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NEWSLETTER

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**Remember that this newsletter
can be accessed from the school
website listed above.**

Parents' Club

***The first Parents' Club meeting
will be held on Wednesday 3rd
March at 3.30pm at school. This is
when Preps begin having a full
week at school so we are hopeful
some new families might be able
to attend.***

Dear Parents,

Hi everyone. We had a very successful school council meeting last week and on the night we were able to endorse the new student engagement policy for 2010. This will be going home this week for families to read. I encourage all families to keep this policy at home and only return the approval page to school. School Council also gave permission to canvas ideas on new uniforms for the future so further details regarding this will be available in the future.

Changes were also made to the Excursion / Voluntary Levy and details are provided below. It is important to note that these are the only fees for the school year as no other fees are associated with the school. These fees are now payable. It has also been a number of years since the last increase and families may pay these in instalments if they wish. Feel free to contact Karen at the office in regard to this.

The following structure was ratified:

- Excursion Levy - \$90 per student. This will cover the cost of most school excursions throughout the year. This is a compulsory levy for all students.
- Fundraising Levy (Voluntary) - Single child families \$60 / Families with 2 or more children \$90.

Thank you to those families who attended the information evening last Tuesday. It was a valuable learning time, particularly for those families whose child began this year. I am teaching on Monday and Tuesday this week, so we finally have a normal week. Last week, I met with Judy Rose (Regional Network Leader) and went through the draft Annual Implementation Plan. This document will be endorsed at the next school council meeting along with the annual report to the school community. Annual implementation planning assists schools to:

- plan and communicate their work for the coming year and how this will lead to achieving the goals and targets in the school strategic plan
- ensure efficient and effective allocation of resources to complete the work
- monitor progress and success.

Last but not least, everyone in the school community wishes Mrs Haberfield all the best with the impending addition to her family. She has informed me that she will be taking family leave in term 2 and return to the school for the second half of the year. Plans are currently being finalised regarding her replacement and I hope to be able to inform the school community of this in the next fortnight.

David Brodie - Acting Principal

1. Prep Information

Just a reminder, that Prep children WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays in the first month of the school year. The last Wednesday to remain at home is the 24th February before starting a full week at school.

2. EMA

Information for 2010

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**27 January 2010** which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**12 July 2010**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **26 February 2010** for the first instalment and **6 August 2010** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$225** for primary students and **\$450** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 78.75	\$ 157.50
	School	\$ 78.75	\$ 157.50
Two	Parent	\$ 33.75	\$ 67.50
	School	\$ 33.75	\$ 67.50
	Total	\$ 225	\$ 450

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of **2010** through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **26 February 2010** and prior to or on **6 August 2010**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

3. Art Van / Library Van

A reminder that Children will need an art smock (when the Art MACC Van visits the school every second Friday), with a name on it (most already have one) eg. old shirt, etc to protect their clothes from paint, glue, etc. The Library MARC Van is also visiting the school on a fortnightly basis and children are asked to bring a library bag (either cloth or strong plastic) to protect the library books.

4. Keyboard

Keyboard lessons began today with Cliff Doornkamp. These will continue to be held on an individual basis until the end of term and a payment of \$45 will need to be paid to Karen at the office with cheques to be made payable to Cliff Doornkamp. Cliff will begin lessons at 10am and finish around lunchtime. Each session will go for 20 minutes and the students will rotate with different times over this 3 week period. Unfortunately, Labour Day and the Athletic Sports clash with keyboard so there won't be lessons conducted on these 2 days. We are hopeful that this program will continue next term and beyond.

5. Student Information

Attached to the first newsletter of the year was an envelope containing your child/ren details held at school. Could you please check these details to ensure they are accurate, sign, date and return the form with any changes back to the school office as soon as possible. Extra student information forms can be collected from the office.

6. School Council

The Annual General Meeting for School Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd March at 7.30pm. **There will be a couple of positions available for parents to be a member of school council. If anyone is interested in being part of School Council for 2010 could you contact David at school.**

7. School Volunteers

Thank you to the many parents, who have seen Karen at the office regarding this. Our list of parents with working with children checks is growing and this list will continue to be approved at School Council. **We still require any volunteers to leave their name at the Office and let us know if they have a current Working with Children Card.** Information about getting a Volunteer's Working with Children Check (which incurs no cost) is available at the Office.

8. Active After – School Communities Program

Our AASC Program continues this week at the following times:

Monday	3.45 – 4.45pm	Multi Skills
Tuesday	3.45 – 4.45pm	Badminton

Each child will be provided with a healthy fruit snack before the session begins.

9. Athletic Sports

These will be held at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton on Monday 22nd March. If bad weather occurs a Back Up Day has been scheduled for Tuesday 20th April (Term 2 – week 2). More details will be available next week.

10. Aquamoves Day

Students from Prep – Grade 6 will be participating in a cluster day with other district small schools on Thursday 4th March. The day has a fun in the water theme and will begin at about 10am and conclude at noon. Students will be split into groups and two one hour sessions will be held. One hour will be in the water and the other hour will be out of the water. More details will be available next week.

11. Census Day

This Friday is Census Day so we are hopeful that all students will be in attendance at school on this day.

12. Prep / Grade 1 – How we change !

This week we are looking at how we have changed from birth to present. Could each child please bring along a baby photo of themselves please. If parents would like to email the school, a digital photo that would be fine as well. Mr Brodie can print these off. Mrs Wallace.

13. Absences

It is DEECD policy that the school is notified when a student is absent from school. This can be done by phone or by written note.

14. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 3

P/1 Bill Klein for his great 'getting along' skills in settling into the grade and his persistence in his work. Well done Bill.

2/3/4 Kaleb Oxley for the fantastic way he has been using his organisational skills to get work completed and his homework/reading done.
A fabulous effort Kaleb!

5/6 Samahna Humphrey for her mature approach to project work and for having a great attitude to work in class.



TALLY NETBALL

If there are any girls interested in playing Under 11 Netball in the Shepparton Saturday morning Competition, please leave your name and DOB at the school Office.

SOCCER NEWS

Registration night for soccer will be held at school on Tuesday 2nd March at 4.30pm. Cost will be \$70 per player to be paid in full on the night (cheques to be made payable to Tallygaroopna PS). A copy of your child's birth certificate is required. We will be running an Under 7 team and an Under 6 if we get enough children. This will be discussed on the night. Any queries contact Donna McNab.

TALLY TENNIS

Congratulations again! Tally 5/33 defeated St Brendans 1/13. Training Tuesday at Courts with Kerry. Saturday's game against Congupna will be our last, so could all parents turn up to help out with cleaning/gardening as well.

Indoor Soccer **NEW THURSDAY COMP** **STARTS 11th MARCH**

Major League Indoor Sports is starting a new Indoor Soccer season. We are looking for Teams or players in the Prep/Kinder Division, Grades 1&2, Grades 3&4 and Grades 5&6. All grades are open to Boys and Girls.

All games are now played on a Thursday!!!

The centre is located at 3 McGill St, Shepparton.

To register or for more information please phone Glenn at the centre on 58 210290 or 0409010429

Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children between the ages of 5 and 10 years.

Information sessions are being held @ Department Human Services **Seymour** 16 Station St Tuesday 16th March 6.30pm and **Benalla** 26 Church St Thursday 18th March 6.30pm

For further information please contact:
Adoption & Permanent Care Program
☎: 5832 1559 or ☎: 5832 1552.



Golf Competition

You may or may not know that I am a passionate golfer who is a member of the Shepparton Golf Club. The golf club has asked me to act as liaison person for schools in their latest initiative.

They are very keen to promote the sport of golf as a leisure activity that has something for all people of all ages. In particular they are keen to start a primary and secondary school competition with a trophy for the winner.

Their initiative would ideally see each primary and secondary school place a team in this round robin competition. There would be a primary division and a secondary division. It is hoped that each school would have a team of four players.

The competition would be held in the upcoming autumn season over a four week period. It would be held after school on a designated day probably a Monday or a Wednesday and would be from four o'clock to six o'clock. The golf would be free and the only stipulation would be that every player has their own set of sticks. There would be some provision of golf clubs for a small number of students if needed.

For the competition to work it would need one parent who has knowledge of the game of golf to help supervise and manage their school's team.

A BBQ would be provided at the end of the competition for all players and managers. The whole idea is to provide more leisure options for our students. Golf is an ideal sport that can be played in a team format as well as an individual format; it has a lot to offer our students.

The Shepparton Golf course is one of the best in the country and the club is keen to promote the sport. All I need from you is a confirmation (no later than 26th February) by return email kop.jerry.i@edumail.vic.gov.au of your interest in participating in this competition. If there is enough interest I will proceed to formalising dates and draws.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this initiative and have a great first term.

Jerry Kop
(Lemnos Primary School)

Draft K-10 Australian Curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history

On Monday 1 March 2010, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) published draft K-10 Australian Curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history for a period of national consultation. The consultation period closes on 23 May 2010.

This is a significant event in Australian education.

The draft curriculum and all the resources required to provide feedback are published at:

www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. At this address, you will find the draft curriculum which you can comment on, a survey which you can complete and other resources such as videos, information sheets and frequently asked questions.

On visiting the website, you will need to register your details in a simple process that will provide you with an ongoing login and password and ensures you the opportunity to save and return to your feedback over time and as often as you wish.

This is a unique opportunity for you to express your views and comment on the draft curriculum materials. Take the opportunity over the next few months to contribute to making this the best possible curriculum for all teachers and students in Australia.

The draft curriculum in the same four learning areas, for the senior secondary years, will be published online and available for public consultation between April and June 2010. More details on consultation on the senior years' curriculum will be provided in March.

ACARA will refine the draft curriculum in response to the feedback from both the K-10 and senior years' national consultation, and will publish a final version of the K-12 Australian Curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history in September 2010.

Junior School Council

THE J.S.C will be holding a couple of days this term as fund-raising days. The proceeds will be donated to Toolamba PS to assist them following their recent fire. More information will follow.

Strikers Hockey Club Inc
Inc No A0022443F ABN 24326431137

Strikers Hockey Club Inc

Extends an Invitation to Past, Present and New Players for the 2010 Season
Strikers is a family based Club seeking players in all age and grade levels there are:



**Juniors (combined teams of girls and boys)
Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16
Senior Men and Senior Women**

If you have been contemplating playing Hockey this season
and would like to join Strikers Hockey Club Inc. come along to the

'Sign Up Night'

on **Tuesday February 23rd, 2010**
from **5.30 - 6.00 pm onwards**
at the **Hockey Field - Brauman Street, Shepparton**

there will be a Sausage Sizzle and drinks (gold coins donation)
and a fun game or two of hockey bring your friends a hockey stick, a mouth guard and shin guards

Training will begin on Tuesday March 2nd, 2010 at the hockey fields

If you can't attend sign up but want to play & for further information contact:

President:	Tim Scholz	5831 8314, 0408674147
Senior players:	Evan Collins 5821 4800	0438054782
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SPORTPOWER
(Indoor Soccer)

FUTSAL CUP

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - STARTS 10 FEBRUARY

- Under 7's, U9's, U11's, U13's + U16's
- Small-sided games, referees provided
- 7 week competition (including finals)
- Games will be between 4.00pm - 5.30pm
- Affiliated with Football Federation Victoria

ASSOCIATED COSTS:

- Team Weekly Match Fees: \$30 per team
- 1 year Insurance & Injury Cover: \$18 per (new) child
- Insurance cover is for 4 school term programs

There are limited places available, so teams must register to avoid missing out.

All registrations will close Wednesday 3 February, 2010.

To obtain registration forms or for more information please contact Council's Programs Coordinator Nathan Tweddle at the Shepparton Sports Stadium on (03) 5832 9481 or email stadiums@shepparton.vic.gov.au

SPORTPOWER SHEPPARTON

CROP FOR A KINDER

Scrapbooking & Card Making Crop Night

FRIDAY 12th MARCH 2010

7-12pm

Tallygaroopna Children's Centre

(cnr Victoria & Smith St Tallygaroopna)

Door Prizes, Raffles

Cricut & Cuddlebug Machines & Punches available

Basic supplies for purchase

Challenges

Buy, Swap, Sell Table

Make & Take by

BRITTANNY/HILSE STAMP & SCRAP & KASAZZ

\$15 entry (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)

(Includes supper, goodies bag, door prizes, make & take & use of punches)

All Proceeds to Tallygaroopna Children's Centre

Enquires & Bookings Ph: Katie 0417330344