

## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

**1. Paws in Schools** - During Term 2 and 3, our school will be participating in the PAWS in Schools program which focuses on supporting student wellbeing. In these sessions, facilitators will bring along specially trained therapy dogs to undertake wellbeing activities with each class. All students from F-6 will have the opportunity to take part - these will commence from tomorrow and will be held for another 5 sessions - see Skool Loop for dates. If you would prefer for your child not to participate with either of these activities, please contact the school ASAP so alternative arrangements can be made.

**2. School Hats** - These are no longer mandated from today as per our Sun Smart & Heat Policy. Hats will again be required in mid-August. Students are encouraged to take these home for the time being and give them a wash.

**3. Bunnings BBQ** - We are fortunate to be able to hold a Bunnings BBQ again on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We were unable to fill the roster at the disco night - if you can assist to do a 2 hour block on the day please contact the school on 5829 8264. All proceeds will go to buildings and ground - probably new soft-fall in the school playgrounds.

**4. Police in Schools** - We may be involved in this program beginning in Term 3 for students in Grades 5/6 - more details will be available soon but some focus will be on making good choices, becoming good citizens and also cybersafety.

**5. Shade Sail** - Unfortunately, the installation of our new Shade Sail has been delayed because of the weather last week - further updates will be available soon.

**6. Parents' Club Meeting** - This will be held this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May straight after school - all are welcome and it would be great to have some new members attend.

**7. School Council** - This is scheduled to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - further information will be distributed late next week.

**8. Professional Practice Day** - This will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May for all class teachers - see previous information in the full edition of the newsletter. There will be no school on this day and also no OSH Care so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

**9. Curriculum Day 2** - This will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June with a focus on Report Writing. There will be no school on this day and also no OSH Care so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

**10. Transition - Grade 6** - There has been plenty of information distributed via Skool Loop in regard to transition and Open Days / Information Nights for relevant Secondary Schools. Grade 6 families will need to follow this up as needed - the application for Year 7 Placement 2023 form needs to be returned to Tallygaropna PS by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Relevant information has been put on Skool Loop and was also distributed before the holiday break.

**11. Face Masks (Bus Travel)** - Any Grade 3-6 students involved in bus travel related to school activities will still need to wear facemasks. Exemptions will still apply for relevant students.

**12. Men's Shed Visits** - Please return consent forms so that visits can be planned for ASAP. These will be held fortnightly from 10-11am on a fortnight basis with small groups of about 6-8 student attending this venue. If you would prefer for your child not to participate please contact the school ASAP.

**13. Play Group** - If any families are interested in participating in Playgroup please contact the school on 5829 8264. We are hoping that we can get this program up and running again which would be implemented by our school Chaplain - Tim Ford.

**14. Mother's Day Stall** - Most gifts have been paid for and taken home. If any gifts have not been paid for can this be done ASAP, so that gifts can be sent home before Mother's Day.

**15. School Disco** - Thanks to the Parents' Club for a great night on Friday night - this outdoor event might be the way to go going forward.

**16. Life Ed. Van** - This began today and concludes tomorrow. Could this program be paid for before the end of the week please - the cost for this program is \$8 per student. Again, a big thank you to the Tally Lions Club for kindly subsidising half of the cost for this program - your support is greatly appreciated.

**17. Cross Country** - This will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May for students in Grades 3-6. Permission forms are now due and the cost for this event is \$2 to cover travel by bus. If your child is not participating - contact the school ASAP please. More specific details were in the full edition of the newsletter last week. Again, if you can assist on the day please contact the school on 5829 8264.

**18. Responsible Pet Program** - This will be held at school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. More specific details will be provided via Skool Loop this week - contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not participate in this program.

**19. Pie Drive** - Orders have been distributed for this fundraising event organised by the Parents' Club. These will need to be returned by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May and all orders can be picked up from school at the end of the day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**20. NAPLAN** - In advance of completing NAPLAN online, students are encouraged to explore the public demonstration site tests for their year level in order to familiarise themselves with the different item types as well as the features of the test player. Please contact the Principal if you have any concerns in regard to NAPLAN testing which will be held early in May. At present, most students will participate in this testing for Grade 3 and 5 students. This demonstration site can be found here - <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

**21. Munch N Crunch** - Orders were distributed last week for the Mini Pizza Day which will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Order & payment to be returned by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**22. Open Days** - We will again be holding some Open Days throughout Term 2 - the first day will be held tomorrow. More information has been published on normal communication platforms that the school utilises. Please promote our school as much as possible - again we will have a large cohort of Grade 6 students leaving the school at the end of the year.

**23. End of Year Excursion** - Funfields is booked for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - plenty of notice for any families needing to make arrangement with work.

**24. COVID Measures Extension** - As stated previously, the Victorian Government have announced a 4 week extension of the COVID Safe measures for schools for the beginning of Term 2 - subject to any changes in health advice. More RAT boxes for each student continue to be available for parents to collect - a reminder to families that the Education Department are encouraging RA tests to be taken twice throughout the school week. See the full edition of the newsletter for more information.

**25. COVID -19 Restrictions / Vaccinations** - A summary of these is below - further information is in the full edition of the newsletter:

1. Face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.
2. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.
3. Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine as long as they have no symptoms and have a negative RA Test.
4. Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

**26. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to submit an absence via Skool Loop when required please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent.

**27. Specialist Programs** - This week is a busy one. We have Music on Tuesday and Wednesday, Library on Wednesday and our rotation program on Thursday.

**28. Sharing of Food** - The updated guidelines state that sharing of food is not permitted (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop, icy pole).

David Brodie (Principal)

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

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school  
The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)