

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 1. End of Term 1** - Students will be dismissed at 2.25pm on Friday as per normal with the last day of term. OSH will only be available until 5pm because of the early dismissal time. Assembly will begin at 1.45pm because of the Easter Raffle draw and the first day back for Term 2 will be on Tuesday 26th April because of the Public Holiday with ANZAC Day.
- 2. Grade 1/2 Arrangements** - As stated in last week's newsletter, Miss Puetz will be taking leave this week. Staffing arrangements are: Miss Montgomery on Monday, Thursday and Friday and Mr Brodie on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 3. ANZAC Day** - This formal ceremony will be held on Monday 25th April at Welsford Street in Shepparton. Our 4 school leaders will be in attendance to present a wreath to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice made by our diggers. Students will need to be there at 10.30am for an 11am start (school uniform required) and a staff member will be in attendance to assist with the day. All students and families are welcome to attend if they wish.
- 4. Mother's Day Stall** - This is scheduled for Friday 29th April in anticipation for Mother's Day on Sunday 8th May. The cost for this day is \$5 and all grades will participate in this morning which will begin at approximately 10am and conclude at about 1pm. If any families can assist contact the school please. Approximate scheduled times are: siblings (10am), Foundation (10.30am), Grade 5/6 (11am), Grade 3/4 (11.30am) and Grade 1/2 (midday). Could payments be made by Thursday 28th April please, families may wish to pay for this before the holiday break.
- 5. School Disco** - These will be held at the outdoor undercover area on Friday 29th April from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Current students from the school along with siblings are invited and all children must be supervised by an adult on the night. More specific details were in last week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 6. Mystery Reader - Foundation Class** - Mystery Readers are very special guests that come into the classroom to read to the class. Kids absolutely LOVE their mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents or special friend coming into the classroom. A mystery reader can be anyone that wants to. They might be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings or anyone that may have a special connection to you and your child. If you are interested, please see Ms. H.
- 7. Life Ed. Van** - This will be held on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd May. Permission forms went home last week and the cost for this program is \$8 per student. If you would prefer for your child to not participate, could you let the school know by the end of the term please. It would be appreciated if permission forms were returned and payments are made before the end of term.
- 8. Cross Country** - This will be held on Friday 6th May for students in Grades 3-6. Permission forms went home last week and the cost for this event is \$2 to cover travel by bus for this event. If your child is not participating - contact the school ASAP please. More specific details were in the full edition of the newsletter last week.
- 9. Responsible Pet Program** - This will be held at school on Monday 9th May. More specific details will be in the next full edition of the newsletter - contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not participate in this program.
- 10. Pie Drive** - Orders will be distributed this week for this fundraising event organised by the Parents' Club. These will need to be returned by Wednesday 11th May and all orders can be picked up from school at the end of the day on Tuesday 24th May.
- 11. Easter Raffle** - Raffle tickets have been distributed to all families - extra raffle books can be collected at the office if needed. If we could have all Easter egg/raffle item donations and raffle books in by the Wednesday 6th April we can then organise prizes on the Thursday and winners will be announced on the last day of the term at assembly (Friday 8th April at 1.45pm - early dismissal at 2.25pm).
- 12. NAPLAN** - In advance of completing NAPLAN online, students are encouraged to explore the public demonstration site tests for their year level in order to familiarise themselves with the different item types as well as the features of the test player. Please contact the Principal if you have any concerns in regard to NAPLAN testing which will be held early in May. At present, all students will participate in this testing for Grade 3 and 5 students. This demonstration site can be found here - <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>
- 13. Tutoring Attendance** - A reminder to parents to please prioritise being at school on a Tuesday if your child is involved in the Tutoring Program with Melissa Beer or Bev Montgomery. The school has again made a big investment in this support program and your support with this would be appreciated.
- 14. Munch N Crunch** - Orders have now closed for the Munch N Crunch which will be held this Thursday. The next Munch N Crunch will be held on Thursday 19th May and orders will go home early next term. The Parents' Club are planning on Ham & Cheese Mini Pizzas for this event.
- 15. Open Days** - We will again be holding some Open Days throughout Term 2. More information has been published on normal communication platforms that the school utilises. Please promote our school as much as possible - again we will have a large cohort of Grade 6 students leaving the school at the end of the year.
- 16. End of Year Excursion** - Funfields is booked for Friday 16th December - plenty of notice for any families needing to make arrangement with work.
- 17. Student Awards** - We will again be having Terrific Kids awards on the last assembly of each term and specific parents have been notified. We also look forward to attendance awards being presented throughout the year for any students maximising their learning with 95% attendance.
- 18. COVID Measures Extension** - As stated previously, the Victorian Government have announced a 6 week extension of the COVID Safe measures for schools. These measures were introduced for 4 weeks at the beginning of Term 1 and will now be in place for the remainder of Term 1, subject to any changes in health advice. The 5th Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) box for each student is now available for parents to collect - a reminder to families that the Education Department are encouraging RA tests to be taken twice throughout the school week. Further information will be communicated when made available.
- 19. COVID-19** - Regular communication will continue via Skool Loop in regard to school positive cases, so it is vital that families have these notifications turned on with their devices. Please read the signage around the school and adhere to the rules that are in place to enable our school community to remain as safe as possible during this difficult time.
- 20. Assemblies** - These will be held at the Outdoor Learning Space or undercover area each Friday afternoon until further notice. All families are invited to attend if they wish - Student of the Week is handed out at each assembly and families will continue to be notified.
- 21. OSH Care Enrolment Forms** - A reminder that no children will be allowed to utilise the OSH Care service unless enrolment forms are returned for each child - there have been constant reminders so far via the newsletter. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions to this - please support this service to ensure that it is financially viable going forward. We have had a large number of enrolments in this service of late - get in quick to avoid missing out because we are only licenced for 15 students each session.
- 22. Restrictions / Vaccinations** - A reminder to families about the vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers. This is in line with COVID-19 vaccination information collection and recording procedures (Department of Education) where schools are required to sight specific vaccination status. As stated previously, facemasks are still needed for staff and students in Grades 3-6, but staff no longer need to wear facemasks outside. Parents are still encouraged to not enter school buildings but if they do digital certificates are needed in line with vaccination requirements. Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, check-ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- 23. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to submit an absence via Skool Loop when required please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent.
- 24. Specialist Programs** - This week is a busy one to finish the term. We have Music & Library on Wednesday, our rotation program on Thursday and Respectful Relationships on Friday - the last day of the term.
- 25. Sharing of Food** - The updated guidelines state that sharing of food is not permitted (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop, icypole).

David Brodie (Principal)

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

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school
The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus