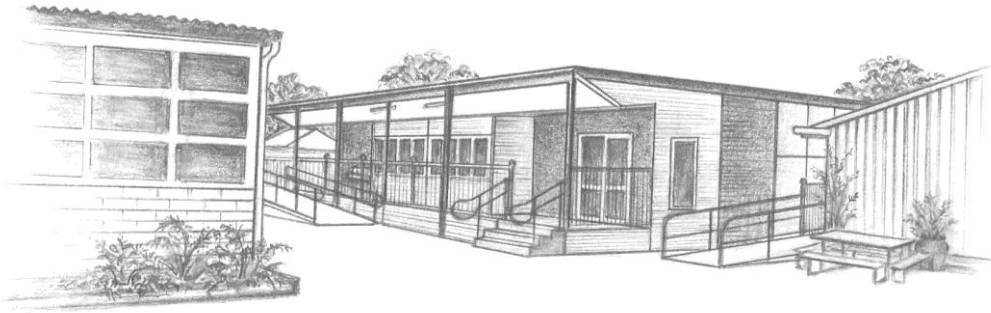


TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



May, 2014

Dear Parents!

Hi and a very big welcome to Tallygaroopna Primary School. We, the staff at Tallygaroopna Primary School are very excited and privileged to have your child with us at our school and look forward to a fun and safe year. If you have any problems or queries please feel free to contact any staff member at the school, we will be happy to help.

Please find in the following pages some information that hopefully will help you over the next year.

Our School Values

Tallygaroopna Primary School's Values are:

Respect, Honesty and Inclusion.

We hope that every person who walks into Tally Primary School:

- feels respected
- feels that they are treated honestly
- feels included in our community



David Brodie

Teaching Principal.

David has a lovely wife Melinda and three great kids, Max, Noah & Sally. David has the difficult task of splitting his duties between teaching Grade 5 & 6 and being our school's Principal.



Sandra Wallace

Grade Foundation & 1

Sandra is our most experienced staff member here at Tallygaroopna Primary School. Sandra is a staunch St. Kilda supporter and Grandma to her beloved grandchildren Dane & Evie.



Claire Haberfield

Grade 2/3 & 4

Claire, who lives in Tally, is married to David and Mum to three terrific kids, Sam, Tom and Hazel. She is an avid reader and has tremendous passion for books and learning.

Karen Armstrong

Business Manager.

Karen is our lovely Business Manager and works Monday –Thursday. Karen is always willing to help you answer any questions. Karen is married to Trevor & has two strapping young sons, Daniel & Luke.



Term Dates 2015

Term 1: 28 January (teachers start) to 27 March

Term 2: 13 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

The last school day of each school term is usually designated as a casual clothes day. Your child is allowed to wear clothing suitable to the weather and school hats still need to be worn.

Fruit Break

As part of our encouraging students to eat healthy, at 10 am children usually stop for a short fruit break. Please feel free to send along a piece of fresh fruit (or vegetable). This is only a break for fruit or vegetable not a recess break, diced fruit in packs or yoghurt, etc will be left for recess.

Recess

Recess is from 11 - 11:30. Students are expected to eat in the eating area until approximately 11:05. We encourage healthy eating to ensure your child is ready for learning. Lollies and soft drink are not suitable for school recesses or lunches.

Water

There is a refrigerated water tap in the Project Space and students are encouraged to have drink or water breaks. There is a small fridge in each classroom and students are welcome to keep their drinks in there. Students are actively encouraged to have water at school.

Pie Warmers

The use of the Pie Warmer is allowed during the cooler months of Term 2 & 3. Your child can bring to school pies, sausage rolls, etc. Please ensure your child's lunch is wrapped in tinfoil with their name, grade & description of lunch. This is to help prevent lighter items being burnt. eg Sarah, Grade 4, Chicken nuggets.

Uniforms

Students are expected to wear the school uniform while at school or on a school excursion. Bev Montgomery is the uniform coordinator and she is always happy to help with ordering uniforms. We usually have school polo shirts available at the school. Please make sure your child's clothing is labeled clearly. We try hard to return clothes to their owners but if it is not labeled this makes it very hard. The Lost and Found box is situated near the front door

in the Project Space. Feel free to go through this to locate any missing clothes item. New students will be presented with a school hat on their first day of school.

Newsletter

The newsletter comes home every second Monday. On alternate Mondays, a mini newsletter is sent out on Tiqbiz. It is usually filled with upcoming events, notices and photos of things that have happened at our school. If you would like to have something put into the newsletter, please have a chat to Karen.

School Council

School Council meets twice a term. Anyone is welcome to join the School Council. If you are interested in joining, please see David.

Music

Music lessons are held on a Monday morning by Cliff Doorncamp. Guitar and keyboard are both offered to children from Grade 1 - 6. The lessons cost \$16 per session and each session runs for 20 minutes. If you think your child would be interested please see Karen.

School Play

We stage a school play each year and it is a highlight of the school year. It is a wonderful time to allow children to express themselves creatively through Art & Drama. We put a lot of practice, time and energy into the play. Main Roles usually go to the Upper Grades and the Lower Grade play their parts in the Chorus and Dance.

The Play is held at The Memorial Hall in Tallygaroopna and entry is free.

Kidsmatter

Tallygaroopna Primary School is a Kidsmatter school. Kidsmatter is a whole school approach to children's mental health and wellbeing. It's about teaching children to feel an integral part of the immediate and wider community. If you would like to be a part of the Kidsmatter Group at school please speak to Claire.

eSmart

eSmart is a government funded program which deals with cyber bullying. CyberBullying (in IRL Bullying) is an unfortunate by product of our increasingly techno world. We endeavour to teach kids about Cyberbullying and how to be safe online. Tallygaroopna Primary School is now an eSmart school. If you would like to know more about cyberbullying or be part of the eSmart team please talk to Claire.

MARC & MACC Vans

Each fortnight The MARC (Library) and MACC (ART) vans visit our school.

The Library Teacher is Mrs Wendy Holland and she loves to deliver interesting and lively lessons to the children. Children are also lucky enough to be able to borrow from the Mobile Library (Foundation - 1 book and Grade 1 to 6 -2 books). This is a wonderful way to encourage a love of Books and Reading. Students are asked to return their books each fortnight, if books are not returned then students cannot continue to borrow.

Mrs Gwen Hack is our ART teacher and the children love her awesome Artistic lessons. Children are involved in a variety of lessons from Clay to water colours painting. Students are also lucky enough to have a Real Artist visit each year. This year the visiting artist was Tank (Shepparton Mooving Art Cows).

Reports

Reports are written by teachers and are sent home twice a year in a sealed envelope. Children are welcome to read their reports WITH their parent and are asked to not open their reports until they are home.

Parent/Teacher interviews are held once a year in July. The teachers here at Tallygaroopna Primary School are always happy to chat about your child's report at any time.

Active After-school Communities

AASC is a free Program which runs for an hour fourteen times per term. It is scheduled to run on Monday and Tuesday afternoons after school from 3.30 to 4.30pm. It generally starts a few weeks into term and offers students the opportunity to learn new sport skills. A fruit snack is offered to participating students and an enrolment form is sent out to each family at the start of each Term.

Outside School Hours Care Program

Tally Primary School offers an Outside School Hours Care Program three days per week. The sessions are offered Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from the end of school through to 6pm. Cost of the Program is \$18 per student for a permanent booking and \$20 per student for a casual booking (refer to brochure for full pricing and information). The program is an approved service with support from the Education Department and the Child Care Benefit is available to families.