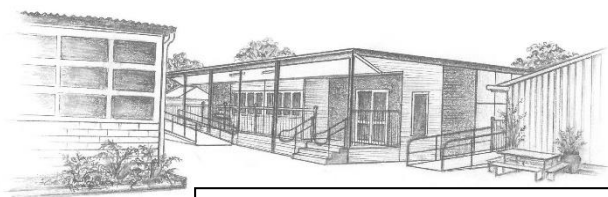


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 2018 School Year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful holiday period and I am sure we are all looking forward to an exciting year at Tallygaropna Primary School. Over the holiday period, the teachers have spent a lot of time and effort preparing grades and organising resources and I know the children of our school will enjoy their time at Tally PS this year. Our school is well equipped to cater for 21st Century Learning and we can be extremely proud of the resources, which we have presently. We are looking forward to continuing with all of our Specialist programs also and I am sure that these learning experiences will be very beneficial for all involved. As always, a number of important forms will go home early in the year – it would be appreciated if these could be returned ASAP to enhance our general management of the school.

The school numbers are listed above. This year, I will be endeavouring to contact families more regularly by phone during school hours and it would be appreciated if everyone could respect staff's personal time away from school. Please only contact staff via mobiles if something is urgent. Otherwise, leave a message on the schools answering machine and this will be addressed as soon as possible. Feel free to see me at school in regard to any matters that arise no matter how trivial they may be. I have an open door policy at school, and I will always seek to do what is best for our children. Apologies for such a large first newsletter, I promise they will be condensed more in the future. Flexibuzz will again be utilised for this year. This resource has been very beneficial over the last couple of years and again we look forward to all families joining as many boxes as possible – these have been upgraded for 2018 so join these ASAP please. Information is provided in this edition of the newsletter. We also have a school website and Facebook page so I encourage all of our families to take a look at these sites on line to keep up to date with special events at our school. I can fully appreciate how busy families are, so hopefully you find these resources useful and worthwhile. Feel free to contact the school if you need any assistance.

Karen will be at the school all week for 2018 to attend to any matters that arise. I am sure we will all benefit from Mrs Armstrong being our Business Manager in a full time capacity this year. I look forward to catching up with some parents throughout the week.

David Brodie (Principal)

Thanks for the delicious morning tea today!!!

**An Information & Meet and Greet Evening
will be held on Tuesday 13th February.
Teacher Information Sessions will begin at
6pm (F/1), 6.30pm (2/3), 7.00pm (3/4) and
7.30pm (5/6).**

**School Captains will be announced at
Assembly on Monday 12th Feb. Speeches will be
presented on Thursday 8th February.**

***Foundation students (Preps) are not required at
school on Wednesdays for all of January /
February. Their first full week will begin on
Mon 5th March***

**Absence forms can be submitted on
Flexibuzz for any students absent.**

***CAN ANY OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR 2017
EXCURSIONS/CAMPS/FEEs BE PAID FOR ASAP
PLEASE.***

***A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES TO
FREQUENTLY CHECK FLEXIBUZZ
BECAUSE MANY SPECIFIC EVENTS ARE
PUT ON THIS RESOURCE INSTEAD OF THE
NEWSLETTER. ALL FAMILIES WILL NEED
TO JOIN NEW BOXES FOR 2018. BOXES
FROM LAST YEAR HAVE NOW BEEN
ARCHIVED.***

DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:

Tallygaropna Primary School

BSB: 063—527

Account number: 00907788

**Please ensure you include family name and
payment description as reference.**



SHEPPARTON EDUCATION PLAN

Transforming secondary education in Shepparton.

After months of detailed community consultation and engagement, the Victorian Government has endorsed a recommendation to create a new one-campus secondary school in Shepparton ensuring local secondary students have access to the highest quality education.

The Shepparton Education Plan Advisory Committee considered feedback and advice from working groups, education experts and hundreds of community members as part of community consultation before recommending merging the four local government secondary schools into one new school.

This decision is a crucial step in the long-term plan to transform education across Shepparton and Mooroopna and will see the merger of Shepparton High School, McGuire College, Mooroopna Secondary College and Wanganui Park Secondary College.

This large school, to be located in Shepparton, will be broken up into smaller schools or 'houses' to create smaller learning communities where students are well known, and can build connections over many year levels.

Students will stay in the same house throughout secondary school, with Years 7-9 students learning within their house, and Years 10-12 students moving around the campus for specialised subjects of their choice where needed.

As well as new school buildings and resources designed to meet the needs of students in the future, students will have access to improved learning and teaching opportunities and increased wellbeing and sense of community.

We are currently investigating site options for the school. Once a site is chosen, in early 2018, we will engage an architect to start designing the school. When we have more information about the school design we can develop timelines and transition plans – these depend on future State Budget decisions.

The new secondary model will require careful and detailed planning. Schools will work with students and their parents/careers to ensure every student has a clearly planned pathway with minimal disruptions.

For more information go to: www.engage.vic.gov.au/SheppartonEducationPlan

Grade Expert – Parent Portal

The GradeXpert Parent Portal is used by your child's school to send you important information about your child, such as **school reports, details of incidents at the school involving your child, individual learning plans and requests for explanations of unexplained absences.**

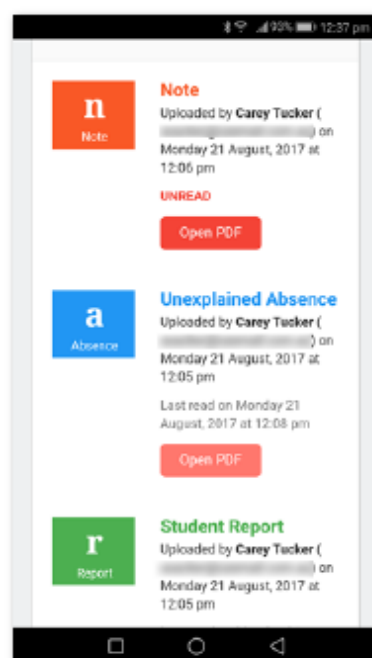
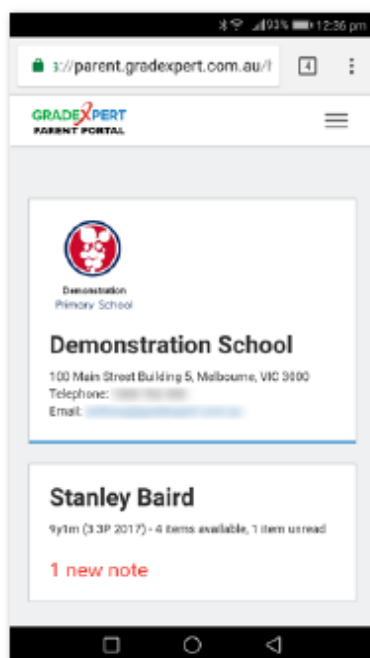
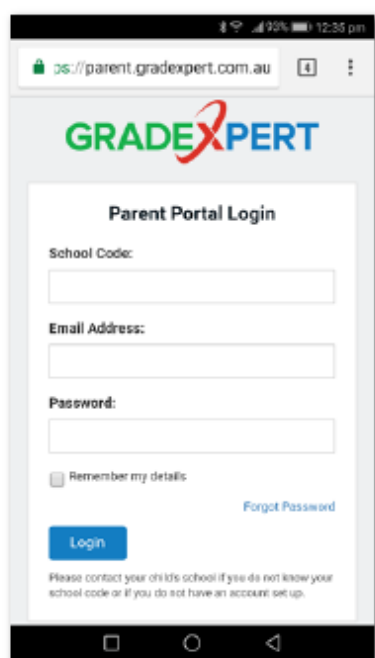
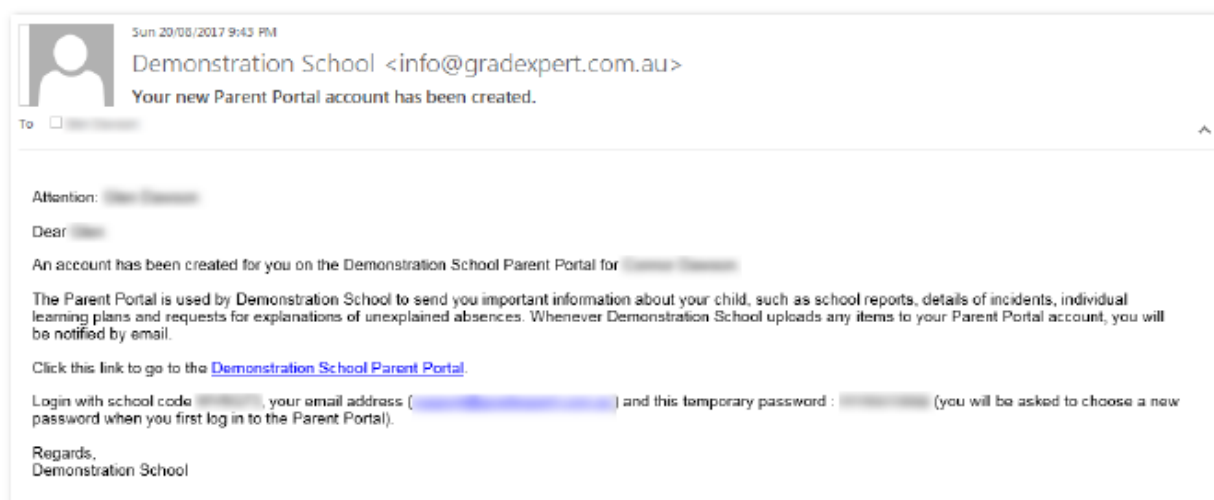
This information is **never removed** from the Parent Portal, so you can easily view this information from previous semesters and years.

Whenever your child's school uploads any items to your Parent Portal account, **you will be notified by email.**

Each parent has their own **unique login**, and your email address that you have previously provided to the school is required to log in.

You can access the Parent Portal in any web browser, on any device, including a desktop or laptop computer, tablet or smartphone (example screenshots below).

Contact the school if you need any assistance with this – all families hopefully have received an email in regard to accessing this resource. It is important that the email you use at home is the same one that we have recorded on Grade Expert – please check this.



Photos of the Week – Graduation Concert 2017



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A huge thank you to the wonderful families who helped out with some garden maintenance over the holiday period – this included watering and maintaining our vegetable garden. Your support is always appreciated.

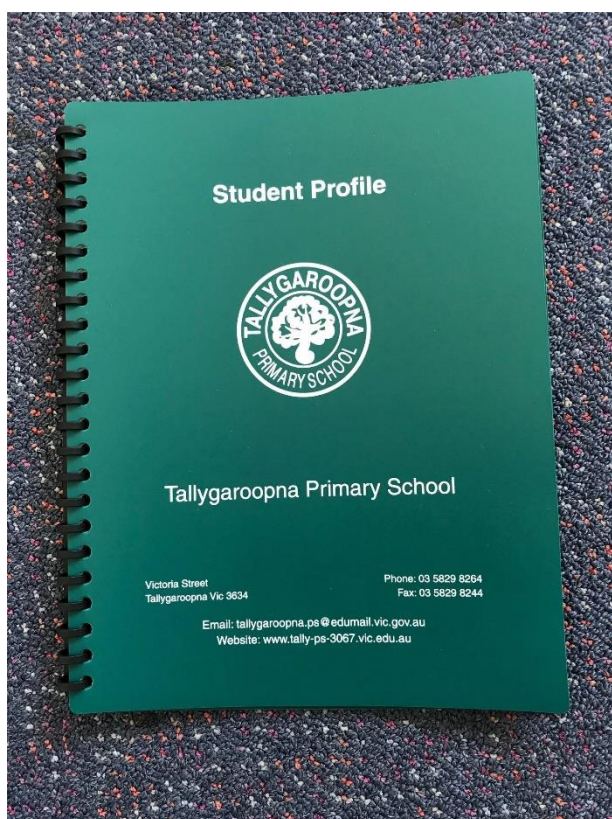
CURRICULUM DAY – TERM 1

This will be held on Thursday 8th March and will be a Pupil Free Day. All classroom teaching staff will be involved in a Spelling PD in Shepparton on this day, so families will need to make alternative arrangements. School will resume the following day on Friday 9th March and will resume again after the Labour Day Long Weekend on Tuesday 13th March.



Essential for all students.

Students will need to purchase this if new to the school or have lost their previous bag. Cost is \$10.50 per bag. Please check the relevant box on the Parent Payment Charges letter if you require one.



An option for all students.

Students may purchase this to store their reports. Cost is \$7.50 per folder. Please check the relevant box on the Parent Payment Charges letter if you require one.

Asbestos Removal - School Safe

The Department of Education and Training (DET) will soon be undertaking some proactive asbestos removal works at the school in the Administration Building (Principal's Office).

The asbestos-containing material is being removed from the school grounds in strict accordance with the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety framework and environmental regulations. We will be working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), the responsible body for asbestos removal and remediation works within DET, to ensure disruption to students and staff is minimal.

Work will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removalist engaged by DET. As a further precaution, an occupational hygienist will monitor air quality during applicable removal works and must issue a clearance certificate before any person can access the area.

I appreciate your cooperation and patience during this process. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the front office if you have any further questions, on 58298264.

David Brodie

Principal

World's Greatest Shave

This March, Miss Lothian and Mrs Haberfield will be taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation by colouring their hair.

We will be getting our students involved by holding a Funky Hair Day (date to be confirmed) for a gold coin donation.

Please sponsor our team to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. Blood cancer claims more lives than breast cancer or melanoma and today another 35 people will be given the devastating news they have leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or another blood disorder.

If you would like to colour or shave your hair, we would love you to join our team! Please contact Miss Lothian if you have any questions.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=106926>

CLASS DOJO USE – COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

It has been absolutely fantastic to see how many families are communicating with class teachers with Class Dojo. Obviously, it is vitally important that the link between home and school is consistent and positive so I thank all families for joining up with Class Dojo for 2017. New families for this year will be invited to join Class Dojo & a note will be sent home shortly.

If anyone is having trouble with this don't hesitate to contact me or any class teachers. Many staff are demonstrating what is happening in class - via **class stories**, and I am sure many families will enjoy seeing many of the fantastic things which our staff will be implementing for the year. Families can create comments and like events which occur throughout the year. It is also important that families are mindful of the personal time of our staff who work very hard and need to maintain a life away from the school environment after hours. Please keep this in mind as you continue to use this great online resource - CLASS DOJO.

David

All students need to please bring their green reader bags back to school ASAP if these are at home. These will be used this year to hold their readers and homework as per normal.

There is a book at the office, which needs to be signed if the need arises. This is for student Late Arrivals and Early Departures. This needs to be signed by parents (or whoever is dropping off or picking up your child). There is also a Visitors Book to be signed for all visitors to the school (this includes parents who stay for reading/Parents Club activities, etc). This will aid our emergency management of the school.

This year we will have 2 School Captains (Boy/Girl) and 2 Vice Captains (Boy/Girl) from Grade 6. All other Grade 5/6 students will be part of JSC.

This year we welcome the following families to our school for the first time – Angela Joy & Daniel Watson (Mitchel & Jacinda), Michelle Maher (Kealan), Kelly & Ian McPherson (Harry), Rebekah & Simon Happy (Heather, Kyle & Nathan), Mathew Price & Kate Hamilton (Oliver), Leanne & Wayne Reynolds (Olivia) and Rebecca Adams & Rodney Simpson (Caitlyn). Welcome into our school community and we trust that your time at Tallygaroopna PS will be both rich and rewarding.

New pupils starting this year are: **Charlotte Blekic, Amelia Castles, Opal Castles, Kealan Elliott, Diesel Jones, Bailey Mawson, Harry McPherson, Olivia Reynolds (all Foundation students), Mitchel Blight (Grade 2), Jacinda Blight (Grade 5), Heather Michelmore (Grade 4), Kyle Michelmore (Grade 5), Nathan Schiemann (Grade 5), Oliver Price (Grade 6) and Caitlyn Simpson (Grade 2),** We begin the new year with 83 students which is really promising for our school community – up from 73 at the same time last year.

THE 2018 SOMERS CAMP FOR GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS WILL BE HELD FROM TUESDAY 19TH JUNE UNTIL WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE

Supervision – before and after school hours

A reminder to families that children should be in attendance at school before 9am, but teacher supervision will not be provided before 8.30am.

Breakfast Club will only be held once a week on a Monday in 2018 – we would appreciate some help on these days before Assembly begins.



Cliff Doorncamp will continue lessons for interested students in 2018 for both keyboard and guitar. Lessons are for 20 minutes and cost \$18 per session (which is payable at the time of the session). For more information please contact Cliff on 0474 769 963.

Please notify the school if your child would like guitar or keyboard lessons in 2018 as soon as possible so that final arrangements can be made with Cliff.

MUSIC LESSONS 2018

I would like my child/ren _____ to participate in guitar/keyboard lessons for 2018. I understand that the cost is \$18 for 20 minutes and is payable at the time of the lesson.

Parent _____

Signature _____

Phone _____

THESE LESSONS BEGIN ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

OSH Care for 2018 – 5 days

This service has continued to build over the last 4 years. In 2014, we were able to provide 72 sessions, in 2015 we had 95 sessions, in 2016 we had 108 sessions and this year we will provide 119 sessions. This service has been provided by Tally PS staff for 4 years and a big thank you to all of our class teachers past and present for allowing this service to be available to our families.



In 2018, we will continue to provide for families and their children. OSH Care will again be available in 2018 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and we will extend this support to Monday and Tuesday's as well (excluding Public Holidays and Curriculum Days). We are pleased to announce that we have appointed an OSH Care Coordinator / Educator for 2018 – Leeanne Niblock. We look forward to Leeanne making a valuable contribution to our school and continuing to develop this service for our families from 3.25pm to 6pm. **A reminder to all families that a new enrolment form for 2018 must be filled in for any children utilising this service. This form is available at our school office and also on our School Website.**

Fees for 2018 are:

Casual Booking - \$22

Permanent Booking - \$20

Pick up before 4.30pm - \$12

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MIDDAY OF THE DAY OF SERVICE. ALL FAMILIES WILL HAVE TO PAY NORMAL FEES IF THEY FORGET TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL IN REGARD TO THIS. THIS WILL BE A BIG CHANGE FOR FAMILIES BUT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKING OUR STAFFING AND ENROLMENT PROCESS FAIR AND REASONABLE IN LINE WITH COMPLIANCE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/enrolment_form_2018.pdf

1. Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

The CSEF program opens for processing in Term one, 2018, and helps ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. A special consideration category also exists. A payment of \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student. Victorian government school prep and year 7 students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform package. These initiatives are part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

Applications

From 2018, the requirement for parents to complete and submit a new application form each year has been removed. Parents that received CSEF in 2017 do not need to complete an application form in 2018, providing there has been no change in their family circumstances or change of school. CSEF payments to schools will commence from 1 March 2018 onwards, however schools are able to continue processing applications through until the end of Term 2 on 29 June 2018.

Further information

For information about the uniform package initiative, see: [State Schools' Relief](#)

For more information about the CSEF application processes, updated policy, and forms, see: [CSEF](#)

2. Student Information - URGENT

This week, a student information sheet will go home for approval by families – to be filled out, signed and returned. These forms are essential for the general operation of the school and it would be appreciated if these are returned by this Friday if possible. This form enables families to give consent to a number of items at Tallygaroopna PS. A summary of the forms is below:

- Parent Payment Charges – F/1, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6 – fill out and return
- Child Safe Code of Conduct (renewed annually)– Please sign if assisting with any school activities this year – reading, breakfast club, munch n crunch, fundraising...etc
- Green Confidential Student Information Details & Consent Form – fill out and return
- Asthma Action Plans to relevant families

3. ESmart Policy Use

This policy is updated annually and was endorsed at School Council before the end of 2017. Specific information relates to acceptable use with the Internet and other Digital Technologies. There is a lot of information in this document and it will no longer be sent home every year – it can be viewed on the school website for families' perusal. Family approval / consent in line with this document is now on the Student Information form being sent home – see above.

4. Engagement Policy

This policy is updated annually and was endorsed at School Council before the end of 2017. Specific information relates to behaviour expectations for all of our staff, students and families which links to our current school values. This document was approved in 2010 and it is a living and breathing document so new additions / alterations may occur throughout the year. There is a lot of information in this document and it will no longer be sent home every year – it can be viewed on the school website for families' perusal. Family approval / consent in line with this document is now on the Student Information form being sent home – see above.

5. Information Evening

An Information and Meet the Teachers evening will be held at school on Tuesday, 13th February from 6pm - 8pm. Teacher Information Sessions will begin at 6pm (F/1), 6.30pm (1/2), 7.30pm (3/4) and 7.00pm (5/6). We are expecting each session to go for approximately 30 minutes and some information will be sent home with families. All families are encouraged to come along to this night and we are trialling 4 separate times, so that there are no clashes with different grades.

6. Student Headphones

In past years, many students have supplied their own headphones to use at school. We are encouraging this again in 2018, so that these can be used daily by students with a variety of ICT programs which are utilised at school. Obviously, there may be some families who may not be able to supply these, so the school will supply some basic ones for students to use at cost of \$5 per headphone– this will occur next week. Good quality headphones cost about \$10 whereas the basic ones which are supplied at school are only about \$5 – not as durable obviously (please see Parent Payment Charges letter).

7. School Bus Safety

Thanks to all families who returned information about the School Bus for 2018 before school began. It is imperative that families who have children who are bus travellers contact the school if their children are not going on the bus in the afternoon (before 3pm). Mr Brodie will be the school contact for buses in the morning and afternoon and parents will need to make contact with him using either notes or phoning the school. Alternatively, parents can text message Mr Brodie on 0411 960 164 if they cannot contact the school directly – please do this first.

8. English Online Interview

The English Online Interview is a powerful online tool for assessing the English skills of students in Years Foundation to Grade 2 in Victorian government schools. The Interview assesses students across the three dimensions of the English domain of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) – Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening. Teachers will be conducting these tests over the next few weeks. It is compulsory to conduct these with Foundation students and we will be endeavouring to complete them with students in Grade 1 and 2 also if time permits.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/Pages/engonlineint.aspx>

9. School Values

These values are used to support our students, teachers and parents in becoming positive citizens within their community. These were amended in 2017 and are summarised as follows:

Inclusion: to include others and to not leave anyone out. To understand, respect, welcome, celebrate and honour the diversity of children, families and staff. Diversity comes in many different forms, for example culture, language, religion, lifestyle, family arrangements and circumstances, abilities and disabilities. Respecting diversity is important in creating a sense of belonging. The different backgrounds of the children, families and staff enrich a school's character and identity. Schools that are responsive to individual differences and respect diversity benefit everyone and help to build an inclusive environment.

Respect: to treat others with consideration and regard, to respect another person's point of view and to treat others how you would like to be treated. A feeling of admiration or deference toward a person, child, non-human animal, group, ideal, or indeed almost any entity or concept, as well as specific actions and conduct representative of that esteem. Respect can be a specific feeling of regard for the actual qualities of the one respected (e.g., "I have great respect for her judgment"). It can also be conduct in accord with a specific ethic of respect (ie: ANZAC Day).

Honesty: to tell the truth and own up to things in a mature manner. Being honest means you display positive attributes such as integrity, truthfulness, straightforwardness, including straightforwardness of conduct, along with the absence of lying, cheating, theft, etc. Furthermore, honesty means being trustworthy, loyal, fair, and sincere.

10. Personal Property

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Child Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to school property. Therefore, staff, students, parents and guardians should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

11. School Assembly

A school assembly is held each Monday morning beginning at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents are quite welcome to attend and it generally concludes at approximately 9.30am.

12. Conveyance

The Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school or campus.

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:

- the least expensive public transport fares and/or
- a distance based allowance when travel is by private car or private bus.

Parents applying for the allowance are required to complete an application form – contact Karen if needed.

13. School Term Dates

These dates have now been confirmed at School Council. Please keep these in a handy spot as you may wish to book your family holidays during any of the school holidays.

Term 1 – January 29th until 29th March (all students from F-6 to start on Tuesday 30th January)

Term 2 – 16th April until 29th June

Term 3 – 16th July until 21st September

Term 4 – 8th October until 21st December

Foundation – Rest Days (Wednesday's) – further Wednesday rest days can be negotiated if needed.

Week 1 – Wednesday 31st January

Week 2 – Wednesday 7th February

Week 3 – Wednesday 14th February

Week 4 – Wednesday 21st February

Week 5 – Wednesday 28th February

The first full week for Foundation students may begin on Monday 5th March.

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. We are obviously taking 1 of these at the start of the year - the remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

14. Parents Club / Meeting

A big thank you to the Parents' Club for organising the Morning Tea today. It was a great idea and it was terrific to see so many families attend the first assembly for the year. New and existing parents are always welcome to join this club which constantly supports the school. Last year some great fundraising occurred and the school was able to utilise some funds to go towards school programs and excursions, which was greatly appreciated.

The next Parents Club meeting will be held on Monday 5th February 2018 straight after school. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing some new families help out with this great school community group. We are also looking for new and exciting ideas.

15. School Council / Dates for 2018

Meeting Dates for 2018 are below. These are summarised below and are open to change if needed. These are held generally in weeks 3 and 9 each term and we are mandated to have 8 meetings a year.

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| <u>Term 1</u> | Week 4 – Wednesday 21 st Feb | Week 9 – Wednesday 28 th March |
| <u>Term 2</u> | Week 3 – Wednesday 2 nd May | Week 9 – Wednesday 13 th June |
| <u>Term 3</u> | Week 3 – Wednesday 1 st August | Week 9 – Wednesday 12 th September |
| <u>Term 4</u> | Week 3 – Wednesday 24 th October | Week 9 – Wednesday 5 th December |

16. School Times

The school day commences at 9.00am and concludes at 3.25pm. Recess is from 11.00 – 11.30am and Lunch is from 1.15 – 2.00pm (children eat in classrooms from 1.05 – 1.15pm). We are obliged to give children 5 hours of instruction at school and these specific times cater for this and allow some flexibility with our bus at the end of the day.

17. Communication with staff - Reminder

At Tallygaroopna PS, we value the two-way link between home and school and it is essential that positive communication occurs. This is vital and our parents and staff generally do a great job with this. However, at times teachers or parents receive messages in a variety of forms (text messages, Class Dojo..etc) where the tone of the message is not really clear. Therefore, we request families to communicate by either phone call or personally at school so that all communication is clear and concise and no mixed messages occur. Please also make an appointment if there is a need to discuss an issue at length.

It is also 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.

18. Absence Notes

Could the attached form be used for Absences please - this went home again today. The other alternative is to do an absence on Flexibuzz. Both of these are the preferred methods because they are completed immediately. If either of these are not convenient - please ring the school. Formal notes are needed for audit records and your support would be appreciated. We would prefer no text messages.

What happens if absences continue – 7 days a term turns into 28 days a year, which turns into 196 days over 7 years. This results in a child missing 1 whole year of their Primary School years – something for all of us to think about.

19. School Fees

All School Fee information is summarised in our Parent Payment Charges letter which will go home this week. Feel free to contact the office if any clarification is needed. The Essential Education Items have been approved at School Council and are summarised below. With the new Education Department Guidelines specific items need to be itemised hence some minor differences between fees for different year levels. Please refer to the Parent Payment Charges letter for more information on the Optional Extras and Voluntary Items.

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| Foundation \$165 | Grade 1 / Grade 2 \$140 | Grade 3 / Grade 4 \$150 | Grade 5 / Grade 6 \$155 |
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20. Policies Endorsed / Reviewed

At the last School Council of the year in 2017, the following policies were reviewed and endorsed. All of these policies are now on our school website to view.

Care Arrangements of Ill Students
Communication Procedures
Mandatory Reporting
E Smart

Carer-Illness & Injury Notification
Duty of Care
First Aid
Student Engagement

There were also a number of Policies that were reviewed in December last year. All of these policies will be endorsed at the first School Council meeting of 2018 and they will be put on Flexibuzz for families to view – we welcome any feedback with the following policies:

Visitors & Volunteers Policy
Rest & Sleep Policy (OSH)
Parent Information Book (OSH)
Quality Improvement Plan (OSH)

Working With Children Check Policy
Outside School Hours Care Policy (OSH)
Medical Conditions Policy (OSH)

21. Payment Envelopes

Specially printed envelopes will be sent home with the students this week. When sending money to school, please seal it in the envelope, fill out the details on the front of the envelope and post it in the locked box inside the office door.

ANY STUDENTS INTERESTED IN DIVISION SWIMMING OR TENNIS TRIALS SEE MR BRODIE ASAP PLEASE.

22. Child Safe Standards

A reminder to all families about policies regarding to the Child Safe Standards. These include the following and it would be appreciated if **all volunteers in the school sign the Child Safe Code of Conduct annually.**

Child Safe Code of Conduct
Child Safe Policy
Inclusion Policy
Strategies to Promote Child Empowerment and Participation

Child Safe Incident Report Form
Child Safe Risk Management Assessment
Recruitment Checklist for Child Safe Organisations

<http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/217/Child-Safe-Standards>

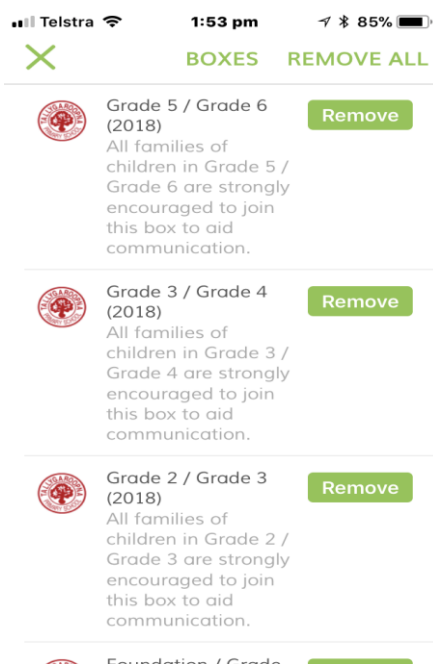
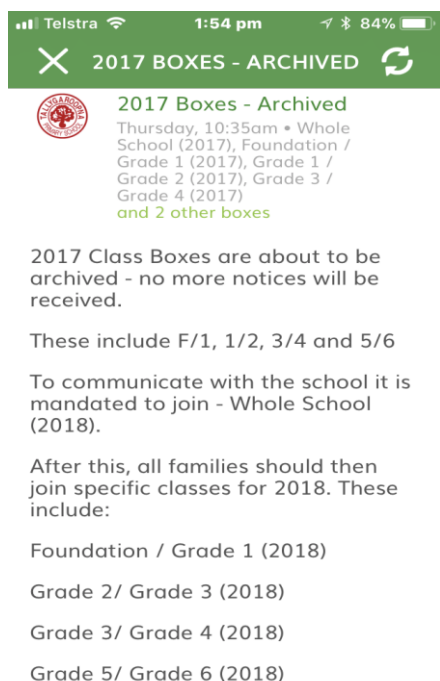
23. Music – Grade 2/3/4 students

We are looking forward to our Music program continuing in 2018 with Mrs McQuilton. Students in Grades 2, 3 & 4 will need to purchase a recorder from the school for \$10 each if they don't already have one. Payment for this will need to be added to their school fees if required. Recorders are to be left at school but will obviously be owned by the students. Foundation and Grade 1 students will focus on percussion instruments which the school already has. Grade 5 and 6 students will utilise ukuleles which the school has as well. Students will need their own recorder because of hygiene reasons. Music will begin on Friday 9th February. Please let the school know ASAP if you can supply your own recorder as an alternative.

24. Flexibuzz Communication

To aid communication between our school and the home we will continue to use an application which is available on computers and mobile devices called Flexibuzz. Flexibuzz (previously called Tiqbiz) is a school app and business program designed for newsletters, calendar events and marketing information. The school app includes an instant message service to alert when new information is available while the business program will notify customers of new releases and events. It would be appreciated if all families could download this ASAP so that immediate alerts go directly to everyone.

**A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN THE NEW CLASS BOXES FOR 2018 –
WHOLE SCHOOL, F/1, 2/3, 3/4 & 5/6
ALSO ALL FAMILIES WHO UTILISE THE SCHOOL BUS ARE MANDATED TO JOIN
THE BUS
– EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOX.**



25. Extreme Heat

We all know that a heat wave usually occurs as we return to school. Therefore, we shouldn't be surprised that we are expecting extremely high temperatures for the coming weeks. Parents and guardians are reminded that on hot days it is important never to leave children alone in a car.

We have an extreme weather timetable to cover these 'HOT' days. Students will remain indoors for some or all of lunch time and will be encouraged to drink lots of water. Please make sure they bring a water bottle to school each day.

26. Foundation Students Information (Preps)

Throughout the months of January / February, children in Foundation WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on 31st January, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of February. There may be some Wednesday's where Mr Flood may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but he will inform parents of this if there is a need. We will continue to implement a whole school buddy program on Monday afternoons, once every fortnight. The first full week for Foundation students will begin on Monday 5th March – extra days can be negotiated if needed.

27. Breakfast Club

This will begin on Monday 5th February in the School Kitchen (Multi-Purpose Room) and we look forward to this program being enjoyable for all involved again this year. **The Breakfast Club takes place only on a Monday each week and begins at 8.30am and concludes at 9am.** Setting up of the program begins at 8.15am and if you can help out in any way please contact the office. Thanks to the many helpers who assisted last year and we look forward to more great assistance again this year.

28. Newsletter / Website

For the information of new parents, please note that the full newsletter and mini newsletter are available to families via Flexibuzz and also on our school website each Monday after school. Some copies are available at the office if needed as well – contact Karen about this. There will be some items / notes / permission forms...etc, which will be sent home still, please check your child's bag for these as they contain important information on what is taking place in the school. Any items for the newsletter must reach the office by 9.00am on Monday. We encourage all families to take a look at our School Website as it will be constantly evolving over time and many other valuable resources for parents and children are found here.

29. Enrolments & Staffing / Grade Structures for 2018

We begin the New Year with 83 students, which is a great result for our school. The grade structure for 2018 will be the following, but class numbers may change with any future alterations to enrolments.

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|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Junior School | Foundation / Grade 1 – 19 students | Mr Ian Flood – maternity leave position |
| Middle School | Grade 2 / Grade 3 – 22 students | Miss Liss Lothian |
| Middle School | Grade 3 / Grade 4 – 19 students | Mrs Claire Haberfield |
| Senior School | Grade 5 / Grade 6 – 23 students | Miss Dell Love |

Principal – David Brodie

Business Manager – Karen Armstrong

Education Support – Dee Palmer, Beck Wayman

School Welfare – John Hosking

We are over the moon that we can again offer low classroom sizes across the whole school. This will obviously make our school an attractive learning environment for the future.

30. Specialist Programs

This year, we will be continuing our Specialist subject program. We are very excited about these initiatives and look forward to all of these programs being engaging and enjoyable for all of our children. **Starting dates for all of these programs are in the School Calendar at the end of this newsletter.**

P.E. (Wednesday) – 1 hour each week for each grade (Teacher – Mrs Montgomery)

LOTE - Italian (Friday) - 1 hour each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mrs Ceravolo)

Music (Friday) – 1 hour each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mrs McQuilton)

Library (Wednesday) – 1 hour each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mrs Campbell)

Art (Wednesday) – 1 hour each fortnight for each grade (Teacher – Mrs Hack)

Science – this program will be implemented by class teachers

31. Art / Library Van

Our MACC and MARC Vans will continue to come to our school on alternative weeks to support our Library and Art Programs at school. We anticipate Library (MARC) beginning on Wednesday 7th February and Art (MACC) beginning the following week on Wednesday 14th February. **It would be appreciated if an old shirt could be supplied as an Art Smock if possible. Green bags will be used for borrowing library books.**

32. School Production Date

Our school production is a highlight of the school year and involves all students from Foundation to Grade 6. This always takes place in Term 3 and this year we are planning the following schedule for this program. Please pencil in these dates so that all children from our school can participate.

Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th September – Practice at the Tallygaroopna Hall

Thursday 13th September – Matinee for Small Schools, Kindergarten and Local Community Members

Friday 14th September – Production Night for School Families

33. School Camps for 2017

We usually hold 2 Camps each year – Grade 3/4 Camp and Grade 5/6 Camp. Although camps are getting harder to organise and more expensive, these are very valuable experiences and opportunities which are extremely beneficial for our children. These are summarised below, but more details will be available closer to specific dates:

Grade 5/6 Camp to the Beach – Dates and Venues to be confirmed

Grade 3/4 Camp to Camp Curumbene – Wednesday 6th June to Friday 8th June

34. Sun Smart Policy

Tallygaroopna Primary School endorses a SunSmart policy during many warm months (September until the end of April). Students must wear their wide-brimmed hat at recess and lunch time. Students without hats must stay in the undercover area between the Multi- Purpose Room and the brick building. New hats may be purchased from the school at a cost of \$11.

35. Medicine at School

For those students required to have medication whilst at school, a Medication Request Form is required to be filled out, signed and returned to the school office prior to the student being administered medication. Further copies are available at the Office. This does not apply to children with asthma with their puffer, although the office must be informed of the child's needs in this regard. Any change to the child's medical condition should be relayed to the office ASAP.

36. Head lice

Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair for lice. There were some frequent head lice incidents last year and we would like to have a relatively 'lice-free' year in 2018. Thanks for your cooperation.

37. Frozen Ice Sticks

Frozen Ice sticks will be available for sale each Friday at lunchtime for 50 cents each.

38. Fruit in Classrooms / Foods

This year, all classrooms will again be having a fruit/vegetable break at 10.00am each morning. Students are asked to bring along a piece of fruit/vegetable to eat at this time. There will still be the usual play lunch at recess time which will be eaten in classrooms for all students. No students will be eating outside under any circumstance in 2018.

39. Online Resources

Our school has again invested in a number of online educational programs which are available for student use at home and at school. These programs obviously complement specific activities which are implemented in class. Passwords will be sent home with parents for these as soon as possible.

<http://www.mathletics.com.au/>

<http://www.ziptales.com/>

<http://readingeggs.com.au/>

<https://skoolbo.com.au/>

40. Sporting Schools Program

This program will not be implemented after school in 2018. We will be offering P.E. on a weekly basis as a Specialist Subject in 2018 and OSH Care is available for family members until 6pm if needed. Mrs Montgomery may consider this program during school hours – to be confirmed.

41. Homework

Homework is an opportunity for parents or carers to participate in their child's education. Homework complements and reinforces classroom learning, and fosters good lifelong study habits. We acknowledge that families have busy lives but all we are asking for as staff at Tallygaroopna PS is a minimum of 30 minutes a week along with nightly reading. Spelling and tables may be implemented by classroom teachers on top of this. As staff, we will accept notes by families if homework is unfinished, as long as this is not a regular occurrence. Homework will be handed out **early in the week** and will be expected to be returned and completed by Friday. The current homework policy is in this edition of the newsletter – this will be revised and endorsed again in 2019.

42. Playgroup Dates

This program will again be coordinated by John Hosking (Welfare Worker) in 2018. Community members are invited to drop in with their little ones and have a tea / coffee and a chat. Playgroup is every fortnight and begins at 9am and concludes at 11am. Specific dates for the next few weeks are: 22nd Feb, 8th March, 22nd March. These are all open to change.

Second-hand Uniforms

If anyone has any uniforms that they no longer require could you please send them along to school.

Thank you, Lisa Newbound (Uniform Coordinator)

LUNCH ORDERS FOR 2018 WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

ENVIRO KIDS & STUDENT OF THE WEEK WILL START ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE AN ICY POLE VOUCHER IF AWARDED STUDENT OF THE WEEK.

***STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS SUNCREAM
ON A REGULAR BASIS IF NEEDED.
THIS SITS IN THE CUPBOARDS NEAR THE SINK IN THE PROJECT
ROOM.***

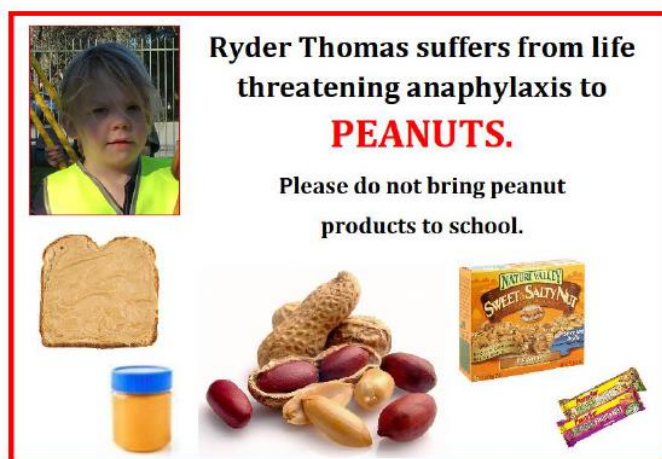
ONCE A WEEK, WE WILL BE SOUNDING OUR 2 ALARMS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO BECOME AWARE OF THESE IF THE NEED ARISES IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Asthma

School Asthma Action Plan forms will be sent home to families with students with asthma. Could these forms be completed and signed by your child's doctor as soon as possible and returned to school. This is to ensure that the school has the student's most recent Action Plan on file.

Confidential Student Information

A green Confidential Student Information form will be sent home this week. This form acts as a quick reference for the staff on excursions and ensures that the school has up-to-date information and signatures for a variety of issues and programs. Could this form please be filled out (please ensure both sides have been completed) and returned to the school Office as soon as possible.



Homework Policy – Tallygaroopna PS



Homework at Tallygaroopna PS is designed to enable students to have a desire for lifelong learning so that they become valuable members of society. The school encourages creativity and is committed to providing the highest quality education for all in an environment that cares for our students, staff and parents.

This commitment is demonstrated by encouraging students to:

- Reach their full academic, social and physical potential in a fair, positive and consistent environment.
- Display a commitment to improving their learning outcomes.
- Develop a sense of self-discipline in their work and their play.
- Develop a good understanding of all key-learning areas, particularly literacy and numeracy.
- Develop in students, qualities and life skills such as responsibility, communication, independence, inquiring minds, problem solving, team skills and creativity.
- Prepare students for their next stages of learning by building on their strengths and experiences.

Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self learning.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Classroom teachers may set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities will be assessed and feedback provided where necessary.

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)

Homework may consist mainly of:

- reading and spelling activities to, with and by parents.
- simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- gathering of additional information or materials
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Middle Years (Years 5 – 6)

Homework may consist mainly of:

- independent reading and practicing spelling and tables on a daily basis
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends and school vacations.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle and feedback will be sought from the School Community.
- This policy was endorsed by School Council on Wed 5th August 2015.



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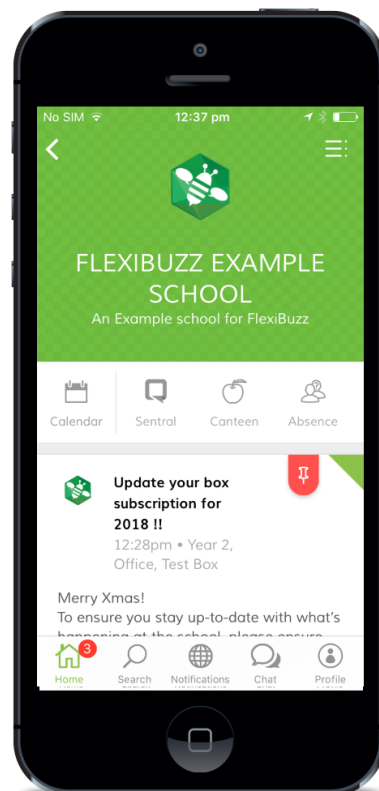
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ABSENCE NOTE – 2018



Student's Name.....
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TALLY TAKEAWAY – SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS



(TERM 1 – 2018 / THURS.)



30/1/2018

| Food | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Hot Chips - \$3.50 | Sausage Roll - \$4 |
| Dim Sim - \$1.10 | Chicken Burger - \$7 |
| Potato Cakes - \$1.10 | Spring Roll - \$3 |
| Chicken Nuggest – 60c each or 4 for \$2 | Battered Sav - \$3 |
| Chico Roll - \$3 | Chicken Crispy Strips - \$1.10 |
| Pie - \$4.50 | Calamari - \$1 each |
| Drink | |
| Ducats OJ - \$2.80 | Smiley (Blueberry or Orange) - \$1.80 |
| Mr D - \$2.80 | Nippy - \$3 |
| Cola, Lime or Raspberry | Chocolate, Honeycomb or Strawberry |
| Zing - \$1.80 | |
| Orange or Blueberry | |

* Please Note:

All Lunch Orders must be handed into the School before 3.30pm on Wednesday. School staff will deliver lunch orders to the Servo at approximately 3.30pm on the Wednesday.

Lunch orders can be handed in earlier in the week prior to the Wednesday if needed.

Any orders given to the school after 3.30pm on the Wednesday will not be accepted.

Lunch Orders can also be handed in direct to the Servo as long as it is before 6pm on the Wednesday evening. Any orders after 6pm will not be accepted.

Lunch Orders will be collected by School Staff at approximately 12.50pm every Thursday.

Envelopes must be clearly labelled with Student Names and Grade with specific items.

(ie: JOHN DOE – GRADE 6 – Battered Sav \$3, Mr D Cola \$2.80 = \$5.80 – enclosed \$10)

We would prefer the correct change if possible.

Healthy Options have been discussed, but the Servo can only provide food and drinks above unfortunately. If this is an issue, I would encourage families to provide their own healthy lunches.

David

2018 Primary School Education Scholarships

Applications open between 5 February – 2 March 2018



Scholarship Information

Ganbina's Primary School Education Scholarships are designed to help cover some of the education expenses incurred by Indigenous families.

The 2018 Scholarship applications are open to Indigenous children from Prep through to Grade 6 who are attending Primary School in the Goulburn Valley.

2018 Application Dates

Applications open on Monday, 5 February 2018

Applications close on Friday, 2 March 2018 at 5.00pm.

We can only accept applications within these dates.

How to Apply

If you would like to apply for a Ganbina 2018 Primary School Education Scholarship, please call our office on 03 5821 7333 to arrange an appointment with us.

Appointment bookings open on Monday, 5 February 2018.

When you come into the office for your appointment, please bring with you:

- If your child is in prep, the enrolment letter from your child's school.
- Your child's 2017 end of year school report.
- A document that shows where you live (bank statement, electricity or gas bill).
- Proof of Identification from parents or guardians (driver's licence, birth certificate or health care card).

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TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 1 2018

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| 29 Teachers 1 st Day | 30 Term 1 Starts F-6 Students Start OSH Chaplain Assembly | 31 Prep Rest Day OSH PE | 1 OSH Chaplain | 2 OSH |
| 5 Breakfast Club OSH / Assembly Parents Club Mtg Music - Cliff | 6 OSH Chaplain | 7 Prep Rest Day OSH Library / PE | 8 OSH Chaplain Lunch Orders | 9 OSH Music / LOTE |
| 12 Breakfast Club OSH / Assembly Breakfast Club Buddies Music - Cliff | 13 OSH Chaplain Info. Night | 14 Prep Rest Day OSH Art / PE | 15 OSH Chaplain Lunch Orders | 16 OSH Men's Shed 1 |
| 19 OSH / Assembly Breakfast Club Music - Cliff | 20 OSH Chaplain | 21 OSH Library / PE Prep Rest Day School Council 1 | 22 OSH Chaplain Lunch Orders | 23 OSH Music / LOTE |
| 26 OSH / Assembly Breakfast Club Buddies Music - Cliff | 27 OSH Chaplain | 28 OSH Art / PE Prep Rest Day Red Balloon Day | 1 OSH Chaplain Lunch Orders | 2 OSH Men's Shed 2 3 – Mad Cow Run |

JAN / FEB / MARCH

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|-----------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| 5 OSH / Assembly Breakfast Club Preps – Full Time Buddies Music - Cliff | 6 OSH Chaplain | 7 OSH Library / PE | 8 OSH Chaplain Curriculum Day | 9 OSH Music / LOTE |
| 12 Labour Day H'Day | 13 OSH Chaplain | 14 OSH Art / PE | 15 OSH Chaplain Lunch Orders | 16 OSH 18 – Trade Day |
| 19 OSH / Assembly Breakfast Club Buddies Music - Cliff | 20 OSH Chaplain | 21 OSH Library / PE | 22 OSH Chaplain Lunch Orders | 23 OSH Athletic Sports |
| 26 OSH / Assembly Breakfast Club Athletic Sports – Back Up Day Music - Cliff | 27 OSH Chaplain | 28 OSH Art / PE School Council 2 | 29 Term 1 Ends OSH Chaplain | 30 Good Friday |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | | | | |
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MARCH / APRIL