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- 1. Application for Year 7 Placements** - These forms are due back to school by Friday 14th May (pages 13-16). These need to be completed if you are seeking a Year 7 placement in a government school or are in doubt of a Year 7 placement at a non-government school (Catholic or independent).
- 2. Working Bees** - Thanks to our hard workers last Wednesday and Thursday - your support is greatly appreciated. We spent this time top dressing the school oval to make this safer for all involved and we hope to see the benefits of this in the spring.
- 3. Pie Drive** - Orders went home last week and these close on Friday 7th May. Orders will be delivered to school on Tuesday 18th May with proceeds going towards new sports and music equipment. This fundraiser is organised by the Parents' Club - we hope this will be well supported.
- 4. NAPLAN** - This will be held over a 2 week block beginning on Tuesday 11th May and concluding on Friday 21st May. Grade 3 and 5 families should see Mr Brodie now if there are any concerns with completing this testing - a timetable has been published in the full edition of the newsletter. All tasks will be completed online using school netbooks to hopefully make this testing more enjoyable with the exception of the Grade 3 Writing task. We will have a couple of catch up days if needed for any students away during this testing period.
- 5. School Photos** - This will now be held on **Friday 21st May** - please note the date change. Envelopes were distributed to families last week and families can order online if they wish on the MSP Photography website.
- 6. Men's Shed Visits** - We are looking at visits to begin again on Friday 7th May - a reminder to get consent forms in ASAP.
- 7. Consent** - If families misplace consent or permission forms, this can be granted by sending a message on Skool Loop. Simply click on contacts (bottom right corner) and then click on Send Email. This will go directly to the schools email - please indicate specific details of what you are giving consent for (ie: name of children involved, name of the excursion, date, costs...etc.). All of these are generally in the full edition of newsletters which can be accessed via our school website at any time.
- 8. Attitude to Schools Survey** - Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will again be participating in this survey. We hope to complete this during the period from Monday 3rd May to Monday 17th May. The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general. Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to the school - further information will go home this week via a formal letter.
- 9. Cross Country** - This will be held on Thursday 29th April for students in Grades 3-6. Permission forms went home last week and it would be appreciated if these are returned ASAP. The cost for this program is \$2 to cover the cost of the bus.
- 10. Performances** - The Midnight Gang performance for grades 3 - 6 will be held on Thursday 6th May. Permission forms went home last week and the cost for this performance is \$12. Specific information was in the full edition of the newsletter last week.
- 11. ANZAC Day** - Thanks to members of our school community who attended the formal ceremony at Welsford Street in Shepparton yesterday. We held a minute silence at school last Friday as well to commemorate this solemn occasion.
- 12. Mother's Day Stall** - This will be held on Friday 30th April. Please bring in \$5 to participate in this stall ASAP - this can be left at the office. Contact the office if you would prefer for your child to not participate in this stall - otherwise all children will go in the stall and select an item. These will be placed at the office until payment has been received - this will need to be completed by Friday 7th May in line with Mother's Day.
- 13. Bunnings BBQ** - Our new date has been set for Sunday 16th May. We have had limited help with this so far - please contact the office and offer to do a shift for a couple of hours if you can assist, a perfect opportunity for families who find it difficult to be involved in school activities throughout the year.
- 14. Shade Sail** - We are still awaiting for our new shade sail to be installed - hopefully this will take place in the next week or two.
- 15. School Car Park** - A reminder to families to use the designated parking areas in the school grounds car park and do not park in front of the school office. This will assist with traffic flow. Some families have neglected to do this. Cars can only stop at the path if they are doing a quick drop off and pick up. We hope to have some signage and some other work in this area to assist with safety in the not too distant future. Families can make alternative arrangements with their children at the front of the school (ie: next to the kinder - utilising the crossing) if space on site is an issue.
- 16. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to do an online absence via Skool Loop whenever required - this is the preferred method of notification. We have missed some of these of late - schools need to keep an accurate account of these as directed by DET.
- 17. Playgroup** - The next session will be held on Monday 3rd May from 9-11am. We hope to see some new family members attend this over the next few weeks - all are welcome as usual, apologies for the mix up last week.
- 18. Parents' Club Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th May at 3.30pm - all are welcome as always.
- 19. COVID-19 Restrictions** - Many of these have been lifted which is pleasing - face masks are now just strongly recommended for use by staff and visitors when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.
- 20. Sharing of Food (birthdays)** - As per DET guidelines, sharing of food cannot happen at school with birthdays. Students will be given a free icy pole for their birthday for the time being - just see Mr B about this please.
- 21. Tutoring Program** - Please be aware of dates for this program so that we can maximise learning as much as possible. These are all highlighted in the full edition of the newsletter and attendance will be a key feature when assessing the success of this program.
- 22. OSH Care** - New enrolment forms for 2021 are mandated - 1 for each student. Please support this service to ensure that it is financially viable going forward. We had nearly 30 children in the service last week which was fantastic.
- 23. Specialist Programs** - This week we will have P.E and Art on Wednesday and Respectful Relationships on Friday.

David Brodie (Principal)

As stated previously, I will be away on Monday and Tuesday this week.

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-19>

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus