

## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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### MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. Biggest Morning Tea/Grandparents & Special Friends** - This is one of our big events for the year and has always been well attended so we are expecting many visitors on the day - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Special friends and grandparents are welcome to visit classrooms from 9am until 10.30am and then the Biggest Morning Tea will begin in the Multipurpose Room. This will conclude at around midday and a gold coin donation would be appreciated for the Cancer Council. Can all family members please bring a plate to share - no peanuts in any food please. Could any families that have special dietary requirements please bring along some food that your children can eat as well.
- 2. Communicating with Staff** - Please feel free to discuss any issues with myself or any specific class teachers. At Tallygaroopna PS, we are easily accessible to parents and we value the importance of positive and constructive communication with all of our families. Please contact the school to make an appointment if needed - so that necessary needs can be addressed at the appropriate time which does not affect normal planning and learning time.
- 3. Literacy Leaders Program** - Our school is taking part in this program which focuses on giving Literacy Leaders an opportunity to learn to lead the development of a shared understanding of quality literacy instruction, whole-school literacy approaches, assessment procedures, and models of effective literacy practice. The course provides pedagogical content knowledge, including effective teaching and assessment practices, to promote and influence explicit and high-impact literacy teaching. This began last Friday for Miss Lothian, and will also be implemented on the following dates - 14<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> day - yet to be confirmed. Obviously Miss Lothian will be out of the school during all of these dates.
- 4. NAPLAN Testing** - Congratulations to all of the Grade 3 and 5 students who completed these tasks over the last couple of weeks. It was fantastic to see the effort and engagement of our kids during this time and we look forward to receiving results in the not too distant future. The feedback from our children was generally positive in regard to this online process - a snapshot will be in next week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 5. Principals Conference** - I will be away at a Principals Conference in Melbourne on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Claire Haberfield will be in charge at school while I am away and I will return to school on Wednesday next week.
- 6. School Uniform Reminder** - A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A reminder to all families to reinforce this please. From May until the end of August, school beanies and scarves are permitted to be worn outside - these can be purchased from school in line with our uniform policy as well - we would appreciate green or red beanies and scarves only.
- 7. Transition - Greater Shepparton College** - A reminder to families to complete the Application for Year 7 Placement form and return this to your primary school by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Year 7 placements are determined by secondary schools. You will be sent notification of Year 7 placement for 2020 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019.
- 8. Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)** - This is scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June with the Queen's Birthday holiday being held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. All teachers will be busily finishing school reports on this day and also finalising feedback in relation to Individual Learning Plans. This day is a pupil free day - no students will be required at school on this day so families will need to make alternative arrangements.
- 9. Emergency Management Plan** - Last Friday, we had a practice EM drill and it was encouraging to see the smooth and calm approach by all of our staff and students during this process. As always, student safety is paramount at our school and we will continue to reinforce this at our school.
- 10. Soccer & Netball Teams** - Thanks to Dee Palmer, Andrea Walker and Mr McDonald from Katandra West PS for allowing our senior students to have an opportunity with sporting teams last Friday - your support is really appreciated.
- 11. Outside School Hours Care** - Unfortunately, our numbers have dropped recently and it would be terrific to see some new permanent or casual placements in this service which operates from 3.25pm to 6pm, 5 days a week. This service to our families involves a large financial commitment by School Council and we will be discussing the sustainability of this program at the end of the year. Our OSH Care service has been in operation since 2014 and as our school has grown we had hoped that enrolments in this service would continue to grow.
- 12. Woorabinda Camp** - Thanks to those families who expressed interest with the Grade 4/5 Woorabinda Camp. Expression of interest has now closed and we look forward to hearing of our places in the near future.
- 13. Community Plan Meeting** - This is scheduled for tonight at 7pm at the town hall or CFA Shed - all are welcome.
- 14. Life Ed. Van** - This program is scheduled to be held for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June. We are hopeful that all children will participate in the Life Education Program. Although the van session is a one off, all class teachers have resources and booklets to further reinforce themes which are discussed as part of this program. Permission forms have gone home and the cost is \$5 per student. This Program has been kindly subsidised by the Tallygaroopna & District Lions Club.
- 15. Bike Education** - We are planning to run this program for Grades 2-6 students during the last 2 weeks of Term 2. Permission forms and specific information will go home soon. Mrs Montgomery will be coordinating this. All students are encouraged to check their bikes now to make sure that they are safe to ride in this program.
- 16. Production** - The props list was published in last week's newsletter and we look forward to starting rehearsals in the next few weeks. All students are encouraged to keep reading their scripts and if any families can assist with any costumes or props please contact the school.
- 17. Rough Play (Football)** - We will be keeping a close eye on rough play during football over the next few weeks. It has come to our attention that some students are tackling others and throwing them to the ground. This can create an unsafe environment and lead to arguments and potential injury, so any children doing this will be excluded from football involving other students. This is in line with our Student Engagement Policy where students have a responsibility to be cooperative and fair at sport and play.
- 18. Open Days** - The next Open Day will be held this Thursday - other dates were made public on Facebook, Flexibuzz and in the newsletter. Please promote these days to any possible new families thinking of coming to our school. Other appointments can be made if needed.
- 19. Used Book Fair** - Thanks to the families who brought in any items for this last Thursday and Friday. Could any items stored at the office be paid for ASAP and if there are items still in the MP room belonging to families - could these be collected ASAP please.
- 20. School Fees** - School fees are now due - contact the office if you would like to set up a payment plan. All families received individual student letters which documented parent payment charges for 2019 so your attention with this matter would be appreciated.
- 21. Absences** - Any students away from school must be accounted for. We would appreciate a formal note or phone call in regard to any absences that occur throughout the year (ie: late arrivals, morning / afternoon or whole day absences). Absences can be submitted via Flexibuzz as well. A big thank you to the many families who have responded to the absences so far this year.
- 22. Readers Workshop** - A reminder that we begin the Readers Workshop at 9am and it would be appreciated if students are punctual at school each morning.
- 23. Early Arrivals** - A reminder that supervision is not available until 8.30am. Any students arriving early are only to do so because of family work commitments and families must consult with myself in regard to this please - thanks to the couple of families who have done so already. No staff are at school until 8am.
- 24. Specialist Program** - P.E and Art will be on Wednesday with Science on Thursday and Music and Italian on Friday.
- 25. Playgroup** - This will be on this Thursday from 9-11am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome.
- 26. Food Alerts** - It would be appreciated if any sharing of food (ie: birthdays) are given to staff with plenty of notice in fairness to other family members who may have to make alternative arrangements.
- 27. Men's Shed Visits** - Please return the consent form ASAP - we hope to begin visits ASAP each Friday.

David Brodie (Principal)

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Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".