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**SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL MEET
TOMORROW NIGHT AT 7.30PM. THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET
PRIOR TO THIS AT 6.30PM**

**Only 9 Sleeps until our excursion to the
Melbourne Zoo. Students will be required to
wear school uniform on the day.**

**The last two newsletters for the year will be
made available on Monday's again.**

**Christmas Concert is scheduled for
Thursday 16th December
Santa will be coming on the night.**

Dear Parents,

There is just over a week now until our Melbourne Trip. I picked up the 75 tickets from V Line over the weekend and everything is full steam ahead for our big day. Our Kanga 8 boy's team represented our school with pride at the Regional Tournament last Tuesday but they faced some stiff opposition on the day. They were able to win one game for the day, which was a great effort, considering the size of some of the schools they were competing against. Special thanks to Mrs Sidebottom for coaching the team and for those terrific parents who assisted with transport.

I am in the process of finalising staffing and hope to make some announcements next week. I have consulted with a number of personnel in regard to this and I can assure everyone that decisions will be made in the best interests of the children and school community into the future. Our last School Council meeting for the year is on tomorrow night and we will be able to finalise our school fees for the future along with our School Budget for 2011. The schools Strategic Plan will also be endorsed which will enable us to have direction for the next 4 years.

There are only 2 weeks to go before the end of the year and I will probably contact some families over the holiday period in regard to a working bee. This will enable us to organise some equipment and furniture for classrooms but all of this will depend on how our building is progressing. Stay tuned.

I taught today and will again tomorrow, but I have a Cluster Principals meeting to attend in the afternoon. I will be in the office for the rest of the week. Karen will be away at CASES training on Wednesday but will be in the office all day Thursday, as per normal, to attend to any issues if needed. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

"It's better to fall short of a high mark than to reach a low one." 1

1. Bravehearts Personal Safety Show

We will be holding a Personal Safety session for our whole school on Tuesday 14th December from 2pm until 2.30pm. Keeping children safe is one of the most important things we do as parents, educators or other caring adults. To do this, we must equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to avoid risky situations and give them an understanding of their rights to protect their own body.

Bravehearts is aiming to achieve this through an education and prevention stream, bringing one of this country's most innovative and proactive programs to schools across the country. Teaching children personal safety helps young people learn the skills to identify their vulnerabilities while devising strategies to both protect themselves and get help

if unable to cope alone. While talking to children about sexual assault may be uncomfortable for some parents, personal safety can and should be taught to all children - even preschoolers. Thankfully, very young children can be taught personal safety without ever hearing frightening terms like "sexual assault".



Details about the program:

The purpose of 'Ditto's Education Program' is to teach children the skills to keep safe from sexual predators. We are taking these proven, safe, fun, effective and interactive messages, rules and tools into schools, day care centres, shopping centres, sporting clubs etc in order to provide children, parents, teachers, carers and the general community with specialised child sexual assault awareness and education. So far, 'Ditto's Education Program' and its vital personal safety messages have reached more than 60,000 children. The live protective behaviours performance runs for 30 minutes. The star of the performance is Ditto himself. The program is fun, non-threatening and encourages student participation. Segments include:

- * Yes and No feelings
- * Your body's warning signs
- * Scared and yucky feelings
- * Private parts (general discussion, includes our "Private Parts" song)
- * It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe
- * Good and Bad secrets (includes our "Good and Bad Secrets" song)
- * What to do if someone tells you a BAD secret (includes our "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust" song).

The Feedback has been encouraging;

"Fabulous way to talk about a very important and difficult topic." Manly State School.

"A great program to proactively deal with a very sensitive issue." Algester State School.

"A great program for the children, age appropriate and developmentally beneficial." ABC Childcare Nerang.

"The program gets the message of personal safety across to the children in a simple and effective way." Crestmead State School.

"Ditto the character was a great way to put across the messages rather than adults "telling" them as in other shows." ABC Childcare Calamvale.

If any parents do not wish their children to be involved in this program could you please contact the office.

2. After School Care Enquiry

I have contacted Stepping Stones and enquired about the possibility of an After School Care Program at our school. I have been informed that due to the small number of students that attend our school, it would not be a viable option for Stepping Stones Children's Services to come in and set up a program. They have in fact closed a number of services in rural Victoria recently due to this fact. There is the possibility to merge our children to one of the other larger services if there was interest from families. Currently there are services in Mooroopna and a couple in Shepparton that may be worth considering.

In the past, the school has sought interest from families in regard to running such a program, but nothing has eventuated. For the program to run – schools need to be able to guarantee that 15 children would be involved.

3. Building Project Update

BRB will be finishing work at our Building Site hopefully this week and we are anticipating a handover to Grove (Builders) within the next week or two so that our Building works can commence. Our schedule of works is updated every week but we are still hopeful that they building will still be finished before the beginning of the school year in 2011.

4. School Fees

Tomorrow night at School Council, we will be finalising our School Budget and School Fees for 2011. Obviously there will be some changes from this year, but we are determined to make the latter as reasonable and affordable for families as possible. Details will be in next week's newsletter.

5. Religious Education – Assembly

Our students will be having their last Religious Education session on Thursday afternoon. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank our fantastic volunteers who have implemented this program all year and to thank them for their commitment to this program we will be having an assembly in the afternoon to thank them. Our hard working Parents Club will be doing a small presentation on this day.

6. Mathletics – Student Ability

Throughout this year, our school has again successfully implemented the Mathletics Program to support students with numeracy. This is a terrific resource and we will again purchase a licence for this program for 2011. We can offer support for children and families at any time with this program. *Throughout the year, students are working through a set curriculum based on their year level at school. However, at times we can adjust this to extend students or support students by moving them up or down a grade level. Parents might like to consider this with the holidays approaching, because it would be a good opportunity for children to start to build some knowledge and experience of specific areas of numeracy which they may face next year. Already throughout the year, teachers have adapted this program so that students are working at their own ability.* **If any parents would like to see their children alter their course in relation to their actual grade level, could you please contact your child's teacher.** It only takes a click of a button and it would be very worthwhile in preparation for the new school year.



7. School Security

Our school will have a new alarm system installed tomorrow. This system will be at no cost to the school and will be funded by the Education Department. The alarms will be set up in the existing buildings and once the new building is constructed and handed over to the school the alarm system will be installed there as well. Our school is going to have some fantastic ICT resources over the next few years and we are determined to keep these safe and secure at all times.

8. Book Fair

Unfortunately, we had to close our Book Fair earlier than had been initially planned because of arrangements relating to the MARC Van, the State Election and the Active After School Communities Program. Nevertheless, we were able to collect \$600 from book purchases and this has resulted in the school receiving about \$200 which will be purchased on school books for our children for next year. We will hold another book fair next year, but will probably try and pick a time of the year which is more convenient for the school.

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. After discussing the night at the Parents Club Meeting last week, we decided that there will be no BBQ on the night but families can bring their own drinks if they wish. Santa will be arriving on the night and we are hoping to invite new children and families who will be at our school next year. **Families will receive a small note this week about the night.**

10. MARC (Library) & MACC (Art) Van Programs

Our last Library session concluded yesterday and Art will conclude on Friday 10th December. These programs will again be implemented next year and our Parents Club have kindly organised gifts for our two great teacher who visit our school every fortnight – Robyn Mitchell (Library) and Gwen Hack (Art)

11. Active After School Communities Program

Taekwondo finished yesterday, but Touch Footy / Multi Sports will continue for another two weeks on Tuesday's and will conclude on 14th December.

Participation winners for this week were – Ebony, Mollie, Teagan, Mikayla and Zane Newbound

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

12. The Ultranet

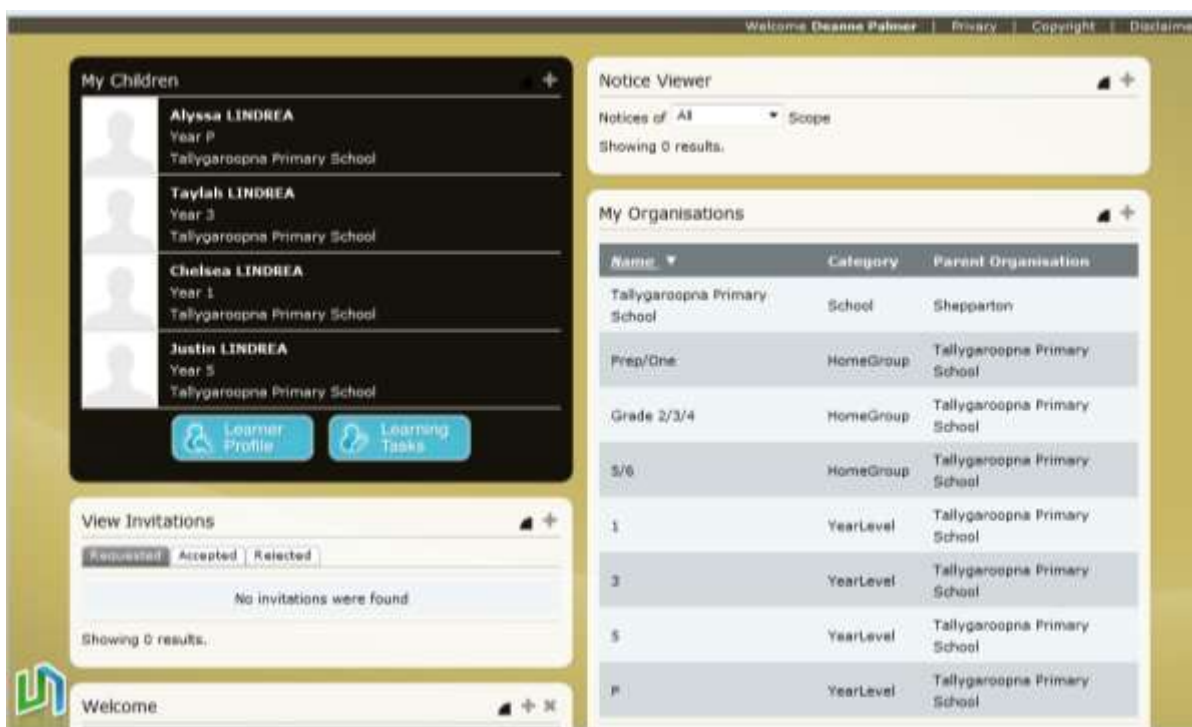
We are gradually bringing all of the students onto the Ultranet. All of the Grade 5/6 students and most of the Grade 3/4 class are able to log on successfully and we are hopeful of bringing on all of our students in the next few weeks. Student welcome letters did go home enabling them to log on to the 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 had a couple of parents come into the school last week and we worked our way through a few minor issues and we were able to log onto the Ultranet successfully. Below is a screenshot of what a parent's homepage would look like. Thanks to Deanne Palmer for offering to work through this.

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. The letters that went home a while ago should expire within about 10 days. These can be reset and sent out again though if needed.



13. Melbourne Excursion – Thursday 9th December

Only a few days until our end of year trip to the Melbourne Zoo. 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.

*** All students will be required to wear school uniform on the day so that we can easily identify our school.**

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 !!!!

14. 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

15. “You Can Do It” Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

P/1 Aimee Moorfoot for the confidence she displayed in presenting her project of the ‘Gingerbread Man’. Well done Aimee.

2/3/4 Kaleb Oxley for the persistence he has shown in the work he does in the classroom. Well done Kaleb.

5/6 Zane Newbound for the persistence he displays in his school work and homework and with trying to improve. Well done Zane and keep it up.



Prep Orientation Program – new students for 2011

We currently have 7 Prep students enrolled to start next year. The last scheduled day for this program is on December 7th (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. I have had a couple of parents express some interest in regard to this so if any parents are interested in completing such a course could they see either Karen or David at the office. I have contacted Kate Nichols and courses which she is offering for 2011 are listed below. Dates for Aust Swim 2011

* Benalla – January 15th & 16

* Shepparton – March 19th & 20th

Student Scholarships for 2010 - 2011

Students in Years 4–6 are invited to apply online for student scholarships administered by the Department. Details are provided below:

- The scholarships opened on Monday 22 November 2010 and range in value from \$250 to more than \$2000.
- Applicants will be required to submit their 2010 end-of-year results, which must be verified by their principals.
- Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criterion. Parents/ guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance or students receiving the Youth Allowance meet this criterion.
- The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund recently announced a tertiary and vocational education scholarship program to assist and encourage students directly affected by the 2009 fires to undertake further study.
- Students are invited to apply online at www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships

Critical Dates

- Applications open on **Monday 22 November 2010**.
- Students must lodge online applications by **Monday 31 January 2011**.
- Principals must verify students' 2010 end-of-year results by **Monday 28 February 2011**.

Education Maintenance Allowance – Processing Arrangements for 2011

For 2011, the annual consumer price index (CPI) increase will take the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) paid to parents/guardians of primary students from \$225 to \$230 and for parents/guardians of secondary students from \$450 to \$460.

- Parents will continue to have the option to receive the parent portion of the EMA paid by either direct deposit (EFT) into their nominated bank account or by cheque.
- The EMA web system for 2011 goes live on 1 February 2011. EMA administrators are able to start entering EMA applications for 2011 from this date onwards.

Critical Dates

- 1 February 2011 – eligibility date for the first instalment EMA payment
- 28 February 2011 – parent EMA application submissions close.
- 11 March 2011 – school submissions close. Schools have until this date to enter EMA applications into the EMA system.
- 15 March 2011 – first scheduled EMA payment run date (first instalment)
- Mid March 2011 – approximate date that parents choosing the EFT payment option will receive the first instalment EMA payment into their bank account
- Late March 2011 – first instalment EMA cheques expected to arrive at schools.

Keyboard & Guitar Lessons for 2011

Cliff Doorncamp would like to again visit our school next year on Mondays to teach interested students keyboard and guitar. Lessons will cost \$15 for a 20minute private lesson. A student would need to own their own guitar to participate in guitar lessons (tuition guitars cost \$80 to \$90). Any interested families need to contact the Office as soon as possible so that we know there is enough interest.

Possible Bus Travelers for 2011

I am currently in the process of organizing the new bus route for 2011. This takes some time to organize and I will be contacting families over the holiday period to inform them of specific times and drop off and pick up points. Currently, I have the following students probably using the bus for 2011.

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| Ebony Mills | Kyle Montgomery | Shae Montgomery |
| Kylie Moorfoot | Renae Moorfoot | Aimee Moorfoot |
| Shannon Keenes | Mollie Karl | Chrissie Karl |
| Campbell Steigenberger | Harri Ring | Abby Klein |
| Bill Klein | Harvey Walker | Eloise Walker <u>New Prep</u> |
| Liv Burgess <u>New Prep</u> | Daniel Collins <u>New Prep</u> | Leah Collins <u>New Prep</u> |
| Beau Ramadan <u>New Prep</u> | Daniel Ramadan <u>New Prep</u> | |

If any of this information is incorrect, could you contact me ASAP so that the bus run can be finalized and organized without any problems.

Mr Brodie

Organ - Anyone Interested ??The school has an old Viscount Fair Lady Delux Organ to give away if anyone is interested. It has been at the school, unused for many years, so it is time to hand it on to someone who may find more use to it.

Bike Shelter – OUT OF BOUNDS

A reminder that the bike shelter is strictly out of bounds and no one should be near the bike shelter once students arrive at school. There have been some complaints about bikes being touched during school hours so could parents please reinforce this with their children please.

Student VSN Number – Grade 6 students leaving

At the end of the year, we say goodbye to our wonderful Grade 6 kids. These students will need their Victorian Student Number when they enroll at their new school. As a result, parents will need to contact the office so that they can get their VSN and then pass this onto relevant Secondary Colleges. Please do this before the end of the year.

School Christmas Rotating Dinner

A great night was had by all those who attended the social night last Saturday. Thanks to the families who hosted courses and to those who supplied the yummy meals.

Parents’ Club

Come, relax, enjoy a fun night out on Tuesday, 7th December at Firenzes at 7pm for the Parents and Friends Christmas Break up.

The Parents’ Club will be offering a munch and crunch lunch on the last day of term (Friday 17th of December). The lunch will consist of 2 slices of pizza, an icy pole and a prima. Pizza choices will be Meat Lovers (M), Hawaiiin (H) or BBQ Chicken (C). Cost will be \$4.00 and additional slices can be ordered for \$1.00 per slice. Orders and payment need to be at school by no later than Monday, 13th December.

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Pizza Munch and Crunch Lunch – 17th December

Name:.....	Type:	No. of Additional Pizza Slices:.....	Cost:.....
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TALLYGARoopNA / CONGUPNA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

Presented by

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Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve

Sat. 18th December 2010

From 6:30pm till late

FREE ENTRY!

**MAJOR RAFFLE to be drawn
BBQ dinner and drinks at bar prices**



*Plenty of entertainment for children with a special visit from Santa!
Plus face painting, show bags, miniature train rides and a jumping castle.
Promises to be a great evening out for the whole family.*



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