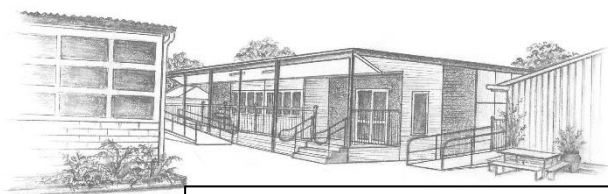


# TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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## News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 2021 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 our resources. We are looking forward to continuing with all of our Specialist programs with some minor alterations 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. All staff will be endeavouring to do the same. 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. We still have some restrictions in place in relation to COVID-19, please respect these as they focus on the safety and wellbeing of our whole school community. 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. Skool Loop will again be utilised this year. This type of 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 2021 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 2021 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 ASAP.

David Brodie (Principal)

**A REMINDER TO FAMILIES THAT  
ASSEMBLY IS HELD EACH FRIDAY AT  
3PM – THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE  
PROJECT SPACE  
(FACE MASKS ARE MANDATED IF YOU  
CANNOT KEEP 1.5 METRES APART –  
MASKS SHOULD BE CARRIED AT ALL  
TIMES )**

***PLEASE FREQUENTLY CHECK SKOOL LOOP  
BECAUSE MANY SPECIFIC EVENTS ARE PUT ON  
THIS RESOURCE INSTEAD OF THE NEWSLETTER.  
ALL FAMILIES WILL NEED TO JOIN NEW BOXES FOR  
2021.***

***CAN ANY OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR 2020 BE  
PAID FOR ASAP PLEASE.***

**Absence forms can be submitted  
on Skool Loop.**

***Please note the change of the school email address***

**OLD STUDENT TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR  
FAMILIES FOR A SIMPLE DONATION TO THE  
SCHOOL. THESE CAN BE COLLECTED NOW IF  
INTERESTED – FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!**

**ICY POLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE (50 CENTS  
EACH) EACH FRIDAY - ICY POLES WILL NOT BE CUT  
IN HALF AS THERE IS NO SHARING OF FOOD.**

## DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

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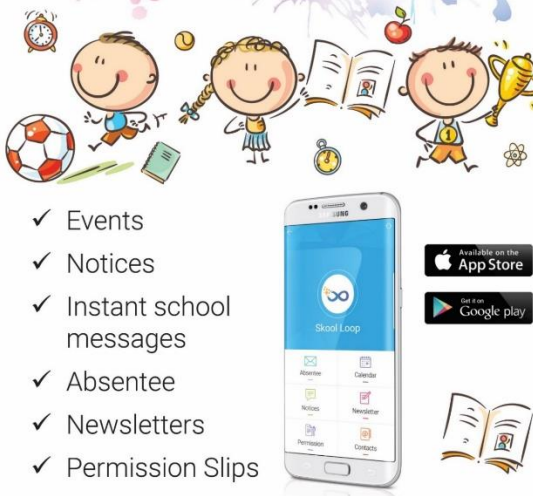
Tallygaropna Primary School

BSB: 063—527

Account number: 0090 7788

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

Have you downloaded our School app yet?  
Never miss important school information again!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips

Available on the App Store  
Get it on Google play

**SKOOL LOOP**

Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

### TABLES & BENCH AVAILABLE FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

#### **3m Laminex Workshop Bench for Sale**

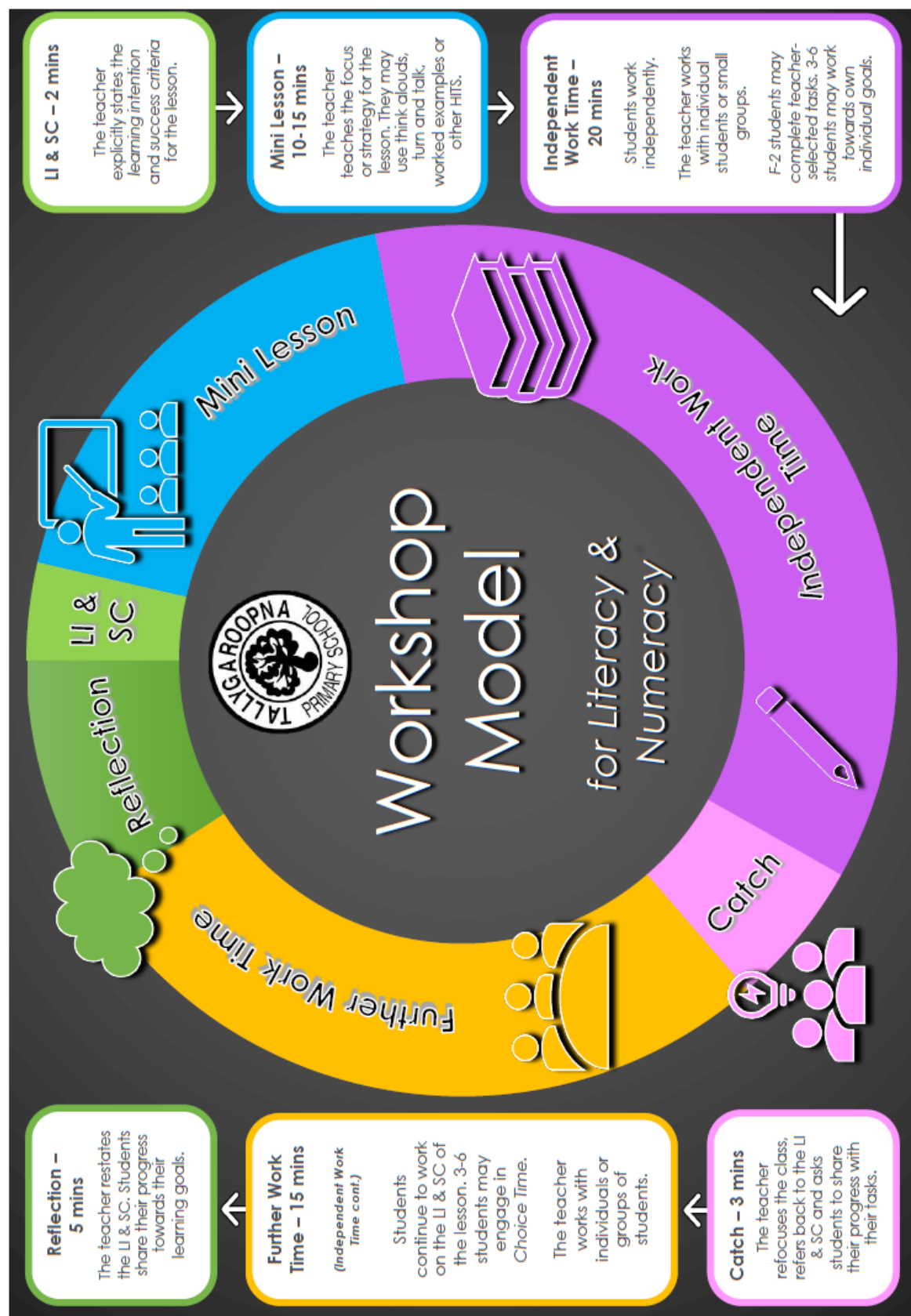
This computer bench is no longer needed at school and would make a great work or storage bench in your shed. It is disassembled and is against the wall of the office at the front of the school. All fittings are supplied for easy reassembly.



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# 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 server.
- PicCollage EDU is the only app that is not free (\$2.99).



Dictionary.com



Dropbox



Kahoot

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



Class Dojo



PicCollage EDU



Epic!



Mathletics



Socrative Student



Prodigy Math Game



Minecraft Education Edition



Google Earth



Padlet



Duolingo



Popplet Lite



Word Clouds



Book Creator Free



Stop Motion Studio



Quick Maths

Version 4 - January 2021 - this document will be updated regularly



## **Key Changes to COVID-19 Operational Guidelines from DET**

Dear families

**Re: COVID safe guidelines & school processes (to assist with contact tracing if needed)**

Welcome back to a new school year. As you may be aware, the Department of Education & Training have COVID safe guidelines for schools, which they regularly update. We will always try and keep you informed of any changes via our Skool Loop app - which we encourage all families to join ASAP. We are all very glad to know that we can welcome parents, grandparents and visitors into school again! We have certainly missed you. However, there are still some extra regulations that we must all adhere to, to keep us all safe.

- Students can arrive at school from 8:30am each day. The bell to come into class is at 8.45am. Hand washing occurs at 8.45am.
- Students can be dropped off at the front of the school or via the car park if dropping and going. Please be aware of the school bus if using the car park.
- At the end of the day there will be no staggered finish time or walking out of classes by staff. Parents/carers can arrange to meet their child in the grounds, at the gates or at their car. Please confirm with your child, where you will be picking them up at 3:25pm.
- We are maintaining an enhanced cleaning schedule at school, with all high touch areas being cleaned.
- Students will still be washing their hands at the start of the day and at the end of morning and afternoon recess
- Drink bottles are still strongly encouraged, but there are bubble taps available along with water in the project space to fill drink bottles.
- Remember that we all need to stay home if unwell- students and staff- and get tested if we have any COVID symptoms.

Parents/carers can come into the school grounds, but with restrictions that help to keep us all safe:

- Face masks must be carried at all times.
- Face masks are recommended when 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- There are limits on the number of visitors that can be inside the buildings at any time, so visits to classrooms are discouraged and must be pre-arranged.
- When visiting the Office - only one visitor (family) may be in the Office at a time.
- Where possible, continue to communicate via email, our Skool Loop app or by phone. Class teachers can be contacted via Class Dojo - info will go home soon.
- Parents who choose to drop their children off within the school grounds are asked to do so outside the classrooms.
- If there is a chance that a parent or visitor will remain within the school grounds for longer than 15 minutes, they must sign it at the office. An alternative is to use the QR codes that are displayed around the school. All visitors are encouraged to sign in when visiting and wear a visitor badge which can be collected at the office.

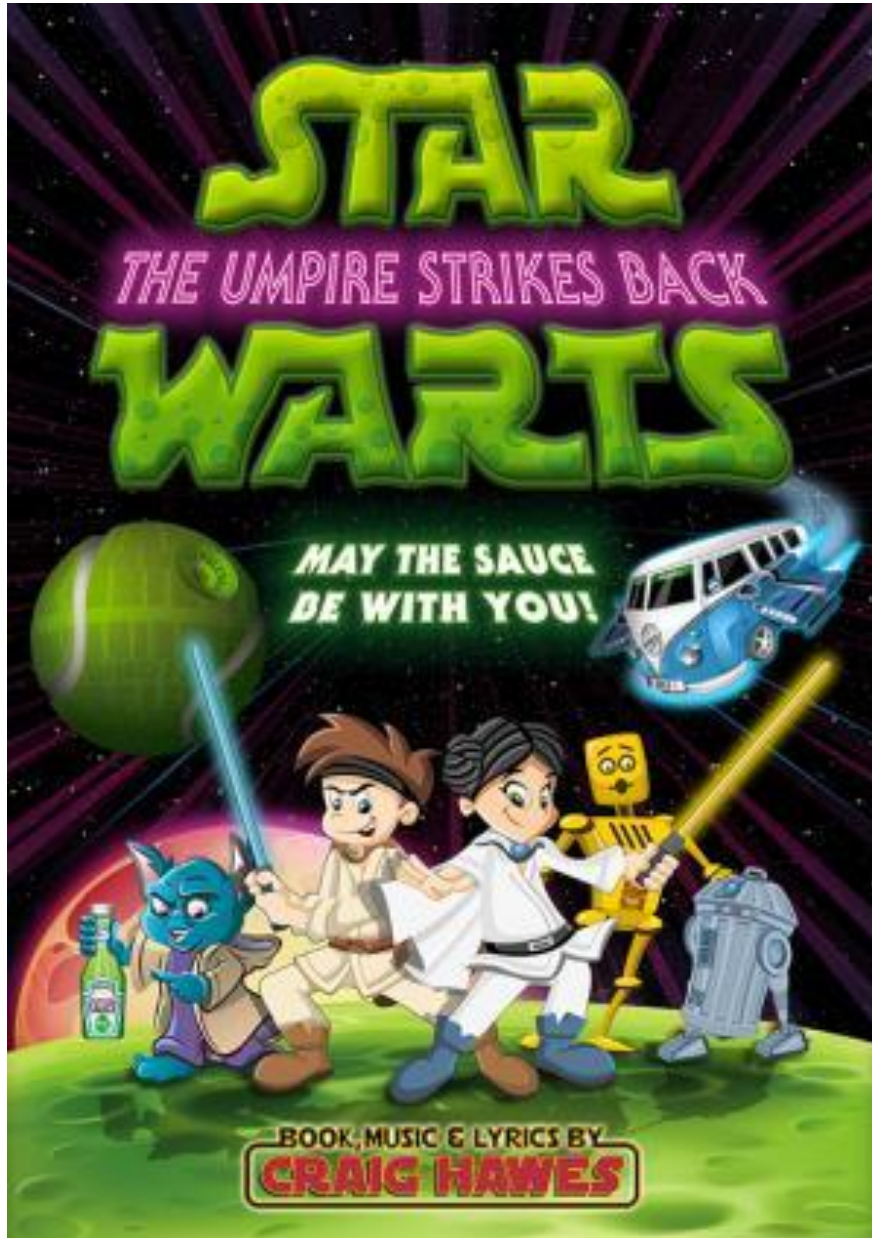
As always, I appreciate your feedback. You can contact me at: [tallygaroonna.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tallygaroonna.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**Regards**

**David Brodie - Principal**

## PRODUCTION 2021

Keep working on those scripts Grade 5 and 6 students.  
Auditions will be early in Term 1 – so be prepared and may  
the sauce be with you!!



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.



# HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

## NORTHERNERS CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR BLASTERS

4 February 2021 4.30pm - 5.30pm

for further info contact James Feeney - 0408 643 164

Tallygaroopna Rec Reserve

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OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM





## Photos of the Week – Graduation





## Photos of the Week – Graduation





***Congratulations Emily and Daryl on the birth of Kingsley Iris Andrus on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. A beautiful little sister for Ivy and Amelia.***

**SPECIAL THANKS TO SHANE BLEKIC FOR THE DONATION OF THE SIGNS ON THE OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE.**



### **Teaching Staff - 2021**

Junior Unit

Foundation / Grade 1 – Mrs Claire Haberfield

Grade 1/ Grade 2 – Mrs Tahnee Fitzpatrick

Senior Unit

Grade 3 / Grade 4 – Miss Rebecca Rosevear

Grade 5 / Grade 6 – Miss Liss Lothian

Principal – David Brodie

Business Manager – Karen Armstrong

Education Support – Dee Palmer, Beck Wayman, Sarah Trimble – end of February only, Sue Muston (Volunteer)

School Welfare (Chaplain) – John Hosking (3 day fortnight – Monday / Tuesday)

## **CLASS DOJO USE – COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**

It has been absolutely fantastic to see how many families are communicating with class teachers with Class Dojo. 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 2021. 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



## 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, student of the week awards and details of incidents at the school.**

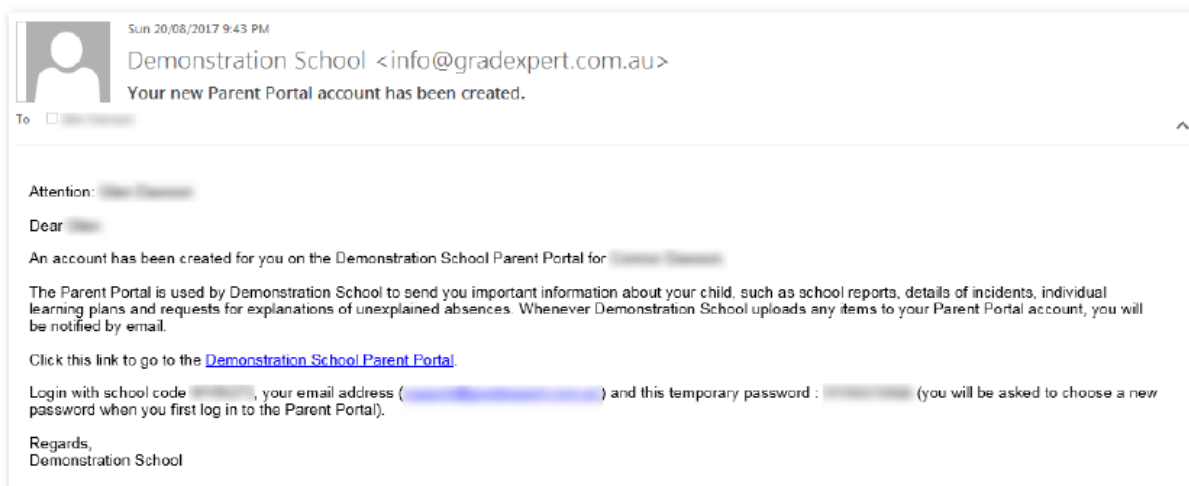
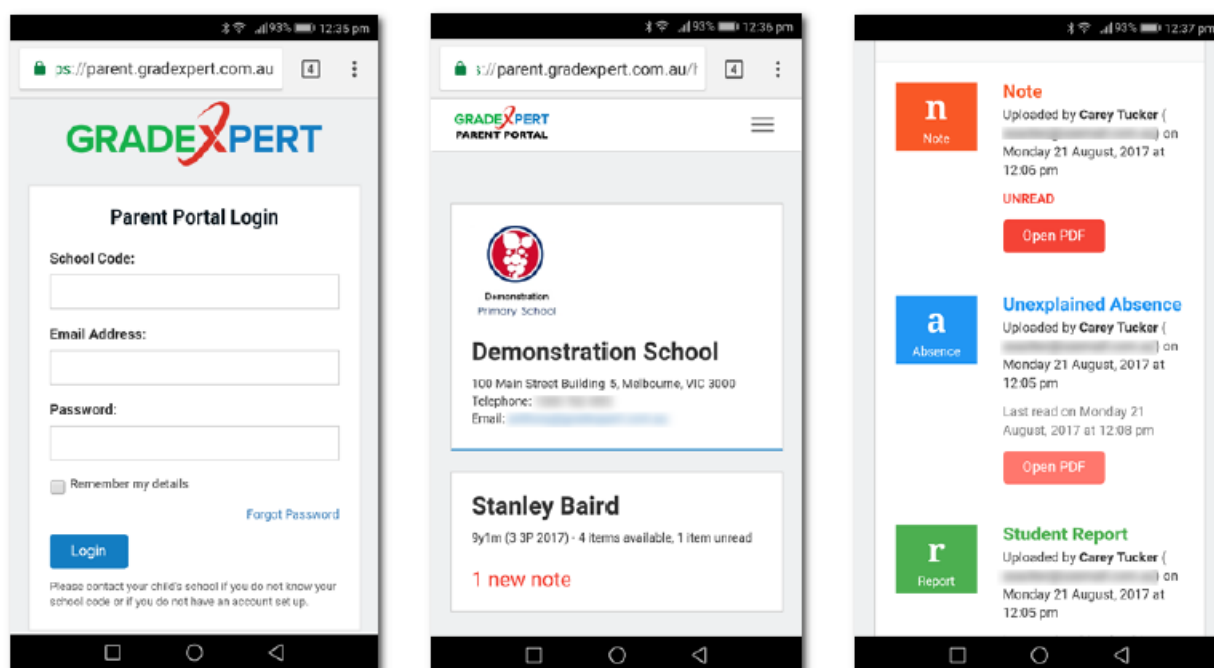
This information is **never removed** from the Parent Portal, so you can easily view this information from previous semesters and years.

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.**





**All students are asked to 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 NEXT MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY.**

**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 6 families to our school for the first time – Jessica & Bradley Gavenlock (Penny), Teagan & Damian Hommes (Dail), Linda & Cheyne Osborne (Amelia) Deni & Damian Sparkes (Jordyn & Lawson), Jo Mason (Clarissa) and Aerin Kleehammer & Robert Foyster (Kymberlee) Welcome back also to Belinda and Adam Sprunt (Lachlan).*

*Welcome to our school community and we trust that your time at Tallygaroopna PS will be both rich and rewarding.*

*New pupils starting this year are: Penny Gavenlock, Dail Hommes, Georgia Kemp, Amelia Osborne, Tommy Pearce, Lachlan Sprunt, Eleazar Tuala and Elouise Tucker (all Foundation students) along Kymberlee Foyster (Grade 1), Jordyn & Lawson Sparkes (Grade 3 and Grade 4) and Clarissa Mason (Grade 6). **We begin the new year with 82 students which is really promising for our school community.***

### ***Music Lessons – 2021***

*Cliff Doornkamp is 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.*

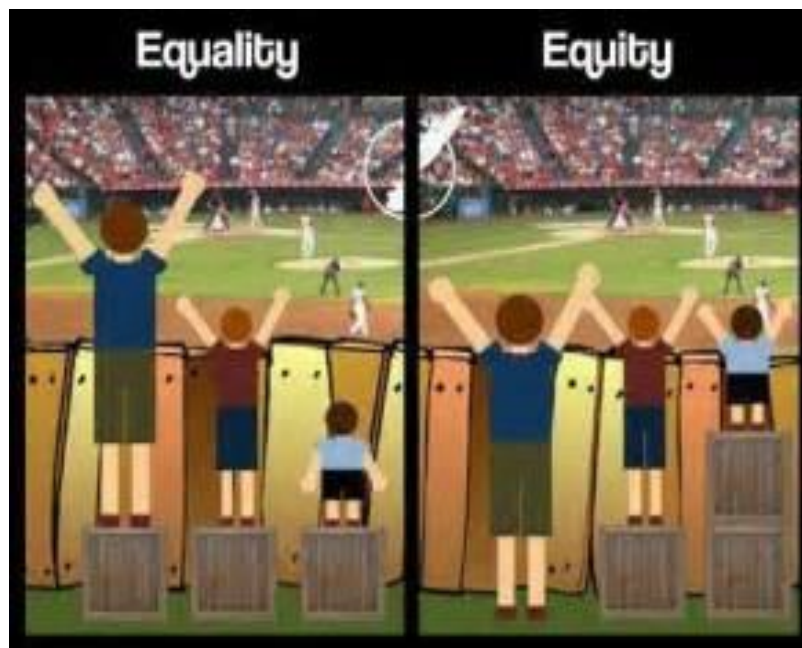
Photos of the Week – School Leaders 2021

SCHOOL CAPTAINS – Oscar and Lynn



SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS – James and Savannah





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.

### Fairleys Supa IGA Community Rewards Program

Our school is registered for the Fairleys Supa IGA Community Rewards program. Families can register in-store.

Funds generated by customer point donations are converted to cash and handed over at the end of the financial year.

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## Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

### **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.

#### **Contacting Staff and Families out of School Hours**

We all need to be mindful of contacting staff and families outside of school hours (beyond 5pm). This may involve text messaging, phone calls, Class Dojo and Skool Loop. There has been a big push from the Department of Education in regard to school community health & wellbeing and it is important that we all have lives away from the busy work day.

#### **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

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK WILL START ON FRIDAY 5TH 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. ALL STUDENTS  
SHOULD HAVE A WATER BOTTLE TO UTILISE THROUGHOUT THE  
DAY.**

**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.**

## **OSH Care for 2021**

This service has continued to build over the last 6 years. Staff from Tallygaroopna PS implemented this service from 2015 -2017 and last year we again were able to offer this service for 5 days a week while employing an OSH Care Coordinator.

In 2021, 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 Dee Palmer and Beck Wayman have agreed to share our OSH Care coordinator role at present and we look forward to both ladies making a valuable contribution to our school and continuing to develop this service for our families from 3.25pm to 6pm. **A reminder to all families that a new enrolment form for 2021 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 2021 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.”**

**OSH Care (Enrolment Form) -** All families for 2021 have been given an OSH Care enrolment form. It would be appreciated if these are returned ASAP – **one per student**. It is mandated for families using the OSH Care service to have these forms in before children are enrolled in this program. We encourage all of our families to try and get this in so that children can be put in the service if needed in case of emergencies.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) phone advice line**

For immediate questions and up to date guidance and advice, the Education Department also has a dedicated coronavirus (COVID-19) phone advice line (9am-5pm Monday to Friday). The advice line is available for school leaders as well as all staff, and parents on 1800 338 663.

## **SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR**

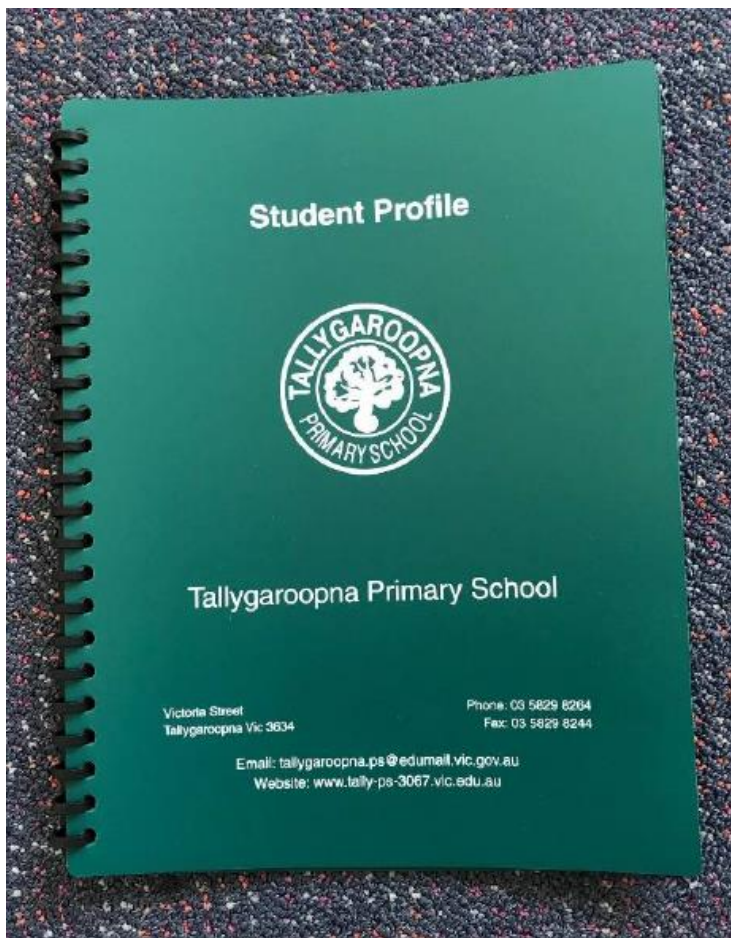
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=560547707944476>  
<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/178/Enrolment>



### **Essential for all students**

Students will need to purchase this if new to the school or have lost their previous bag. Cost is \$15.00 per bag. Please check the relevant box on the Parent Payment Arrangements letter if you require one or see Karen at the office.

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 \$10.00 per folder. Please check the relevant box on the Parent Payment Arrangements letter if you require one or see Karen in the office.

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



## **1. BYOD Program - 2021**

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 2021
- App List
- iPad Information
- iPad Information Night Presentation (VIMEO).

An updated Bring Your Own iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement (2021) was sent home before the holiday break – return ASAP please so students choosing to have their own iPad in class can start using these.

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

## **2. Student Information Forms**

Next 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 Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. A summary of the forms is below:

- Parent Payment Arrangements – Foundation, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4 or Grade 5/6 – fill out and return (these were sent home in term 4 last year – please see Karen if you require another copy)
- 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 (this updates parent occupation codes, phone numbers, etc if required. This also updates consent in various areas)
- Asthma Action Plans for relevant families – please collect one at the office if applicable
- Chaplaincy Consent Form
- MARC Van Borrowing Agreement
- Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund – Collect form from the office if you are eligible

## **3. Engagement Policy**

This policy is updated annually and was endorsed at School Council at the end of 2020. 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**

Students in Grades F-6 have an opportunity to access Office 365 this year. We will primarily be 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 2021. We have been involved in this program for the last 6 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 2020. 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**

Information and Meet the Teachers evenings will not be held at school this year. Instead, we are planning on recording specific information relevant to classes and making this available to families on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Over the last few years, we have noticed that attending such a session has been difficult for some families so we hope that this change will allow all families to view information when it suits them at an appropriate time. Of course, class teachers can be contacted via Class Dojo for any clarification which is needed.

## **8. Student Headphones**

In past years, students have supplied their own headphones to use at school. We are encouraging this again in 2021 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. 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 2021 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. Bunnings BBQ**

If you can help out with the Bunnings BBQ please reply via Skool Loop or let the office know ASAP. We need a few families for each session to make the day run smoothly. We generally make about \$1,000 for this day, which will go towards buildings and grounds so your support would be greatly appreciated. The BBQ is scheduled for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

8-10.30AM	BRODIE
10.30-1	ADAMS, SCOTT
1-3.30	KEMP, PEARCE
3.30 – CLOSE	LOTHIAN, HABERFIELD, BRODIE

## **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 2 days (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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.

### **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. 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**

New and existing parents are always welcome to join this club, which constantly supports the school. In previous years some great fundraising has occurred and the school was able to utilise some funds to go towards school programs and excursions, which was greatly appreciated. A note will go home next week in regard to a date and time that would suit families to hold a meeting.

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 at 8.45am to 9am. In the past we have had a Reading Program and a Get Active program to begin the day – stay tuned for more information in regard to this. 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 Skool Loop. 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.**

<b>EVERY DAY COUNTS ...</b>				
<b>A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...</b>				
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. 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.

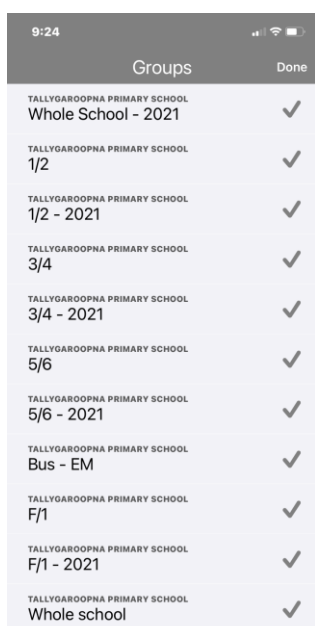
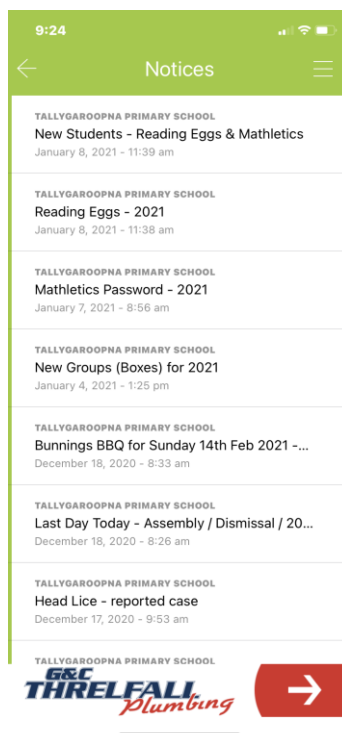
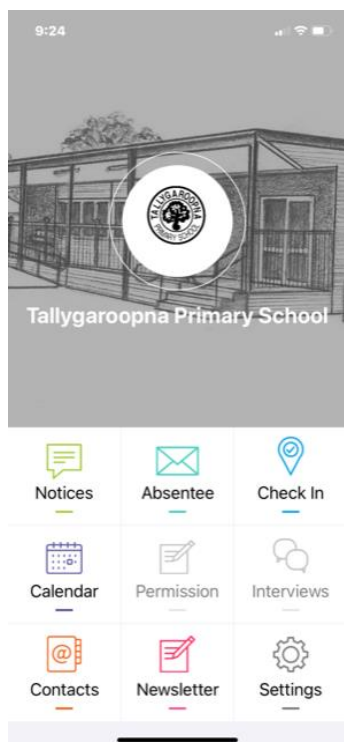
### **20. Music – Grade 3/4 students**

We are looking forward to our Music program continuing in 2021 with Mrs Tucker. Students in Grades 3 & 4 will need to purchase a recorder from the school for \$15 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 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please let the school know ASAP if you can supply your own recorder as an alternative.

## 21. Skool Loop 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 Skool Loop. This is a school app and business program designed for newsletters, notices, absences...etc. The school app includes an instant message service to alert when new information is available - 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 2021**  
**– 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February. 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 1<sup>st</sup> March – extra days can be negotiated if needed.

**24. School Council meetings for 2021** - These are summarised below and are open to change if needed. We are mandated to have 8 meetings a year. There are a couple of openings for this year if anyone would like to join School Council – feel free to contact David for any clarification.

Term 1	Week 4: Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Week 9: Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March - AGM
Term 2	Week 4: Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Week 9: Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	Week 3: Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 10: Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Week 3: Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Week 9: Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November

**25. School Term Dates** - Please keep these in a handy spot as you may wish to book your family holidays during the school holidays. **Foundation students will not be at school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February while English Online Testing is completed – this testing is mandated for all schools. Foundation students will have a rest day on Wednesdays for the month of February (or longer if necessary) as they become accustomed to normal school life at Tallygaroopna PS.**

Term 1 – January 27<sup>th</sup> until 1<sup>st</sup> April (all students from F-6 to start on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January)

Term 2 – 19<sup>th</sup> April until 25<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 – 12<sup>th</sup> July until 17<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> October until 17<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Library (MARC) beginning the following week on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2021 to enable our students to reach their potential in a variety of learning opportunities.

Art (MACC Van servicing small schools in the local area) – Mr Pettigrew: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday  
P.E. – Mrs Montgomery: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

Library (MARC Van servicing small schools in the local area) – Mrs Campbell: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday  
Music – Mrs Tucker: sessions fortnightly on a Wednesday

Respectful Relationships / Bounce Back Program – Mr Brodie: sessions each fortnight on a Friday

Rotation Program: sessions each fortnight on a Thursday:

Drama – Miss Lothian

Italian – Mrs Fitzpatrick

Science – Mrs Haberfield

Sport – Miss Rosevear (alternative week of P.E with Mrs Monty)

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 Skool Loop 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 2021**

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 6<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## **30. Sun Smart Policy**

Tallygaroopna Primary School endorses a SunSmart policy during the 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 2021. 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 again endorsed a borrowing agreement for 2021. 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 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The following issues relate to our school's participation in the Congupna MARC Service in 2021.

- 1. Prompt payment of MARC fees by the required date (after Census), or a complete borrowing suspension will take place. (i.e. suspension meaning no member of your school will be allowed to borrow until the required payment is made.)**
- 2. Prompt payment of lost or damaged resources by the required date, or a borrowing suspension will take place. Any books to be paid for will be included on the school fee invoice, as a separate item. (N.B. In cases of obvious neglect e.g. damp, mould, scribble, torn pages, schools will be invoiced for these books at the end of the school year. Acknowledged responsibility of the school in allowing their students to borrow, i.e. it is the schools ultimate responsibility to pay for lost or damaged resources and to recoup costs incurred as arranged with parents at your school.)**

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.

### **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/>

Whole School

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

Students in Grades F-2

<https://www.essentialassessment.com.au/>

Students in Grades 3-6

### **37. Playgroup Dates**

This program will again be coordinated by John Hosking (Welfare Worker) in 2021. 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 subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

**38. School Fees –** Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021 were sent home to families and are available on the school website under Information < School Fees. These fees were approved at school council on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and are summarised below:

Foundation	-	\$215	Grade 1/2	-	\$150
Grade 3/4	-	\$135	Grade 5/6	-	\$140

We would appreciate payment by the end of term 1, 2021. As stated in the Parent Payment Arrangements forms, these fees do not include camps, excursions, swimming, uniforms or bus fees (if applicable). For more information, please contact Karen Armstrong or David Brodie.

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/239/School-Fees>

**39. 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 email the school a message detailing the breakdown of the payment.

### **40. 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.

#### **41. 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](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.

**42. Bus Driver** – Dyson Bus Service are looking for someone interested in bus driving work in the Tallygaroopna area. If anyone is interested please contact Dyson's Shepparton office on 58312150 for more information.

**43. Reading Changes in 2021** – Miss Lothian and Mrs Haberfield have put together an introductory video explaining some changes to reading occurring at our school in 2021. These changes are being made so that our practices align with evidence-based research, rather than continuing to do what has always been done. In summary, we will be moving away from levelled take home books to decodable texts as this will better support our systematic phonics instruction in the junior classrooms. ***This video goes for 13 minutes and can be found at:*** <https://vimeo.com/474262268/077622399b>



#### **44. Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund Applications**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5829 8264 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Our general school rule is to “consider the feelings of others at all times”.

School Website (COVID-19 / Remote Learning):

[https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/238/COVID-](https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/238/COVID-19)

[19](https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/238/COVID-19)

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)



## **Second-hand Uniforms**

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

## **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.**



## ABSENCE NOTE – 2021



Student's Name.....

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

Reason.....

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## ABSENCE NOTE – 2021



Student's Name.....

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## ABSENCE NOTE – 2021



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**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

# **TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 1 2021 (ALL DATES TBC)**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>
25	26	27	28	29
		Teachers first day	Students first day OSH Chaplain	OSH Cricket at School Chaplain
1	2	3	4	5
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE Prep Rest Day	OSH No Preps – English Online	OSH Respect. Rel. No Preps – English Online
8	9	10	11	12
OSH Chaplain	OSH Info Night Chaplain	OSH Library / Music Prep Rest Day	OSH Rotation Day	OSH  Bunnings BBQ 14
15	16	17	18	19
OSH Chaplain	OSH School Council 1	OSH Art / PE Prep Rest Day	OSH	OSH Respect. Rel. Cricket at School
22	23	24	25	26
OSH Chaplain	OSH Chaplain	OSH Library / Music Prep Rest Day	OSH Rotation Day	OSH Red Balloon Day

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>
1	2	3	4	5
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH	OSH Respect. Rel.
8	9	10	11	12
Labour Day Hday	OSH Chaplain	OSH Library / Music	OSH Rotation Day	OSH
15	16	17	18	19
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH	OSH Respect. Rel.
22	23	24	25	26
OSH Chaplain	Student Led Conference Day - TBC School Council 2	OSH Library / Music	OSH Rotation Day	OSH Athletic Sports
29	30	31	1	2
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH Term 1 Ends Dismissal 2.25	Good Friday

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

MARCH / APRIL