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Congratulations to Skye Austin and Daniel Bagley who were the winners of the Public Speaking Competition. These 2 students will represent our school at the FINALS on Wednesday night at the Tallygaropna Community Centre. All students and parents are invited to come along and support our students if they wish.

Next Weeks Newsletter will be made available to parents on Tuesday not Monday.

Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday 16th December

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all of the senior students who participated in the extra curricula activities last week. A huge thank you to Mrs Sidebottom for organising the 2 days and by all accounts the Kanga 8's and Sailing days were very rewarding. It was great to hear that our school was able to compete against some of the larger schools in Kanga 8's and this speaks highly for the team work and competitive spirit of the students at our school. Keep up the great work!

We had a small Remembrance Day ceremony last Wednesday. This was integral just to remind our children of the sacrifice that was made by others to make our country such a special one. Mrs Wallace organised this and it was great to hear that Kaleb was able to read the poem "In Flanders Fields" with confidence.

Over the next few weeks we will be extremely busy finishing testing for children and then staff will be beginning to write student reports for the end of the year. We anticipate that reports will be available for parents on Monday 13th December. Our school will again be used as a Polling Site for the State Election which is held on Saturday 26th November. This will be held in the Multi Purpose Room but it will not have any negative impact on the Grade 5/6 classroom which is currently set up in this building.

I was back from Paternity Leave today and I will be teaching again tomorrow. I will be in the office until 12.30pm on Thursday, before I head off to Benalla for a Collegiate Group meeting. As a result, the office will be unattended on Thursday afternoon. I will be back in the office on Friday if anyone needs specific matters addressed. Karen will be in the office all week until Wednesday but she will be away on Thursday at eduPay Training. I will be away on Monday the 22nd November on Paternity Leave.

David Brodie – Principal

"The only time you run out of chances is when you choose not to take them." 1

Building Project at School



Kanga 8's Tournament



1. Building Project Update

As you have probably noticed, our 3 Portables and Sport Shed have disappeared and our school site is now being prepared so that the new building can arrive without any major problems. Last Wednesday, I met with our Project Manager to discuss some specific issues which need to be addressed before the next stage can begin.

A summary of this includes:

- * Power and data plans requested
- * Coffey to advise how many wireless access points will be provided within the building
- * Coffey to follow up with the Department - connection of new building to a security system
- * Deck connection requested
- * Exterior light on the existing building to be disconnected – above bubble taps
- * Area of existing building where canopy removed to be made good / watertight
- * Downpipes to be reconnected to S/W system off existing building and canopy
- * Temporary services connection of power, data and communications to remain until Grove take over the site
- * Pavers and sleepers to be stacked for school
- * Irrigation control panel has been issued to the school – reconnection required
- * Gas bottle to be located at the end of admin building and reconnected
- * Existing canopy to be removed back to posts just beyond toilets

As you can appreciate, all of this takes time and every week a new timeline is being given to our school. The new building didn't arrive today, as had been initially planned, but we are hopeful that it is not too far away. More details soon.

The new building will include 4 split systems along with ceiling fans in each room. Fans will also be provided to the withdrawal rooms.

2. Grade Structure for 2011

Next year, we anticipate having 52 students at Tallygaroopna Primary School. This is an increase from this year, which is pleasing to see but because of the numbers of students in each grade our options are somewhat limited. I have had some parents contact me in regard to this and I appreciate and acknowledge their concern and eagerness. Nevertheless, the Grade Structure for 2011 will be:

* Prep / Grade 1

* Grade 2/3/4

* Grade 5/6

The Department of Education encourages small class sizes especially in the Junior School so in doing this, we will have relatively consistent student numbers across the 3 grades. More details will be available soon.

3. Staffing for 2011

I am presently working through staffing for next year and hope to be able to finalise this by the end of the November. This year, it has been a relatively hectic year in regard to staffing and I anticipate a much more stable year for 2011.

4. School Funding - Computers

I can confirm that the school will be purchasing 18 new netbooks and 10 laptops for children to use in class for the new year. This is a fantastic result and will enable our teaching staff to integrate the fundamentals of literacy and numeracy with a technology base. We will also be purchasing two I Pads for Grade 5/6 students so that children in the senior grades have adequate knowledge leading into Secondary school. I am hopeful that these resources will be available in the next couple of weeks. In 2011 we will be also be purchasing some I Pods to further enhance our teaching.

5. School Council / Finance

The final School Council meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm. This meeting will focus on the approval of the 2011 School Budget along with the endorsement of the schools new Strategic Plan. Both of these items are essential in regard to the organisation and management of Tallygaroopna Primary School. The Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm beforehand to discuss future school levies. More information will be available in the not too distant future.

6. Active After School Communities Program

Taekwondo was held yesterday, but today there was no Touch Footy again. In fact, Touch Footy will not resume until Tuesday 23rd November because our coach is away on a holiday. Taekwondo will continue to run over consecutive weeks – **next weeks session will involve the students using Boxing Gloves and Helmets. If any parents have any concerns about this could they contact the office immediately.**

Participation winners for this week were – Christiaan, Harvey, Alyssa, Justin, Brock and Campbell.

7. Melbourne Excursion – Thursday 9th December

Thank you to the Parents who have paid for this excursion or finalised payments for the excursion levy. This makes organisation for this day a lot easier. I am now in the process of purchasing tickets for this day and these will be given to parents ASAP. Details below:

Our end of year excursion is on Thursday 9th 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.

On the Excursion there will be two options in regard to supervision of students:

- * Parent Supervision – for students who have their own parents attending.
- * Teacher Supervision – if no parent is attending the day, students will be required to be supervised by teachers. The only exception is if the school is provided with written permission of other arrangements. This will need to be given to Mr Brodie – teacher in charge. This may include students being supervised by other parents of attending students if they agree to do so.

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

8. Public Speaking Competition

This evening is on tomorrow night at the Tallygaroopna Community Centre. Good luck to our two students who are representing our school – we know that you will do your family and our school proud. Details are below:

- Venue: Tallygaroopna Community Centre (to be confirmed)
- Date: Wednesday 17th November
- Time: 6pm to 9pm (Grade 3/4: 6pm – 7.15pm, Grade 5/6: 7.45pm – 9.00pm)
- Tea may be provided between the two sections – 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.

All students who participated in this at school will receive certificates at next week's assembly.

9. Xmas Concert

We have scheduled this night for Thursday 16th December. This will be a very informal night with some Xmas Carols and presentations to some students leaving our school. We hope to have a BBQ on the night also. More details will be available soon.

10. 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.**

11. Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair at school beginning on Monday 29th 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 Tuesday 7th December.

12. The Ultranet

We are gradually bringing all of the students onto the Ultranet. All of the Grade 5/6 students are able to log on successfully and we are hopeful of bringing on the students in the other 2 grades in the next few weeks. Student welcome letters did go home enabling them to log on to the Ultranet for the first time at home. However, teaching staff have copies of these letters and they are able to assist students logging onto the Ultranet if needed.

I have been encouraged to hear that some parents have logged onto the Ultranet. I am planning to hold a Parent Information night early next year, once we begin implementing this tool into our everyday teaching. Some parents have expressed concern about the absences which appear on the Ultranet – some of this data is incorrect. We are positive that as the Ultranet develops over time some of these glitches will be eliminated.

Mrs Haberfield and Mr Brodie attended 2 days of training last week and we were able to start implementing specific learning tasks which students will not only access but complete in 2011. The challenge is now to share this knowledge with other members of staff in the school.

Over the last couple of weeks, our staff have started implementing an attendance program called eCases. This enables staff to mark attendance online and then this information is directly imported into the Schools Management System (CASES) and subsequently then put onto the Ultranet for parents to view. As a result, the normal pen and paper way of marking attendance has become extinct. As stated earlier, some errors have been evident but these should smooth their way out in the not too distant future.

* A reminder that welcome letters are only valid for a 30 day period.

13. 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
February 21st - School Photos
March 14th – Labour Day Holiday
April 26th – Anzac Day Holiday
May 10th > May 12th - NAPLAN
June 13th – Queens B'day Holiday
June 30th – Dance Festival (G. 5/6)
July 29th – Zone Footy & Netball

February 14th – AASC Program Begins
March 3rd – R.E. Begins
April 4th – Athletic Sports
May 4th – Interschool Cross Country
June 6th > June 8th - Urban Camp for Grade 5/6
June 28 – Dance Festival (G. 3/4)
July 25th > 27th – 15 Mile Creek Camp for Grade 3/4
October 17th – Zone Athletics

14. Safety at School

I would like to reinforce a couple of small issues in regard to student safety at school. It is great to see students bringing their bikes to school, but these are not to be ridden in the school grounds at any time (with the exception of Bike Education obviously). Lately, there have been some little ones around the playground areas and it is best if students don't ride their bikes until they are out of the school gates, for the safety of everyone at school. The school crossing is generally well used, but children who cross the road at anytime need to use this. I have watched from afar children crossing the road up towards the Post Office end of Victoria Street so please reinforce this at home. Students should not ride the bikes across the crossing as well.

15. Frozen Fruit Freezes

Frozen fruit sticks will be available for sale each Friday at lunchtime for 50 cents each.

16. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

P/1 Stephanie Fleming for the confidence she shows in her reading and story writing. I like the way she tries very hard in her Mathematics. Well done Stephanie.

2/3/4 Olivia Meyland for the excellent work she put into her public speaking and for the 'getting along' skills she displays in the playground. Great effort Olivia.

5/6 Shannon Keenes for stepping out of her confidence zone and having a go at sailing and Kanga 8's. A great effort this week Shannon – well done.



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 Wednesday 24th November from 9am to 2pm. The last scheduled day for this program is on December 7th (Statewide). New Preps for next year will be required at school all day.

Grade 5/6 Sailing and Kanga 8's

We had a busy week last week but a very enjoyable and worthwhile couple of days. On Wednesday the grade went sailing and showed what masters they were in the water. The class picked up the skills needed very quickly and were scooting across the lake. The Shepp News were there to take photos which were in the paper on Friday. Well done to the students on their efforts.

On Thursday we were represented in the boys and girls teams in Kanga 8's. Our girls are to be congratulated on their efforts not only on the day but here at school where many of them learnt to bowl and also improved their throwing and catching skills for the day. Well done girls! A huge thank you to Lisa Newbound for volunteering to help the team out by supervising on the hot day.

A huge congratulations to our boys who performed beautifully on the day and finished on top of the ladder (out of 16 schools). The boys played off in the Grand Final against Kyabram. It was a game of superb skills by both teams in batting and fielding. We went down by 30 runs in a high scoring game.

I was very proud of the students in the way they all conducted themselves in a very sporting manner (boys and girls). We look forward to the challenge in 2011 again.

Well done Grade 5/6

Mrs Sidebottom



Public Speaking Competition

The children in grades 2-6 gave their talks to their respective classes on Friday. Students researched a topic of their own choice and presented it in front of their peers. We witnessed some very informative and well prepared speeches. The children who presented talks showed great confidence despite some nerves. Each presentation was assessed by their peers. The winners were:

Grade 2	Brittany Meyland
Grade 3	Harri Ring
Grade 4	Daniel Bagley
Grade 5	Rhiannon Florence
Grade 6	Skye Austin

Overall winners were Skye Austin for 5/6 and Daniel Bagley for 2/3/4.



Landcare

The Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group will meet on Wednesday, 17th November at 7.30pm at the Pony Paddock Park opposite the Congupna Store. After having a look around the Park we will have the meeting and supper at the Congupna Hall. Visitors are most welcome. Secretary - Trish Moss ph 58298255.



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- A copy of the latest available School report
- A reference from an adult person 18 years or older, who has known the student for at least two years.

Please do not send valuable original documents with your application. Photocopies are acceptable.

Applications will close on the 24th November 2010, and are to be forwarded to

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WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD AVOIDS READING?

Remember that each child is an individual and there is a wide range in reading development and ability. Never compare your children with others and certainly don't make comparisons between your own children. Each one of us learnt to walk and talk in our own time, so it is with learning to read.

Children who dislike reading are generally those who are having difficulty with the task. They develop avoidance strategies to delay the activity. At home they will want to go to the toilet, or they'll be hungry, thirsty, tired, hot, cold, itchy or feeling unwell. Many children use television or other homework as an excuse. They even use other chores to avoid reading. For many families, reading time can swiftly become battle time.

Try these strategies to help the struggling or reluctant reader at home:

- Make reading time short, frequent, enjoyable and unavoidable. Draw up a contract with your child which includes dates, times and durations. Begin with 5 minutes a day, 5 times a week. Make sure you discuss the purpose of the contract and reassure them that you want to help and support them. Children need to know that adults sometimes avoid doing things they don't like, but learning to read is far too important to ignore.
- Try the 'I read, you read, we read' approach. When it is **your** turn to read, make sure you read with enthusiasm and expression so that your child sees it as a fun activity. Encourage your child to follow the words with their finger if it helps. You set the pace when you **read with** your child and this will help to develop confidence. When it is **their turn** to read be firm and encouraging, praising their efforts and rewarding persistence.
- The parrot approach is a structured way of helping your child learn to read. You read a sentence or phrase and ask them to repeat it. Keep up this 'my turn, your turn' method throughout the book and continue until they reach a point where they want to read it to you.
- Be confident that your child will learn to read, but remember that everyone learns to read at a different pace. Talk to them about being patient and persistent and let them know that it will eventually happen.

The single most important thing you can do to help your child is to **READ TO AND WITH** him or her regularly.

"You may have tangible wealth untold, caskets of jewels and coffers of gold; richer than I you can never be - I had a mother who read to me." Strickland Gillian

