10.30am. This program will also involve children from the Tallygaroopna Pre School and it is in line with our Go For Your Life Program which promotes healthy eating at school.

5. Literacy & Numeracy Week

This week is Literacy & Numeracy Week and we will be conducting some fun educational programs at school. Parents are encouraged to come along and view any of these if they wish. Wednesday and Thursday mornings until lunch time are actually Open Mornings and all family members are invited to come along and observe classroom activities. These will be very informal.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday – Fruit for Schools Program

Tuesday & Wednesday – World Maths Day (Maths Challenge)

Wednesday – Fathers Day Stall from 2pm

Wednesday & Thursday – Open Mornings for Parents

Thursday – Spelling Challenge

Friday – Footy Day & School Disco

6. Sports for School Program

Our school has registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. From Thursday 2 September until Sunday 31 October 2010, every \$10 spent* at Coles Supermarkets will earn customers a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. For as little as 85 points you will be able to choose some brand new sporting equipment for your school! It's pretty simple: collect more vouchers, get more gear. Students can collect vouchers from their family, friends and neighbours (and teachers!) and drop them into the **voucher collection box in the Coles Sports for Schools kit at school**. The program ends on Sunday 31 October 2010 but we have until 5pm on 12 November to deliver our voucher collection box to our local Coles Supermarkets, Bi-Lo or Pick 'n Pay store. They will tally our vouchers and then it's time to go shopping – for our new sporting equipment. Brand new sports equipment will be delivered at the start of the 2011 school year.

7. Book Week at Tallygaroopna Primary School

On Thursday 9th September, our school will be the venue for the Cluster Day focusing on Book Week. Munch N Crunch will be available at a cost of \$5 and this will include a Hot Dog, Prima, Apple and Bag of Chips. Some other specific details about the day are mentioned below

* **The Author visiting on the day is Justin D'Ath.** He has written The Extreme Adventure series which was focused upon earlier in the year with the Grade 3-6's. He has also written some Aussie Bites and Aussie Nibbles, so he is recommended for all age groups.

* **Dress up as a book character.**

* Please **collect newspapers** for one of the activities.

* Please **collect any old book club order forms.**

* **Grade 3-6 students are to bring an old shoe to decorate** for one of the activities. Feel free bring a few pairs if you wish.

Format of the Day

Dress up parade: from 9.30am until 10am.

Session 1: from 10 – 11am

11.00: Recess

Session 2: from 11.30 – 12.30pm

Lunch: from 12.30 – 1.20pm

Session 3: 1.20pm until 2.20pm

2.30: Schools leave by bus

2 Timetables for P – 2 (3 groups) & Grades 3 – 6 (4 groups).

Miss Williams and Mrs Haberfield will be working with the P – 2 students and Mrs Sidebottom will be involved with the Grade 3 – 6 students.

There will be a minimum of 2 teachers with each group.

Justin D'Ath (Author) will be bringing his books for sale \$12 for Extreme Adventure books which he will sign. If anyone wants to buy these books they can bring money but children will need to look after their own money as they won't be with their own teachers.

8. Swimming Program

Our Swimming Program is scheduled for a 9 day period from Monday 6th September until Friday 17th September. There is an expectation that all students will be involved in this program as it is a key feature of our P.E. assessment for the year and **permission forms will go home this week**. No swimming will occur on 9th September because of the Cluster Day at our school. More details will be available soon. **This program will be funded from the Drought Relief Funding which the school has received.**

9. Environmental Program – Reminder

McCAIN School Veggie Patches is a great way for primary school children to learn more about the goodness of vegetables. McCAIN School Veggie Patches show that veggies are natural and come straight from the goodness of the earth.

Primary schools around Australia and New Zealand are invited to build their own veggie patches and grow their own vegetables. To lend a helping hand, McCAIN is giving away over \$500,000 worth of veggie patch equipment to primary schools during 2010. Primary schools across Australia and New Zealand can get involved through hands-on experience. They can grow their own veggies with equipment and advice from McCAIN **when they purchase products from the McCAIN frozen vegetable and McCAIN Purely Potato range.**

Like home-grown veggies, McCAIN frozen vegetables and the McCAIN Purely Potato range are harvested from the goodness of the earth and simply frozen to lock in the flavour.

What we need to do:

- The community can collect barcodes from McCAIN frozen vegetable and McCAIN Purely Potato packs.
- Let everyone know that they can hand their barcodes into your school so that you may redeem them for veggie patch equipment.
- Or post them in with the name, town and state of your chosen primary school to: Address for Australian schools:

**McCAIN School Veggie Patches PO Box 410
St Leonards, NSW 1590 Australia**

Address for New Zealand schools:

**McCAIN School Veggie Patches PO Box
210035 Laurence Stevens Drive Manukau NZ
2154**

10. School Disco

Flyers for the school disco are displayed around the school. It will be held this Friday from 6.30pm until 9.30pm. The theme of the night is "Come as a Celebrity" or come dressed in your best dancing clothes. Entry involves a gold coin donation and parent supervision will be held on the night. There will be food available to purchase on the night and prizes will be awarded throughout the evening as well. Children who attend must stay in the multi purpose room – no one will be allowed outside because of safety reasons.

11. Dates for 2011

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

February 4th - Students first day

April 4th – Athletic Sports

June 6th > June 8th - Urban Camp for Grade 5/6

March 3rd - School Photos

May 10th > May 12th - NAPLAN

12. Grade 5/6 Camp

This camp will be held in Term 4, week 3 from Monday 18th October until Thursday 21st October. Information went home a couple of weeks ago about the Grade 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island. As this is a cluster camp other schools attending will be Lemnos Primary School, Dookie Primary School and Zeerust Primary School. It is hoped that there will be about 45 students attending the camp and a teacher from each school will attend the camp to make the experience a great one. At this stage, Mrs Sidebottom will be attending the camp with the Grade 5/6 students.

Final numbers and payment will need to be made by Friday 8th October. Please don't hesitate to contact Karen at the office if you would like to set up a payment plan for this camp. The cost is \$275 but \$50 will be subsidised by the school from Drought Relief Funding. **This means the final amount for families will be \$225.** It would be appreciated if a payment is made before the holidays to assist with planning. The Medical Form, Parental Permission Form and Campers Agreement will need to be returned by the 8th October also.

Details about the Camp can be found here - http://www.camps.ymca.org.au/htm/htm_phillipisland.asp

13. Active After-School Care Program

At assembly, I am continuing to hand out some small prizes for any students who participate in this great program so I would encourage all students to be involved. Weekly prizes awarded this week went to Shae, Bill, Mikayla, Soraya and Zane Cannon.

14. Passions Program – Term 4

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help in regard to the Passions program next term. I am hoping to implement this for about 4 to 5 days on Thursday afternoons. This will give students an opportunity to participate in a range of activities which they are passionate about. This could range from such things as photography, scrap booking, knitting, cooking, lawn bowls, badminton, woodwork....etc. I am looking for assistance from the school community, so if anyone believes they have a special talent or interest which they would like to share with students at Tallygaroopna Primary School could you contact me ASAP. Dates set at present are: November 4th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd and 9th.

15. “You Can Do It” Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 7 (ending 27th August)

Prep / Grade 1 **Preston Hall** for the fantastic listening skills that he has been using and for being a responsible classroom member.
Well done Preston!

Grade 2/3/4 Connor McNab for the confidence he has been displaying in the classroom and playground.

Grade 5/6 Shannon Keenes for the growing confidence she has shown over the semester both in and out of the class and for her great responsibility shown. Well done Shannon.



Tallygaroopna Netball

The girls played their last game of netball in the Shepparton Netball Association on Saturday, 14th August. We played against St Mel's and won 4-1. It was hard to score as the wind was blowing and hands were cold. The girls battled hard and continued to pass well and intercept lots, especially Brooke and Mollie. Awards: Video Ezy -Taylah and Book City-Brooke. Well done girls on a great season, you have improved heaps and were an absolute pleasure to coach. Thanks to Hayley Meyland for being Team Manager and all the parents, relatives and friends who came to watch and support the girls. The girls received a medallion from the Association and after the presentations we had a small Break-up at Kidstown. Thanks to those who helped out. The team is going to continue playing for ten more weeks indoors at the Stadium. Cheers Bev Montgomery

Northerners Soccer Results

Under 6 – Great game on the weekend. Sad to see it was the last one though as we were really starting to play as a team. Great effort by everyone. Look forward to seeing you all at the breakup on Wednesday. Big thank you to Tim for coaching and to Donna for organizing the teams, awards and everything else each week. Hope to see everyone playing again next year.

School Values Night

This will be held on Wednesday 8th September to discuss our school's purpose and specific values in preparation for our new Strategic Plan. The night will begin at 6pm and conclude at 7.30pm and a BBQ will be provided. The night will involve an open forum in regard to the future directions of Tallygaroopna Primary School and students in Grades 2-6 and parents are invited so that constructive discussion can occur. The following questions will be looked at:

- What is the school's fundamental reason for existence?
- What is the purpose of the school?
- What do we value in our school?
- What does the school stand for and how does it want to operate?
- What are the influences that will impact on our school community in the next 4 years?

Dear Parent,

Thanks for your interest in the **Australian Spelling Challenge**. This challenge is the initiative of 3P Learning, the team behind Spellodrome and Mathletics, who have run similar national events over the last 5 years. In 2010, the Australian Spelling Challenge will run as an exciting one day event for students around Australia to participate in.

The challenge will involve students logging into the Australian Spelling Challenge website at school and/or home (www.spellodrome.com.au/challenge) with a Spellodrome or Mathletics or username and password. Students will earn points by answering various Live Spellodrome questions. Points will only be counted for the actual Challenge on one particular day:

▮ 8:00am to 10:00pm Thursday 2 September – Live Spellodrome

Beforehand, all registered students can access the challenge site and practice on Spellodrome, however no points will count towards the challenge until Thursday, 2 September as mentioned above. After the Challenge, students can log into the Challenge site to view their results and print out their own personal certificates. Access to the challenge site will close on Wednesday 8 September, so make sure you have printed out your certificates before then!

For more information on points allocations and prizes, please refer to the Challenge website which can be accessed by going to www.spellodrome.com.au/challenge.

All the best with Challenge, we're looking forward to an exciting and fun couple of days for your students!



Australian Spelling Challenge!

A B C

2 September, 2010

Supporting Australian students in spelling!

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WORLD SPELLING DAY
Celebrating the World in Spelling

www.spellodrome.com.au/challenge

Dear Parent,

Thanks for your interest in the **Commonwealth Bank Australian Mathletics Challenge**. This challenge is the initiative of 3P Learning, the team behind Mathletics, they have been running similar national events over the last 5 years. In 2010, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia are supporting this event with some great prizes being available for winning schools. Check out the Challenge website for more information.

For participating students, the challenge will involve them logging into the Challenge website at school and /or home (www.mathletics.com.au/challenge) with a Mathletics username and password and earning points by answering various maths questions. Points will only be counted for the actual Challenge on two particular days, with a different focus for each day:

▮ 8:00am to 10:00pm Tuesday 31 August – Curriculum Mathletics

▮ 8:00am to 10:00pm Wednesday 1 September – Live Mathletics

All students can access the challenge site and practice on Mathletics beforehand, however no points will count towards the challenge until the two days mentioned above. After the Challenge, students can log into the Challenge site to view their results and print out their own personal certificates. Access to the challenge site will close on Wednesday 8 September, so make sure you have printed out your certificates before then!

For more information on points allocations and prizes, please refer to the Challenge website which can be accessed by going to www.mathletics.com.au/challenge.

All the best with Challenge, we're looking forward to an exciting and fun couple event that will switch Australian students onto maths!



Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge!

31 August & 1 September, 2010

Supporting Australian students in numeracy!

www.mathletics.com.au/challenge

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CommonwealthBank

Healthy and active kids – it's up to you!

Give your kids the best chance for an active lifestyle with the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-school Communities (AASC) program.

Did you know?

- ★ Children need at least 60 minutes (and up to several hours) of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.*
- ★ Children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (for example, computer games, TV, Internet), particularly during daylight hours*.



What is the AASC program?

The AASC program gives children a passion for sport and physical activity, in a fun and safe environment.

It is a free Australian Government initiative that provides primary school children with a fun and safe introduction to a selection of over 70 sports and 20 other structured physical activities after school (3.00pm-5.30pm).

Benefits of the AASC program

- ★ Access to a variety of free sports and activities
- ★ A non-competitive atmosphere that fosters self-confidence
- ★ Fully supervised sessions with registered coaches
- ★ Provides a foundation for children to progress into local club sport
- ★ Free healthy afternoon tea and access to sports equipment
- ★ A chance to make new friends and have fun!

Find out more

To find out how your child can participate in the AASC program, visit the front office or contact the AASC coordinator at your school/after-school care centre.

* Figures provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Australia's Physical Activity Recommendations for 5-12 Year Olds, Canberra, 2004.

ausport.gov.au/aasc

Parents' Club

Fathers' Day Stall

The Fathers' Day Stall will be held on Wednesday, 1st September. Prices range from \$2 to \$5 with the majority being \$3 - \$4. **Please send money with children on Wednesday.** Children will be able to purchase gifts for Grandfathers if they wish as there are lots of presents available.

Cluster Day Munch and Crunch

Could Cluster Day Munch and Crunch helpers meet at the school at 10am on Thursday 9th September please.

**TIGERS BASKETBALL CLUB REGISTRATRATION FORM SUMMER
2010/11**

NAME: **M/F** **DATE OF BIRTH:**/...../.....

PHONE NUMBER: **OR**

ADDRESS:

POSTAL ADDRESS: (If different to above)

EMAIL CONTACT ADDRESS:

YEAR/GRADE & SCHOOL:

NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

PARENTS/GUARDIANS SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Are you interested in becoming a

COMMITTEE MEMBER? YES / NO COACH? YES / NO TEAM MANAGER? YES / NO

*This form must be returned to Erin Londrigan (58313001) or Jodie Stradling (58218515) by no later than **03/09/10***

Please retain this part of the form as your invoice for registration/club fees for the above noted child.

INVOICE FOR CLUB FEES

To: Parent or Guardian

Date: August 2010

For Player: For Summer Season 2010/11 club fees

Amount Due: \$80-00

Payable: FEES PAYABLE AND DUE IMMEDIATELY WITH REGISTRATION

Please note: Payment is required with this form as payment covers insurance for players.

Players will not take the court until payment is received.

Method of Payments:

Hand a clearly marked envelope containing cheque/money for Tigers Basketball Club to your designated committee member

OR

Pay EFT – *PAY Anyone* with the following details:

Tigers Basketball Club Inc: BSB Number & Account is : 733 254 559451

In the description put the word 'FEES' and the players initial and surname eg: FEES Bob Smith

OR

Post a cheque made payable to *Tigers Basketball Club* to PO Box 2191 Shepparton 3632.

Please call Bill Denton (Club Treasurer) on 58315739 if you have any queries about payment or wish to make arrangements for payment.