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## NEWSLETTER

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER.**

**Parents Club meeting Wednesday 24th November, staff room at 3.30**

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

**Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Dear Parents,

Last week, we had a Transition visit from Wanganui Secondary College. The Grade 5/6 students had an opportunity to hear about what to expect at Secondary College and a number of things which they had queries about were clarified. Mrs Sidebottom also attended a Transition Meeting at Notre Dame College and we will continue to assist the Grade 6 children through the transition process as they enter a new stage in their lives.

I was extremely proud of our schools involvement at the Public Speaking Finals last Wednesday and we definitely led the way. It was great to have the opportunity to be involved with some bigger local schools and I will certainly look forward to this competition developing into the future. It was great to have 5 schools involved and I am hopeful that we will have 9 next year. There will probably be a need to have this program over 2 days, but it was a great beginning.

The Boys Kanga 8's Cricket Team competed in the Regional Finals today and we look forward to hearing about their day next week. Special thanks to Mrs Sidebottom for assisting with this day at very short notice. **We will open up the Book Fair today and it will close on Thursday. We need to use the Multi Purpose room on Friday for Art, Saturday for use as a Polling Booth and Monday for Taekwondo so I hope everyone understands this. There are lots of great books available for sale and these will make great Xmas presents down the track.**

I taught today and I will be again tomorrow. I will be in the office on Thursday, but will be unavailable Friday until lunchtime as I have an important meeting at school. I will be away again on Monday on Paternity Leave. Karen will be in the office until Thursday, as per normal, to attend to any issues if needed. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

*“ You cannot talk yourself out of a situation you have behaved yourself into.”* 1

## Building Works Update



## Public Speaking Competition



Congratulations to Daniel Bagley and Skye Austin who represented our school at the Public Speaking Competition at the Tallygaroopna Community Centre last Wednesday night. Both of these students did a wonderful job especially with the impromptu speech topics. Daniel had to speak about his favourite famous person and he chose to talk about Lance “Buddy” Franklin. Skye, on the other hand, had to prepare a quick speech about whether living in the country or Melbourne was easier. Skye focused on the benefits of living in the country and under pressure both students showed a lot of poise and composure with their presentations. On behalf of the whole school community, well done and we are all proud of your great effort.

### 1. Building Project Update

There is not much to update this week although we did get a couple of surprises with two Septic Tanks removed from the building site. The large undercover area was demolished yesterday (eventually a new one will be constructed) and now work can begin on the building site so that Grove can then deliver and start putting together our new building. Our schedule of works is updated every week and at present we are a couple of weeks away. We are still hopeful that they building will still be finished before the beginning of the school year in 2011.

### 2. PING – Music Program

We will be implementing a new and exciting new program across Grades 2 – 6 next year. The program is called PING which is an online music education project that is run by The Song Room. Ping uses the internet to deliver lessons in music. This year, there have been 15 schools participate in the project with potential of 25 for next year.

The Ping schools over 2010 got offered a range of opportunities including Melbourne Symphony Orchestra regional performances, having a teaching artist come into the school for full day workshops, opportunities to see MSO concerts streamed into the classroom and the chance to speak to Victorian Orchestra musicians online.

In 2011 the program will also be looking at developing extra content in:

- Beginner guitar lessons
- Beginner drum lessons
- Beginner notation/composition lessons

There will also be incursions and excursions provided for the schools involved. We are hopeful that we will be able to have a Ping teaching artist to come into our school to run this program on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Everything that is mentioned above comes at **no cost to the school**. All that is needed is a commitment from the school and the teachers involved in the weekly session (1 to 2 hours). The coordinators of the program will supply all the training and support required in early 2011. The program is catered for middle school students but students in Prep / Grade 1 will be involved informally as well.

If you'd like to see a short video about Ping please visit <http://pingmusic.com.au/about/ping-pilot-project-2009/> OR [www.pingmusic.com.au](http://www.pingmusic.com.au).

### 3. School Funding - Computers

I can confirm that the school has ordered our 18 new net books and 10 laptops for children to use in class for the new year. The laptops will be arriving in the next couple of weeks and this will enable the students in Grades 5/6 to continue to use specific programs such as Ziptales, Mathletics and Spellodrome between now and the end of the year. The net books will not arrive at school until mid January. Our Security System will be updated across the school to enable these resources to be maintained in a safe and secure manner.

### 4. School Council / Finance – change of date

The final School Council meeting for the year will **now be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

### 5. Active After School Communities Program

Our normal two day program is back in full swing this week. Our final Taekwondo session will be held next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Touch Footy / Multi Sports will continue for another three weeks on Tuesday's and will conclude on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Participation winners for this week were – Lachie, Brittany, Bailey, Skye, Brenton and Kyle Montgomery

In 2011 we are planning to run the following sessions at Tallygaroopna Primary School

Term 1 – Tennis – Monday, Lawn Bowls - Tuesday

Term 2 – Multi Skills – Monday, Dance - Tuesday

#### 6. Melbourne Excursion – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 have now purchased tickets for this day and these will be given to parents on the morning of the trip. Details are included in this newsletter – they also went home last Friday.

**Apologies about the information that was provided in past newsletters.** The return time of 6.33pm was the actual time that we were scheduled to leave Melbourne not return to Shepparton. Sorry for being inaccurate with these details. The one positive is some free time in the city, once we return by train from the Melbourne Zoo.

Everyone attending the day will need to bring some money obviously for the trip. Any other personal items that are brought along are solely the responsibility of individuals who own these. If people would like to pack food for the Melbourne Zoo, I suggest you contact the Zoo to see if food can be brought into the venue.

It is great to see so many parents willing to come along and make this trip such a special one. Many thanks to the families who have offered to look after a couple of students on the day as well. The teachers may actually have a quiet and relaxing day !!!!

#### 7. Xmas Concert

We have scheduled this night for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 8. Book Fair – change of date

We will be holding a Book Fair at school beginning today, 23<sup>rd</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 this Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. Families are able to come along and purchase books at any time between 8.30am and 4pm on Wednesday and Thursday. Payment can be either cash, cheque (made payable to Tallygaroopna Primary School) or credit card.

#### 9. 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.

**If any parents need assistance logging onto the Ultranet, please contact the office and we will guide you through the process.**

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

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

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

11. Safety at School

I was disappointed to find a couple of senior students hiding in the paddock next to the school early last week. Although, this may have appeared innocent (looking for sports balls), students are not permitted to exit the school grounds under any circumstances without teachers' permission. As all parents would know, staff at school have a duty of care to families and while they are at school they are solely our responsibility and safety is our main concern.

There is a lot of long grass in the crops next door and it would be a disaster if anyone was bitten by a snake, so could parents please reinforce this with their children this week. So far, the school year has been free of any major incidents and we hope this continues into the future.

12. Frozen Fruit Freezes

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

13. Food Poisoning

With the warmer weather upon us and school bags exposed to the heat, food poisoning is a real prospect. Please be mindful of the type of fillings that are used for children's sandwiches. The likes of chicken, tuna, meats and left over fried rice need to be chilled with an ice pack and stored in a chiller bag. I know we have fridges to store food in at school but these things are a great back up.

14. Cyber Safety at Home

Please consider safe use of the computer in your home environment and work as a team with your family members to set boundaries. Discuss exactly what is ok and what is not ok regarding:

- The kind of web sites that are appropriate to visit
- The chat rooms and forums that are appropriate to participate in
- Use only monitored chat rooms
- To set up a Facebook account you have to be 13 years old
- Avoid "Alt" chat rooms – they focus on alternative topics that may be inappropriate for young people
- The kinds of things they can talk about and language that is inappropriate
- Encourage your children to report any unsafe images or inappropriate language to you.

15. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

**P/1 Campbell Steigenberger** for the persistence he shows in his work and for the confidence he shows when writing stories. Well done Campbell.

**2/3/4 Teagan Brett** for her 'can do' attitude and the way she has used her persistence and confidence in the classroom. A great effort Teagan!

**5/6 Rhiannon Florence** for your great effort in your Public Speaking talk and the confidence you displayed. Well done – winner Grade 5.



**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 tomorrow from 9am to 2pm. The last scheduled day for this program is on December 7<sup>th</sup> (Statewide). New Preps for next year will be required at school all day.



## Funding for Parents – Aust Swim Course

In the past the school has funded any parents who are interested in completing an Aust Swim Course which would assist our school to run the Swimming Program. This would obviously reduce costs over the long haul. If any parents are interested in completing such a course could they see either Karen or David at the office. These courses are offered consistently throughout the year.

## Child Employment Update

WORKFORCE VICTORIA

**Children under 15 years who work in Victoria are protected by child employment laws.**

In many situations a Child Employment Permit is required. Child employment laws have recently been streamlined to ensure that children are well protected and the system works smoothly for employers. The reforms come into effect on 31 December 2010.

For more information, please call a Child Employment Officer on 1800 267 267 or visit [www.workeforce.vic.gov.au](http://www.workeforce.vic.gov.au)

Department of Innovation, Industry & Regional Development



## **St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2011**

### Important Notice for all Catholic Children in Grade 2 or higher.

Families belonging to St. Brendan's Parish with children in Grade 2 or higher who would like their child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2011 are asked to call into St. Brendan's Parish Office during office hours to register their interest in participating in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2011 and collect an important information letter.

If you have any questions I may be contacted at the Parish House on Wednesday mornings, the phone number is 5821 2633.

Yours sincerely,

Laura O'Sullivan

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Coordinator.

## **Northerners Cricket Results**

We batted first against Karramomous and made 2 for 129 with 3 boys retiring – Lachie Karl 31, Alex Ring 30 and Darcy Collins also 30. We then bowled and had Karramomous 8 for 117 with Zane Newbound 2 wickets for 10 runs. We also had 2 fantastic run outs. Great job boys, well done on a super win!

## Melbourne Zoo Trip – 6 1/2 hours

Thank you to all of the families who have purchased tickets for our End of Year Excursion. The day promises to be a great one. I have purchased tickets for the Melbourne Zoo and V Line and these will be handed out on the day. The Melbourne Zoo is open from 9am until 5pm everyday. In order for us to get our School Deal with V Line we have to travel to and from Melbourne by train. As a result, there will be some free time in the city – this wasn't initially planned.

Details about the trip are below:

To Melbourne	To Shepparton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart Shepparton Station at 6.57am. All families are asked to be there no later than 6.45am.</li> <li>• Get off at North Melbourne station at 9.23am.</li> <li>• We then catch the train on the Upfield line. These trains depart every 20 minutes. We will aim to catch the 9.50am train.</li> <li>• This train arrives at Royal Park Station at 9.56am.</li> <li>• We should arrive at the Melbourne Zoo at 10am.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart the Melbourne Zoo at 4.30pm</li> <li>• We then catch the train on the Flinders Street line. These trains depart every 20minutes. We will aim to catch the 4.45pm train.</li> <li>• This train arrives at Southern Cross Station at 4.55pm.</li> <li>• We don't depart from Southern Cross Station until 6.33pm so families have free time for just over an hour.</li> <li>• We depart Southern Cross Station at 6.33pm.</li> <li>• We arrive back at Shepparton Station at 8.54pm.</li> </ul>

Students (43) and Family Members Attending (29)  
Teachers (3)

Prep / Grade 1 - 14	Family	Grade 2/3/4 - 16	Family	Grade 5/6 - 13	Family
Jhett Cannon	*	Brock Austin	*	Darcy Collins	1
Alyssa Lindrea	*	Zane Cannon	*	Rhiannon Florence	1
Kyle Montgomery	*	Brittany Meyland	*	Samahna Humphrey	1
Campbell Steigenberger	1	Teagan Brett	1	Shannon Keenes	1
Harvey Walker	1	Mollie Karl	*	Justin Lindrea	1
Mitchell Bassett	1	Abby Klein	1	Zane Newbound	1
Mikayla Church		Taylah Lindrea	*	Ella Sidebottom	1
Stephanie Fleming	1	Connor McNab	1	Emily Stivala	1
Preston Hall	1	Brenton O'Brien	2	Christiaan Van Taarling	1
Chrissie Karl	*	Harri Ring	*	Skye Austin	1
Bill Klein	*	Daniel Bagley	1	Soraya Cannon	2
Chelsea Lindrea	*	Corbie Humphrey	*	Lachie Karl	1
Bailey McNab	*	Olivia Meyland	1	Alex Ring	1
Jordan O'Brien	*	Ebony Mills	1		
		Shae Montgomery	2		
		Kaleb Oxley			

Kaleb Oxley will be with the Bagley Family and Mikayla Church will be with the Klein family.  
Our V Line Tickets will enable us to travel to Melbourne and around the Metro Area. Families will be responsible for holding onto these.



# ***Tallygaroopna Primary School Rotating Dinner 2010***

***The Tallygaroopna Primary School is looking at holding a Rotating Dinner on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November.***

***The night involves rotating around different people's houses for different courses and then joining up at the end of the night.***

***If you are interested in a bit of fun and enjoyment then let Wendy know by tomorrow, Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, so that all the venues and invitations can be organised.***

