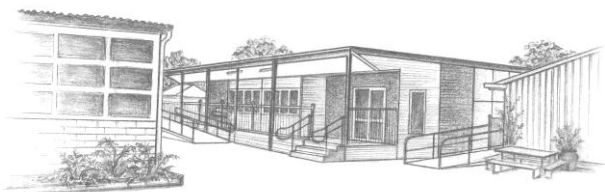


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 NO.13 14th May 2012

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Enrolments for 2013 can now be made. Tours of the school can be requested as well.

Grade 6 Bike Ride Permission Forms will need to be returned ASAP.

Photo Envelopes are due by this Friday. Photos will take place between 11.30am and lunchtime.

Hi everyone,

We had a very successful and busy day last Thursday thanks to our great parent helpers. The On Road Test for the Bike Education Program went smoothly and many of the students were able to complete a good standard with this. I also hope that the Mother's Day Gifts got home smoothly and that all Mum's were spoiled over the weekend. As always, our Munch N Crunch was a great success and this continues to be a great fundraiser throughout the school year.

We never have a quiet week at school and this week is no different. We had a Critters Activity Day today which was implemented by GV Water and throughout the week a number of other extra curricula events will occur. These include the Robotics Visit, School Photos, Grade 6 Bike Ride and Walk Safely to School Day on Friday. Specific information is included in this edition of the newsletter. On Friday, our Bus will arrive at the CFA shed down Victoria Street for the Walk Safely to School Day and I invite any students from town to join us with this for a bit of fun. I will meet the children down there and quietly walk down to school for the start of the day. The bus will run as per normal in the afternoon. We anticipate that school photos will be taken from 11.30am on Friday as well and should only take about an hour to complete.

This week, students in Grades 3 and 5 begin NAPLAN testing and this will occur each morning on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Haberfield will be away at an ESmart Training day on Wednesday, so we will utilise the back up day on Friday because of this. Give it your best shot kids, relax and do your best. That is all we can ask.

Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. I have put in some information regarding our Phone System in this edition of the newsletter as well so please read this to aid communication between school and home. It's important that we all work together with this and we will all do our best to cater for any specific needs which families have – remember 12 rings (although we do have an answering machine).

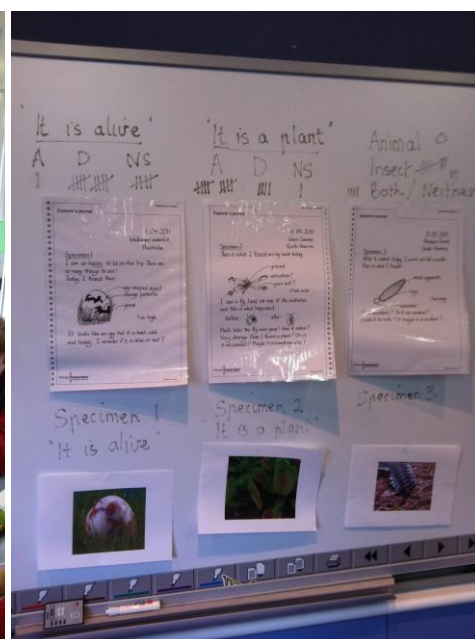
David Brodie – Teaching Principal

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.
An alternative is to go to our school website.**

Tallygaroopna Primary School Recipe Books
These can still be purchased from the School Office at \$12 each.



Science Specialist Program



Bike Education Program



1. NAPLAN Testing

Good luck to our children in Grades 3 and 5 who are completing NAPLAN tests this week. We would like to reinforce that these tests are just a one off and are just a snapshot on student performance. Teachers have been busily preparing children for this day and tests will be conducted on the following days:

Tuesday – Language Conventions / Writing

Thursday – Numeracy

Friday - Reading

2. Phone System

Last year we updated our phone system to enable greater communication across our school. Parents are requested to let the phone ring 12 times in order for it to be answered. This is because initially, the phone rings in the office, followed by the Principals office and the new building. This is to allow for minimal disruptions during the day. Karen is in the office from Monday to Thursday, but there may be times when she is not in the office area during the day. Therefore, your patience and assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you redial from a missed call from the school you will get the fax. Therefore, could you just ring the school number to get through to relevant staff.

Summary of Phone System at Tallygaroopna PS:

1. Initially the phone rings in the office.
2. If not picked up after 6 rings it then rings in the Principals office and the Project room.
3. If not picked up after 14 rings, you can leave a message on the answering machine.

3. Prep Enrolments for 2013

Last week we put our enrolment banner out on the school fence again to promote our school and encourage enrolments for 2013. Currently our school is thriving with an enrolment of 53 students and we look forward to aiming to continually build on this over the next few years. During Education Week (21st to 25th May), potential new families can request a tour of the school if they wish. This may occur at any time from Thursday to Friday with Karen if needed. I am available from Tuesday to Friday from 1pm onwards also. I look forward to discussing the many advantages of our small school.

4. Grade 6 Bike Ride

A reminder to grade six children that the bike ride will be held on this Friday starting at 1:30 and arriving back approx 3:00pm. We will ride to Zeerust PS and return. Please make sure your bike and helmet are at school again on this day. Please bring a drink bottle. Mr.Brodie will accompany in his car and I will attempt to ride with the children.

Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who helped assist with the on road bike test last Thursday, without this parent support our children would not get the opportunity to participate in these things. So again many thanks. Hope all the children who did Bike Ed learnt something and can stay safe whilst out on their bike.

Mrs Bev Montgomery
Bike Ed Co Coordinator

5. Beyond Primary

Is your child starting secondary school next year? Would you like hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly *Beyond Primary* email.

Every Thursday during school term you will receive an email that will include tips, advice and information on supporting your child to make the transition from primary to secondary school.

Subscribe to *Beyond Primary* at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/beyondprimary/default.htm>

6. Transition Program

Transition booklets for Grade 6 students were sent home last week. All dates regarding open nights and open days are included. It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive a 100% return of the placement forms by June 5th.

7. Robotics Visit

This Wednesday at 9am, the Grade 5/6 students will be having a robotics session conducted by Chris Todd from Modern Teaching Aids. This will occur at school and will be a good chance to review the Robotics program so far. This session will be a good refresher and will assist with the planned Information Technology session next Monday night.

8. Walk Safely to School Day

This day is held this Friday 18th May. To celebrate this day, our school bus will drop the students off at the CFA shed in the morning, where they will be met by Mr Brodie. Students will then walk down the road to school and town students are able to join in if they wish. Normal travel arrangements will occur in the afternoon.

9. Long Service Leave

Mrs Haberfield will be taking long service leave for a 2 week period beginning on Monday 28th May. Kerry Brett will be teaching the Grade 2/3/4 children during this time and normal programs will continue to be implemented. We wish Mrs H a restful couple of weeks.

10. Grade 5/6 Homework Task

Last week, all of the Grade 5/6 students received a brief homework task. This is due this Friday 18th May and can be summarised below:

“Living by the sea is better than living in the city”.
Make a list of arguments FOR and arguments AGAINST this
debate.

FOR LIVING BY THE SEA x5	AGAINST LIVING BY THE SEA x5
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11. Biggest Morning Tea

The Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 24th May in the Multi-Purpose Room. All members of the school community are invited and the day will begin at 10.30am and conclude at 11.30am. Entry will involve a gold coin donation which will go towards the Cancer Council of Australia. **Could all families please send along a plate to share.**

12. Information Technology Night

To celebrate Education Week an Information Technology Night will be held on Monday 21st May beginning at 6pm and concluding at 8pm. This will give families an opportunity to use our laptops, iPods and iPads along with our Robotics Kits. Could expressions of interest please be in by the end of the week to assist with planning – this is at the end of this edition of the newsletter.

13. Beauty & The Beast

On Tuesday 29th May our whole school will be attending Dookie PS to see the performance of Beauty and the Beast - permission forms will go out this week. This starts at 9.15am, so our bus will be completing pickups in the morning, 15 minutes earlier than normal on this day. We aim to leave school at 8.45am sharp. Could parents make the relevant adjustments please. The cost for the day is \$10 which covers travel by bus and the performance. There will be lunch orders at an additional cost available if needed - these will go home ASAP. Students may bring their own lunch, snack and drink. The performance will be held at the town hall and we will then walk back to school for recess. A tabloid sports type activity will then follow before lunch and we hope to depart Dookie PS by 2pm. We anticipate arriving back at school by 2.45pm. Mrs Wallace and Mrs Brett will be attending this day. Unfortunately, Mr Brodie will be away at a Principals meeting.

14. Cookie Dough Fundraiser

A huge thank you to the many families who assisted with orders for this fundraiser. The Parents Club were able to raise over \$500 thanks to 136 tubs being sold - a terrific effort. Our Pie Drive will begin soon and we look forward to this being a great success as well.

15. Earn and Learn Vouchers

We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From Wednesday 9th May until July 1st 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), **you will receive a sticker**. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a **special sticker card**. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box at the front of the store.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask.

16. AASC Program

The program for term 2 began a couple of weeks ago with Multi Sports on a Monday, basketball will be held on a Tuesday. **Both sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm.** Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. Andrea Walker will be our school supervisor on Monday's and Jill McFarlane will fulfil this role on a Tuesday. Last week's free icy pole voucher went to Declan Newbound.

17. Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week last week.

Term 2 – Week 4

P/1 – The Rock N Roll Kids – Jessica Bassett for the confidence she shows in school work, especially her reading. Well done Jessica.

2/3/4 – Mrs H's Brainy Bunch – Bailey McNab for the persistence she has shown in completing the O'Clock Tales. Bailey enjoyed this book a lot and she started it the first day of school!

5/6 – The Grade 5/6 Rebels – Daniel Bagley for his effort and focus in class this week and for his general attitude at school which is displayed for everyone to see. Great effort!

All students receive a certificate and a Nando Voucher.

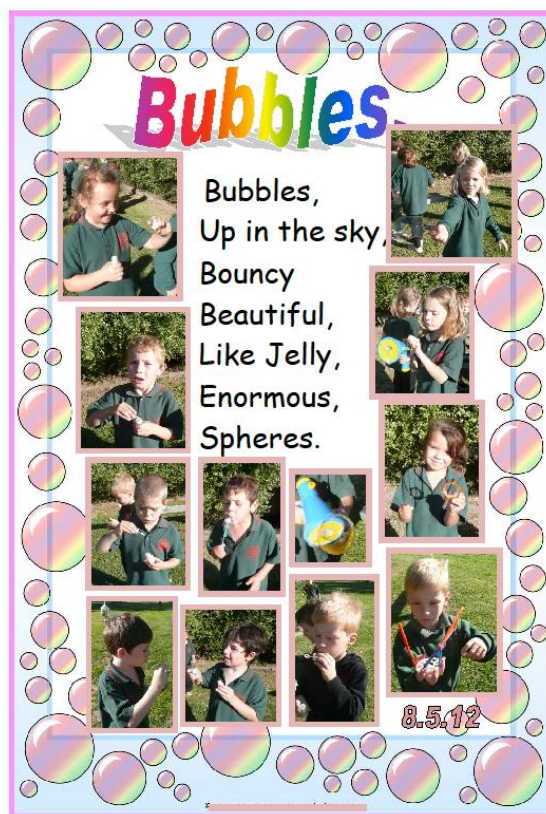
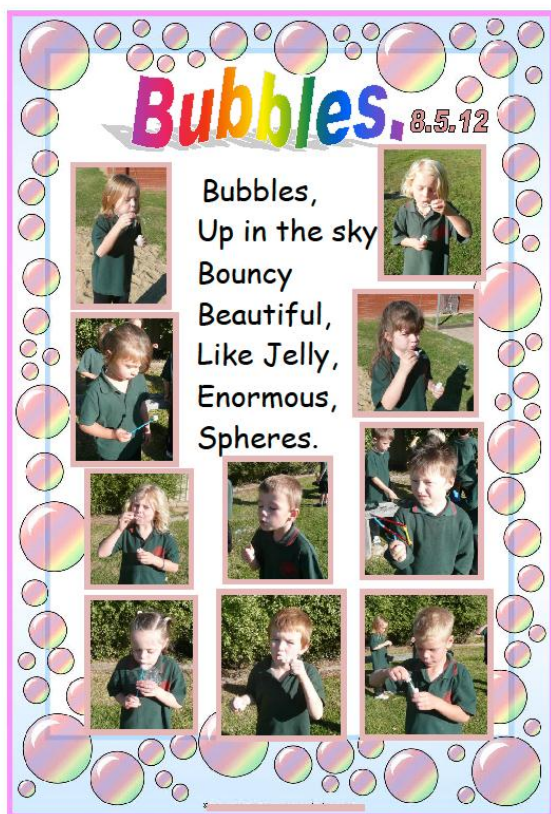


18. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 2 are:

May 14th – Critters Activity Day
May 16th – Division Cross Country
May 18th – Walk Safely to School Day
May 21st – Education Week
May 24th – Biggest Morning Tea
May 30th – Young Leaders Day –Shae & Corbie
June 11th – Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 21st – Munch N Crunch (**Super Heroes -TBC**)
June 27th – Parent Teacher Interviews – Pupil Free
July 16th – Term 3 Begins

May 15th > 17th – NAPLAN Testing
May 18th – Grade 6 Bike Ride (TBC)
May 18th – School Photos – 11.30am
May 21st – Information Technology Night – 6pm
May 29th – Performance at Dookie PS
June 6th – Finance & School Council
June 19th – Region Cross Country
June 25th – Reports Sent Home
June 29th – Last Day of Term – dismissal at 2.25pm



School Photos

School photo order envelopes went home with each student a couple of weeks ago. These are due back at school by Friday, 18th May which is the day the photographs will be taken. Please fill out your order and return to school with correct money or a cheque made payable to MSP Photography enclosed. For families with more than one child attending Tally PS, you can order a family portrait (Tally PS students only) and these envelopes are available at the school Office (if you would like one sent home please contact Karen at the Office). School Captain photos are also available – special envelopes available at the Office.

Tallygaroopna Auskick

The Tallygaroopna Football Club is conducting an Auskick program at the Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve commencing on Tuesday, 29th May at 4pm. You can pick up a registration form at the school Office which needs to be filled out and returned to the school by 15th May or you can register online. The cost of the ten week program will be \$60, made payable to the Tallygaroopna Football/Netball Club. The Club will cover all other relevant costs. For enquiries contact Neville Montgomery on 0439 614 464 or a/h 5829 8526

Northerners Soccer

Under 7: "Another great win for the under 7s this week with a final score of 16-2 over Toolamba. Great team effort from all the boys. Keep it up Northerners! See you all at training on Wednesday."

Under 9:

Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group: AGM Casserole tea will be held on Tuesday, the 15th May at 6.30pm at the Congupna Hall. Anyone interested in Landcare is welcome to attend. Our most recent project 'The concreting of the "Serpent" path in the Pony Paddock' at Congupna has just been done. We now shall be planting this area with Bush Tucker Plants. For information phone Secretary, Trish Moss on 5829 8255.

Information Technology Night – Supper Provided

Family Members.....

We will be able to attend the Family I.T. Night on Monday 21st May from 6pm until 8pm in the Project Room.

Signed.....

Netball Results Under/13

We played Bouchier St Bears and were able to make a competitive game of it. We made them work hard for the ball and it was great to see the girls taking into the game the things we had spoken about at training. Well done, still so much to learn and think about. One more week in this pool and then we will be regraded, so hopefully a win is just around the corner. Score 4-22 Award Zailie Dempster, Tallygaroopna.

Parents' Club

Could all families please send along a plate to share for the Biggest Morning Tea to be held on Thursday, 24th May in the Multi-Purpose Room.

We are expecting the Cookie Dough tubs to be delivered on this day also, thank you to all families for your support of this fundraiser.

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Berry Street on 58 228100

ABCD Parenting Young Adolescents program

Parents and carers of 11 to 14 years olds are invited to come along to:



The ABCD: Parenting Young Adolescents Program

This practical and enjoyable program will take place on a Tuesday evening and runs for four sessions, held once a week over four consecutive weeks. It aims to help parents and carers understand and cope better with the challenges of parenting and staying connected with their children as they move onto secondary school and adolescence.

Venue:

'The Presidents Room', Numurkah Information Centre
99 Melville St, Numurkah

Starting Date: Tuesday 29th May 2012

And continuing on the 5th, 12th and 19th June

Time: 6.30 pm – 9.00pm

Total Cost: \$15.00 person/\$20.00 couple

Facilitator: Gillian Bliss

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

To Book and for more information:

Call Primary Care Connect on 58 233 200 and ask for Claire Walsh.

Unfogging the Future

A Course for Parents with Mental Health Issues



**To book a place
or for more information
contact**

Zoe Edmonds
FaPMI Coordinator
(Families Where a Parent has a Mental Illness)
Tel: 0427322344
Zoe.edmonds@gvhealth.org.au

An informative six week program that explores parenting styles; communicating well with your children; building healthy family relationships; managing challenging behaviour; and developing self-care. For parents living with a mental health condition who have children aged 2–18 years old.

When: Thursdays 1pm – 3pm

Starts: 24th May 2012

Where: Mooroopna Hub- 23 Alexandra Street, Mooroopna.

Funding for childcare and transport is available.

Prep for Parents: Lets Talk About Bullying - Part 2

My Child Is Bullying Others

Parents usually find out about if their child is bullying from someone else. Your child's school or a parent may tell you that your child is bullying others. When this happens, it can be confronting and challenging to deal with.

In practical terms, the best response is to find out what is happening and take positive action to resolve or improve the issue. It's important that you support your child throughout the situation.

If you are contacted directly by a parent, it's probably better to approach your child's school and deal with the issue through the school.

Approaching your school

Your child's school is the best place to start with any questions that you have about your child and bullying.

Schools have bullying policies which set out what should happen when a child is being bullied. Both your child's school and home should be on the same page as far as possible, so that the approach can be consistent and cooperative for everyone involved.

Signs of bullying

One common question parents have is: how can I tell if my child has been bullying?

Bullying can be a number of different things - but it involves a repeated pattern of behaviours. It can be repeatedly teasing, imitating or making fun of a child; or repeatedly excluding or ignoring a child; or regularly whispering about a child behind their back. Bullies don't usually show compassion for someone who's experiencing bullying.

A change in your child's behaviour may point to bullying. They may be having problems with particular friends or children at school. Or they may talk about a child or group of children regularly in a negative way.

Of course, these may not necessarily be signs of bullying but if you think your child may be involved in bullying, take it up with their school.

How can I help change the situation?

If your child is bullying, you may want to discuss with your child why they are behaving this way, taking into account any problems they may be facing.

One thing to consider is how your child deals with issues and resolves differences with people at home, and their friends. They may need support to learn better ways of getting on with other people. For example, they may need some help to understand how to resolve conflict, or the value and the benefits of treating others with respect. One practical step may be to supervise your child when they are with other children, and showing them how to join in with other children in a friendly way.

Some bullies simply aren't aware of how their behaviour affects others, so your child may need to learn to understand the effect of their actions on others. And in coming to understand consequences, they may also need to learn how to try to put right the situation.

Finally, they may also need to learn to take responsibility for their actions.