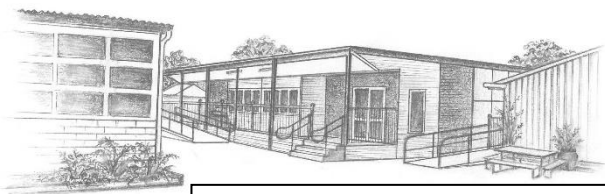


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MINI NEWSLETTER

1. Staged Response to Return to School - Official communication from DET in regard to this is below.

Following advice from the Victorian Government on Tuesday 12 May, some students will be returning to school from Tuesday 26 May.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is safe for students and teachers to return in a two-staged approach:

- Stage 1 - from Tuesday 26 May: Early years students (Prep to Grade 2) and senior secondary students (Year 11 and 12) and all specialist school students will return to on-site schooling. All staff will attend on-site.
- Stage 2 - from Tuesday 9 June: Grade 3 to Year 10 students will return to on-site schooling, subject to health advice.

It is important that we work together and support each other during this challenging time. We will be in touch with staff and parents shortly with more details. The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

2. Health and Wellbeing (URGENT) - To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing. If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools that is available. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, including staggered school start and finish times;
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students;

3. Professional Practice Day for all Class Teachers - This Friday 22nd May will be a Professional Practice Day for all classroom teachers. This is a requirement from DET. Classroom teachers will not be providing Webex sessions on this day and they will not be able to be contacted via ClassDojo / Email. Music with Mrs Tucker will still be held and students should still undertake Remote & Flexible learning programs provided by class teachers. On site supervision will still be provided if needed. Assembly will not be held.

4. Curriculum Day - As stated previously, Monday the 25th of May is a Pupil Free Day - no school / online learning or onsite supervision on this day. This day will allow our school to get organised for some student to return to school the following day.

5. School Reports - As always you will receive a report for your child outlining their progress in Semester 1, 2020 against the Victorian Curriculum. The report may look different, however, as it is not possible to implement our standard report writing process. We have received advice from the Department of Education and Training regarding modifications to the Semester One reporting that takes into account the limitations on the ability of teachers to accurately assess student progress during the remote learning period - more information to follow.

6. Change of Dates - We have amended some dates in line with the current situation with COVID-19. At present, no camps and excursions are to be implemented in Term 2, but this may change over time. If this restrictions are lifted, we work hard on getting some of these organised ASAP.

Previously	Now
Curric. Day - Report Writing: Friday 5 th June - Term 2	Curric. Day - Report Writing: Monday 15 th June - Term 2
Reports Distributed: Monday 22 nd June - Term 2	Reports Distributed: Thursday 25 th June - Term 2
Curric. Day - First Aid Training Monday 20 th April - Term 3	Curric. Day - First Aid Training Monday 20 th July - Term 3

7. Netbooks to be returned – Students in Foundation – Grade 2 who have borrowed school netbooks can return these beginning on Friday 22nd May from 3.30pm until 4.30pm or on Monday 25th May from 1pm to 4pm (not earlier please). These need to be handed directly to Mr Brodie and checked so that the borrowing agreement can be adhered to. All borrowed netbooks for F-2 students need to be returned by Monday 25th May. Students in Grades 3-6 will have their school netbooks for a further 2 week period until all students return on Tuesday 9th June.

8. Webex (New Times) – A reminder about new Webex times. This allows 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. Specific times are

9.30am-10am: Foundation / Grade 1 (Number - 576 070 751)

10-10.30am: Grade 1 / Grade 2 (Number - 575 532 832)

10.30am-11am: Grade 3 / Grade 4 (Number - 579 650 163)

11am-11.30am: Grade 5 / Grade 6 (Number - 571 031 834)

9. Virtual Information Night – Numurkah SC will also be holding a Virtual Information Night on Wednesday 27th May at 7pm. [Access to this session can be found here.](#)

10. 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.

11. 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 Tallygaroopna PS in the new year. Obviously, this is a bit tricky at present.

12. 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.

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

14. Pie Drive – Thanks to all of the families who were able to pick up their orders promptly last Thursday – this was very much appreciated. Thanks to the Parents Club for organising this fundraiser in such a short time frame.

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

16. 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/>

17. 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>

18. 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.

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

20. 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.

21. Assembly – This will resume on Friday 29th May at 3pm via my Webex number which is displayed below. If you have any more ideas for a theme for assembly, forward those onto me ASAP please.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. Specialist Program – This week we have P.E. on Wednesday and Music on Friday – both via Webex. Library activities will be available later on in the week – via Class Dojo.

25. Art Program – We would like students to start collecting cardboard boxes, cereal boxes etc. for Art. This is for a fun construction lesson coming up in week 7.

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