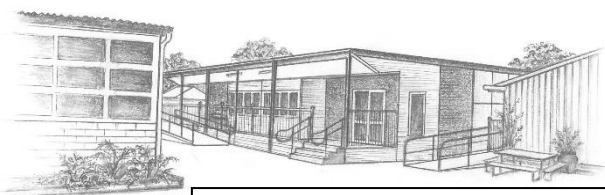


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 2019 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 Tallygaroopna 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 our Specialist programs also (with the addition of Science this year) 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 staffs' personal time away from school. Please only contact staff outside of school hours if something is urgent. Otherwise, leave a message on Class Dojo or on the school's 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 seem. 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 more condensed in the future.

Flexibuzz will again be utilised 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 2019 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 again for 2019 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 again this year. I look forward to catching up with some parents throughout the week.

David Brodie (Principal)

***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 2019. BOXES
FROM LAST YEAR HAVE NOW BEEN
ARCHIVED.***

***CAN ANY OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR 2018
EXCURSIONS/CAMPS/FEES BE PAID FOR ASAP
PLEASE.***

**Absence forms can be submitted on
Flexibuzz.**

**School Captains will be announced at
Assembly on Friday 8th Feb. Speeches will be
presented on Thursday 7th February from
11.55am to 12.25pm.**

**ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AND OUT
AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN LINE WITH
OUR CHILD SAFE PROCESSES.**

**An Information & Meet and Greet Evening
will be held on Tuesday 12th February. A
BBQ will be available from 5.30pm. Teacher
Information Sessions will begin at 6pm (2/3),
6.30pm (5/6), 7.00pm (F/1) and 7.30pm (3/4)**

DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:

Tallygaroopna Primary School

BSB: 063—527

Account number: 0090 7788

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

December OSH Care Newsletter 2018

Photos from our OSH Service with the children enjoying making some yummy edible strippy lolly slime & eating some yummy banana pancakes



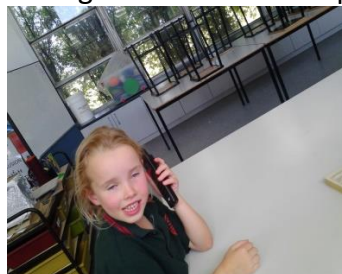
Girls with their fantastic artwork Christmas cards. Pasta Jewellery. Colourful bright slimes



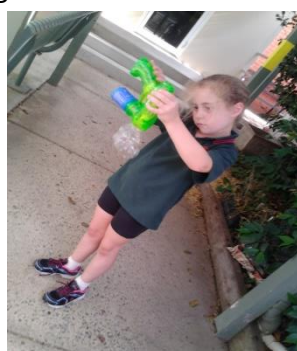
Playing Snap card game



Practicing to use the service phone



Enjoying squirting some bubbles



Having fun in the sandpit



Photos of the Week – Christmas Concert



Photos of the Week – Graduation Night



If anyone from the school community can help to get the mud kitchen installed in the sandpit – can you contact the school please.

Photos of the Week – Goodbye to our Grade 6 Students



No bikes are to be ridden around the school buildings to skid on concrete areas during school hours or while there are after hours school activities. Bikes may only be ridden on the court area once all staff have left the school.

Tallygaroopna Primary School

App List for BYO iPads



- As stated in our BYO iPad policy, student iPads must come to school with these applications before they will be connected to the school's server.
- All of apps below are **free**.

Preloaded apps such as iMovie, Voice Memos and Garage Band will also be used.



Dictionary.com



Dropbox



Kahoot



Socrative Student



Class Dojo



Pic Collage



QR Code Scanner



Minecraft Education Edition



Mathletics



ABC Reading Eggs



Prodigy Math Game



Popplet Life



Google Earth



Padlet



Duolingo



Speech to Text



Word Clouds



Book Creator Free



Stop Motion Studio



Quick Math

Version 1 (Dec 2018) - this document will be updated regularly

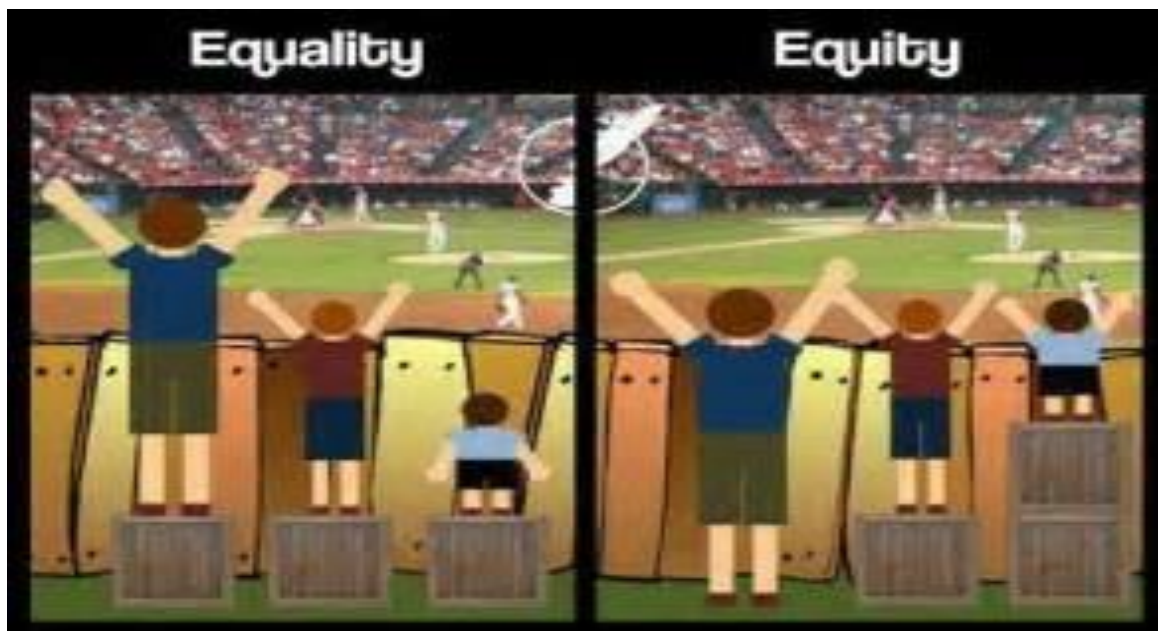
It's Not Cyberbullying, But ...

From grieving to ghosting, online aggression can take many forms. The following article will inform you about all the various forms of online behaviour that don't necessarily fit the definition of cyberbullying, but can definitely cause some hurt amongst our young people.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/its-not-cyberbullying-but>

The approved Master Plan for the Greater Shepparton college has been uploaded onto the VSBA website (link below).

<https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/schools/Pages/SheppartonEducationPlan.aspx>



Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture
happy, balanced kids.

KidsMatter

Australian Primary Schools
Mental Health Initiative

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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.**

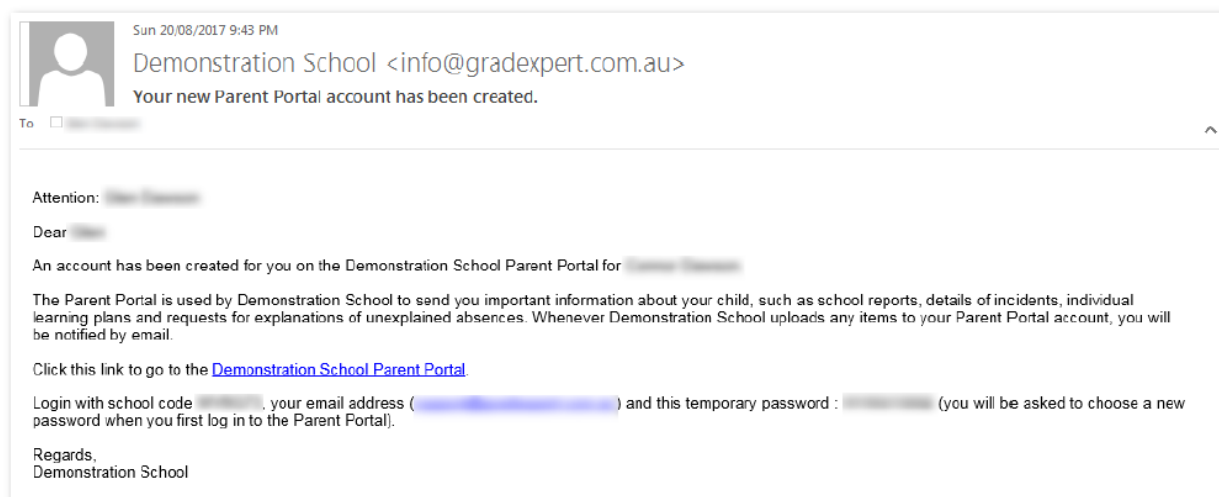
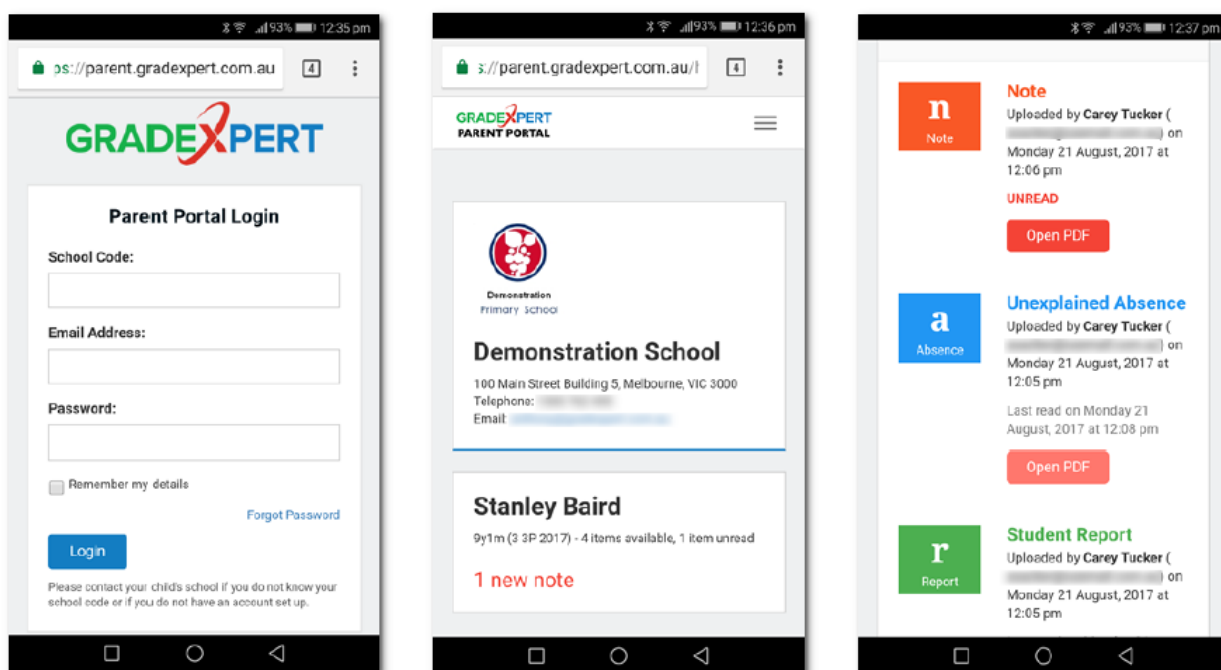
This information is **never removed** from the Parent Portal, so you can easily view this information from previous semesters and years.

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.



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 2019. 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.

SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY – IN LINE WITH OUR SUN SMART PROGRAM. THESE NEED TO BE WORN BY THIS FRIDAY.

There is a Late Arrivals/Early Departures book at the office, which needs to be signed for late arriving or early departing students. This needs to be signed by parents (or whoever is dropping off or picking up your child). There is also a Visitor's Book to be signed by 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 two School Captains (boy/girl) and two 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 – Krysta Watters & Tim Brett (Braxton), Tahleah & Joshua Sidebottom (Lebron), Jannah & Paul Tucker (Evie) and Michelle Jukes & Tino Fulu (Asora). 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: Braxton Brett, Dan Burgess, Toby Elliott, Eadi Findlay, Olie Guthrie, Bronte Lee, Max Matheson, Ajay Mazzeo, Pippa Pearce, Lebron Sidebottom, Thomas Simpson, Savannah Thomas, Evie Tucker, Levi Wright and Asora Tuala (all Foundation students). **We begin the new year with 88 students which is really promising for our school community – up from 83 at the same time last year.**

Supervision – before and after school hours

Parents are reminded that grounds supervision does not begin until 8.30am so please do not send students early to school for the sake of it or to play. This is documented in our staff supervision policy. **We know there are a handful of families that do make early drop offs (contact the school if this is needed), but these students will not be allowed outside until 8.30am or until supervision begins.** Before 8.30am - these students will remain in the BER room instead of roaming around the school grounds unsupervised. Please reinforce this at home and only have children arrive early to school if needed (ie: early work commitments). We begin whole school reading at 8.45am and encourage all students to participate in this program. The whole school reading program concludes at 9am and we welcome any helpers for this.



What's on at school?

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FlexiBuzz

www.flexibuzz.com



Music Lessons for 2019

Cliff Doornkamp will be available to teach guitar and keyboard lessons again in 2019. Cost is \$18 for a 20 minute lesson. Cliff can be contacted for more information on 0474 769 963

Please notify the school if your child would like guitar or keyboard lessons in 2019 as soon as possible so that final arrangements can be made with Cliff.

MUSIC LESSONS 2019

I would like my child/ren _____ to participate in guitar/keyboard lessons for 2019. 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 4TH FEBRUARY

OSH Care for 2019 – 5 days

This service has continued to build over the last 5 years. Staff from Tallygaroopna PS implemented this service from 2015 -2017 and last year we were able to extend this service to 5 days a week while employing a full time OSH Care Coordinator.

In 2019, we will continue to provide for families and their children. OSH Care will again be available for 5 days a week (excluding term holidays, public holidays and curriculum days). We are pleased to announce that Toni-Marie Arnold has agreed to stay on as our OSH Care coordinator for a further 12 months and we look forward to Toni-Marie continuing to make 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 2019 must be filled in for any children utilising this service. This form is available at our school office and also on our [school website](#). Please support this service, so that it can be financially viable for the school into the future – we aim to have 25 students enrolled for the week.**

Fees for 2019 are:

Casual Booking - \$22

Permanent Booking - \$20

Pick up before 4.30pm - \$12

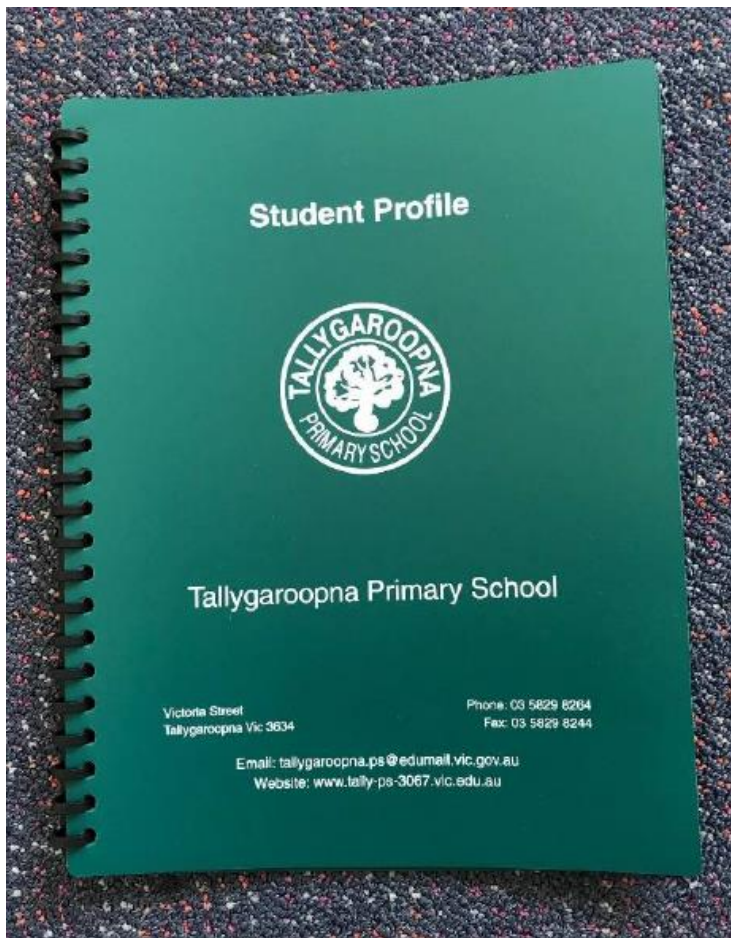
ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MIDDAY OF THE DAY OF SERVICE. ALL FAMILIES WILL HAVE TO PAY NORMAL FEES IF THEY FORGET TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL. THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BIG CHANGE FOR FAMILIES BUT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKING OUR STAFFING AND ENROLMENT PROCESS FAIR AND REASONABLE IN LINE WITH COMPLIANCE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

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.



Essential for all students

Students will need to purchase this if new to the school or have lost their previous bag. Cost is \$11.50 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.

1. BYOD Program – Grade 5/6

As mentioned on Flexibuzz over the holiday period, a minor amendment was made to the BYO iPad Policy. Information in regard to this BYOD program can be accessed on our [school website](#). Families in Grade 5/6, who are taking up this offer for 2019 must agree to the terms and sign the iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement. Can this be returned to school ASAP. There is an app list in this edition of the newsletter – contact Liss Lothian if you need any assistance with these.

iPad Information Night Presentation - VIMEO

2. Student Information - URGENT

This week a number of forms will go home to all 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 next Friday. 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 for relevant families – please collect one at the Office if applicable
- Chaplaincy Consent Form
- MARC Van Borrowing Agreement

3. ESmart Policy Use

This policy is updated annually and was endorsed at School Council before the end of 2018. 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 the perusal of families. Family approval / consent in line with this document is now on the green Confidential 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 2018. 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 green Confidential Student Information form being sent home – see above.

5. Office 365 – Minecraft (Grades 2-6)

Students in Grades 2-6 have an opportunity to access Office 365 this year. We will be primarily using this resource to use Minecraft at school. Office 365 is an online learning service to support learning and teaching and family approval / consent in line with this resource is now on the green Confidential Student Information form being sent home – see above.

If you would like more information sent home – please contact the school. We will be aiming to have this set up by the end of February at the latest.

6. Chaplaincy Consent

Tallygaroopna PS is very fortunate to be able to implement the National School Chaplain Program again in 2019. We have been involved in this program for the last 4 years and the aim of the NSCP is to support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. Chaplains support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. They work closely with wellbeing and allied health staff in schools to support students and their educational outcomes, staff, families and the wider school community.

Specific information is available on our school website - <http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/196/Chaplain-Program>

7. Information Evening

An Information and Meet the Teachers evening will be held at school on Tuesday, 12th February from 6pm - 8pm (a BBQ will be available from 5.30pm – sausages in bread; no cost). Teacher information sessions will begin at 6pm (2/3), 6.30pm (5/6), 7.00pm (F/1) and 7.30pm (3/4). We are expecting each session to go for approximately 30 minutes and class information will be sent home with families. All families are encouraged to come along to this night and we are making available four separate times, so that there are no clashes with different grades. To assist with catering please return the form in this newsletter or contact the school by phone.

8. Student Headphones

In past years, many students have supplied their own headphones to use at school. We are encouraging this again in 2019 so that these can be used daily by students with a variety of ICT programs utilised at school. There may be some families who do not wish to supply these so the school will supply some basic ones for students to use at a cost of \$5 per headphone (please see the Parent Payment Charges note) – this will be finalized next week. Good quality headphones cost about \$10. If parents wish to supply these for their child could they please send named headphones to school by next Friday.

9. School Bus Safety

Thanks to all families who returned information about the school bus for 2019 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.

10. Bravehearts Show

Students in Grades F-3 will be participating in a Bravehearts Personal Safety Show on Tuesday 12th February at 2.30pm in the Multipurpose Room. The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show' is to teach children protective behaviours in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion. Bravehearts' Education teams deliver the show's messages into schools, day care centres, shopping centres, sporting clubs and other facilities (relating to the care of children) to provide students, parents, teachers, carers and the general community with specialised child sexual assault awareness and education.

'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure' Education Program aims to continue communicating essential personal safety messages and works tirelessly to reach children across Australia. Since reaching the 200,000 safer kids milestone in March 2012, the amount of children that have seen Ditto continues to grow.

The show's main contents address:

- * Yes and No Feelings
- * Private Parts and Privacy
- * What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure
- * Warning Signs
- * It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe
- * Scared and Yucky Feelings

No permission forms will be sent home for this show – please contact the office if you would prefer your children to not participate in this performance.

11. Random Acts of Kindness

This will be implemented by individual grades this year – rather than a whole school approach. Stay tuned for more details from class teachers.

12. 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. Mrs Haberfield will be conducting these tests over the next few weeks and a formal letter will go home this week. It is compulsory to conduct these with Foundation students, but other formal assessments will be in place for students in Grade 1 and 2.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/english/assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. School Assembly – change for 2019

A school assembly will be held each Friday afternoon beginning at 2.55pm in the Multipurpose Room. Parents are welcome to attend and it will conclude at approximately 3.25pm. Early bus students will be dismissed at 3.15pm.

16. 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.

17. Late Pick Up – OSH Care

No child is to remain in the program after 6:00pm. If parents suspect that they will be late, they must contact one of the approved, alternate people nominated on their child's enrolment form and have them collect their child before 6:00pm.

A penalty fee of \$5 per 10 minutes per child will apply if children are not collected by 6:00pm.

When a child is left in the program after 6:00pm, the Coordinator shall take the following action:

- ring parents/guardians
- ring emergency contacts

If no contact can be made to either of the above, then a member of the OSHC Committee shall be notified to attend the OSHC Program. If contact cannot be made to parents/guardians or emergency contacts after 1 hour of closure, police shall be called. A notice shall be left on the door of the Program notifying where the child has been taken and/or who the parent needs to contact.

18. 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 confirmed soon. 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.

19. School Times

We begin the morning with our whole school reading program at 8.45am to 9am. The school day commences at 9.00am and concludes at 3.25pm. Morning recess is from 11.00am – 11.40am (lunch from 11.40am – 11.55am) and afternoon recess is from 1.25pm – 1.45pm (afternoon snack is from 1.45pm – 1.55pm). 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.

20. 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.

21. Absence Notes

Could the attached form be used for absences please. The other alternative is to submit 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.

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed ...



22. Policies Endorsed / Reviewed

At the last School Council of the year in 2018, the following policies were reviewed and endorsed. All of these policies are now on our school website to view.

E Smart Policy

Student Engagement Policies

Child Safe Policies x 8

23. 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.

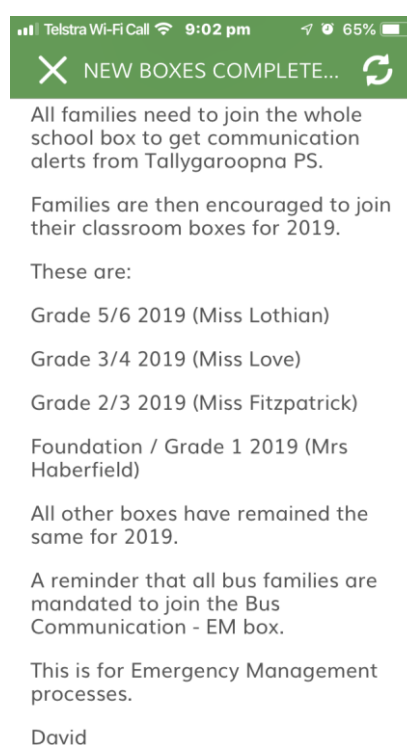
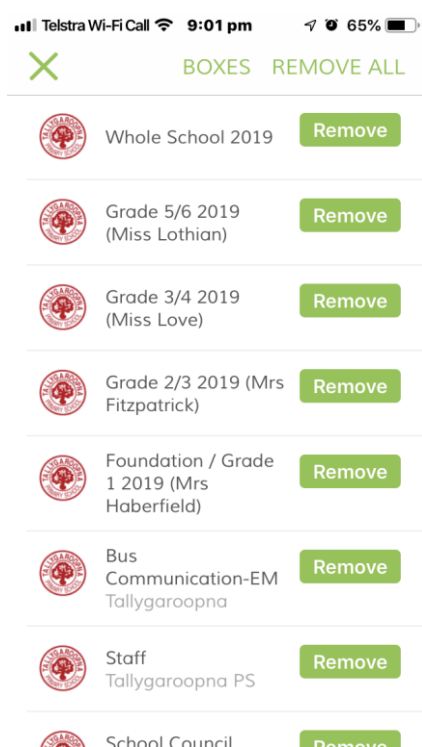
24. Music – Grade 2/3/4 students

We are looking forward to our Music program continuing in 2019 with Mrs Tucker. 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 8th February. Please let the school know ASAP if you can supply your own recorder as an alternative.

25. 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 (previously called Tiqbiz). This 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 2019
– 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.



26. 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 afternoon recess time and will be encouraged to drink lots of water. Please make sure they bring a water bottle to school each day.

27. Foundation Student Information

Throughout February and early March, children in Foundation WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of February and 6th March. There may be some Wednesdays where Mrs Haberfield may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but she will inform parents of this if there is a need.

The first full week for Foundation students will begin on Monday 11th March – extra days can be negotiated if needed.

28. School Council

Meeting dates for 2019 are summarised below and are open to change if needed. These are held in weeks 3 and 9 of each term. We are mandated to have 8 meetings a year. I would like to thank all members of School Council for 2018. A couple of positions are available for 2019 – contact the school if interested please.

Term 1	Week 3: Wednesday 13 th February	Week 9: Wednesday 27 th March - AGM
Term 2	Week 3: Wednesday 8 th May	Week 9: Wednesday 19 th June
Term 3	Week 3: Wednesday 31 st July	Week 9: Wednesday 11 th September
Term 4	Week 3: Wednesday 23 rd October	Week 9: Wednesday 4 th December

29. School Term Dates

Please keep these in a handy spot as you may wish to book your family holidays during the school holidays.

Term 1 – January 29th until 5th April (all students from F-6 to start on Wednesday 30th January)

Term 2 – 23rd April until 28th June

Term 3 – 15th July until 20th September

Term 4 – 7th October until 20th December

* 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 taking the first 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.

30. Newsletter / Website

For the information of new parents, please note that the full newsletter and mini newsletter are available to families via Flexibuzz and on our school website each Monday after school. Some copies are available at the office if needed – 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.

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 Art (MACC) beginning on Wednesday 6th February and Library (MARC) beginning the following week on Wednesday 13th February. Mrs Gillespie will be taking Art lessons in Term 1 while Mrs Hack is on leave.

**It would be appreciated if an old shirt could be supplied as an art smock if possible.
This year, families will need their green reader bag or make a library bag for borrowing
library books – a pillow slip could be ok for this also.
No borrowing will be allowed without this.**

32. Specialists Programs

We can confirm that we will be having a high quality Specialist Program in 2019 to enable our students to reach their potential in a variety of learning opportunities. We also welcome some new staff to our school and hope their time here at Tallygaroopna PS will be a positive and productive one.

Art (MACC Van servicing small schools in the local area) – Mrs Hack: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday
Library (MARC Van servicing small schools in the local area) – Mr Boyer: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday
Music – Mrs Tucker (NEW): sessions fortnightly on a Friday
Italian – Mrs Ceravola: sessions fortnightly on a Friday
P.E. – Mrs Montgomery: sessions weekly on a Wednesday
Science – Mrs Starbuck (NEW): sessions weekly on a Thursday

33. Teaching Staff - 2019

We have finalised classroom staffing for 2019 and these appointments are made in the best interests of our whole school. Classroom staff is summarised below:

Junior Unit

Foundation / Grade 1 – Mrs Claire Haberfield

Grade 2/ Grade 3 – Mrs Tahnee Fitzpatrick

Senior Unit

Grade 3 / Grade 4 – Miss Del Love

Grade 5 / Grade 6 – Miss Liss Lothian

Principal – David Brodie

Business Manager – Karen Armstrong

Education Support – Dee Palmer, Beck Wayman, Sarah Trimble, Stephanie Mansfield

School Welfare (Chaplain) – John Hosking

34. School Camps for 2019

We usually hold two 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 Canberra: Tuesday 29th October to Friday 1st November

Grade 3/4 camp to 15 Mile Creek: Monday 16th September to Friday 20th September

35. 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 Multipurpose Room and the brick building. New hats may be purchased from the school at a cost of \$11.

36. 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.

37. 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 2019. Thanks for your cooperation.

38. Frozen Ice Sticks

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

39. 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. This enables our school to be relatively rubbish free outside.

40. 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://readingeggs.com.au/>

41. Sporting Schools Program

This program will not be implemented after school in 2019. We will be offering P.E. on a weekly basis as a Specialist Subject in 2019 and OSH Care is available for family members until 6pm if needed. Mrs Montgomery may consider this program during school hours – to be confirmed.

42. 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.

43. Playgroup Dates

This program will again be coordinated by John Hosking (Welfare Worker) in 2019. 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: 21st Feb, 7th March, 21st March and the 4th April. These are all open to change.

44. Borrowing Agreement - MARC Van (Library)

At the last School Council meeting, we endorsed a borrowing agreement for 2019 and beyond. This relates to the prompt payment of lost or damaged resources by the required date, or a borrowing suspension will take place. As a result, all families will be asked to sign a borrowing agreement before the first Library session – Wednesday 13th February.

The MARC service to rural schools in our area provides a valued and important service to children in small schools. The service provides access to a wider range of learning resources than would otherwise be the case to both teachers and students and overcomes some of the disadvantages of size and rural isolation. Teaching sessions focus upon literature, information skills and technologies with access to a large school library.

Participating schools pay a per capita levy to the MARC Service for the purchase and maintenance of stock. The Committee of Management of the Congupna based MARC Van requires that individual schools take responsibility for the cost of books and materials that are lost or damaged. This cost will be passed on to the families of students who have lost or damaged books.

\$25.00 Hardcover.
\$12.50 Softcover.
Teaching materials at cost value.

45. School Fees

These have been approved at School Council and are summarised below – some minor changes have taken place for 2019, with the exception of the Grade 5/6 fees which include the Science Program bus costs which will be implemented at Shepparton High School during terms 1 and 2 (please note the change in the grade 5/6 fee from what was previously advised).

With the new Education Department Guidelines specific items need to be itemised hence some minor differences between fees for different year levels. These fees do not include excursions (except for the grade 5/6 Science Program at Shepparton High), swimming, camps or bus fees (for applicable families). Excursions are estimated to be \$50 to \$70 for Foundation to Grade 4 and \$60 to \$100 for Grade 5/6.

<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2 / 3 / 4</u>	<u>Grade 5 / 6</u>
\$182	\$153	\$155	\$206

46. Swimming Certificates

These were sent home during the last week of school in 2018 – apologies for the lateness. Originals were sent home and a copy was put in each student file for future reference.

47. Bus Costs Proposal

All bus travellers for 2019 should have received a formal envelope for bus use for 2019. The following is now due:

- Bus Rules for 2019 – to be signed
- Application Form (eligible / fare paying families) – to be filled in and signed.

No students are able to use the school bus until these documents are signed and returned.

48. Contacting Staff out of School Hours

Please be mindful of contacting staff outside of school hours (beyond 5pm). This may involve text messaging, phone calls, Class Dojo and Flexibuzz. There has been a big push from the Department of Education in regard to staff and principal health & wellbeing and it is important that we all have lives away from the busy school day. We will also make an extra effort to do the same for our families, so that after work time can be devoted to families.

Second-hand Uniforms

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

ENVIRO KIDS & STUDENT OF THE WEEK WILL START ON FRIDAY 8TH 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 are available at the Office for 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.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. The standards provide a framework for schools to review existing policies and practices and all other aspects of child safety, to ensure a 'zero tolerance' approach to any form of child abuse. You can access our policy on the school's website.

It would be appreciated if **all volunteers in the school sign the Child Safe Code of Conduct annually.**

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS - REMINDER

Facebook a Reminder

Just a friendly reminder not to post photos of students that you have taken at school events on your own Facebook page, without notifying the child's parent first. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



Families will be asked for consent for photos on Facebook
- green information form.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

BULLYING. NO WAY!

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



TALLY TAKEAWAY – SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS



(TERM 1 – 2019 / THURS.)



30/1/2019

<u>Food</u>	
Hot Chips - \$3.50	Sausage Roll - \$4
Dim Sim - \$1.10	Chicken Burger - \$7
Potato Cakes - \$1.10	Spring Roll - \$3
Chicken Nugget – 60c each or 4 for \$2	Battered Sav - \$3
Chico Roll - \$3	Chicken Crispy Strips - \$1.10
Pie - \$4.50	Calamari - \$1 each
<u>Drinks</u>	
Ducats OJ - \$2.80	Smiley (Blueberry, Blackcurrant, Lime or Orange) - \$1.80
Mr D - \$2.80	Nippy - \$3
Cola, Lime or Blue Lemonade	Chocolate, Honeycomb or Strawberry

*** 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 11.30am 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.

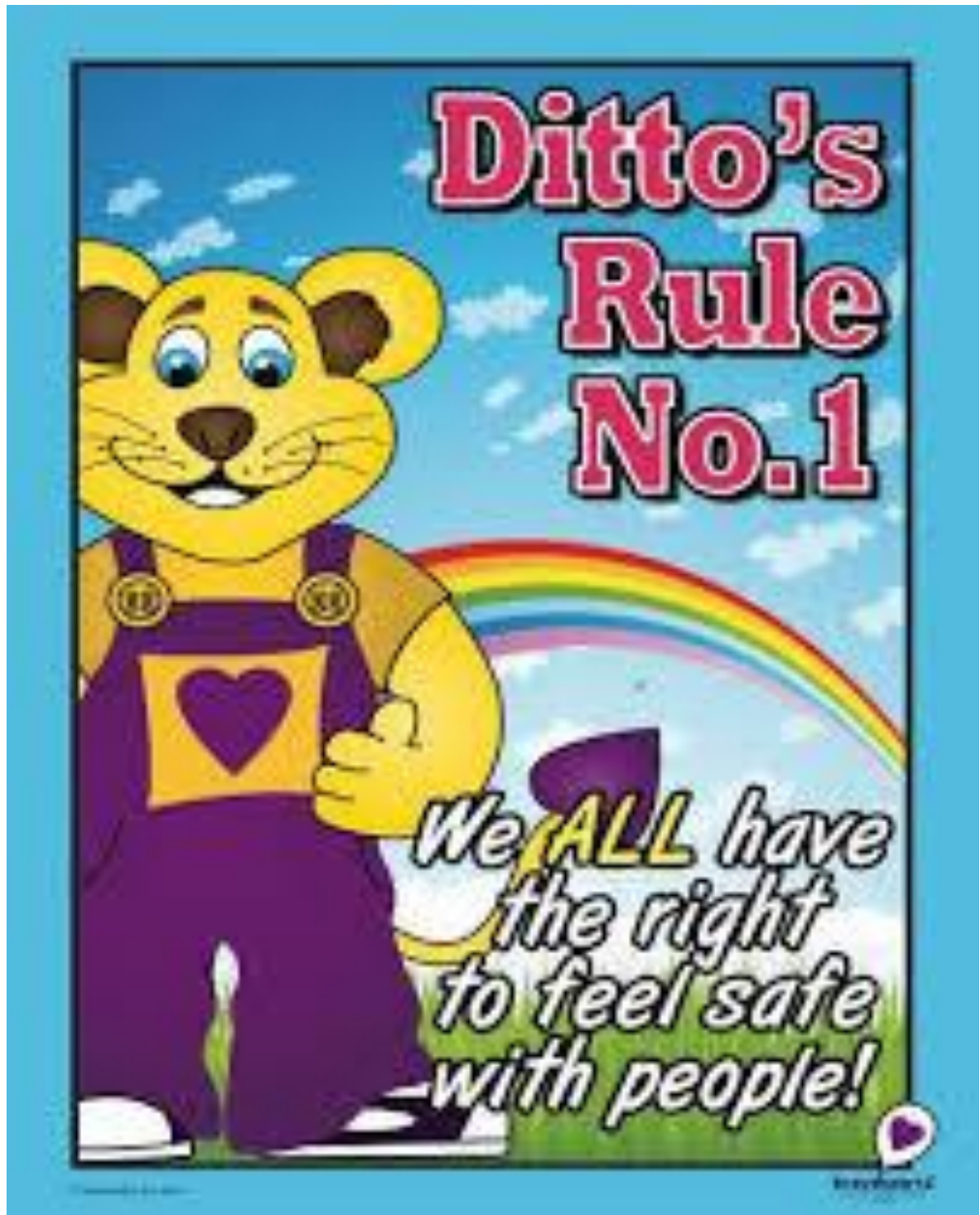
David

Beginning on 2nd week back (Thursday 7th Feb 2019)



NATIONAL RED BALLOON DAY

This event has been created to honour and thank our brave and courageous firefighters Australia-wide on **February 28**.





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2019 Primary School Education Scholarships

Applications open between 4 February – 1 March 2019



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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

The 2019 Scholarship applications are open to Indigenous children from Prep through to Grade 6 who are attending Primary School in the Goulburn Valley.

2019 Application Dates

Applications open on Monday, 4 February 2019

Applications close on Friday, 1 March 2019 at 5:00pm.

We can only accept applications within these dates.

Note: There are limited Scholarships available.

How to Apply

If you would like to apply for a Ganbina 2019 Primary School Education Scholarship, please call our office on 03 5821 7333 to arrange an appointment with us.

Appointment bookings open on Monday, 4 February 2019.

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 2018 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).

Suite 2, 1 High Street Shepparton Vic 3630 T 03 58217333 E info@ganbina.com.au www.ganbina.com.au

CAR PARK SAFETY

A reminder to all families about using the car park safely at the start and end of the school day. Schools are busy places and if we all follow these guidelines we will have no major incidents. The main points from the School Car Parking Policy are:

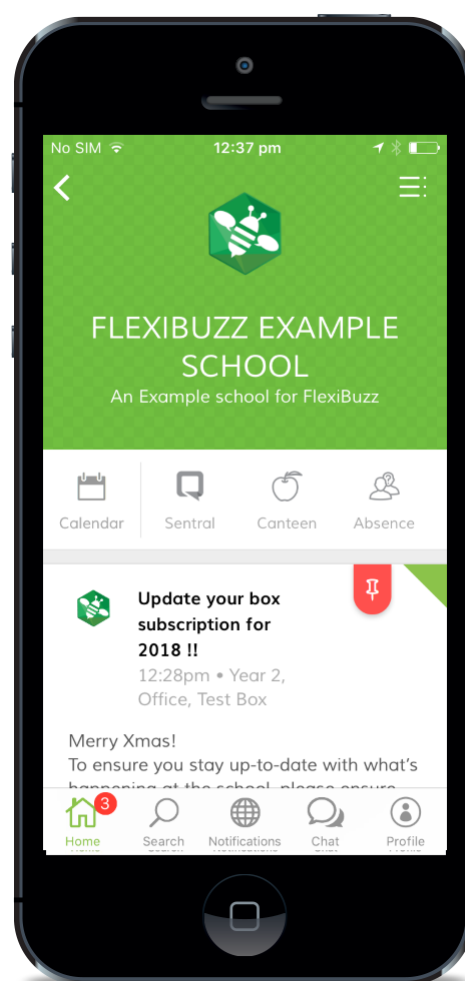
1. Parents may drop off children at the walking path in the car park every morning.

2. At the end of the day, children are only to enter the car park once they have been collected by their parents. Children will assemble in the senior playground area and be monitored by staff.

Stay in touch with
FlexiBuzz

- STEP 01** Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login
Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store. Go to web.flexibuzz.com and click "Sign Up".
- STEP 02** Connect to us
Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.
- STEP 03** Select your communication groups
Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.
- STEP 04** Get started
Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website www.flexibuzz.com or email us via support@flexibuzz.com.



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.



Rationale:

- The parking of cars and other vehicles in and around the school grounds is a daily necessity, but also raises a number of safety and traffic issues that must be well managed.

Aims:

- To ensure that car and vehicle parking in and around the school grounds is orderly, safe and in accordance with the law.

Implementation:

- The parking of any vehicle inside the school grounds is at the discretion of the principal.
- The staff car park is for use by staff members only, and may be clearly signposted as such.
- Parents or visitors who park in the staff car park will be reminded of the need to park elsewhere. Habitual offenders will be referred to the local municipal council for prosecution or provided with an official Trespass warning from the principal.
- In return, the visitor's car park and on-street parking will not be used by staff.
- School Council will work with the municipal council to ensure all on-street parking is clearly signposted and School Council will seek cooperation from the local municipal council in ensuring that on-street parking has appropriate time zones applied.
- School Council may encourage frequent visitations from local parking enforcement officers to ensure compliance with parking regulations.
- Staff members will not approach members of the community who are parking inappropriately outside the school grounds.
- No person other than a staff member is to drive a vehicle onto the school grounds without prior approval from the school principal or his / her delegate.
- All school gates may be securely locked out of school hours, with keys sparingly distributed to appropriate people.
- Disabled car parking will be investigated and implemented if required.
- The school may provide a staggered finish to the school day to encourage parents to collect students and leave the car park, making room for the parents of the next group of students to park their cars.
- Parents may drop off children at the walking path in the car park every morning.
- At the end of the day, children are only to enter the Car Park once they have been collected by their parents. Children will assemble in the Senior Playground area and be monitored by staff.
- The school will implement a Walk Safely to School Program each year to encourage children to walk safely to school.
- A Bike Ed program will be implemented to encourage safe bike riding to school.
- Proper and safe parking practices may be regular features of the school newsletter.
- Damage to vehicles parked on school grounds is not covered by DET insurance.

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 14th June 2017.

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COMMUNITY

FAMILY BBQ - Playground Area
INFORMATION NIGHT
TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

BBQ at 5.30pm until 7.00pm



Sausages in Bread - no cost
Families can bring their own drinks and
salads if they wish.

Classroom Information Sessions will begin at:
6pm (2/3), 6.30pm (5/6),
7.00pm (F/1) and 7.30pm (3/4)

To assist with Catering:

Family Name:

Sausages in Bread Needed:

Return by Friday 8th February



ABSENCE NOTE – 2019



Student's Name.....

Class.....

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TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 4 2018 / TERM 1 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
17 Breakfast Club Buddies OSH / Assembly Xmas Concert Reports Home	18 OSH Graduation Night Gr. 6 Lunch - TBC	19 OSH Art / PE	20 OSH Lunch Orders Muck Up Day	21 OSH Shirt Signing LOTE Last Day of Term – 2.25pm
24	25	26	27	28
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
28 <u>2019</u>	29 Staff Return Chaplain	30 Students Begin Grades F-6 PE	31 OSH Chaplain Science	1 OSH Italian Assembly – 2.50
4 OSH	5 OSH Chaplain	6 Prep Day Off OSH Art / PE Science - SHS	7 OSH Chaplain Science	8 OSH Music Assembly – 2.50
11 OSH	12 OSH Chaplain Info. Night / BBQ Bravehearts Show	13 Prep Day Off OSH Library / PE Science – SHS School Council 1	14 OSH Chaplain Science	15 OSH Italian Assembly – 2.50

DEC / JAN / FEB

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18 OSH	19 OSH Chaplain	20 OSH Art / PE Science - SHS Prep Day Off	21 OSH Playgroup Chaplain	22 OSH Music Assembly – 2.50
25 OSH	26 OSH Chaplain	27 OSH Library / PE Science - SHS Prep Day Off	28 OSH Red Balloon Day Chaplain	1 OSH Italian Assembly – 2.50
4 OSH	5 OSH Chaplain	6 OSH Art / PE Science - SHS Prep Day Off	7 OSH Playgroup Chaplain	8 OSH Music Assembly – 2.50
11 OSH	12 OSH Chaplain	13 OSH Library / PE Science - SHS	14 OSH Chaplain	15 OSH Italian Assembly – 2.50
18 OSH	19 OSH Chaplain	20 OSH Art / PE Science - SHS	21 OSH Playgroup Chaplain	22 OSH Music Assembly – 2.50

FEB / MARCH