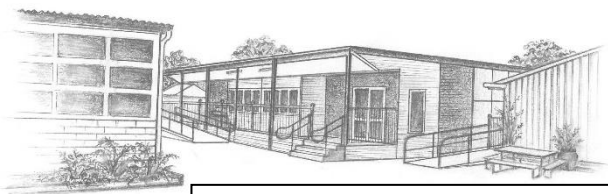


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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### MINI NEWSLETTER

**1. Contacting Staff & Families Outside School Hours / Weekends** - It is important for the school community to respect the personal time of staff and families and we would prefer that contact is made 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. This is in line with our School Values of Respect, Honesty and Inclusion, so we would appreciate this to be adhered to please. A formal letter will be sent to all families and staff soon as we have a school re-set post COVID-19.

**2. 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.

While we understand that only a few families that have been utilising on site remote and flexible learning may continue with this, we don't expect any new families to utilise this unless their circumstances have changed drastically and this has been discussed with myself. We have an obligation to keep everyone safe and to reinforce the following message - if you can learn from you home you must stay home!

Families need to minimise requests made to staff, to allow them to focus on retuning and resettling students also.

It is important that we work together and support each other during this challenging time. Information has been provided to families via Flexibuzz and Email in regard to the following (hard copies are available at school also):

- Staged Response to Return to School Letter
- Student Reporting (Semester 1) Letter
- COVID-19 Return to School Policy
- COVID-19: Returning to onsite Teaching & Learning Questions & Answers for Families

Strict Guidelines Include the following:

- Families are not to enter the school grounds at any times - see Staged Response to Return to School Letter
- Family Drop Off and Collection points begin on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May (A-L: front car park, M-Z: back of the school gate) - see Staged Response to Return to School Letter

**3. Social Stories** - Class teachers have put together some social stories/student friendly information in regard to returning to school. These will be published on Class Dojo and are terrific so take a look. The aim of these is to give our children some comfort and clarity prior to returning to school.

**4. 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.

We have had some students not come on site recently because parents have noticed that children are feeling unwell. This is really appreciated and is in line with DET guidelines to hopefully enable us to return fully to school ASAP and lift specific restrictions in place at school.

**5. Remote & Flexible Learning Survey** - A reminder about the Family Survey for both parents / carers and students in regard to Remote & Flexible. This was sent on Flexibuzz previously on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May and was also emailed directly to families yesterday. We look forward to your feedback as always. Grade 4/5/6 students will attempt some surveys with support from class teachers.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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 <sup>th</sup> June – Term 2	Curric. Day – Report Writing: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June – Term 2
Reports Distributed: Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Term 2	Reports Distributed: Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Term 2
Curric. Day – First Aid Training Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – Term 3	Curric. Day – First Aid Training Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – Term 3

**9. OSH Care** – Could families planning to use the OSH service next week (starting Tuesday, 26th May) please let us know as soon as possible so that we can book in Toni-Marie.

**10. Virtual Information Night** – Numurkah SC will also be holding a Virtual Information Night on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. [Access to this session can be found here.](#) Information Books with Application forms specifically for this school can be collected from the Grade 5/6 Box at school after hours from 3.30pm.

**11. 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 this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. This is for all Grade 6 students even if families are enrolling in Catholic or Independent schools. These applications need to be sent to Tallygaroopna PS first.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

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

**15. 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/>

**16. 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>

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

**18. 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.

**19. Assembly** – This will resume on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**20. 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.

**21. Specialist Program** – This week we have Science and Art on Wednesday and Italian on Friday. Specialist teachers will be onsite teaching F-2 students face-to-face. As we transition back to face-to-face teaching, there will be no Webex sessions provided by Specialist teachers for 3-6 students, but learning tasks will continue to be provided 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>

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

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

Principal Webex Meeting ID – 576 739 057

Please note the change of the schools email address

The Junior School Playground will be opened again after restrictions were eased by the State Government

No sports equipment still from home or school for the time being.

To assist with the cleaning of the school, students will be required to take home their food scraps / waste in their lunch boxes.