TALLYGAROOPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 3067





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NEWSLETTER

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15th June 2010

SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH JUNE AT 7PM. THIS WILL INVOLVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCHOOL REVIEW.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET PRIOR TO THIS AT 6.30PM

Current School Values:

Tallygaroopna Primary School aims to:

- Develop in each of our students a desire for lifelong learning so that they become valuable members of society
- Place an emphasis on teaching the students how to live with others and encourage their creativity
- Endorse the philosophy of "Consider the feelings of others at all times."

Dear Parents,

Hi everyone. Hard to believe that school holidays are less than 2 weeks away. Staff are currently finalising reports for distribution to parents next week and I encourage all families to have a look at a couple of websites to gather more insight into student assessment. These are listed below:

http://vels.vcaa.vic.edu.au/parents/

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/studentreports/default.htm

Karen McNamara briefed the staff last Thursday about the School Support Program which will be conducted with Parents, first week back after the school holidays. We all found this session very useful and thought provoking and I encourage all parents to attend the session that Karen is conducting on Wednesday 14th July next term. This will assist with a whole school approach to discipline and behaviour. On the night we will be offering baby sitting and tea for children, so I am sure that the night will be well attended.

Next term, I am planning to hold a community forum to discuss the school values of the school. This is an area that was addressed at our School Review and I believe that it is necessary to involve the whole school community in this, so that key themes can be discussed in regard to what is important to our school now and into the future. This will assist with the implementation of the new Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. More details will be available after the school holidays. Staff will also be involved in a Spelling and Mandatory Reporting Professional Development with cluster schools and a Numeracy Intervention Program in Term 3.

Transition Programs from Primary to Secondary schools is featured strongly in this newsletter, so please have a good read of this information. Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week. Have a great week everybody!!

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off – Friday 4th June We raised lots of money for the Heart Foundation























1. School Reports

These will be handed out on Monday 21st June. Teachers spend a lot of valuable time putting these together so please take the time to read these before attending Parent Teacher Interviews. I am in the process of getting a report folder for every student in the school, so that past and present reports can be collated. Information relating to attendance will be collated in this folder also. The folder will be sent home to families during the first week of Term 3. If any parents are missing any reports from previous years can you contact Karen at the office and we hopefully can make a copy of this for you.

The report cards have:

- a chart with an <u>A-E rating</u>, showing your child's current progress against the expected state-wide standard as well as the progress they have made since the previous year
- a chart showing your child's level of effort and class behaviour
- details about attendance
- easy to understand comments from teachers outlining what your child knows and can do, any areas in which
 your child needs to be given further help or extended, and how this will be done
- suggestions for how you can help at home

2. Ultranet goes 'live' at Tallygaroopna Primary School

In Term 3, our school will login to the future with the Ultranet, the new online system for schools. The Ultranet is a statewide secure site that teachers, parents/guardians and students can access via the internet. It will be rolled out in our school in two releases:

- 1. In Release 1, students and teachers will be able to collaborate using online tools such as wikis, blogs and discussion forums. Students will be able to create their own online learning portfolio and take part in online learning activities. Teachers will be able to access and share valuable online learning content across Victoria.
- 2. Release 2, with extra functionality, will be made available to all schools in late September. Towards the end of Term Three, parents/guardians will receive a user name, password and user manual, and from Term Four, you will be able to log on and see information about your child and our school. This information will build up over time, creating an ongoing record for each student. These records will travel with your child from year to year and school to school.

Between now and then, we will give you more information about the system and how you will be able to use it. Our teachers will be learning to use the Ultranet over the next few months and will gradually bring it into the classroom for our students to use. We will inform you when students start to access the Ultranet.

Some basic privacy information about the Ultranet

The Ultranet is accessible to school staff, teachers, students and parents/guardians in Victorian government schools. It is a closed website that can't be accessed by anyone else on the internet.

The Ultranet will not store health or welfare information about your child. (Health or welfare information includes medical, behavioural, birthday or contact details.) In fact, the only personal information about your child in the Ultranet will be their name and school photograph (unless you notify the school and request the photograph is not used). All other information on the Ultranet about your child will be specific to their learning.

In Release 1, learning information about a student can be seen only by that student and teachers at our school. In Term Four, the parents/guardians of the individual student will then be able to see this information. This means that you can only see information about your own children, and teachers can only see information about students at their own school.

If you'd like more information, please see David at school or visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet for further information.

3. Visitors Book / Early Departure Book

These two books now sit at the front desk in the office. This is obviously being introduced to improve our Emergency Management procedures if an event such as this occurs. The Visitors book will need to be filled in by any person who is not a student or member of staff of the school. An entry will need to be made when you enter and leave the school premises. An Early Departure Book will also be utilised for any families who wish to pick up their children before 3.30pm.

4. Parent / Teacher Interviews (Student Led Conferences)

Wednesday, 23rd June will be a pupil free day as staff members will be involved in parent teacher interviews. The students in <u>Grades 3-6</u> will be encouraged to attend interviews along with their parents because these sessions will be initiated by the children - <u>student led conferences</u>. Hopefully, all families have received a timetable slip where they can select a suitable time for this interview.

Ms Williams will be conducting the parent teacher interviews this term for the Grade 2/3/4 students. If any families would like to have a Parent Teacher Interview with Mrs Haberfield, these can occur early in Term 3 upon request at a time that is convenient with both parties. Contact Karen at the office in regard to this.

5. Active After-School Care Program

Our Dance Program finished today for the term and next Monday will see Soccer conclude as well. The Active After School Care Program will continue next term and will begin in week 3. Details are listed below.

Term 3: starting on Monday 26th July

Monday > Cricket, Tuesday > Dance (3 weeks) & Netball (4weeks)

Term 4: starting on Monday 18th October

Monday > Taekwondo, Tuesday - Touch Footy

6. Somers Camp

The students are having a great camp down at the Somers Camp, although they will love the comfort of their own bed when they return this week. Parents are reminded that the bus is scheduled to arrive at Princess Park in Shepparton at 3pm on Wednesday 16th June.

7. Professional Development for Staff

Staff will be participating in a PD session at Congupna PS this Thursday 17th June straight after school. This will involve further exploration of the Mathletics and Spellodrome programs which are currently implemented.

8. Greater Shepparton Secondary Schooling Regenration Consultation

McGuire College, Mooroopna Secondary College and Shepparton High School are currently involved in Greater Shepparton Regeneration project, investigating alternative school organisation structures to improve educational opportunities for the young people of their communities.

All parents, especially parents of Year 6 students, are invited to attend information session where updates on the development of the education provision proposal will be provided. There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback on both the proposed provision plan and the implementation.

Families can attend any of the following sessions:

a. Shepparton High School Tuesday 15 June at 7.00pm

Personalised Learning Centre

b. McGuire College Wednesday 16 June at 7.00pm

Science & Technology Presentation room

c. Mooroopna Secondary College Thursday 17 June at 7.00pm

Westside

The same presentations will be made at each session. Each school will provide individual transition information sessions early in Term Three.

9. Footy Clinic

Students from Grades 2 to 6 will be participating in a Footy Clinic conducted by AFL stars at Numurkah on Tuesday 22nd June. We will leave school by bus at 10.15am and return at approximately 1pm. The clinic begins at 11.45am and goes for about 1 1/2 hours and I have been informed that approximately 500 students will be participating in this day. This is a reward for the fantastic behaviour which has been evident out of the school grounds during the first semester. Permission forms have been sent out and need to be returned in order for students to attend the day.

10. Choosing Your Secondary School

Information is listed in this newsletter regarding Information Nights and Open Days for Secondary Colleges for new Year 7 students for 2011. I encourage all families to attend some of these sessions so that an informative decision can be made on your child's education for the future. Any information that comes to hand will continue to be distributed to relevant families.

11. Numeracy Intervention Program

Our school will be participating in this program in Term 3 and Mrs Haberfield will be involved in professional learning in regard to this. The Hume Region has developed a Numeracy Intervention Program as part of the DEEWR Numeracy Pilot in Low SES Communities. This program has a significant teacher training component. It builds on ideas initiated in Numeracy Common Curriculum. The training is for Numeracy Team Leaders and classroom mathematics teachers in all Hume schools. It is suitable for teachers of students in year prep through to year 8.

12. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 8 (ending 11th June)

<u>Prep / Grade 1</u> Chelsea Lindrea for the persistence she has shown in all her work as well as running lots of laps. Well done Chelsea.

Grade 2/3/4 Renae Moorfoot for her 'getting along' skills. Renae is a fantastic

friend within the classroom, and is always there to give a helping hand. She gets along with everyone in our room, and is always displaying a very kind and caring nature. Well done Renae!!

Grade 5/6 Samahna Humphrey for extending herself in the classroom and for always

striving for high quality work.



Parent/Teacher Interviews (Student Led Conferences)

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 23rd June starting at 9am and concluding at 5pm. Please indicate on the form below what time suits you. Times will be allocated on a first in first preference basis. If the times do not suit you, please contact the school to make an alternate arrangement.

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NAME:....

Yes I/we would like to attend the parent/teacher/student interview session with you on Wednesday, 23rd June.

My preferred time isam/pm.



Some of our Somers campers enjoying their time at Somers Camp on the weekend.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Hands On! Art a' thon.

Dates: Tuesday 29 June Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Age: 5 to 10

Cost: \$13.00 per person Friends \$11.00

Tutor: Kaye Poulton, Rhonda Chrisanthou and Heather van

Heerwaarden

If your child loves to explore the world through the lens of art making then come along to the Art a' thon. Gallery staff and experienced tutors will take kids on a journey of self discovery through hands on clay making, painting and drawing.

Function + Design = Style

Dates: Wednesday 30 June Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Age: 15 to adult

Cost: \$15.00 per person Friends \$12.00

Tutor: Kaye Poulton

What has style to do with function and design? Be inspired by the style of art deco and art nouveau ceramic works on display in the exhibition *Modern Women*. Participants will learn about good design and they will make fabulous, functional art objects.

Art and Clay: Still Life

Dates: Wednesday 30 June Time: 2.00pm am to 4.00pm

Age: 10 to 16

Cost: \$15.00 per person *Friends \$12.00* Tutor: Rhonda Chrisanthou and Kaye Poulton

Finding inspiration in award winning ceramics from the exhibition DECADE: 10 Year Review this workshop looks at the relationship between ceramics and drawing. Drawing in the Gallery space, you will create two visual art works; a still life in clay, and another on

paper.

Tone and Hue in a Still Life

Dates: Tuesday 6 July Time: 10.30am am to 4.00pm

Age: Adult

Cost: \$60.00 per person, Friends \$55.00

Tutor: Don Ainsworth

Choosing your Secondary College



- → Mooroopna Secondary College
- → Shepparton High School
- → Wanganui Park Secondary College
- → McGuire College

Information Nights

 Mooroopna SC
 Tuesday 13th July
 7.00pm

 Shepparton HS
 Wednesday 14th July
 7.00pm

 Wanganui Park SC
 Thursday 15th July
 7.00pm

 McGuire College
 Tuesday 20th July
 7.00pm

Open Days

For all schools on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22st of July at 9.15am and 11.15am.

(Other times by appointment)

INFORMATION BOOKLET <u>NOW</u> AVAILABLE

CONTACT ANY OF THE SCHOOLS LISTED TO GET A FREE COPY









State Schools are Great Schools

Australian artist Max Meldrum is well known for his subtle use of tone and hue. Drawing upon the exhibition *Modern Women*, participants will learn about tonalism with local painter, Don Ainsworth. Don will provide instruction on Meldrum's technique through colour mixing in a tonal study with oils. All materials supplied.

SUGGESTION BOX – HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL -NAME						
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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2011

Tour of the School and Informal Information Sessions available on request – contact the School Principal

Personal school tours with the Principal, David Brodie, are available by telephoning 58298264 for an appointment. For further information you are welcome to view our website: http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/

Tallygaroopna Primary School offers:

Experienced Teachers / Small Class Sizes / School Productions / 3:1 Computer Ratio / Camps / Excursions / Swimming Program / Library and Art Specialists

New classrooms and facilities to be built in 2010 &2011.

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SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM - SOCIAL SKILLS

ALL FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

VENUE: TALLY PS (MRS WALLACE'S ROOM)

DATE: WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY

TIME: 6PM – 7.30PM

SUPPER INCLUDED AT THE CONCLUSION

BABYSITTING PROVIDED ALONG WITH TEA

Information Session for Parents Conducted by Karen McNamara Senior Project Office (Student Welfare) Hume Region

Kerri Ford (SSSO Student Support Services Officer) attending also

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