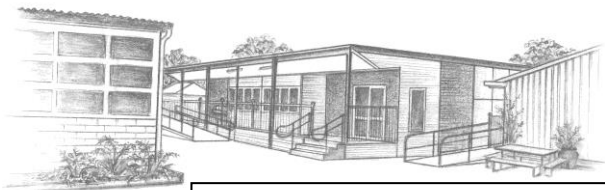


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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### MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. National Red Balloon Day** - We are celebrating National Red Balloon Day to thank our courageous Fire Fighters this Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. This will be a casual day where students are encouraged to wear something red for a gold coin donation (per family) which will be donated to our local CFA. If students are not wearing red they will need to wear their school uniform. The local fire truck will visit our school between 11.30am and 1pm. The red balloon sent home today is to be fastened to your front fence or letter box on Friday as a simple gesture to say thank you.
- 2. Work Placements** - We are fortunate to have Rebecca Wayman (4/5/6) and Anna Tripoli (F/1) join our staff tomorrow as 2 classroom assistants. We now have support in each of the 3 grades this year. These Work Placements are funded and both Rebecca and Anna will be at our school from Tuesday to Thursday each week for the next 26 weeks.
- 3. Geelong Football Club Clinic** - The whole school has an opportunity to participate in a football clinic at Congupna on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This excursion is invitation only and permission forms will go home this week. The clinic begins at 12.30pm and concludes at 2pm. Lunch will be at 11.30am on this day and snacks will be eaten when we return from the clinic. We anticipate the cost will be \$2 for bus which will leave at midday and return at approximately 2pm.
- 4. Puberty Sessions** - This is organised for students in Grades 4/5/6 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Boys and girls will be separated during these sessions and if you have any queries or would prefer for your child to not be involved - contact me at school please.
- 5. Cluster Aquamoves / Koorie Day** - This is a whole day excursion which is planned for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. More specific details will be available next week with a permission form. The cost for the day will be \$10 per student - includes bus, entry to Aquamoves and the Koorie program.
- 6. Athletic Sports** - This is scheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the McEwen Reserve in Shepparton all day. Families will need to drive their children to the venue on this day. The back-up day is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Permission forms will go home soon in regard to this.
- 7. Uniform Policy (shoes)** - The Uniform Policy was amended last week at School Council to include only fully enclosed shoes. Therefore, sandals and thongs are not considered appropriate footwear for school especially during outdoor activities.
- 8. New Laptops** - 8 new devices arrived this week and we hope to have these functioning in classrooms by the end of the week.
- 9. Consent Form (Headlice)** - This was sent home today and it would be appreciated if it could be returned ASAP. Headlice is a common issue that occurs at most schools and your support in regard to this would be appreciated.
- 10. Uniform Order** - These need to be in by this Friday. A uniform order was in last week's newsletter.
- 11. Climbing Trees** - No students are to climb trees at school. There are a couple of nice trees they can sit in (ie: near the brick wall), but no one should climb trees for safety reasons.
- 12. Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund** - A reminder to contact the office if you would like an application form in regard to this.
- 13. Forms to Return** - Thank you to the many families who have returned a number of forms to start the school year. Your assistance in returning these ASAP would be appreciated for the following forms - Student Engagement Policy, E Smart Policy, Green Confidential Information Sheet, Asthma Management Plans for relevant families and Chaplaincy Consent.
- 14. School Fees** - We have had a wonderful response to this so far and this is attributed to the transparency with the Parent Payment letter that was sent home at the beginning of the year. **A reminder that fees are due on 29 February unless alternate arrangements have been made with the school office.**
- 15. English Online Interviews** - These continue this week on Wednesday afternoon and all Foundation families should have received a timetable in regard to this. The timetable was also put on Tiqbiz. Please try your best to be on time during this period so that formalised Literacy testing can occur with ease.
- 16. School Council** - The first School Council for the year was held last Wednesday. It gives me great pleasure to announce that new School Councillors for the year will be Peter Burgess, Daniel Elliott and Thain Voss and I am sure that they will make a valuable contribution to the school over the next 2 years. The new School Council will not meet formally until the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> March.
- 17. Headphones** - Any students without their own headphones should now have received some supplied by the school. Any queries contact me please.
- 18. Meditation** - This began successfully last week and we look forward to seeing the benefits of this program over time. Sessions are short and sharp and are on afternoons on Tues, Wed and Thurs. All staff have completed a quick pre-program evaluation on each student.
- 19. Book Club** - Students who placed orders received books today.
- 20. Sporting Schools Program** - This program continues this week with Athletics today and Lawn Bowls on Tuesday. A reminder to pick children up promptly - 4.35pm on Monday at school and 4.45pm on Tuesday at the Recreation Reserve.
- 21. OSH Care** - is available only on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as per normal. **A new enrolment form is to be completed for each child on an annual basis.** These can be collected at the office and are available on our school website.
- 22. Foundation Students** - A reminder that students in Foundation will continue to have Wednesday's off in February. The first full week for Foundation students begins on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February.
- 23. Northerners Cricket** - The last cricket match to be scheduled at our school for the season is this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

David Brodie (Principal)

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I will be away at a Principals Meeting on Friday unfortunately.