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

## NEWSLETTER

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**Billy G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser – Money is due to the office this Wednesday.**

**Permission forms are due before Friday for the Interschool Cross Country (Grade 2-6). \$2 is needed to cover the bus.**

Hi everyone,

A huge thank you to the parents who assisted with the Anzac Biscuits Day last Tuesday. This was very informal but extremely successful and I know that the staff and the children really appreciated these sessions. We hope to continue to use our new kitchen facilities more as the year goes on. Our first major Parents Club fundraiser concludes this week also – we would appreciate order forms in by Wednesday if possible at the latest. Over the next few weeks, we hope to start our second fundraiser which will again generate some great funds for our school – so stay tuned!!!

It was great to see some families attend a number of Anzac Day services around the local area last Wednesday. Our school well represented at the ceremony in Shepparton – special thanks to all of the parents for supporting the school during this day. This week, we have a busy week with the commencement of the **Bike Education Program**. Feel free to drop in and have a look at this if you want – it is really worthwhile and extremely relevant for our children's safety in and out of the school grounds. Sessions will be conducted from 11.30am until 1pm most days. On Friday, we also have our **Interschool Cross Country** event being held at Princess Park on Friday. All students in Grades 2-6 are encouraged to attend this event and have a go completing the course. Effort rather than achievement is emphasised during these days and we hope to have most students participate. We will leave school at 12.30pm and return at about 3pm.

Good luck to the Grade 5/6 students who begin **Production Auditions** this week. This may take some time and we will announce successful parts in due course. Mrs Haberfield will have a large role coordinating this performance and I am sure that many parents will offer some assistance over the next few months.

Finally, School Council is on Wednesday night and we hope to endorse our new Parent Payment Policy then. The draft for this went home last week – feel free to make any adjustments or suggestions and hand it onto Karen at the office ASAP.

Karen will be in the office all this week, if any matters need addressing. Have a great week everyone – there are still some AFL footy tickets available if anyone is still interested.

David Brodie – Teaching Principal

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.  
An alternative is to go to our school website.**

## **Tallygaroopna Primary School Recipe Books**

**These can still be purchased from the School Office at \$12 each.**

There are late arrivals, early departures and visitor's books that need to be signed at the office counter if the need arises (i.e.: when parents are hearing reading or helping with a Munch & Crunch lunch or if students are taken out of school early). This will aid our emergency management of the school.

### **SES Visit**

Thanks to Mrs H for organising this visit to complement our Theme Work from Term 1.





### Anzac Biscuits

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the whole school made some Anzac Biscuits to commemorate Anzac Day. A huge thank you to the wonderful parents who assisted on this day. The biscuits were delicious and it was great to use our kitchen facilities.





### Anzac Day Ceremony

Corbie and Shae represented our school with pride at the Anzac Day Ceremony in Shepparton last Wednesday. They both laid a wreath on behalf of our school community and paid their respects to the diggers who have served us so greatly at war. Well done kids and thanks to their parents for getting them to Shepparton on a Public Holiday!!!!



### **1. Ultranet – Accessing Student Work**

Parents are able to view student work via the Ultranet, once they have logged onto this site with their parent passwords. Below are some specific instructions in regard to this – feel free to contact David at school if you need any assistance.

Step 1: Parents Log on with their password onto the Ultranet.

Step 2: Click on Learning Profile

Step 3: Click on Student wishing to look at

Step 4: Click on Express Space - In Student Express Spaces there are 3 tabs – these are Learning Goals, Learning Portfolio and Profile.

Step 5: Click on any of these there to find a Reference Library – this is where you will find your child's work. Most of the time, this will be under their Learning Portfolio.

### **2. Production Auditions – Dragon Girl**

This week, on Wednesday afternoon students in Grades 5/6 will be having production auditions for specific parts for the Production which is being held this year – hopefully at the end of Term 3. All students were given an individual script at the start of the term, with the hope of students preparing themselves for this. Once auditions are completed we will announce the successful parts to the school community. Good luck everyone – we will know that you will give it your best shot. All children have been encouraged to have a couple of parts which may be interested in trying out for.

### **3. Visiting Artist**

This Friday, we will be having our Visiting Artist come to our school for the day. We have rescheduled our timetable to fit in with the Interschool Cross Country and Bike Education program on this day. As a result, Grade 3/4 will have their session from 9am until 11am, followed by the Grade 5/6's before lunch and the P/1 class after lunch.

### **4. Dance Festival**

All staff will attend the Dance Festival PD at Wilmot Rd. PS on Thursday afternoon this week. The Dance Festival was a great success last year and we look forward to our children attending this day at the end of Term 2. We will be videoing individual dances at the PD, to assist with preparation for the day and specific dances will be taught during P.E. lessons and normal classroom time. Further details will be available in the next few weeks.

### **5. Jump Rope for Heart**

All children received sponsorship forms early this term, regarding the Jump Rope for Heart program. If students are seeking sponsorships they will need to return forms and money to the office by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The Jump Off Day is scheduled for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – this will involve some music and some informal specific activities.

### **6. Interschool Cross Country**

Students in Grades 2-6 will participate in the E.G.P.S.S.A. Cross Country which has been organised to be conducted at Princess Park in Shepparton this Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be held on a similar track as the one to be used for the zone event. Ages are calculated as at December 31 2012. (i.e. if a child turns 11 during 2012 they run in the 11 years group)

Events will be run as follows:

1:00	10 & under boys	2000 metres
1:15	10 & under girls	2000 metres
1:30	11 y.o. boys	3000 metres
1:45	11 y.o. girls	3000 metres
2:00	12/13 y.o. boys	3000 metres
2:15	12/13 y.o. girls	3000 metres

**It should be emphasised to children and parents that they are not expected to run all the way and that the emphasis is on giving children the opportunity to participate and complete the course.** Each child who completes the course will receive a certificate of participation and an indication of the position they came in the field. Only the first 10 children in each section will receive a finishing time.

Schools will be notified on the morning of the run if there is a postponement due to weather. Schools will assemble under the shelter near the scoreboard. They may leave their drinks etc. there. The first ten placegetters in each section will be invited to compete in the Goulburn Murray Division Cross Country on Wednesday, May 16.

**Permission forms went home last week and the cost for the bus will be \$2 per students (Grades 2-6)**

**Children should take their own drinks in a named container.**

## **7. AFL Footy Tickets**

A number of football tickets have been made available through the AFL Ambassador Program. These are listed below and will be handed out to any families who are interested (first in best dressed). Families can collect a maximum of 6 tickets for the 40 ticket game. See Karen at the office if interested.

40 Tickets available:

Game 1 – Hawthorn v St. Kilda (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.40pm – MCG)

## **8. Bike Education Program**

Mrs Montgomery will be running our Bike Education Program this term. This began today for students in Grades 2-6. The 2 classes that participate in this program will be actively involved in 45 minute sessions from 11.30am until 1pm. 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 3 – 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Mon, Tues, Wed and Frid**

**Week 4 – 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Mon, Tues, Wed**

**On Road Test – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Grade 6 Ride – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May (TBC)**

## **9. Parents' Club**

The Parents Club will be holding a Munch & Crunch lunch on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. The cost will be \$5 per lunch which consists of a Hot Dog, packet of chips and a Prima. Last orders need to be in by Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. Could all families please send along \$4 per student for the Mother's Day gift if outstanding. **Parents' Club will be holding their next meeting this Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.30pm at the school.** Sorry for the short notice.

## **10. Finance & School Council**

The Next Finance and School Council meeting will be held this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This meeting will allow us to endorse our Parents Payments Policy. This draft policy was sent home to families to view and make possible suggestions last week.

## **11. AASC Program**

The program for term 2 began today with Multi Sports, basketball will be held on a Tuesday. **Both sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm.** Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. Andrea Walker will be our school supervisor on Monday's and Jill McFarlane will fulfil this role on a Tuesday. A free icy pole voucher will be awarded each week out of a lucky draw to encourage student participation.

## **12. Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week last week.

Term 2 – Week 2

**P/1 – The Rock N Roll Kids – Eloise Walker** for the fabulous way she gets along with all the class, inside and outside the classroom. Well done Eloise

**2/3/4 – Mrs H's Brainy Bunch – Mikayla Church** for the fabulous way she has been using her getting along skills in the playground and in the classroom. Mikayla has been displaying her maturity in a great way!

**5/6 – The Grade 5/6 Rebels – Shae Montgomery** for her positive attitude at school and for the pride she always shows with her presentation of her work

All students receive a certificate and a Nando Voucher.



### **13. Term Dates**

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

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Bike Ed. Program Begins

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Finance & School Council

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Munch N Crunch

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart Day

May 15<sup>th</sup> > 17<sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN Testing

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Bike Ride (TBC)

May 18<sup>th</sup> – School Photos – 11.30am

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Information Technology Night – 6pm

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Performance at Dookie PS

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Finance & School Council

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Region Cross Country

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Reports Sent Home

June 29<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term – dismissal at 2.25pm

April 30<sup>th</sup> – AASC Program Begins

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Interschool Cross Country

May 10<sup>th</sup> – On Road Test (Bike Ed. ) – Grade 5/6

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Division Cross Country

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Walk Safely to School Day

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Education Week

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Biggest Morning Tea

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Young Leaders Day –Shae & Corbie

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Birthday Holiday

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Munch N Crunch

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews – Pupil Free

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Term 3 Begins

### **School Photos**

School photo order envelopes went home with each student a couple of weeks ago. These are due back at school by Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May which is the day the photographs will be taken. Please fill out your order and return to school with correct money or a cheque made payable to MSP Photography enclosed. For families with more than one child attending Tally PS, you can order a family portrait (Tally PS students only) and these envelopes are available at the school Office (if you would like one sent home please contact Karen at the Office). School Captain photos are also available – special envelopes available at the Office.

### **Parents' Club**

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser flyers went home a couple of weeks ago with students. We will need orders and money to be returned to school by this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### **Tallygaroopna Auskick**

The Tallygaroopna Football Club is conducting an Auskick program at the Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve commencing on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. You can pick up a registration form at the school Office which needs to be filled out and returned to the school by 15<sup>th</sup> May or you can register online. The cost of the ten week program will be \$60, made payable to the Tallygaroopna Football/Netball Club. The Club will cover all other relevant costs. For enquiries contact Neville Montgomery on 0439 614 464 or a/h 5829 8526

### **13/Under Netball Notes**

Round 2 vs. St. Mel's Gold. Another challenging game for us this week. Plenty of positive play, intercepts, defence, and great teamwork showed throughout the game, unfortunately our goals wouldn't go in and stay in! keep at it girls. Score 2-17. Video Ezy Award Natasha Armstrong, Shepparton East.

### **HI Parents!**

**Some students from our class 'Mrs H's Brainy Bunch' entered the Carpet Court competition last month. Their entries are currently on display on the Carpet Court Facebook page. Students can win based on how many votes or 'like' they get so please feel free to visit the page and have a vote!!**

**Mrs. H**

## Prep for Parents: Making Friends

Starting school contains lots of anxiety-ridden unknowns for your child: a new teacher, harder lessons, different clothes (like wearing a uniform) and where they'll sit in class. But perhaps the most unsettling challenge for your child may be around making new friends while keeping friends with those they already have.

Friends are people that your child can sit with, play with, talk to, share things with, confide in and sometimes argue with.

Your child's teacher has an important role to play in supporting children to make friends. Some of the ways in which a teacher can do this includes identifying their skills in making friends; seeing which children are chatty, confident and good at interacting with other children and those that are a little more cautious.

As a parent you may face a number of issues with your child's choice of friends as well. Your child can't say enough good things about their new best friend. You arrange a play date between your child and this new best friend only to find the friend to be difficult.

What do you do?

First and foremost, don't forbid your child to play with this friend. They will immediately cling to the friendship with a strength you may not have seen so far. The two may sneak around, maybe even lie to you, and do everything they can to continue the friendship. Fight your instincts. Do not put your foot down and forbid their friendship.

It's also important that you don't tell your child you don't like their friend. That knowledge alone is enough to push them even harder into the friendship.

Instead, you can set limits and boundaries. For example, let the children play together, but ensure the play dates occur at your house. Don't make a big thing about it; just have a handy reason for them to come to your place. You could also limit the number of times this friend visits in a week, a month, or whatever timeframe works best.

Don't make these rules only for the friend in question, just make it A Rule. Encourage your child to develop other friendships, but do so with great caution. Try meeting another family for an afternoon activity or even plan a weekend away together. With a little careful planning, you can limit the amount of time your child spends solely under the influence of the friend you're not that keen on.

You should also know that children's friendships are often very fluid.

And it is the quality of friends that your child has that is important, not the number. Whether your child has one special friend or many friends isn't really the issue. As long as they are happy and content you can be assured that they'll do fine.

Remember also that conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved. We'll talk about bullying more next week.

### Tips to help you

- Let your child know that if one child doesn't want to play with them, they still have friends and people who care about them.
- Encourage your child's interests and get them involved in clubs or groups that have similar interests.
- Offer to carpool - this will provide casual opportunities for your child to mix with others and helps you to get to know the other parents. Often it is the parents who make the first connections when it comes to developing friendships and this takes some of the pressure off the children.
- Through your behaviour and the time and effort you put into your own friendships, your child will learn how to be a friend and have friends.
- Talk to your child about forgiveness. Sometimes friends do things that upset us. This doesn't mean the friendship has to end. Understanding that everyone makes mistakes is an important lesson to learn. Being able to overlook and forgive mistakes and upsets are sure ways to have good friends.