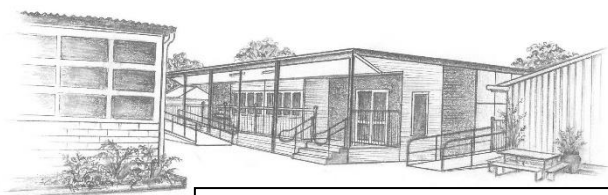


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 2020 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 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 2020 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 2020 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 get those 2020 OSH Care forms in ASAP – this is highly recommended for all families to assist with pickups if needed at the end of the day. No student can attend OSH Care until these forms are handed in at the office.

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 2020. BOXES FROM LAST YEAR HAVE NOW BEEN ARCHIVED.

CAN ANY OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR 2019 EXCURSIONS/CAMPS/FEE'S BE PAID FOR ASAP PLEASE.

Absence forms can be submitted on Flexibuzz.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Playgroup Tuesday or Wednesday: contact the school for your preferred day please.

HATS ARE NOW COMPULSORY AT SCHOOL. NEW HATS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM SCHOOL FOR \$15 IF NEEDED.

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

Information & Meet and Greet Evening will be held on Tuesday 11th February. Teacher Information sessions will begin at 6pm (1/2), 6.15pm (5/6), 6.30pm (3/4) and 6.45pm (F/1)

DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:

Tallygaropna Primary School

BSB: 063—527

Account number: 0090 7788

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

December OSH Care Newsletter 2019

Photos from our OSH service with the children enjoying eating some yummy delicious fairy bread, cupcakes, sprinkle biscuits & Christmas coloured jellies



Birthday cake



Snowman creation



Colourful slime



Artwork Xmas creation



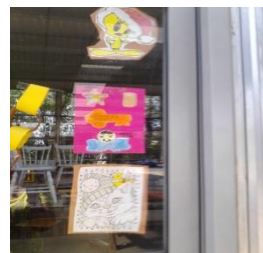
Chilling in the beanbags



Minecraft time



Our Christmas colouring



Slide time



Sandpit









Fun time





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Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes |  books & supplies |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

Contact
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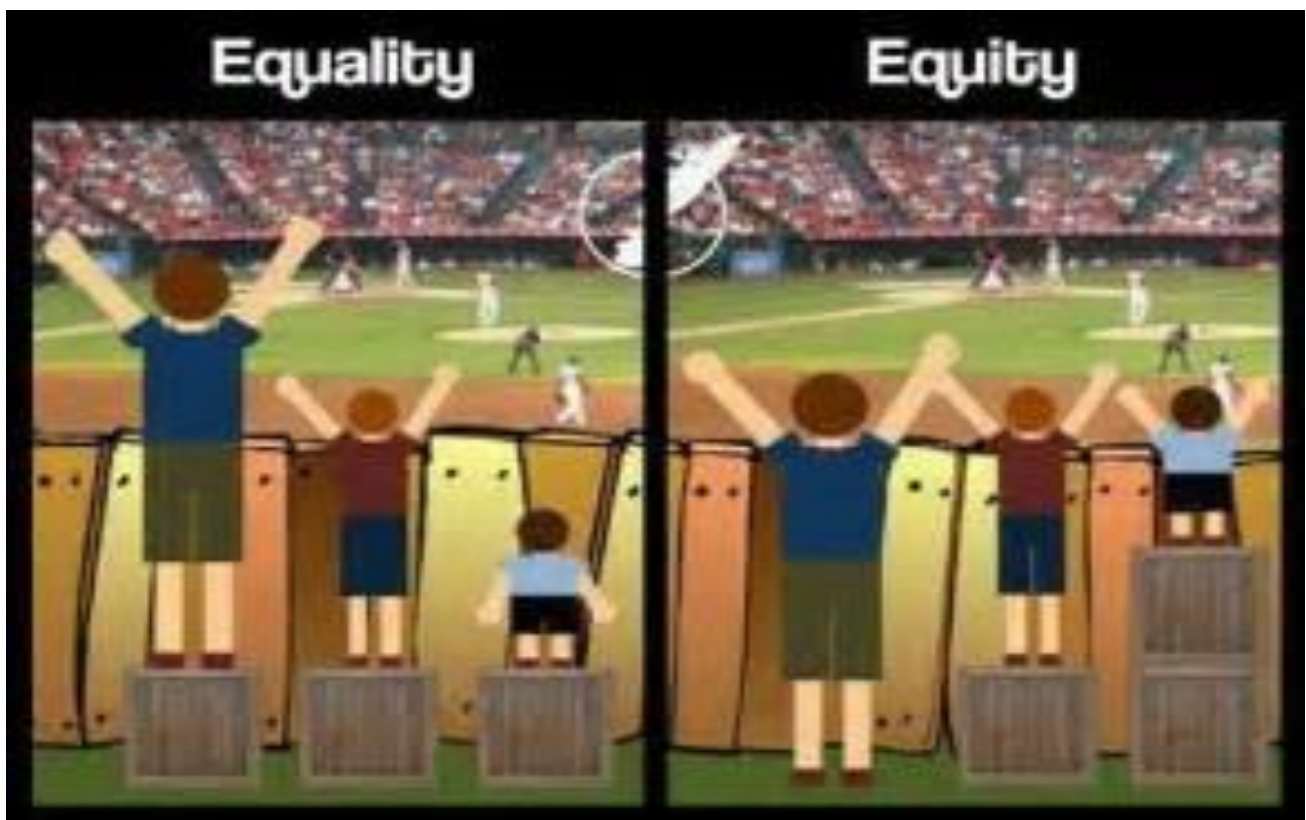
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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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.



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.

Save your lids!

Hi Tallygaroopna Primary School parents, friends and community,

We are looking to create a recycled plastic lid art work soon, and we are asking that you save your plastic lids for this project. Lids that are suitable are pretty much any plastic lids, in the following photo you can see plastic lids from coffee, shower gel, hot chocolate, yogurt, milk, juice, mouthwash, marinated octopus, mayonnaise, water, sauce and carpet spray. It doesn't have to be just drink lids. Recycle ALL your plastic ♻️.

Please start saving as you can imagine we will need a lot of lids!

Mrs. H



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 the apps below are free, except for PicCollage EDU (\$2.99). Please see Liss if you need help downloading this app.

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



Dictionary.com



Dropbox



Kahoot



Epic!



Socrative Student



Class Dojo



PicCollage EDU



QR Code Scanner



Minecraft Education Edition



Mathletics



ABC Reading Eggs



Prodigy Math Game



Popplet Lite



Google Earth



Padlet



Duolingo



Speech to Text



Word Clouds



Book Creator Free



Stop Motion Studio



Quick Math

Version 3 (July - 2019) - this document will be updated regularly

Teaching Staff - 2020

Junior Unit

Foundation / Grade 1 – Mrs Claire Haberfield

Grade 1/ Grade 2 – 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, Sue Muston (Volunteer)

School Welfare (Chaplain) – John Hosking

TALLY TAKEAWAY – SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS



(TERM 1 – 2020 / THURS.)



21/1/2020

<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. Lunch is at school at 11.40am.

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 6th February 2020)

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.**

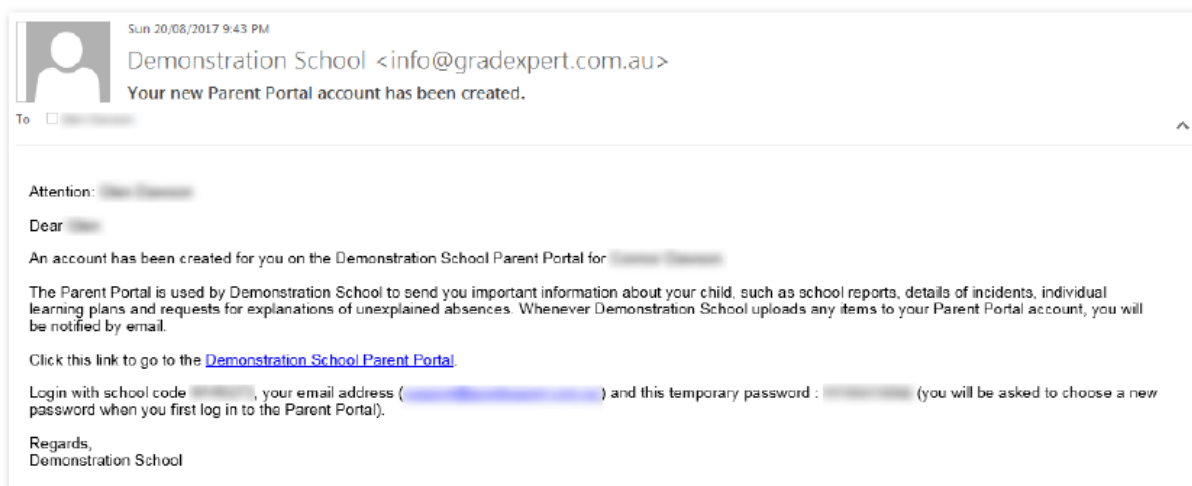
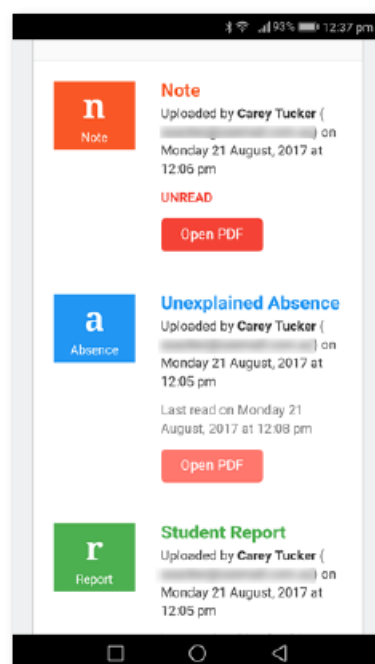
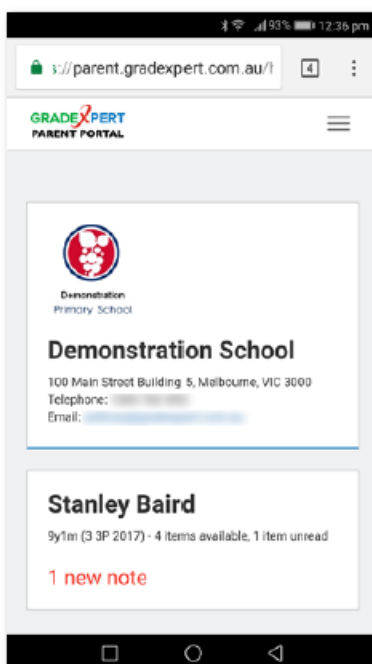
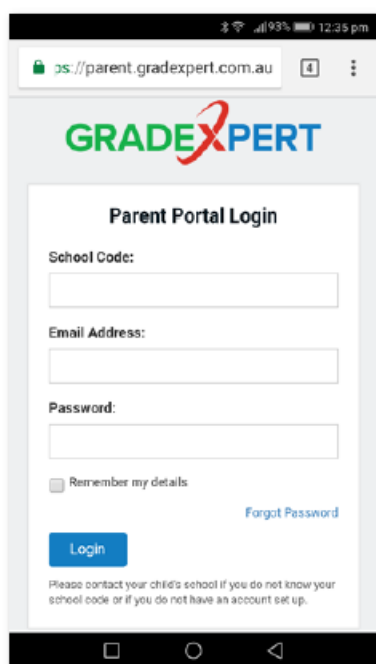
This information is **never removed** from the Parent Portal, so you can easily view this information from previous semesters and years.

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 2020. 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 THURSDAY.

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 Parents' Club activities, etc). This will aid our emergency management of the school.

This year we welcome the following 7 families to our school for the first time – Cassie & John Concy (Kateryna), Melissa & Brad Prossor (Nate), Karen Adams (Clay), Jess & Joseph Zarb (Chelsea), Cheena & Barry Hoffman (Oscar), Karen Collins & Robert Best (Devina), and Emily Salewski & Darryl Andrus (Ivy).

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: Olivia Akers, Mason Brown, Kateryna Concy, Archie Hill, Oscar Hoffman, Billie Jones, Nate Prossor, Jordan Reynolds, Ben Rutten, Eddie Scott, Archie Sidebottom, Eleazar Tuala, Chelsea Zarb and Ivy Rayner (all Foundation students) along with Devina Lancaster (Grade 3) and Clay Adams (Grade 4). **We begin the new year with 82 students which is really promising for our school community.***

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 – only if absolutely necessary), 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).



What's on at school?

Find out with FlexiBuzz

www.flexibuzz.com

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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. David

Communicating with Staff

Please feel free to discuss any issues with myself or specific class teachers. At Tallygaroopna PS, we are accessible to parents and we value the importance of positive and constructive communication with all of our families. Please contact the school to make an appointment if needed – so that issues can be addressed at an appropriate time, which does not affect normal planning and learning time. David

Photos of the Week – Christmas Concert



Photos of the Week – Graduation



Photos of the Week – Student Leaders 2020



SCHOOL CAPTAINS – Nate and Lilly



SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS – Declan and Heather



Echuca-Moama

From Diagnosis to OAM

Autism Talk

Featuring the perspectives of

Daniel Giles OAM (Autistic Self-Advocate)
and Daryl Giles (Parent)

Suitable for families, educators & other professionals!

(educators can claim VIT or NESA PD)

Thurs 27 Feb 2020

Moama RSL, 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm

Details & Tickets: www.trybooking.com/BHHIF



FREE PARENTING SEMINAR



Help your kids cope with life's ups and downs

Like to give your kids the skills and strategies they need to manage their emotions and overcome challenges? Triple P's *Raising Resilient Children* seminar can really help. Learn more about giving your kids the know-how to tackle problems, now and in the future. This life-changing 90 minutes is free for parents and carers of children aged up to 12 years and is packed with strategies to help make family life less dramatic – and more enjoyable!

Triple P's Raising Resilient Children seminar can help you:

- Teach kids to manage their emotions
- Develop your child's ability to bounce back from disappointments
- Show your children how to express strong feelings in a healthy way
- Raise kids who can deal with stress
- Encourage problem-solving and a positive attitude

Raising Resilient Children

DATE: Tuesday, 25 February, 2020

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

VENUE: School Library, Shepparton East Primary School

Proudly hosted by Shepparton East Primary School



OSH Care for 2020 – potentially 5 days (Friday's – TBC)

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 an OSH Care Coordinator.

In 2020, we will continue to provide for families and their children. OSH Care may 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 2020 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 2020 are:

\$25 for a full session and \$15 for a short session (finishing by 4.30pm). **(If a family registers for the Child Care Subsidy, the fees can be significantly less.)**

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.

OSH Care – Last family leaving the service

In our Staff Handbook with OSH Care we have a number of Safe Work Practices. One of these focuses on our OSH Educator leaving the program at the end of the day. Can any families collecting the last student in the program each day assist with this please. Your support would be greatly appreciated – see below.

“The educator must leave the program with the last adult/parent at the same time the last child is collected. It will therefore be necessary for the coordinator to complete any tasks normally done at the conclusion of the program prior to the last child's departure from the program.”

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

Music Lessons – 2020

Cliff Doornkamp is again offering individual guitar and keyboard lessons to be held on a Monday morning. Each lesson runs for 20 minutes and will cost \$20.

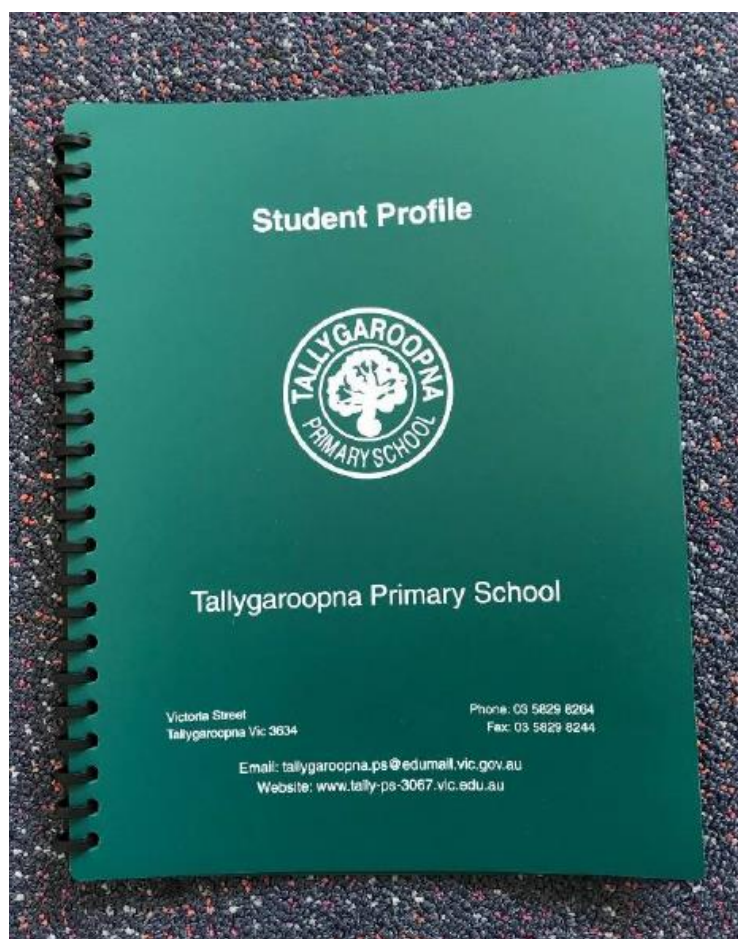
Interested families should contact Cliff on 0474 769 963 for more information.



Essential for all students

Students will need to purchase this if new to the school or have lost their previous bag. Cost is \$12.00 per bag. Please check the relevant box on the Parent Payment Charges letter if you require one.

PLEASE NOTE: The cost for this is included in the Foundation fees for Foundation students



An option for all students

Students may purchase this to store their reports. Cost is \$8.00 per folder. Please check the relevant box on the Parent Payment Charges letter if you require one.

PLEASE NOTE: The cost for this is included in the Foundation fees for Foundation students

1. BYOD Program - 2020

We will be offering families in Grade 5/6 the BYOD program again this year. We have plenty of information on our website so families may be able to make an informed decision by looking at the link below. Information available online is summarised as:

- iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement for 2020
- App List
- iPad Information
- iPad Information Night Presentation (VIMEO).

An updated Bring Your Own iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement (2020) was sent home before the holiday break – return ASAP please so students choosing to have their own iPad in class can start using these. Miss Lothian is planning to have a BYOD information night on Tuesday 11th February at 5.30pm prior to the Information Night beginning.

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/228/BYOD-Program---Grade-5/6>

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, 7th February. A summary of the forms is below:

- Parent Payment Charges – Foundation, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3/4 or Grade 5/6 – fill out and return
- Child Safe Code of Conduct (renewed annually)– Please sign if assisting with any school activities this year – reading, 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. Engagement Policy

This policy is updated annually and was endorsed at School Council at the end of 2019. Specific information relates to behaviour expectations for all of our staff, students and families, which links to our current school values. This document 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 is no longer 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.

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

Students in Grades F-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.

5. Chaplaincy Consent

Tallygaroopna PS is very fortunate to be able to implement the National School Chaplain Program again in 2020. We have been involved in this program for the last 5 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. 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>

6. ESmart Policy Use

This policy is updated annually and was endorsed at School Council at the end of 2019. Specific information relates to acceptable use with the internet and other digital technologies. There is a lot of information in this document and it is no longer 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.

7. Information Evening

An Information and Meet the Teachers evening will be held at school on Tuesday, 11th February from 6pm - 7pm. Teacher information sessions will begin at 6pm (1/2), 6.15pm (5/6), 6.30pm (3/4) and 6.45pm (F/1). We are expecting each session to go for approximately 15 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.

8. Student Headphones

In past years, many students have supplied their own headphones to use at school. We are encouraging this again in 2020 for students in Grades 1 to 6 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. All Foundation students will be supplied with a particular type of headphone. This is part of the Foundation school fee.

9. School Bus Safety

Thanks to all families who returned information about the school bus for 2020 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-2 will be participating in a Bravehearts Personal Safety Show on Tuesday 25th February at 2pm. 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 team 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 | * Warning Signs | * Scared and Yucky Feelings |
| * Private Parts and Privacy | * It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe | |
| * What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure | | |

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. 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 on 3 days (30th, 31st January and 5th February) and a formal letter went home to families before the holiday break. It is compulsory to conduct these with Foundation students, the Grade 1 students from F/1 will be with Mrs Fitzpatrick's Grade 1/2 class during this time.

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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 24th February at 9am. 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.

17. School Times

We begin the morning with our new whole school Get Active 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. All students are encouraged to bring along some fruit for morning snack at 10am as well.

A school assembly will be held each Friday afternoon beginning at 3pm in the Project Space. Parents are welcome to attend and it will conclude at approximately 3.20pm. Early bus students will be dismissed at 3.15pm.

18. Absence Notes

Could the attached form be used for absences please. The 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 ...



19. 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.

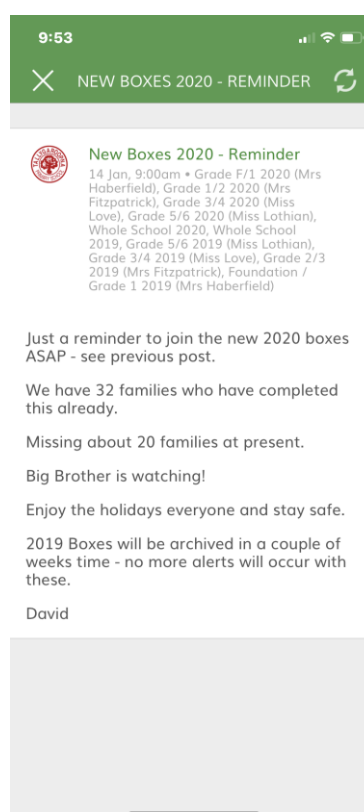
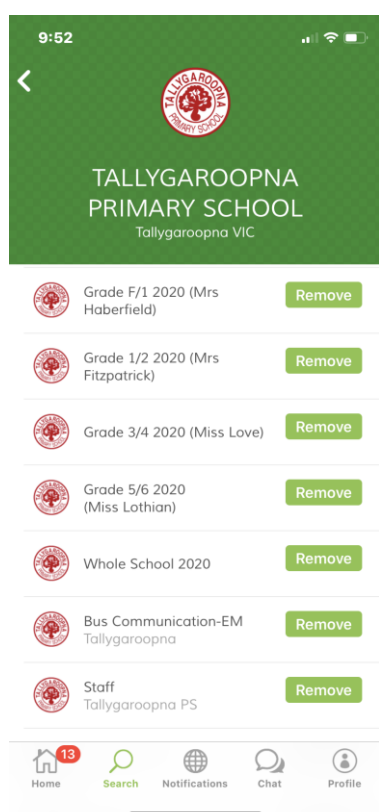
20. Music – Grade 3/4 students

We are looking forward to our Music program continuing in 2020 with Mrs Tucker. Students in Grades 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, Grade 1 and Grade 2 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 31st January. Please let the school know ASAP if you can supply your own recorder as an alternative.

21. 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 2020
– WHOLE SCHOOL, F/1, 1/2, 3/4 & 5/6
ALSO ALL FAMILIES WHO UTILISE THE SCHOOL BUS ARE MANDATED TO
JOIN THE BUS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOX.**



22. 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.

23. Foundation Student Information

Throughout February and early March, children in Foundation WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th of February and 4th 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 Tuesday 10th March after the Labour Day long weekend – extra days can be negotiated if needed.

24. School Council – meetings for 2020

These 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.

Term 1	Week 4: Wednesday 19 th February -updated	Week 9: Wednesday 25 th March - AGM
Term 2	Week 3: Wednesday 29 th April	Week 9: Wednesday 10 th June
Term 3	Week 3: Wednesday 29 th July	Week 9: Wednesday 9 th September
Term 4	Week 3: Wednesday 21 st October	Week 10: Wednesday 9 th December

25. School Term Dates

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

Term 1 – January 28th until 27th March (all students from F-6 to start on Wednesday 29th January)

Term 2 – 14th April until 26th June

Term 3 – 13th July until 18th September

Term 4 – 5th October until 18th 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.

26. 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 5th February and Library (MARC) beginning the following week on Wednesday 12th February.

**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.**

27. Specialist Programs

We can confirm that we will be having a high quality Specialist Program in 2020 to enable our students to reach their potential in a variety of learning opportunities.

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) – Mrs Campbell: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

P.E. – Mrs Montgomery: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

Science – Mrs Starbuck: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

Music – Mrs Tucker: sessions fortnightly on a Friday

Italian – Mrs Ceravola : sessions fortnightly on a Friday

Start dates are listed in the calendar on the last page of this newsletter.

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 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.

29. School Camps for 2020

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 3/4 Camp to Billabong Ranch (Echuca): Monday 16th March to Wednesday 18th March

Grade 5/6 Urban Camp (Melbourne): Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December

30. 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 lunchtime. 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 \$15.

31. 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.

32. 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 2020. Thanks for your cooperation.

33. Frozen Ice Sticks

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

34. 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.

35. Borrowing Agreement - MARC Van (Library)

Last year, School Council 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 12th 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. At Tallygaroopna Primary School, 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.

36. 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 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/>

37. Playgroup Dates

This program will again be coordinated by John Hosking (Welfare Worker) in 2020. 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 will be available soon – this program may change to a Tuesday potentially beginning on 3rd March. **If families would prefer Playgroup to be on a Wednesday please let us know ASAP.**

38. School Fees

School fees for 2020 have been approved at School Council. These will be itemised in a letter to be sent home soon and will be due by the end of February, 2020. They are as follows:

Foundation - \$217 Grade 1/2 - \$170 Grade 3/4 - \$150, Grade 5/6 - \$155

These fees do not include excursions, 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.

39. Bus Costs Proposal

All bus travellers for 2020 should have received a formal envelope for bus use for this year. The following is now due:

- Bus Rules for 2020 – 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.

40. School Payments

When making payment to the school bank account for multiple items, please make one direct deposit for the total amount with your family name listed and either email or FlexiBuzz a message to the office detailing the breakdown of the payment.

41. Accident Insurance - reminder

Our school does not have an accident insurance policy to cover student injuries or ambulance transport. A reminder to parents and guardians that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment and ambulance attendance/transport. We recommend all families arrange ambulance cover in case of emergency. There are also a variety of commercial insurance policies available that would cover accidents at school.

42. Excursions - 2020

We are looking into a whole school excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium in Term 2. This excursion would complement our Ocean Theme and more details will be available soon. The Grade 5/6 students will also be attending the BioLab at Belmont (Geelong) on Monday 2nd March and we are also planning on a Junior school excursion on Thursday 27th February to the Kyabram Fauna Park for students in F-2.



43. Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/collection_statementprimary_school_2020.pdf.

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

Second-hand Uniforms

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

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK WILL START ON FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY.
STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE AN ICY POLE VOUCHER IF AWARDED STUDENT OF THE WEEK.**

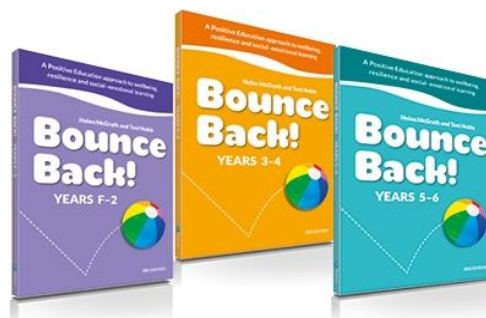
***STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS SUNCREAM
ON A REGULAR BASIS IF NEEDED.***

THIS SITS IN THE CUPBOARDS NEAR THE SINK IN THE PROJECT ROOM. COLD WATER IS READILY AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE AS WELL AT THE LARGE MIRROR IN THE PROJECT SPACE.

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.

We are

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Tallygaroopna Football Netball Club

FOOTBALLERS WANTED

Tallygaroopna Football Netball Club are on the lookout for more players to join our great family club.

We are located 15min North of Shepparton, and play in the Kyabram District League on Saturday's.

We have 4 Grades of Football
(Seniors, Reserves, Under 18 & Under 12
as well as 8 Grades of Netball
(A, B, C, C Reserve, 17&U, 15&U, 13&U)

We are seeking players to join our Under 12 & Under 18 Football sides in 2020! Any and all skill levels welcome!

Eligibility Under 12 (Male and Female Players)

Players must be 7 before April 30 of the current season and under the age of 12 as of 31st December of the previous season. There is provisions for Overage if required.

Eligibility Under 18 (male only)

Players must be 13 as of 1st January of the current season and under the age of 18 as of 31st December of the previous season. There is provisions for Overage if required.

If you want to know more please contact
TFNC Senior Vice President Pete Burgess on 0409 515 048

Under 18 Coach - Brett Sheriff 0481 146 994
Under 12 Coach - Cal Curtis 0400 183 279



tallyfnc@hotmail.com



@TallyFNC



ABSENCE NOTE – 2020



Student's Name.....

Class..... Date of Absence.....

Reason.....

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ABSENCE NOTE – 2020



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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.

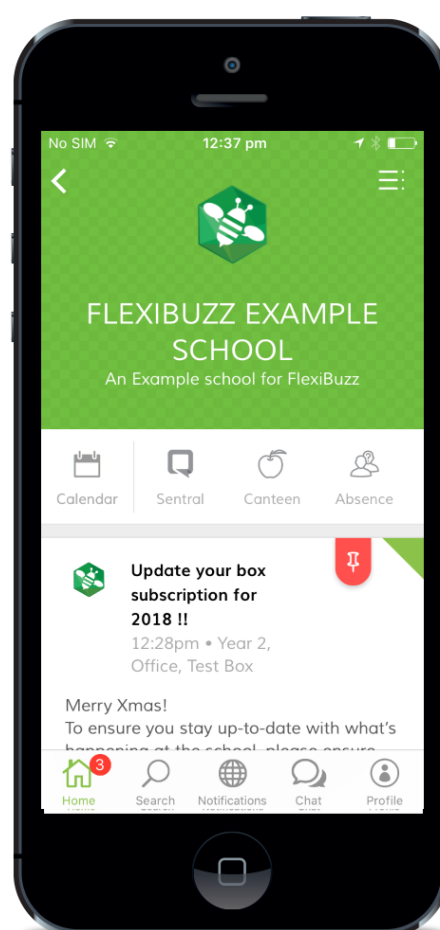
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2020 PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS



ganbina



Scholarship Information

Ganbina's Primary School Education Scholarships are designed to help cover some of the education expenses incurred by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

The 2020 Scholarship applications are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from Foundation through to Grade 6 who are attending Primary School in the Goulburn Valley.

2020 Application Dates

Applications open on Monday 3 February, 2020.

Applications close on Friday 28 February, 2020 at 5:00pm.

*We can only accept applications within these dates

How to Apply

If you would like to apply for a Ganbina 2020 Primary School Education Scholarship, please call our office on 03 58217 333 to arrange an appointment with us.

Appointment bookings open on Monday 3 February, 2020.

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

- Proof of enrolment (for Foundation students)
- Your child's 2019 end of year school report
- Proof of address (i.e. a gas or electricity bill)
- Parent /Guardian proof of identification (i.e. drivers licence, birth certificate or health care card)

Suite 2, 1 High Street Shepparton | T 03 58217 333

www.ganbina.com.au



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.



Rationale:

This policy is developed to provide guidelines and outline circumstances where payments made to the school can be refunded to parents/guardians.

Aims:

- To ensure parents/carers are made aware of school charges in a timely manner.
- To ensure parents/carers inform the school of changes to circumstances regarding attendance at camps/excursions/incursions in a timely manner.
- To ensure opportunity is available for all students who take part in the camps and excursions program, whilst also ensuring the program is conducted on a financial viable basis.

Guidelines:

Types of payments for which refunds might apply:

School Councils are able to request payments or contributions for education items and services from parents and guardians for students in Victorian government schools in the three categories:

- essential education items i.e. school fees
- optional education items i.e. excursions, incursions, camps, swimming
- voluntary financial contributions i.e. Computer Levy

All administrative and financial processes are compliant with Department of Education and Training (DET) requirements, including CASES 21 financial reporting.

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

Implementation:

Essential education items

School Fees: Where payment has been made refunds will be on the following basis:

- Where the child withdraws from the school prior to the commencement of the school year the refund will be 100% of the amount paid
- Where the child withdraws from the school in Term 1, the refund will be 75% of the amount paid
- Where the child withdraws from the school in Term 2, the refund will be 50% of the amount paid
- Where the child withdraws from the school in Term 3, the refund will be 25% of the amount paid
- Where the child withdraws from the school in Term 4, the child will not receive a refund

Optional education items

Camps & Excursions:

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged. Fees for excursions, camps and swimming are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance. Participation of students in an excursion, camp and swimming is indicated through payment and provision of a permission form completed by the parent/carer. As the school budget may not be able to meet shortfalls in funding for an excursion, camp and swimming due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.

Refunds may be given for accident, illness or exceptional circumstances and at the principal's discretion.

Voluntary financial contributions

Refunds are all subject to the discretion of the principal on a case by case basis.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle and feedback will be sought from the School Community.
- This policy was endorsed by School Council on Wed 24th October 2018.



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 19th June 2019.

TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 1 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 2020	28 Term Starts Curriculum Day Chaplain	29 All Students Start OSH P.E. Chaplain Parent Morn. Tea	30 OSH No Preps – English Online	31 OSH Assembly – 3pm Music No Preps – English Online
3 OSH	4 OSH Chaplain	5 OSH Science / Art Prep – Rest Day Chaplain English Online	6 OSH Lunch Orders Start	7 OSH Assembly – 3pm Italian Cricket at School JSC announced S1
10 OSH	11 OSH Chaplain Info Night / BBQ	12 OSH P.E. / Library Prep – Rest Day Chaplain	13 OSH	14 OSH Assembly – 3pm Music
17 OSH	18 OSH Chaplain	19 OSH Science / Art Prep – Rest Day Chaplain School Council 1	20 OSH	21 OSH Assembly – 3pm Italian
24 OSH Parent's club Meeting	25 OSH Chaplain Bravehearts	26 OSH P.E. / Library Prep – Rest Day Chaplain	27 OSH Fauna Park F-2	28 OSH Assembly – 3pm Music Red Balloon Day

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 OSH BioLab Excurs. 5/6	3 OSH	4 OSH Science / Art Prep – Rest Day	5 OSH	6 OSH Assembly – 3pm Italian
9 Labour Day H'day	10 OSH	11 OSH P.E. / Library	12 OSH	13 OSH Assembly – 3pm Music Performance F-2
16 OSH	17 OSH	18 OSH Science / Art Leaders Conf.	19 OSH	20 OSH Assembly – 3pm Italian Athletic Sports
GRADE 3/4 CAMP - ECHUCA				
23 OSH Athletic Sports – Back Up Day	24 OSH Student Led Conference Day - TBC	25 OSH P.E. / Library School Council 2	26 OSH	27 OSH Term 1 Ends – Dismissal 2.25pm Assembly – 2pm Music
24	25	26	27	28
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
				29 th Bunnings BBQ

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

MARCH / APRIL