

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. Update on Rapid Antigen Tests - The provision of RATs for use by students and staff will be provided for the remainder of Term 2. School will continue to be provided with the same weekly quantity of RATs. However, from Monday 23 May 2022, it is recommended RATs are used by students and staff when symptomatic. RATs are also required to be used for 5 days if a student or staff member is a close contact of a confirmed case and they are attending or working at a school. From Monday 23 May 2022, it will therefore no longer be recommended that non-symptomatic students or staff conduct RATs twice a week in mainstream schools and 5 days a week in specialist schools. Students and staff must continue to notify the Department of Health and their school if they return a positive RAT result. Further info is provided on Skool Loop.

2. Kyabram Fauna Park - We are planning a whole school excursion to the Kyabram Fauna Park on Thursday 16th June. This will involve a classroom session and a self-guided tour. We will be departing by bus at 9am and returning at 3pm. Permission forms will go home soon and the cost of the day is \$15 per students which includes bus travel and entry / program for the Kyabram Fauna Park. Approximately \$6 is being subsidised by the Parents' Club for each student which is greatly appreciated. The venue requires a 1:10 adult to student supervisory ratio for our excursion to the Park. Staff attending will be: Mr Brodie, Mrs Haberfield, Miss Lothian, Miss Rosevear, Miss Puetz, Dee Palmer and Beck Wayman - if any parent helpers are needed further information will go out on Skool Loop soon.

3. Division Cross Country - Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this event on Friday at Cross Country. If any students have qualified for the State Cross Country event information will be sent out ASAP.

4. School Photos - These are anticipated to begin at midday on Friday 20th May. Please ensure all students are in school uniform and obviously neat and tidy for these photos. We will be aiming to update the front cover of the school reports for Semester 1 to reflect these photos. Can photo envelopes be returned to school by Friday and any payments that are required please.

5. Paws in Schools - The next session will be held on Tuesday 24th May for our Grade 3/4 students. 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 - if you would prefer for your child not to participate please contact the school ASAP so alternative arrangements can be made.

6. Principals Conference - I will be attending a Principals Conference in Melbourne on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May. Hosted by the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership this 2-day event brings together our state's principals for the first time since 2019. Principals will learn from, empathise with, support and acknowledge each other in their work as education leaders. Schools collective efforts can contribute positively to the learning and wellbeing of every student in every school. Principals are strongly encouraged to participate in person at this COVID-safe event.

7. Time for Me - Tim Ford will be taking some basic welfare sessions with all classes on the following Monday's in the afternoon: 16th May (F), 23rd May (1/2), 6th June (3/4) and 20th June (5/6). Alternative arrangements will be made with students who do not have consent to work with Tim. A reminder that Tim is also a qualified and registered teacher with the Victorian Institute of Teaching.

8. Bunnings BBQ - We are fortunate to be able to hold a Bunnings BBQ again on Sunday 12th June. We are still desperate to fill some spots especially from 2pm - 4pm - 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. This is an opportunity for any families who are unable to assist through the week to put their hand up and contribute to the school.

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

10. Survival Snacks - We are aiming to start this up again and do some cooking activities utilising our school kitchen with Tim Ford. Only children who have consent will be involved in this program and we are aiming for students to be involved with this activity once before the end of the year.

11. School Council - This is scheduled to be held on Monday 16th May. Information was distributed last Thursday - Finance will begin at 6pm followed by School Council at 6.45pm. Any apologies need to be formally emailed to me.

12. Professional Practice Day - This will be held on Monday 30th 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.

13. Curriculum Day 2 - This will be held on Friday 10th 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.

14. Transition - Grade 6 - Application for Year 7 placements were due last Friday 13th May - these will be sent to relevant secondary schools now, but families will still need to follow up any specific formal enrolment processes that are needed with these schools.

15. 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.

16. Men's Shed Visits - The first visit will be held this Friday. Please return consent forms so that visits can be planned for ASAP. These will be held fortnightly from 10-11am on a fortnightly 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.

17. 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.

18. Pie Drive - Orders have now closed. These can be picked up from school at the end of the day on Tuesday 24th May.

19. NAPLAN - Well done to the Grade 3 and 5 students who completed the Writing & Reading tasks last week. Language Conventions and Numeracy will be held on Monday & Tuesday this week and some catch up sessions will be implemented with some students who were away.

20. Munch N Crunch - Orders have closed for the Mini Pizza Day which will be held on Thursday 19th May.

21. Open Days - The next of these days will be held next Wednesday 25th May. 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. We are aiming to have Enrolment packs available this week.

22. End of Year Excursion - Funfields is booked for Friday 16th December - plenty of notice for any families needing to make arrangement with work.

23. 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.

24. 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.

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

26. 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