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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

NEWSLETTER

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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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.

A reminder that Monday is a holiday because of Labour Day. School will resume on Tuesday 15th March – newsletter

The Annual General Meeting for the Parents Club will be held this Wednesday 9th March at school – 7.30pm. New Parents are welcome and needed.

Could Computer Use Agreements and Student Information Forms please be returned to the office ASAP.

Dear Parents,

Hi everyone. The students had a very enjoyable day at Aquamoves last Friday despite the at times cool weather. It was terrific to see the kids renew friendships and make new ones – that is what these cluster days are all about.

This week, some important school data has been released. Some of this is available to the general public, so I would encourage all parents to have a look at the MySchool Website, because some positive data is evident for our school. At present, we are busy preparing for the Athletic Sports and we are in need of some helpers to assist with taking groups around to specific events. If you can help out please contact the office, so that this day runs smoothly. We are anticipating over 800 children on this day so lots of planning and assistance is needed. Information is in this edition of the newsletter. The Grade 5/6 Camp is only a few months away so we are also seeking expression of interest and a small deposit ASAP. This will enable us to finalise costs and the program before the end of the term hopefully.

Karen will be away at OHS Training on Thursday, but she will be available at the office until Wednesday. I look forward to catching up with everyone at the Parents & Friends AGM on Wednesday night. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

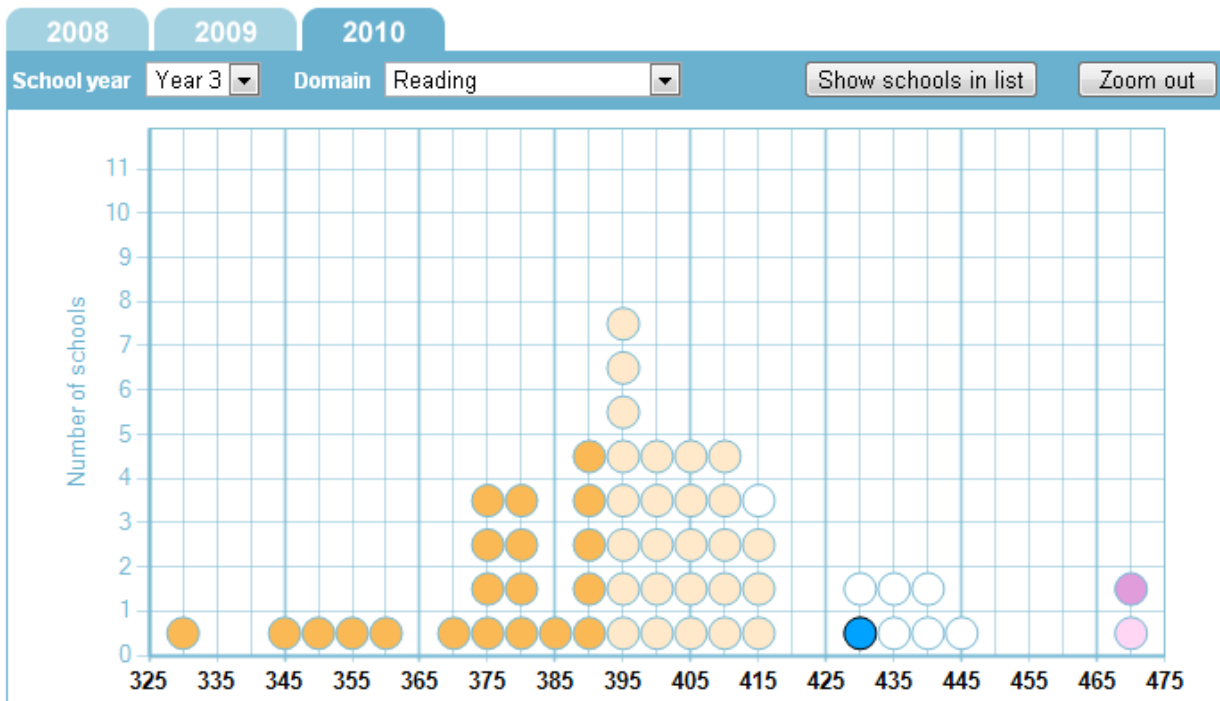
Aquamoves – Cluster Day



1. My School Website - <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

This information has been updated and parents will be able to quickly locate statistical and contextual information about schools in their community and compare them with statistically similar schools across the country. It also provides parents and students with information on each school – its view of itself and its mission, its staffing, its resources and its students' characteristics and their performances.

Secondly, it provides schools and their communities with comparisons of their students' performances in literacy and numeracy with those of students in other schools, most importantly those in schools that serve similar students. These comparisons provide information to support improvements in schools. Among schools with similar students, those achieving higher student performances can stimulate others to lift expectations of what they and their students can achieve. The schools with higher performing students can be a source of information for others on the policies and practices that produce those higher performances.



2. Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2010 is currently being completed and will be endorsed by School Council on March 23rd. All schools prepare an Annual Report to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year. The report also provides an opportunity to communicate and publicise the longer term directions for the school. The annual report should be made available to parents by 30 June each year.

3. School Level Report

Last week we received our School Level Report for 2010. This report is very comprehensive and has a summary of achievements in regard to English Online, VELs, NAPLAN, Attendance, Enrolment and Parent & Staff Opinion Surveys. School Council will spend some time going through this report in a couple of weeks.

4. Staffing

At present, Miss Bicknell is teaching the Grade 5/6 students four days a week from Tuesday until Friday. This position was only for term 1, but it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Grade 5/6 teaching position will now continue until the rest of the year. Our school will advertise this position this week, before an announcement is made in regard to staffing.

5. School Audit

Our school will be having a financial audit on Wednesday 16th March. As a result, both Karen and David will be unavailable for most of the day. It would be appreciated if minimal disruptions could occur, to enable this day to run smoothly.

6. Athletic Sports

The EGPSSA athletic sports will be held on Monday, 4th April at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton (Little Athletics track beside the Sports Stadium). Parents are requested to transport athletes to and from McEwen Reserve. Children will need to be dropped off no later than 9.00am and will report to Miss Bicknell who will mark the roll. At the conclusion of the sports, parents are to collect them. This should be approximately 3.00pm. If families think they will have difficulty transporting their children to the sports please contact the school. In the event of inclement weather, the wet weather committee will meet at 8.00am, **if there is going to be a postponement, this will immediately be announced on 3SR and 96.9FM and the principals of the schools will be contacted.** A Back Up Day has been scheduled for Wednesday 6th April.

Children are asked to bring their own drink which will travel with them, or a plastic mug labelled with their name. Cold water will be available at each activity. Children may bring their own lunch or lunches and drinks can be purchased from the Canteen which is being catered by Kialla PS. Children who are not competing in an event must bring along a note signed by a parent.

If any parents can help out in any way on the day of the sports could you contact the office ASAP. This year, we are trying to cut costs by **not** hiring a marquee, so if any families have a shade structure which may be used on the day could they also contact the office.

7. Fosbury Flop Forms

Last week, fosbury flop forms went home for parents to fill out if they are happy for their children to perform this routine (landing on back) when completing the high jump. At present, we are doing a lot of practice with the high jump and are hopeful that the majority of students will be able to perform this routine safely. If students do not bring this form back they will



need to perform the scissors routine (landing on feet). If the form is returned, they will have the option of both routines. Athletic cards will be marked indicating which students are allowed to perform the fosbury flop.

8. Grade 5/6 Camp

Plans have begun for the Grade 5/6 Urban Camp to Melbourne. Our school is responsible for organising this and we need to know definite numbers before the end of March, so that the cost for the camp can be formally set. We are anticipating that this cost will be between \$150 and \$200. The camp begins on Monday 6th June and concludes on Wednesday 8th June. Please return the Expression of Interest form and a deposit before the end of March if your child will be attending the camp.

The Camp will involve some of the following attractions – Aquarium, IMAX, MCG – Sports Museum, Shrine, Aquatic Centre, Museum and Science Works. More details will be available soon. Please contact Karen at the office if you would like to organise a payment plan for the camp.

**GRADE 5/6 URBAN CAMP
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / DEPOSIT**

My child.....would like to attend the Melbourne Urban Camp from 6th June until 8th June. I encloseas a small deposit for the camp.

Signed.....

9. Supervisor – Active After School Communities Program

We are seeking another supervisor for this program. If any other parents are interested in this role could they contact the office ASAP. The next training day to become a supervisor will be held during the school holidays on Tuesday 19th April. There is a small financial payment made to school supervisors and their responsibilities can be summarised as:

- Take a roll call and keep records of all participating children
- Provide appropriate supervision until the completion of each session
- Assist with setup of equipment if necessary
- Provide feedback to Program Coordinator [deliverer?] on quality of program delivery
- Ensure the children are provided with afternoon tea
- Report any accidents to the Program Coordinator
- Ensure risk management policies are adhered to
- Ensure child protection policies are adhered to

AASC Participation Winners for Week 5 were – Harvey Walker, Abby Klein, Stephanie Fleming and Campbell Steigenberger.

10. Mosquitoes

In light of the recent floods in Victoria, there has been an increase in the population of mosquitoes and there is a risk that illnesses due to mosquito born viruses will start to occur. Some general advice about protecting children and young people from mosquitoes, particularly in flood affected areas is provided below.

Prevention

There are 2 broad guidelines for prevention:

- Avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes by limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk where possible.
- Mosquito control around the home, school or early childhood service:
 - Reduce available breeding areas for mosquitoes, particularly still, shallow water (e.g. in pot plants, car tyres, etc) where possible.
 - Check insect screens on windows and doors.
 - Eliminate mosquitoes found inside buildings.

Health advice – what to look out for and what to do

It is important that school and children's services staff are alert to the possibility of an illness as a result of a mosquito bite in students or children. A child may show signs of a high temperature, feeling unwell or lethargic and may also experience nausea, vomiting and dizziness. Advise the parent or guardian that they should take the child to a general practitioner for further advice and care.

11. English Online Testing

Staff have finished completing English Online Testing for all Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students. This is very time consuming and the staff at school have done a terrific job at school implementing this with limited disruptions. A big thank you to parents who were able to work around this.

12. Grade 6 Shirts

These should be available next Tuesday 15th March. All uniforms which have been printed should be paid for before they are handed back to families. The cost for this was \$8 a print.

13. Occupational Health & Safety Training

Mrs Armstrong will be away this Thursday, attending this training. Karen will also be away on 17th, 24th & 31st March and 7th April.

14. Sport Shed – new date!

I have been informed that our new sport shed will start to be built on **Friday 18th March**. This resource will be a great addition to the school and much of the equipment which is stored in the container will be moved into the sport shed. If any parents can assist with this shift contact the office – we plan to organise a working bee.

15. New Building

It was fantastic to see more work continue last week. Plumbers and painters were at school on most days doing work on the new building and things appear to be moving along smoothly at present. STAY TUNED!!

16. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 1/2 are:

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| March 9 th – Parents & Friends AGM | March 14 th – Labour Day Holiday |
| March 16 th – School Audit | March 22 nd – Anaphylaxis Update |
| March 23 rd – School Council (AGM) | March 26 th – Possible Working Bee |
| April 4 th – Athletic Sports | April 7 th – Munch N Crunch |
| April 8 th – Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Excursion | April 25 th – Anzac Day Ceremony (School Leaders) |
| April 27 th – Term 2 Starts | May 6 th – EGPSSA Cross Country |
| May 9 th – AASC Starts – Term 2 | May 10 th >12 th – NAPLAN Testing |
| May 16 th – Bike Ed. Program Begins | May 25 th – Life Ed. Van |
| May 26 th – Biggest Morning Tea | June 1 st – Jump Rope for Heart Day |
| June 6 th > 8 th – Grade 5/6 Camp | |

17. Northerners Soccer Club

Registration will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 3.30pm at Tallygaroopna PS. Any queries please phone Donna McNab 0437352634 or 58298313.

18. Working With Children Checks

WWC Checks are required for all non-teaching school based employees. This includes both current and new employees. It is an offence to engage in child-related work in educational institutions without a current assessment notice. WWC Checks came in to effect in April 2006 and are valid for 5 years. If cardholders intend to continue in 'child-related work', legislation requires them to renew their Checks after 5 years. Legislation also requires card holders to update their details. This should be done as a matter of priority at the cardholder's earliest convenience.

19. School Volunteers

One of the tasks for School Council at the start of the year is to approve the current list of volunteers working in the school and any additions to the list during the year. Therefore, we 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.

20. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for week 5 –

- P/1** **Eloise Walker** for the persistence and confidence she has shown in her work and also her skipping. Great work Eloise.
- 2/3/4** **Mitchell Bassett** for his marvellous getting along skills and his splendid persistence he shows in completing his class work. A fantastic effort Mitchell!
- 5/6** **Daniel Bagley** for his beautiful manners and his confidence in tackling difficult maths tasks and his fabulous team work while playing Tan Gam. Well done Daniel.



Tally Netball Team

Any children interested in playing Saturday morning competition (11 & Under) Registration Night is 21st March. Names need to be in to Bev Montgomery (ph 0400 914 464) before this date.

Book Club

Book Club Issue 2 order forms went home with students last week. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form and return with payment to school by Friday 11th March.

Homework Survey (feel free to write your results on a separate piece of paper)

Family Name –

Do you consider homework important ? Yes / No

What do you find positive about homework ?

What concerns you about homework ?

What do you consider essential or positive homework ?

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Northerners U/13 Cricket

Congratulations boys on winning the 2010/2011 U/13 Cricket Grand Final. We saved our best till last with a faultless performance. We made 5 for 182 and bowled Kialla out for 121. I won't single any individuals out it was a superb team effort, well done to all involved. Thanks to Brendan Newbound for coaching and all the wonderful parents for their help and support each week.



Northerners Football

Expressions of interest are invited for students who would like to play school age football for Northerners Football Club. Please contact Karen at Tallygaroopna Primary School and leave your name, date of birth and a contact number if interested.

Ella Sidebottom attended Zone tennis trials on Wednesday 2nd March at McEwen Reserve and was selected to represent the East Goulburn Zone and the next stage in Wangaratta on April 28th. Well done Ella on your achievement and we wish you luck in Wangaratta.



NEW SEASON— WINTER 2011

The winter basketball season will commence in the week beginning 9th May 2011 and will run through to 19th August 2011. There are no games throughout the school holidays. There will be two registration nights.

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER AND PAY ON THESE NIGHTS IF THEY WISH TO PLAY.

Tigers Basketball Club Registrations will be taken on:

Monday 28th March – 6:00 to 7:30 at the Main Stadium Meeting Room

Wednesday 30th March – 6:00 to 7:30 at the Main Stadium Meeting Room

Registration fees are \$50

Warmup tops for the winter season will be available to order on registration night for \$35.00. CASH ONLY

ALL ENQUIRIES:

Keith Ward 58210019 BOYS: Jodie Stradling 58218515 GIRLS: Julie Zito 58316348



CONGUPNA TALLYGAROPNA
LANDCARE GROUP

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday 16th
at 7.30pm

at the CONGUPNA HALL

Note: the early starting time, as our guest speaker, thought a few children may like to see her presentation. So please see if you can get any friends or family members to come along to this evening.

Guest Speaker : Lanie Pearce will holding a short demonstration of cluster Group Education Days she has held to promote the Landcare movement with School Children.



inventive ... Lanie Pearce won the Landcare education award for her fun and informative primary and secondary school presentations.

Ms Pearce was recognised with the 2010 Goulburn Broken Waterway Award for her many conservation endeavours and gained the Parks Victoria grant for her conservation education work with the Broken Society Catchment Management Network.

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Crop for a Kinder

Scrapbook and Card Making Crop Night

FRIDAY 1st APRIL 2011

7- 12 pm

Tallygaroopna Children's Centre
(Cnr Victoria and Smith St Tallygaroopna)

Door Prizes, Raffles,
Cricut and Cuddlebug Machines and Punches available
Basic Supplies for Purchase
Buy, Swap and Sell Table
Make and Takes by
BRITTANNAHLEE STAMP AND SCRAP AND STAMP'N UP

\$15 Entry (Bookings Essential)
(Includes supper, door prizes, makes and takes and use of punches)

All proceeds to Tallygaroopna Children's Centre
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