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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## NEWSLETTER

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**The first School Council Meeting for Term 2 will be held next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.  
The Finance Committee will meet beforehand at 6.30pm.**

**Active After School Communities Forms need to be returned**

**Parents Club Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Dear Parents,

On behalf of everyone in the school community, I would like to congratulate Mrs Wallace on becoming a Grand Mother again. There were a few tears that turned into smiles on Thursday afternoon and all of the school community wishes Mrs Wallace and her family all the best now and into the future.

Class Programs began smoothly last week without any major disruptions, which was pleasing to see. We were able to get the wireless signal to function in the new building first day back which allowed most students to be able to access regular internet programs implemented at school (ie: Ziptales, Spellodrome, Mathletics...etc.). All students in Grades 2 – 6 will begin regular spelling / tables programs this week. We also began library classes in Mrs Wallace's old classroom and over the next few weeks, we will transfer all of the student books and resources into this building so that they can be utilised freely in the future.

Today, Mrs Haberfield was away in the morning at a Numeracy Leaders Meeting in Shepparton. This year, there is a large focus on Numeracy / Literacy across the region and we will continue to work with and network with other teachers so that we can continue to support our children in these fundamental areas of learning at school. This Friday, the older students in the school will attend the Cross Country event in Shepparton. This is a challenging experience for our children and I encourage everyone to participate in this day. Participation forms and \$3 will need to be handed into the office before Friday.

Karen will be away on Thursday and Friday this week, but I will be in the office if any matters need addressing. I will be unavailable on Wednesday afternoon unfortunately, because I will be attending a Cluster Principals Meeting in Shepparton. Have a great week everyone and I hope all the Mum's get spoiled on Sunday for Mother's Day.

David Brodie – Principal

*“A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug.”*

Mother's Day – Art / Craft Activity



A big thank you to all of the Parents who helped organise and implement the Mother's Day Art/Craft session. There were a number of creative items made by the students and we hope all Mum's enjoy receiving these on Sunday. Happy Mother's Day to all of the great Mum's out there.

### 1. Building Update

Last week we received our Building Manuals which will enable us to gain further knowledge in regard to the function capabilities of the new building. We have changed our locks so that they are consistent now across the whole school, which will also make it easier for our staff. New mats and inside bins were purchased also. Last Friday, we got a TV Antennae installed on the new building roof and we will soon be able to watch digital TV on all of the whiteboards in the classrooms. There are number of educational programs on the ABC which teachers can now access when needed and the popular BTN program (Behind the News) can now be watched live, instead of streamed on delay over the internet.

This week, I will be meeting with a Building Surveyor to discuss the possibility of undercover areas between the new and existing building areas.

### 2. NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

**Mr Brodie will be conducting all of the NAPLAN tests in the mornings in Mrs Wallace's old room (new library).**

### 3. Bike Education Program

Mrs Sidebottom will again be running our Bike Education Program this term. This will be for students in Grades 2-6 and it will begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The 2 classes that participate in this program will be actively involved in one hour sessions from 9am until 11am. More details will be available soon, but if students wish to bring their own bike in for the program, now is a good time to check that their bike is in good working order. **We have 8 bikes and a number of bike helmets which we can utilise to implement the program, but children are encouraged to bring their own bikes also.**

Scheduled dates for Bike Ed.

Week 4 – 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May

Week 5 – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May

### 4. Grade 5/6 Camp

Last week, all students attending the camp should have taken home a **camp itinerary for the Urban Camp**. This camp is from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. We are presently finalising the cost for the camp and we hope that these details and a number of forms to fill out will be available on Wednesday.

### 5. EGPSSA Cross Country

Students in Grades 4/5/6 will be participating in the Cross Country at Princess Park in Shepparton this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Miss Bicknell will be attending the day with the students and we will leave school by bus at 12.20pm and return to school and approximately 3pm. All students must have a drink for the day and give any medication to Miss Bicknell. **Permission forms went home today and the cost for the day is \$3 – these need to be at the office before this Friday.**

### 6. Special School Council Meeting

Last Wednesday, we made a decision on the refurbishment of the Multi Purpose Room and old classroom (Grade 2/3/4). We will be having a kitchen with servery built up the Art Room end of the Multi Purpose room and Mrs Haberfield's old classroom will be turned into a computer lab. Liberty Kitchen's will be involved in the redevelopment of these existing areas and we hope that this begins in the next month.

### 7. Walking With Dinosaurs Promotion

Last week, I sent home a promotion about the Walking With Dinosaurs Production. If we promoted this, we were guaranteed to receive a family pass session for a night session. As a result, I put in all of the students names in a hat and the lucky winner drawn out was Bill Klein. His family will receive information this week about a family pass which involves 4 free tickets to the show on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

### 8. Australian Fitness Education Award – AFEA

Today, all students in the senior grades began testing for the AFEA. This program focuses on individual fitness, flexibility and co-ordination. The aim for all students is to improve on their own performance over time. The testing will be conducted over a few weeks and will indicate progress in relation to general fitness. If you would like to know more about this program please contact me. It is now a major part of the Physical Education and Health Assessment for this year and results will be put into Student Books. All student results will remain confidential. The Grade 2/3/4 students also had a go at the Multi Stage Test and 1.6km run today.

### 9. School Production

We have decided on our School Production for this year. It is titled 'Once Upon a Time' and it is a rock fable based on well known Nursery Rhymes. These include Humpty Dumpty, Little Bo Peep and Little Jack Horner to name a few. In the next few weeks we will be working out our cast and planning the play and full rehearsals will begin late term 2, early term 3. If any parents can assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated.



Major Characters are:

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| * Little Bo Peep | * Wee Willie Winkie* Mary |
| * Lamb           | * Hickory / Dickory Dock  |
| * Humpty Dumpty  | * Jack Horner             |
| * Owl            | * Mrs Pumpkin Eater       |
| * Old King Cole  | * Captain Boredom         |
| * Private Dork   | * Sergeant                |
| * Goose Gander   | * Mother Goose            |

There are about 20 other minor characters so the play will be well worth seeing. Stay tuned for more information.

### 10. Young Leaders Day

All of our School Captains and Vice Captains will attend the Young Leaders Day at Wanganui Park SC on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This day will enable our school leaders to further develop their skills in this area and they will participate in a number of cooperative group work and problem solving activities with other students from the Shepparton Region. The students will be completing a Pre-conference task during the next couple of weeks and will be accompanied by Mr Brodie on the day (travel by private car). Students will require a snack and drink in the morning and a BBQ lunch will be provided for lunch. Permission forms will go home next week and will need to be returned. **The Zone Cross Country is also scheduled for this day. If any students qualify for this Mr Brodie will take them to this and then bring them back to Wanganui SC to continue to participate in the day.**

### 11. Dance Festival

All staff will attend a Professional Development activity for the Dance Festival on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May after school. This hopefully will enable us to implement appropriate dances throughout the term in preparation for the Dance Festival which will be held at the end of the term. The Grade 3/4 Dance Festival is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and the Grade 5/6 Dance Festival is scheduled to be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### 12. AASC Program

So far we have received a number of forms back for the Active After School Communities Program which begins next Monday. These forms were attached to the first newsletter of the term, last week. These must be returned before students participate in this program. Multi Skills will be held on the Monday and Dance will be held on the Tuesday.

### 13. Pie Warmer

During second and third terms, students are able to bring along pies, sausage rolls, pizzas, etc to be heated in the pie heater. Food must be wrapped in foil and labelled with the child's name using a permanent marker. This began today.

#### 14. Colder Months / Tissues

Obviously, with anticipated colder weather students should be wearing appropriate clothes during this term. If families, could bring in a box of tissues each this would assist the school.

#### 15. Term Dates

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

May 6 <sup>th</sup> – EGPSSA Cross Country	May 9 <sup>th</sup> – AASC Starts – Term 2
May 10 <sup>th</sup> >12 <sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN Testing	May 11 <sup>th</sup> – Dance Inservice PD for Staff – 4.15pm at Wilmot Rd.
May 11 <sup>th</sup> – School Council Mtg.	May 16 <sup>th</sup> – Bike Ed. Program Begins
May 18 <sup>th</sup> – Young Leaders Day (Wanganui SC)	May 25 <sup>th</sup> – Life Ed. Van
May 26 <sup>th</sup> – Biggest Morning Tea	June 1 <sup>st</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart Day
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> >3 <sup>rd</sup> – Principals Conference	June 6 <sup>th</sup> > 8 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 5/6 Camp
June 10 <sup>th</sup> – Tree Planting Day	June 13 <sup>th</sup> – Queens Birthday Holiday
June 15 <sup>th</sup> – School Council Mtg.	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Responsible Pet Program
June 27 <sup>th</sup> – Reports Sent Home	June 28 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 3/4 Dance Festival
June 29 <sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews (TBC)	June 30 <sup>th</sup> – Grade 5/6 Dance Festival
July 1 <sup>st</sup> – End of Term 2 (2.25pm dismissal)	

#### 16. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for Term 2, week 1 –

**P/1 Kyle Montgomery** for the fantastic leadership qualities he has shown within our new classroom. Well done Kyle.

**2/3/4 Chrissie Karl** for the persistence she has been showing in her reading. A great effort Chrissie!

**5/6 Kyle Emanuelli** for his persistence with his getting along skills and for the fantastic effort that he is putting into his handwriting.



#### Occasional Care Tallygaroopna

Places are now available at Tallygaroopna if you need to take a break, attend appointments or simply do a few things that are difficult to get done with small children around.

A session at occasional care provides a balance of planned experiences appropriate to your child's age and skill levels and supervised free play including painting, puzzles, climbing, water and sand play. Your child will also have the opportunity to develop social skills by mixing with other children in a secure, friendly and stimulating environment.

The occasional care operates in the Tallygaroopna Preschool between 9am and 3pm on Fridays during school terms. Children over three years may attend from 9am to 3pm or 9am to noon. Children under three may attend from 9am to noon only. Fees are \$13.50 for 3 hours and \$27 for 6 hours per child per session. Phone 58298274 to find out more or make a booking.

#### Parents' Club

The next Parents' Club meeting will be held this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the new building.

## **Kids & Fruit – Term 2**

Please fill out the attached form and return to school with payment if you would like your child to participate in Kids and Fruit this term. Cost will be \$10 per student.

### **Kids & Fruit Program Term 2 2011**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Comments – Allergies?</b>

## **Tallygaroopna 11 and Under Netball Results**

Round 2 - Apologies for no results last week. The girls played a game on the first Saturday of the school holidays against Guthrie St Yellow. The girls started a little tentative, but as the game progressed they settled down and made the most of turn overs. The score was 16-1.

Awards – Video Ezy – Olivia Meyland

Book City – Taylah Lindrea

Round 2 – Tallygaroopna played Bouchier St Skittles in warm conditions. We welcome Georgina Down from Katandra West PS who is another nice tall player to add to our team. Our attack end worked well together – Shae, Mollie, Georgina and Brittany combining well to score. Taylah continued to help out the attack end while Olivia, Abby and Shannon stood tall in defence giving the opposition very little chance to score. Great team game. Score 19 to 1.

Awards – Video Ezy – Abby Klein

Book City – Brittany Meyland

## **Northerners Soccer Results**

The Under 7 s played Numurkah and tried hard all day but lost 6-1. Great sportsmanship shown by Alyssa who played her best game ever unfortunately she was playing for Numurkah. We welcomed two new players Alexander and Kel who will be a great addition to our side. Both the new boys received the awards. Great first game kids – all the best for the season.

Under 9 – Great first game for the whole team. I am sure there would have been some very tired kids. Northerners played Numurkah Stripe and lost 2- 8. Goal kickers were Kelsie and Bailey. Awards went to Xavier and Jordan.

**REMEMBER BOTH TEAMS HAVE THE BYE NEXT WEEK.**

## **Auskick Reminder**

Auskick starts tomorrow night Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 4.00pm at the Tallygaroopna Football Oval. Packs will be handed out after payment of \$60 is received. Any queries please ring Nev Montgomery 0439614464.

## **ZONE TENNIS**

On the 28th April, Ella Sidebottom represented the East Goulburn region at the Zone tennis in Wangaratta along with Phoebe Gale of Kialla West. They played 4 matches winning 2, losing 2 and enjoyed some great tennis in their singles and doubles games. A great effort by the girls.

## **BIKE ED**

A note will be going home this week for the Grades 2 -6 regarding Bike Ed. A checklist will be included so that any students wishing to use their own bikes can check that their bikes are up to standard. There are 8 bikes and helmets available in the Bike Ed trailer for those students who do not have a bike or helmet up to standard. Bikes will need to be brought to school prior to the program commencing to ensure bikes are compliant. More information to follow.

Wendy Sidebottom

## **Book Club**

Book Club Issue 3 order forms went home last week. If you wish to place an order, the completed order form plus payment needs to be returned to school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

## Asthma and Influenza

As the weather starts to cool down, the cold and flu season will soon be upon us.

### **The Facts:**

- > Approximately 2,800 Australians die every year either directly from the seasonal flu, complications due to the flu, or pneumonia.
- > Adults and children with chronic illnesses (such as asthma) are at a higher risk of complications from the virus.
- > Colds and flu can be a trigger for some people with asthma, and can make your symptoms worse.
- > Flu vaccinations are the single most effective action in helping fight the spread of flu in the community.
- > The vaccine provides protection from about two weeks after the injection, and lasts for about one year (so even if you were immunised last year, you need to have the vaccine again this year).
- > The flu shot cannot give you the flu – as the vaccine does not contain any active virus.
- > In Victoria, under the National Immunisation Program, the criteria state that an annual free influenza immunisation is available to children or adults with severe asthma.

The vaccination is available now, so contact your doctor or immunisation provider to make an appointment. Many workplaces provide free vaccinations for staff to help prevent absenteeism during the winter months, so it is a good idea to ask your employer if this is available to you.

## Winter and Asthma

With the winter months approaching, it is important to be aware of the triggers that can affect your asthma at this time of year.

### **Sudden changes in temperature**

Certain weather situations like very cold temperatures, humidity and dry air can trigger asthma symptoms. In a school environment, students are exposed to sudden temperature changes many times during the day as they

go between heated classroom environments to outdoor activities and lunch breaks.

Wearing a scarf over the mouth and nose is recommended as it can help to warm the air as you breathe in. Exercise-induced asthma may be exacerbated by breathing in colder air than usual, so ensure that you take your reliever puffer 5-20 minutes prior to exercise, warm up adequately, monitor your symptoms during exercise, and have a blue reliever puffer handy in case of an asthma attack.

### **Thunderstorms**

Thunderstorms can be an asthma trigger for some people, as raindrops can cause grains to be broken down into hundreds of tiny allergen-containing particles – allowing them to penetrate the lungs.

If you experience asthma symptoms during thunderstorms, it is best to stay inside with windows closed, and ensure that you update your asthma action plan with your doctor outlining the management of your day to day asthma, what to do if your symptoms worsen, and the first aid procedure in the event of an asthma attack.



For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)

## BIKE SAFETY

Bike riding can be fun for the whole family to get some physical exercise but it needs to be enjoyed safely. Bicycle safety involves developing riding skills, wearing the right protective gear, and looking after your bike. Riding to school can be a fun activity; however at Tallygaroopna Primary School our main concern is to ensure that all students get to and from school safely. Students who ride their bikes need to be fully alert to the road rules pertaining to bike riders and to keeping themselves and others safe. During class lessons, aspects of road safety are discussed and reinforced to students who are either walking or riding to school. At our school, we only encourage our older students to ride bikes as research has stated that young children do not have the ability to observe cars and other vehicles on the road consistently. As parents, we encourage you to consider your child's ability to keep themselves safe on the roads as well as continually discussing correct behaviour when riding. To help your child become a safe cyclist, let them have lots of practice on safe paths while offering tips on bike handling. Basically, they should be able to ride in a straight line, brake properly and corner safely. They should also ride in designated areas such as bike paths when possible. Remind your child to always use the school crossing; walking bikes across the crossing, taking care of walkers.

You need to make sure that your bike and your child's bike are well maintained. Regularly check brakes, wheels, pedals, bearings and chains so that the bike will stop quickly in an emergency. Each time you ride the bike, check if the tyres are hard, if the brakes work and whether there are any rattles. Check the tyres, bearings, gears, nuts and bolts and lubricate the chain and cables each week.

Riding a bike is a great activity that students can do in the park, at home and, when they are ready, on the roads. At all times we should be encouraging and reinforcing correct behaviour; this makes bike riding a fun and safe pastime.

