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## NEWSLETTER

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A snake was seen in the Multipurpose room last Friday. The room was searched today but no snake was found. DEECD Emergency Management and Hume Region were contacted and we were put on to a local snake catcher. Following advice from this person we have left the Multipurpose room vacant for today and tomorrow for safety reasons and put down bird netting along the north wall (where the snake was seen to get in and out). If there is no evidence that the snake is still around, classes in the Multi will resume as normal on Wednesday.

Dear Parents,

I was extremely proud of all of the children on Wednesday night at our School Concert and I am sure that all of the parents would be equally proud as well. This night is a great stepping stone into the future for our kids and I look forward to seeing them continue to develop their confidence in front of an audience. Special thanks to all of the staff and parents for their organisation with scripts, costumes...etc. This all made the night such a great success.

Our Bike Ed. Program finished last week and I would like to thank Mrs Sidebottom for her effort organising this program. The students found this program extremely beneficial. A big thank you to the parents who assisted with the On Road Test on Thursday also at short notice.

Obviously, you will notice some changes to our school grounds with the site fences going up last week in anticipation for the arrival of our new building. We have worked very hard and quickly removing equipment and furniture out of the old portables and I would like to pay tribute to the hard working group of parents who assisted last week with this. All of these parents gave up their own valuable time and it makes everyone's job at school a lot easier. Our great Parents & Friends group again held a successful Munch N Crunch lunch last Thursday and I would like to thank all of the helpers who assisted on this day.

I was away today on one of my paternity leave days and I will return on Wednesday, where I will be teaching. Karen will be in the office until Thursday to attend to any matters if needed. Have a great week everyone and I hope you back a winner in the Melbourne Cup.

David Brodie – Principal

*"If you want a place in the sun, you will have to expect some blisters."*

## School Concert



### 1. Building Project Update

We were able to remove equipment and furniture out of the Grade 5/6 room, Spare Portable and Sport Shed last week. The Media Room has also been emptied and there are only some large storage cabinets which need to be removed. **If you can assist on Thursday or Friday to do this, it would be greatly appreciated. Hopefully, this may only take a couple of hours.**

A big thank you to the helpers who were at school last week. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated and this will enable us to keep to our time line with the building works. The site fences were put up last Friday and we anticipate the buildings to be removed in the next couple of weeks. A summary of building works for the future is below:

- \* Three Portables and the Sportshed will be removed from the Building Site. We hope this work will commence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, but it may start on the Wednesday after Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
- \* The Building Site will be prepared by Grove – our builders. This is anticipated for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.
- \* The Building arrives at school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- \* The Building is scheduled to be finished on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Although the time line for this project is short, we are very positive about this and we are sure that the whole school community will be as well. However, some of the time lines mentioned above may change so please be patient and tolerant over the next couple of months. If we all model this behaviour, I am sure the children at school will cope with the alterations fine. **January next year, will be a busy time as we get the building ready for the beginning of the new school year.**

### 2. School Fees

We are now finalizing the budget for the 2011 school year. In past years money raised through Bingo , was used to subsidise some excursions, swimming and other programs outside the normal classroom based teaching. This income is now no longer available and we have had to take this into account for the coming school year. With this in mind we have had to rethink the way we fund the excursions and programs for next year.

- \* Whole school events will be funded out of the Excursion Levy as in the past. These would include such things as Athletics and Cluster Excursions.
- \* Individual grade excursions and programs will be made available on a user pays basis. The cost per student will be supplied to parents prior to the excursion so that the parents can decide whether or not their child participates.

This will be finalised at the next School Council meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### 3. Melbourne Excursion – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Our end of year excursion is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We will travel by train to the Melbourne Zoo and parents are invited to come along with their respective children at school. At this stage, no Preschool children will be invited because we would like parents to see this trip as an opportunity to spend some quality time with their children who are presently enrolled at Tallygaroopna PS. **At School Council last week, we decided that we would subsidise the whole trip for the students of the school. As a result, parents will be the only ones who will be required to pay if they intend on attending this whole day excursion at a cost of \$36.10. This will need to be paid by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

I will be contacting V Line and the Melbourne Zoo to confirm our booking this week. Details about the trip at present are as follows:

- \* Leave Shepparton Train Station at 6.57am and return at 6.33pm.
- \* Train tickets for parents are \$17.60.
- \* Melbourne Zoo Ticket Prices for adults - \$18.50

### 4. Computers at Tallygaroopna PS

Last week, our school received our second Information Technology grant for the year. With our first grant, we were able to buy 2 Net Books and a Flip Camera for student use and **we have decided to purchase 2 I Pads to trial until the end of the year.** With the addition of the new building, we will be moving all of our desktop computers into Mrs Haberfield's room to make a computer lab and we hope that this resource will be available for the community also. We are also planning on purchasing some more Net Books for student use, for the new school year.

#### 5. Kanga 8's Tournament

Our School has entered a boys and girls team for the Kanga 8's Tournament at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a rules/scoring review and draw finalisation at 9:45 so we will need to leave school at 9.00am. The first games begin at 10:00am and students will need to bring the necessary items such as lunch, drinks, sunscreen etc.

Schools must bring their **own bats** but balls and stumps will be provided and grounds set up prior. Mrs Sidebottom will be attending the day and assisting the girls team but **we still need one responsible parent who would be required to coach, umpire and score the boys team. If anyone can assist can you contact our school immediately.**

During the day both teams will play three games and all teams will play off for their final positions according to where they finish after the three preliminary rounds. If our school is fortunate enough to win we will progress through to the regional final to be held on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

If everyone arrives on time we should be finished by approximately 2pm and return to school by 2.30pm.

#### 6. Puberty Education

As part of the physical, personal and social learning strand of the VELS Sexuality Education Curriculum, students learn about significant transitions between life stages, particularly the changes associated with puberty. We have again arranged for Robyn Lewis, Visiting Primary School Nurse with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, to work with students in grades 5 & 6 to assist their understanding. Robyn will present a program consisting of two sessions, held 1 week apart. The first session focuses on puberty, the second looks at human development and reproduction. The sessions will utilise videos, group work and activities to deliver this information.

These education sessions will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November from 9.30am until 11am. A brief parent information session can be offered from 09:15 - 09:30am on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov if there is interest. Contact the office in regard to this please. Alternatively, parents can be provided with specific lesson plans for the two sessions. **If you would not like your child to be involved in these sessions could you contact the school please. No permission forms will be sent home.**

#### 7. Sailing Program

The Grade 5/6 students will be participating in a Sailing Program on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 1.15pm until 2.45pm. This is held at Kialla Lakes so we will leave school at 12.30pm and return to school at 3.15pm. The cost per child is \$25 but this is being subsidised by the school.

Mrs Sidebottom will be attending this day and the students will need to bring the following:

- \* a pair of old sneakers to wear in the yacht and walking on land
- \* bathers and towel
- \* sunhat or woollen beanie depending on the weather
- \* windproof jacket if cold
- \* sunscreen
- \* plastic bag for wet clothing
- \* change of clothes
- \* water bottle

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) will be supplied by Yachting Victoria

#### 8. The Ultranet

Today, students from the school will receive a welcome letter inviting them to log onto the Ultranet. This welcome letter has a temporary username and password which is valid for 30 days. Information relating to specific steps to follow are in this edition of the newsletter. If any families have difficulty logging on, we can assist you at school if needed. Parents will receive their welcome letter next week.

Mrs Haberfield and Mr Brodie will be attending two more days of training on the Ultranet on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This will be completed with other similar small cluster schools.

#### 9. Prep Enrolments for 2011

We hope to finalise Prep enrolments in the next few weeks. 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.**

#### 10. Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair at school beginning on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This fair will give families an opportunity to purchase books leading up to Xmas and the school will make some commission out of anything which is sold at the fair. This will be a great opportunity for some fundraising. The book fair closes on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 11. Public Speaking Competition - reminder

Our school is entering in a Public Speaking Competition for students from Grades 3 - 6. This is being organised by the Tallygaroopna Lions Club and is a great opportunity for some of our students to extend themselves in regard to Oral Language. Nine local primary schools have been invited to participate in this competition and I would encourage all students in these grades to have a go at this, especially any students who may have a leadership role at school (ie: School Captains, Junior School Council). This program is voluntary, but students wishing to enter this competition can get assistance from home. Details about the competition are listed below:

School Competitions – need to be finalised by the end of October.

- Only two students can represent each school – 1 for each category (Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6)
- Topics are (5 Minute Maximum) – 30 second warning bell.
  - **Grade 3/4 – Which place in the world would you love to visit and why?**
  - **Grade 5/6 – Why is Australia such a lucky country?**
- Schools to use their own initiative in regard to how they go about this – marking, judging.
- School certificates will be awarded for any students prepared to have a go with this.

#### Finals

- Venue: Tallygaroopna Community Centre ( to be confirmed)
- Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Time: 6pm to 9pm ( Grade 3/4: 6pm – 7.30pm, Grade 5/6: 7.30pm – 9pm )
- Supper may be provided at the end of the night – tea & coffee
- 9 Presenters for each category ( Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 )
- The same format and topics would be presented.
- Students to be judged by independent panel selected from the Lions Club – Rubric utilised
- At the completion of each Category a spontaneous question is given to students.
  - They will have 10 minutes to prepare a 2 minute speech.
- All participants to receive certificates
- Winners to receive awards organised by the Lions Club – book vouchers and perpetual shields have been mentioned.

#### 12. Active After School Communities Program / Funding for 2011

Taekwondo was held today, but there will be no Touch Footy tomorrow because of the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. In fact, Touch Footy will not resume until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November because our coach is away on a holiday. Taekwondo will continue to run over consecutive weeks.

Participation winners for this week were – XXXXX. These students will receive their prizes on Wednesday.

#### 13. Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Tomorrow is a public holiday across the State of Victoria because of the Melbourne Cup. The school will be closed on this day and no students will be required at school.

#### 14. Dates for 2011

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

February 4<sup>th</sup> - Students first day

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Sports

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

February 21<sup>st</sup> - School Photos

May 10<sup>th</sup> > May 12<sup>th</sup> - NAPLAN

July 25<sup>th</sup> > 27<sup>th</sup> – 15 Mile Creek Camp for Grade 3/4



## 15. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

- P/1 Alyssa Lindrea** for the confidence she showed in the production and the way she used her great 'getting along' skills to help Campbell out. Well done Alyssa.
- 2/3/4 Shae Montgomery** for the fantastic way she performed in the play and for stepping up when needed. A marvellous effort Gorgeous Girl!
- 5/6 Alex Ring** for displaying great confidence in his role as Pirate Chief in the production and for his efforts at camp.



### **Northerners Under 13 Cricket**

We were finally able to play some cricket before the rain came at the weekend and started our first lot of 2 day games. Kialla made 197 runs with Connor McNab taking 2 for 20, so we will have a big run chase on our hands next Saturday.

### **Prep Orientation Program – new students for 2011**

We currently have 7 Prep students enrolled to start next year. Our next orientation visit to Tallygaroopna PS will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 9am until 11.30am. Other scheduled days for this program are:

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – 9am to 2pm
- December 7<sup>th</sup> December (Statewide) – All day

### **Bike Ed**

Our brief (and rather disrupted) introduction to Bike Ed this year finished Friday. Firstly, thanks to those parents who assisted with getting their children's bikes "up to standard" for our sessions. All students completed a series of bike skills appropriate for their level of which we look forward to building on again next year. The 5/6 students completed their on Road assessment Thursday and even though we had some nervous riders, they all completed the course. A certificate was handed out today indicating areas they passed and those needing further work. At least 1/3 of the grade received 100% on the ride – congratulations to those students.

A huge thanks to the four Mums who kindly left the kitchen and Munch & Crunch lunch to help me fill the observation check points that weren't filled. Without them the students wouldn't have been able to complete the ride, THANKS HEAPS to those willing Mums for their last minute help. We appreciate your assistance very much.

It is fantastic that the school has got behind the Bike Ed program and allowed the children to develop these important skills.

Lastly I am very pleased to see an increase in the number of children I have observed out of school and on weekends who are wearing their helmets and following what has been taught (well most of them!) in Bike Ed classes. I hope to see more students and families out on their bikes enjoying themselves.

Regards, Wendy, Bike Ed Co-ordinator



## LOGGING INTO THE ULTRANET FOR THE FIRST TIME – STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

### 1. GET A COPY OF YOUR WELCOME LETTER

- Your school will give you a Welcome Letter with a temporary username and password
- You must use your Welcome Letter to register for the Ultranet within 30 days or it will expire.



### 2. CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD

- Go to: <http://idam.education.vic.gov.au/firsttime>
- Enter the username and temporary password in your Welcome Letter
- Read and accept the Ultranet Terms of Service
- Follow the instructions to change your password
- Your new password must have seven or more characters. It must also contain at least one character from three of the following:
  - > Lowercase (a-z)
  - > Uppercase (A-Z)
  - > Numeric (0-9)
  - > Special characters or punctuation (!@#%\*&).
- Eg: sampLE2 contains one lowercase, uppercase and numeric character.



### 3. SET UP YOUR SECURITY QUESTIONS

Your security questions allow you to change your password at a later date (in case you forget it or someone finds out what it is):

- Choose three **secret questions and answers** from the ten options provided
- Set up a **four-digit PIN** that you won't forget
- Provide a personal **email address** if you want to be able to change your password from outside your school network.

### 4. WAIT 5 – 10 MINUTES

- After you have completed steps 1 – 3, it is best to wait 5 – 10 minutes before logging into the Ultranet for the first time.



### 5. LOG INTO THE ULTRANET

Now you are ready to log into the Ultranet for the first time:

- Go to: <http://www.ultranet.vic.edu.au>
- Enter your username and password
- Read and accept the Ultranet Terms of Service
- Click **Login** and you will be directed to your personal Home page.



## Asthma: 10 things to tell your doctor

### Symptoms

1. If you wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless
2. If you struggle to keep up with normal activity

### Triggers

3. Anything that seems to trigger/make your asthma worse
4. What you do about your triggers and whether this helps

### Medication

5. How often you take your blue reliever puffer
6. How often you take your preventer medication
7. How you use your device
8. If you are using any other medications or complementary therapies

### Asthma plan

9. I would like an asthma action plan
10. I would like a regular asthma review

If you would like more information please call **The Asthma Foundation of Victoria** on **1800 645 130** or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

## Could it be asthma?

Do you ever:

- Get short of breath when you are not exercising or at unexpected times?
- Find that your shortness of breath is seasonal, or that during some months or times of year your breathing is worse?
- Have cough or coughing spells even when you do not have a cold?
- Notice times when there is wheezing or whistling in your chest?
- Feel tightness in your chest when you are short of breath?
- Wake up at night with shortness of breath or wheeze?
- Notice wheeze, cough, or chest tightness in certain environments, such as hot/cold air, dusty places, or in certain homes?
- Wheeze when you exercise?

If you experience any of the above ask your pharmacist or doctor about a lung health check.

If you would like more information please call **The Asthma Foundation of Victoria** on **1800 645 130** or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)