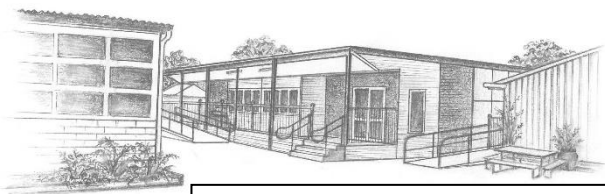


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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### MINI NEWSLETTER

**1. State Government Stance** - Just a reminder to our schools stance in line with the State Government of Victoria. This states clearly that we will only transition back to face-to-face teaching for all students when that is the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer. Not a moment before. What we are doing in combating this pandemic is working. But the situation is very fragile. A move back too early could see a spike in cases and a need to reimpose any restrictions we may have eased.

**2. Support Sessions** - There will be 2 of these on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (2-2.30pm and 5-5.30pm) for families and staff who wish to talk about the difficulties we are all facing during these challenging times. We may not have all of the answers here - but we are all in this together and good **listening** allows us to demonstrate that we are paying attention to the thoughts, feelings and behaviours of our school community. This is crucial to maintaining productive relationships, and sometimes the only way to establish communication.

**3. Virtual Excursions** - A reminder that there are many of these available and class teachers will make families aware of these as much as possible. A simple google search can point families in the right direction in regard to these. Last week, we made families aware of a Virtual Excursion at the Melbourne Aquarium - this can be found here - <https://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/explore/virtual-aquarium/>

**4. Pie Drive** - The Parents' Club are holding a pie drive this term for anyone interested in participating. Funds raised will go towards purchasing numeracy resources for the school. Unfortunately, our time line is quite tight. Orders will need to be at the school by this Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Payment can be made directly to the school by direct deposit (account details are listed at the bottom of the order form) or drop off payment to the school during school hours. Alternately, families can fill out their credit card details on the order form and Higgins Bakery will process them. Pies will then be dropped off at the school on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. They will need to be picked up from the school carpark between 2.30pm and 3.00pm. Families can print off the order form sent via Flexibuzz last week or they can get a form from their child's class plastic tub near the school office any time. If you have any queries, please contact the school.

**5. Additional Tasks** - Hard copies of additional activities are available in the Grade Boxes out the front of the office for any families if needed.

**6. Webex Protocols** - All staff are trying extremely hard in regard with Webex and making sure that this resource is utilised properly. Please reinforce appropriate language either orally or through the chat function if this is enabled by staff - students will be expelled from a session if inappropriate behaviour occurs and loss of privileges may occur with devices. Specific protocols include the following:

Locking the meeting - admitting students via a lobby

Participant settings should be: muted on entry, chatting privately with the host only.

Students being admitted if they are using an appropriate name.

Students should be encouraged to have their video on initially to aid identification.

**7. ABC Educational Programs** - These can be accessed from the links below:

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/ResourcePackage/ByPin?pin=8YFJ8Z>

<https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/>

**8. Learning at Home Website** - There are plenty of resources that families can use if needed from the Learning at Home website. This can be accessed here:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/Pages/coronavirus-home-learning.aspx>

**9. Staff Commitments** - Staff are meeting daily at 1.30pm on Webex in regard to school operations, as well as in teams (junior / senior) regularly throughout the week to maintain collaboration. We also meet on Monday and Friday morning at 8.30am and also on Wednesday and Thursday at 3.45pm. This may assist some families with communication during school hours.

**10. Grade 6 Transition** - Thanks to those families who have collected Grade 6 Secondary School application forms from the Grade 5/6 Box at school. There are still a couple to pick up - please do so ASAP. These are not due until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**11. Principal Messages** - These can be accessed here each Friday evening - <https://www.facebook.com/Tallygaropna-Primary-School-537390216312887/>

**12. PM Readers** - These should now be set up for students in Grades F-2. Families should have received usernames / passwords via Class Dojo.

**13. State Schools Relief (IT support)** - In response to the Government's directive for students to learn from home, the need for State Schools' Relief to provide uniform items is expected to decrease. This provides an opportunity for SSR to assist students who are financially disadvantaged and are unable to afford the cost of internet connectivity, by offering students an internet USB, plus other educational related items. Applications for students will need to be verified by principals (or their delegates) using the standard process for assessment of need conducted within your school.

**14. State Schools Relief (Prep / Foundation Package)** - Some Foundation (Prep) families who are eligible for the CSEF may have received information in regard to a uniform package with State Schools Relief. At present, two families have received their goods in regard to this - could these application forms be returned ASAP please so that they can be processed. If any uniforms are missing (Bomber Jackets) contact Karen via email to organise pick up - [tallygaropna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tallygaropna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**15. John Hosking Support** - A reminder that John is available to assist any staff, students or families during this difficult time. John's phone number is 0481393606. He's happy to receive calls any time Monday to Friday. If students want to talk he suggests that parents place the call and that all conversations are with parent/guardian permission. There are some apples at school for families - contact the school to organise pick up please.

**16. Assembly** - This will continue on Friday this week at 3pm via my Webex number which is displayed below. A reminder that we are seeking a theme for assembly - if you have any ideas forward those onto me ASAP please.

**17. Attendance** - Students will be recorded as present if one of the following is done: they attend Webex sessions, they are on-site, a family member has contacted their classroom teacher via Class Dojo messages stating which tasks they have undertaken at home or a family member likes the teacher's daily post. It is not compulsory to undertake all of these tasks, but we had a spike in regard to absences on Thursday and Friday last week so your attention with this matter would be appreciated.

**18. Contacting Staff Outside School Hours / Weekends** - It is important for the school community to respect the personal time of staff and we would prefer that families contact staff during school hours first if possible. We will also endeavour to respect everyone's time by limiting Class Dojo and Flexibuzz alerts to school days from 8am to 5pm - unless absolutely urgent.

**19. Specialist Program** - This week we have PE on Wednesday and Music on Friday - both via Webex. Library activities will be available later on in the week - via Class Dojo.

David Brodie (Principal)

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>

A reminder - if you can learn from you home you must stay home!

Principal Webex Meeting ID - 576 739 057