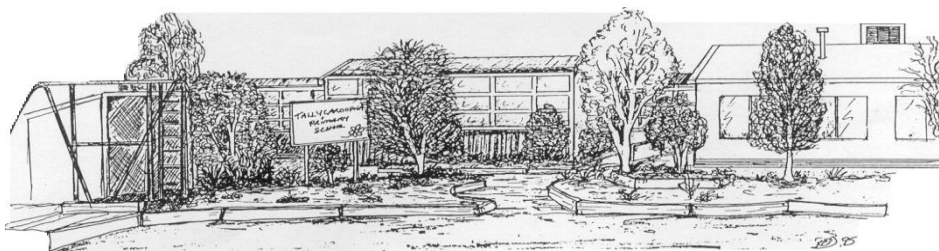


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NEWSLETTER

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**COMING SOON!!!!!!!
FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT
Wednesday 19th May**

**Be sure to put this date in your calendars as it
promises to be a fun night.**

**School Council will be held
tomorrow night beginning at 7.30pm**

School Values:

Tallygaropna Primary School aims to:

- **Develop in each of our students a desire for lifelong learning so that they become valuable members of society**
- **Place an emphasis on teaching the students how to live with others and encourage their creativity**
- **Endorse the philosophy of "Consider the feelings of others at all times."**

Dear Parents,

Last week I attended an Athletic Sports briefing and the general feeling was that the event last term was a great success, despite the number of students who participated in the day. This year, we had 3 extra schools attend so this accounted for some of the extra work by many. I forgot to thank the many parents who brought in some construction materials for last week's Cluster Day at Congupna PS. This was greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of the day.

It was terrific to see our school so well represented at the Anzac Day Ceremony in Shepparton on Sunday morning. I felt extremely proud to be Principal of the School and see how the students paid respect to the ANZAC's sacrifice. Last week, I got some information regarding Integration Funding for any future enrolments in the school. This funding closes mid year, so if any families are aware of any new students coming into our school this year or for 2011, who may need some additional support, could you contact me at school as soon as possible.

This week has obviously been a shorter week because of the Anzac Day holiday yesterday. I was away today as I completed my second day of Dollars & Sense Training which will assist me with managing the finances of the school for the future. Tomorrow, I will be away in the afternoon at a School Review briefing. Karen will be in the office until Thursday, as per normal.

David Brodie - Principal

Responsible Pet Program / Anzac Day



1. School Fees

Changes have been made to the Excursion / Voluntary Levy and details are provided below. It is important to note that these are the only fees for the school year as no other fees are associated with the school. These fees are now payable. It has also been a number of years since the last increase and families may pay these in instalments if they wish. **Statements will be sent home in first few weeks of Term 2 as these fees are now due.** If you have any queries, please contact the office

The following structure was ratified:

- Excursion Levy - \$90 per student. This will cover the cost of most school excursions throughout the year. This is a compulsory levy for all students.
- Fundraising Levy (Voluntary) - Single child families \$60 / Families with 2 or more children \$90.

2. School Self Evaluation / Review – last opportunity

Attached to this newsletter again, is a survey for families to complete and return to school. This year, our school is required to complete a self evaluation and school review. This will help the school develop a new 4 year strategic plan. School self-evaluation provides an opportunity for the whole school community, including students, parents and all staff, to reflect on student outcomes in light of their goals, targets and key improvement strategies from the previous planning cycle. This includes examining teaching and learning strategies, the performance and development culture and other aspects of school operations so they can be strengthened and supported to improve student outcomes. Effective schools consistently reflect on their performance as a matter of course. School self-evaluation merely formalises this process and makes the process accessible to all school communities. All of this information will remain confidential and your input will make this task easier.

3. Keyboard/Guitar Lessons

Keyboard lessons began first week back after the holidays. Families who wish to have their children involved in this program will need to pay a small deposit before the end of this week. I am hopeful that there will be 8 sessions this term, so the total cost for this program for Term 2 would be \$120 (initially \$150). These sessions will continue to be held on an individual basis and will go for 20 minutes. Cheques are to be made payable to Cliff Doornkamp. Keyboard lessons will not be held during the Cluster Day at Congupna, Anzac Day and Queens Birthday Public Holidays. Cliff also teaches guitar. If there are any students who are interested in learning guitar could they please let Karen know at the school office. Students will need to have their own guitar.

4. Absences

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.

5. School Volunteers

Thank you to the many parents, who have seen Karen at the office regarding this. Our list of parents with working with children checks is growing fast and this list will continue to be approved at School Council. **We still 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.

6. Active After School Program

The Multi Skills program finished last week. We will be starting our Active After-school Program for Term 2 next week. We will be offering Soccer on a Monday (starting on 3rd May) and Netball on a Tuesday for the first 3 weeks (starting on 4th May). At this stage, we are planning on running the netball sessions for only 3 weeks, but this may go for longer, depending on availability of Dance instructors. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Sessions will start at 3.45pm and finish at 4.45pm. Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. If your child/ren are interested, please fill out the attached form and return to school by this Friday, 30th April. Gillian O'Brien has been appointed as the School Supervisor for this program.

7. Premier's Reading Challenge

Information has been sent home regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge promotes the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools and encourages parents and families to support their children's reading in and beyond school. It is not a competitive event but rather one that emphasizes individual challenge and participation. For the 2010 Challenge, students will set their own reading target by reference to the targets set for their year level. (The targets for each year level can be found on the Challenge website at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/.) The Challenge website also provides comprehensive information about key dates, as well as answers to frequently asked questions by parents and students, guidelines for schools and, of course, the 2010 Challenge book list.

8. Ultranet Update

This week, Karen and David will be participating in an IDAM briefing regarding the Ultranet. This enables families to connect directly to school from home. Next term, teachers will be involved in professional development regarding the Ultranet before families are connected in the last term of the school year. If you haven't checked out the information on the school website, I highly recommend it. This tool will change education for many years to come. This document can be found on the School Community link and it is titled Ultranet Functionality.

9. Visitors to Tallygaroopna PS

Over the next few weeks, we will have a number of visitors to our school. Madeline Guthrie (Yr 10 student from Wanganui Park Secondary College) will be completing a work experience program for one week beginning Monday 3rd May and Peta Hardiment (Yr 9 student from GV Grammar) will be assisting our students every 2nd Wednesday beginning on Wednesday 5th May. The latter involves a Community Service Program. Mr Brodie and Mrs Sidebottom will also be supervising a 3rd Year University Student complete teaching rounds for a 3 week period beginning on Monday 10th May, so the school will appear to be a very busy place during this time.

10. NAPLAN Testing

All Grade 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN testing beginning on Tuesday 11th May and concluding on Thursday 13th May. The Australian Education Union have initiated some discussions regarding whether these tests will be conducted and I will endeavour to keep parents informed as much as possible. As it stands now, these tests will be implemented.

11. Cross Country

Students in Grades 4/5/6 will be participating in the Cross Country at Princess Park in Shepparton on Friday 7th May. Some students in Grade 3 may have the option to attend as the day is for students who turn 10, 11, 12 or 13 years of age as of December 31st this year. Mrs Sidebottom will be attending the day with the students and we will share a bus with students from Congupna PS. All students must have a drink for the day and give any medication to Mrs Sidebottom.

12. Attitudes to School Survey

Students in Grades 5/6 will be completing the Attitude to Schools Survey on Tuesday 4th May. The overall objective of the Attitudes to School survey is to collect data about the opinions of students from Year 5 to Year 12 and for individual schools across Victoria to use this information to drive improvement. The Attitudes to School survey assists schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and their experience of school. The survey provides schools with valuable data on students' views of their wellbeing, school in general, and teaching and learning.

13. School Leaders Project

Our School Captains have decided on an Action Plan which they would like to try and complete by the end of the 2010 school year. This focuses on brightening up the school grounds with some murals / paintings. If any parents can assist or know of anyone who has some special skills in regard to this can they contact David at school as soon as possible.

14. Mother's Day Stall

The Mothers Day Stall is scheduled for Wednesday 5th May. Details are in this week's newsletter.

15. Grade 6 Information Evenings

In today's newsletter there are some details regarding Information / Open Days which are available at Notre Dame College for future students. I encourage parents and students to have a good look around a variety of schools to see what pathways many of the Secondary Schools in the area make available to students. I will endeavour to promote other sessions such as this at other schools, when they are announced.

16. Somers Camp

This week, I will be contacting families who have shown interest in the Somers Camp. At this stage, it is highly unlikely that all children in the Senior Grades will be able to attend this camp, but I will regularly make contact with the District Secretary in case other openings for this camp arise.

17. Zone Sport Trials

I would like to congratulate Ella Sidebottom for being selected to represent the Shepparton Zone Basketball team. Ella will be competing against Wodonga, Wangaratta and Goulburn Zones on Tuesday 11th May at Wodonga and the whole school community wishes her luck during this day. Good luck to other students who are attending any of these trials involving Soccer, Basketball and Netball.

18. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 2 (ending 23rd April)

Prep / Grade 1 **Mikayla Church** for her great 'getting along' skills and the persistence she shows in her Maths. Well done Mikayla.

Grade 2/3/4 **Taylah Lindrea** for gaining a great amount of confidence as she works extremely hard to improve her reading and writing.

Grade 5/6 **Ella Sidebottom** for her conscientious effort with her homework and for her great effort at the Zone Basketball trials – congratulations for making the team. Mr B



Active After-school Communities Program Term 2 2010

Name

Activity 1 Soccer (Grade P-6) (Mon)

Activity 2a Netball (Grade P-6) (Tues) (Please ✓ a box or boxes) – weeks 4,5,6

Activity 2b Dance (Grade P-6) (Tues) (Please ✓ a box or boxes) – weeks 7,8,9,10

This program begins on Monday 3rd May (week 4)

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Contact Phone Number

Tally Auskick

Tally Auskick starts Tuesday, 25th May at Tally Rec Reserve starting at 4pm and finishing at 5pm. It goes for 5 weeks then stops for the school holidays and recommences Tuesday, 13th July for another 5 weeks. Total: 10 weeks. Approximate cost: \$55 - \$60

Registrations can be completed online at the Auskick website - aflauskick.com.au

Contact Nev Montgomery 0439614464 for any additional information.

Northerners Soccer Report

Under 6 – Northerners Under 6 lost in a close game to St Mels Gold on Saturday. Final score was 7-6. Awards went to Campbell and Kyle. Goal kickers were Campbell 3, Kyle 2 and Daniel 1. A great first game by all kids. Excellent defensive game by Daniel stopping many goals. Great goals to Campbell, Kyle and Daniel with assists by the whole team. Great back-up Alyssa and running by Nick and Jack. Highlight: Campbell lost his first tooth somewhere on the ground.

Under 7 – Northerners Under 7 went down in a close contest on Saturday to Murchison Green. Final score was 3-2. Awards went to Bill and Mikayla. Goal kickers were Mitchell and Bailey. A great start to the season and team effort. Keep it up Soccerroos!

Tally 9 and Under Netball

In wet conditions under foot this week, the girls adapted to the foreign conditions and were able to play well. They chased the ball hard and intercepted lots of passes. Another great game, well done girls – 13-1 against Guthrie St Pink.

Awards – Book City – Mollie Karl Video Ezy – Abby Klein

Parents' Club

1. There will be a Mother's Day Stall held on Wednesday, 5th May. Gifts will be available for mothers and grandmothers with prices ranging from \$1 to \$5.

2. Next Parents' Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th May at 11.30 in the staffroom.

3. On 27th May the school will be hosting the Biggest Morning Tea. Money raised will go to Cancer Research. **All families are asked to contribute a plate of cake/slice towards the Morning Tea.** More details to follow.

4. A Munch and Crunch lunch will be held on Thursday 27th May. The menu will consist of a chicken schnitzel roll with gravy/coleslaw, a prima and a cake or muffin. The cake/muffin will be served at recess and \$1 of every meal will go towards the Biggest Morning Tea. Cost will be \$5. There will be a form to fill out in future newsletters.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION – KEY QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTION 1 – Reflecting on Our School

- Return to School Office ASAP please – strictly confidential.

1. What does our school do well?

2. What would we like to see our school doing well in 5-10 years time?

3. What are the things we need to work on in order to build the bridge from question 1 to 2?

Completed by _____