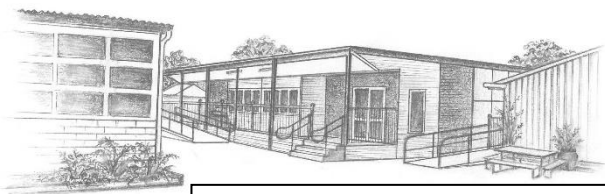


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MINI NEWSLETTER

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. We await further updates from the Victorian Government.

2. Mothers' Day - We hope that all Mums, Grandparents and Special Friends enjoyed their special day yesterday. We look forward to catching up with all of these important people when school resumes in the not too distant future.

3. Webex (New Times) - Times for Webex are being amended this week after feedback. This will allow staff to devote more time to some instructional / teaching videos. Dojo posts will be online at around 8.30am and Webex sessions will commence from 9.30am - giving families an hour to prepare for the start of the day. Beginning on Monday 11th May these will now be:

9.30am-10am: Foundation / Grade 1 (Webex number - 576 070 751)
10.30am-11am: Grade 3 / Grade 4 (Webex number - 579 650 163)

10-10.30am: Grade 1 / Grade 2 (Webex number - 575 532 832)
11am-11.30am: Grade 5 / Grade 6 (Webex number - 571 031 834)

4. Virtual Information Night - The Greater Shepparton Secondary College will be hosting a series of virtual open nights with the first one being scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday May 12th. Access to this is on "Teams" at <https://live.gssc.vic.edu.au>. Further transition information for current Grade 6 students can be collected in a hard copy form from the Grade 5/6 Box at school - on Flexibuzz also. These will be in individual plastic pockets and will include:

o Transition Letter - information about virtual open night

o Subject Information Booklet

5. Application Forms (GSSC) - A reminder about application forms for the Greater Shepparton Secondary College. All families should have received these by now - these are not due until Friday 29th May.

6. School Tours - We are starting to think about School Tours for new families in regard to enrolments for 2021. We hope to announce these dates in the next week or two for any potential new families wishing to come to Tallygaropna PS in the new year. Obviously, this is a bit tricky at present.

7. Mulch at School - Last week, we were able to upgrade our Senior Playground with some new soft fall and we will be getting some more of this on Tuesday for our Junior Playground. Please stay away from this area - we hope to have move of this soft fall into this playground area before the end of the week.

8. Tiny Teachers - All families should have received our Tiny Teachers in the mail. So far we have received a number of photos showing our adventures at home with our students. Keep these coming in - we hope to collate all of these in some way when school returns to normal. Keep having fun with these tiny teachers - it has been wonderful to see the colourful ideas of our students at home during this time.

9. Webinars - These are available for parents and carers here - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

10. Pie Drive - Pie Drive Orders have now closed - these will be delivered on Thursday 14th May and will need to be picked up from the school carpark between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

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

12. 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/>

13. 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>

14. 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.

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

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

17. 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.

18. Assembly - This will continue on Friday this week at 3pm via my Webex number which is displayed below. The theme for assembly this week will be Pets - so bring along all of your cats, dogs, guinea pig...etc to our gathering for the end of the week. If you have any more ideas for a theme for assembly, forward those onto me ASAP please.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. Specialist Program - This week we have Science on Wednesday and Italian on Friday - both via Webex. Art 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