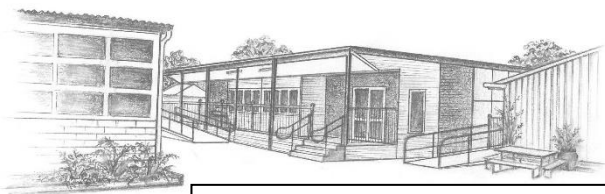


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MINI NEWSLETTER

1. Coronavirus - I hope everyone is safe and well and doing what they can to ensure we all back to our normal lives as soon as possible. Apologies for some Flexibuzz messages over the holiday period, but as you all would know these are unprecedented times and it is essential that everyone is well informed. I hope you are all as well as you can be in these trying times and that you are finding 'silver linings' amongst the many changes to our routines and daily lives. The COVID-19 Crisis will not last forever and we will look back with pride at some stage in the not-too-distant future with how well we were able to look after our families despite the terrible uncertainty and hardships we are all facing. Please continue to be brave for the sake of our students and give them the confidence that we will protect them and that this is not forever.

2. Remote Learning - Today we began our remote learning journey and I thank everyone for their patience in regard to this. Information was sent to all families yesterday via Flexibuzz and Email - don't hesitate to contact me if you need any clarification on any of this. This information generally covered the following:

1. Suggested timetable

2. Remote Learning Delivery

3. Daily Webex Information

4. Specialists and Ed. Support

5. Webex Protocols

6. Learning from home: Information for parents and carers

3. Netbook Borrowing Agreement - The Victorian Government has made a clear commitment that students who need it will be provided with access to a digital device and network access to support learning from home. For students who do not have access to digital technologies at home, our school can loan a school netbook if needed. A formal agreement will also need to be signed (read carefully please because there is some specific information needed). This school is also trying to determine whether any families require internet access at home. The Department is working on distributing dongles/sim cards to assist with internet access for families. Remember, you can hot spot your phone to give you internet access if needed.

I have a survey to complete by Friday 17th April in regard to this, so families are requested to email me (school email) in regard to:

A. Do you require a borrowed netbook? Yes/No

B. Do you require DET provided internet access at home? Yes/No

4. Onsite Attendance Form - As we act to slow the spread of coronavirus, the message to students and parents of government schools is clear: all children who can learn at home must learn at home - with exceptions only in extremely limited circumstances. On-site learning will only be available for children whose parents can't work from home and vulnerable students without access to a suitable learning environment at home. **An Onsite attendance form is due at 3pm each Thursday - no exceptions.** Physical distancing provisions will be made for the safety of teachers and kids. If you are dropping off or picking up your children please do so as quickly as possible. We will aim to have a staff member meet and say goodbye to students at the front playground area. School drop off will begin at 8.30am and normal times will be in place at the end of the day with dismissal / buses, etc.

5. Cancellations - Unfortunately, because of the current situation with the Coronavirus we have had to cancel the following events for Term 2. The school community will continue to be informed ASAP if more cancellations are needed. We hope that some of these will occur later on in the year.

Life Ed. Program

Responsible Pets Program

OSH Care

Aquarium Excursion

Movie Night

Cluster Performance - Dookie PS

Biggest Morning Tea

6. Staff on Site - There will obviously be limited staff on site. We will aim to send out a staffing roster for the week on a Friday when student attendance is confirmed. Families will need to have weekly attendance forms sent to the Principal by Thursday - close of business.

7. Playground / School Grounds - These areas are out of bounds and it would be appreciated if any signage is obeyed. The Playground is roped off and is out of bounds during and after school hours.

8. Hygiene Measures - Measures which we are putting in place for on site supervision are quite strict to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and families. These will be sent to families who have children attending onsite.

9. Easter Raffle / Easter Fun Day - Lucky winners for the Easter Raffle have been posted on Flexibuzz - thanks to all of the families who were able to collect these before the holiday break. This was very much appreciated.

10. Student Led Conferences - These were obviously not held last Term because of the early school holidays that were announced. If you would like to follow this up with your child's teacher - please put a message on Class Dojo.

11. Curriculum Day - This was scheduled on Monday 20th April - but has now been cancelled. Remote and Flexible learning will now take place on this day.

12. School Council - Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th April. We will aim to get information out to School Councillors by the middle of next week. This meeting will be held via Webex using the Principals number - see below.

13. ANZAC Day - This Anzac Day ceremony at Welsford Street on Saturday 25th April will now be viewed online via a live stream. We hope to provide this information to families once this is made available. Our school will still have a wreath for this day, but obviously no students will be involved now.

14. Class Dojo / Flexibuzz - Access to these resources are obviously essential because of the COVID-19 situation at present. Classroom communication will occur via Class Dojo with learning tasks sent to families and students via Class Stories. General whole school messages will occur via Flexibuzz.

15. Contacting Staff Outside School Hours / Weekends - It is important for the school community to respect the personal time of staff and we would prefer that families contact staff during school hours first if possible. We will also endeavour to respect everyone's time by limiting Class Dojo and Flexibuzz alerts to school days from 8am to 5pm.

16. Specialist Program - Science was today, Art activities will be available tomorrow and Italian will be on Friday.

17. School Payments - When making payment to the school bank account for multiple items, please make one direct deposit for the total amount with your family name listed and either email or FlexiBuzz a message to the office detailing the breakdown of the payment.

18. School Uniform Reminder - A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A reminder to all families to reinforce this please as much as possible during remote and onsite learning in Term 2.

19. Absences - If families have not had children on site or on Webex each day could you verify your child has participated in learning activities by messaging class teachers through Class Dojo please. This will enable us to do attendance each day - which is requested by DET. Attendance will be counted if children are onsite, participating in Webex sessions or parents have contacted teachers directly.

20. Assembly - This will be online at my Meeting ID on Friday at 3pm. I hope everyone can make it - pretty informal, but a chance for the whole community to meet together online utilising Webex.

David Brodie (Principal)

Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".

School Website (COVID-19 / Remote Learning): <https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/238/COVID-19>

A reminder - if you can learn from you home you must stay home!

Principal Webex Meeting ID - 576 739 057