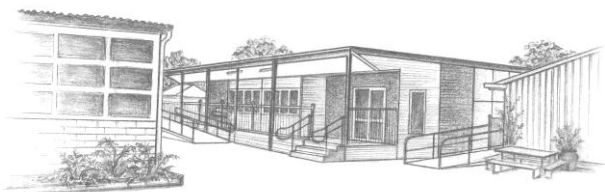


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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 NO.19 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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**After School Care will be available to families on the first day of Term 3. Booking will need to be made by 1pm with Stepping Stones not Tally PS.**

**Dismissal on Friday is at 2.25pm. This day is a casual day as well – Gold Coin Donation per family**

**Term 3 Begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Hi everyone,

Our first semester concludes this Friday – one hour earlier at 2.25pm as per usual. I still cannot believe how quickly the year has flown so far and there have been a number of highlights for Term 2. These include: the Bike Education Program, Anzac Day Ceremony, SES Visit, Cross Country, Jump Rope for Heart Program, Dance Festival, Munch N Crunch, Cookie Dough and Pie Drive Fundraisers by the Parents Club, Community Dinner organised by the Parents Club, Information Technology Night, AASC Program, Mother's Day Activity Day organised by the Parents Club, Biggest Morning Tea organised by the Parents Club, Walk Safely to School Day, Critters Day, Cluster Day at Dookie (Beauty & The Beast), Robotics Visit from MTA, Young Leaders Day at Wanganui SC, NAPLAN Testing and the Kids Helpline Session. All of these programs and activities are a testament to all of the hard work by everyone associated with the school community. Your assistance is really appreciated and this is what makes Tallygaropna PS a great school to be a part of. The vast amount of activities listed above indicates what a thriving education setting we have at present.

**What a great fun day everyone had last Friday at the Super Heroes Day.** I would like to personally thank all of the families who put in a terrific effort organising costumes and props..etc. and the children looked fantastic. Special thanks to the Junior School Council and Mrs Wallace for assisting on this day and we look forward to the next fun day next term. We were able to raise about \$50 which will go towards State School Relief. We have our Dance Festival on tomorrow and a reminder that Wednesday is a Pupil Free Day because of Parent Teacher Interviews.

Over the holiday period, there will be some ground maintenance completed on both Monday's (2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June). Could all children stay away from any work that occurs on these days please. Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. Have a great break everyone and I look forward to catching up with some families at the Information Technology Night and Parent Teacher Interviews which are held on Wednesday.

David Brodie – Teaching Principal

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.**

**An alternative is to go to our school website.**

**Enrolments for 2013 can now be made. Tours of the school can be requested as well.**

**Tallygaroopna Primary School Recipe Books**  
**These can still be purchased from the School Office at \$12 each.**

# Super Heroes Day

What a great day everyone had on Friday with the Super Heroes Day. The parade in the morning was very successful and all of the families in the school did a great job organising costumes for the day. It was fantastic to see such super heroes as Superman, Batman, The Hulk...etc. Congratulations to JSC and Mrs Wallace for organising the day and we hope to have some more fun days like this before the end of the year.

### Best Costumes – awarded by JSC

Prep – Tayla Robertson

## Grade 3 – Bailey McNab

Grade 1 – Daniel Collins

Grade 4 – Brittany Meyland

Grade 6 – Jamie Woodley

Grade 2 – Campbell Steigenberger

Grade 5 – Brenton O'Brien

Teachers – Mrs Wallace











### **1. Parents and Friends**

On behalf of the Parents & Friends Committee I would like to personally thank all the school families and their friends that have supported us this year to make the fundraisers successful. So far this year we have funded books for the lower grades with computer software and kitchen items to be purchased shortly. **I am excited to announce that the Parents Club has offered to fund an excursion for the whole school to the Eastbank Centre to watch The Bugalugs Bum Thief on July 25.** (see attached flyer). Without your financial support this would not be possible and we sincerely thank you all.

The Parents Club has a small group of loyal and hard working parents who have committed so much time to the school that I have to acknowledge and thank them here as well. We are all getting tired and burnt out and would really appreciate some help from other families. On Friday 10th August we are hosting another tea at the football rooms and depending on the response of helpers we may commit to another one in October. Maybe the Friday night teas can enable families that are unable to assist on school days an opportunity to help out. Please contact the school or myself if you are available to assist or for any feedback.

We have an awesome school community of which I am proud to be a part of, it is the support the school gets in any way that makes it so great. Thank you to each and every one of you that plays a part, no matter how big or how small, it is all appreciated.

A huge thanks to all families who bought or gathered orders for our pie drive. It was a great success with over \$600 raised. Well done.

Thank you so much Deb Bagley Parents Club President (0448582984)

### **2. After School Care**

Transport has been finalised for After School Care and families will be invoiced by Tallygaroopna PS for this cost. Stepping Stones will invoice families separately for the service provided at St. Luke's PS. A reminder that this service will be available to families the first day back next term (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July) and information booklets and enrolment forms can be collected from our school office. Both of these documents are also available on our school website. Bookings are to be made with Stepping Stones not our school – we will then be contacted from Stepping Stones with specific numbers for each session after school and we will then contact the taxi service in regard to this. **We will be contacting the taxi service at 1pm each day so bookings need to be completed by this time to manage the program effectively.**

The cost for each day of transport for After School Care will be \$23 for each trip. This cost is based on travel from Tallygaroopna PS to Congupna PS and it will be split evenly for the amount of children using that service each day. A summary of costs is below:

1 Child - \$23	2 Children - \$11.50	3 Children - \$7.50
4 Children - \$5.75	5 Children - \$ 4.60	6 Children - \$3.75
7 Children - \$3.25	8 Children - \$2.85	9 Children - \$2.55

Bookings are to be made to Stepping Stones no later than 1pm.

Students attending After School Care will need to leave school by Taxi at 3.15pm.

The school will be charged for the travel component of the program and then families will have separate invoices sent out.

### **3. Dance Festival**

Tomorrow, students in Grades 3-6 will attend the Dance Festival at the Shepparton Basketball Stadium. We will have an early lunch and leave school at 1pm and then travel into Shepparton by bus. The festival begins at 1.30pm and concludes at 2.45pm. We should return back to school by about 3.10pm. **Permission forms went home last week and need to be returned ASAP. The cost for the day will be \$2 to cover the cost of the bus.** Parents are welcome to come along if they wish and attend the festival.

#### **4. Evacuation Drill**

Last Wednesday, we had a successful evacuation drill at school. These practices are an essential part of our Emergency Management at school and the students were able to assemble calmly and smoothly outside which was great to see. If you do hear a strange bell at school, it is normally just a practice evacuation drill. I mentioned to the children last week, that in my 20 years of teaching I have not had a real drill and hopefully this will continue into the foreseeable future.

#### **5. Grade 5/6 Reward Day**

To conclude the term a rewards day will be held for our grade on Thursday 28th June. This will involve a movie and may include popcorn and a small portion of lollies. Throughout the last few weeks of term 2, students in grade 5/6 have been earning money based on their adequate work habits in and out of the classroom. This includes such things as completing homework, remembering things and generally being well organised. As a result of this, students have been trying to earn the following amounts of money to enable them to participate in the Rewards Day.

Movie - \$6.00 Popcorn \$8.00 Lollies - \$10.00

Therefore, the students will be selected a movie this week to conclude their first semester of work. It is anticipated that the movie may be a PG movie and some which have been mentioned have been – Lano & Woodley, Ice Age...etc.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU DON'T WISH YOUR CHILD TO VIEW A PG MOVIE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE REWARDS DAY.**

#### **6. Region Cross Country**

Congratulations to both Jordan O'Brien and Teagan Brett who both represented our school at the Regional Cross Country last Tuesday which was held at Broadford. This event is of a very high level and I am sure that both children enjoyed the experience competing against 'the best'. Jordan came 19<sup>th</sup> in his age group and Teagan came 42<sup>nd</sup>, both very respectable performances. Well done kids and a big thank you to their parents who were able to get them to the event considering the large distance to travel.

#### **7. Jump Rope for Heart**

Our school was able to raise over \$700 for Jump Rope for Heart which was a fantastic effort. We hope to distribute the prizes to students before the end of the week.

#### **8. SunSmart Schools Program**

Recently our school has developed and implemented a comprehensive SunSmart Policy that meets the guidelines and recommendations of SunSmart, Cancer Council Victoria. Our school is now registered as a member of the SunSmart Program until June 2015. This program aims to support schools to ensure staff and students receive a healthy balance of UV that minimises the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer and helps with vitamin D.

#### **9. Active After School Program – Term 3**

Next term, we will be introducing a new sport with the AASC Program – BMX (Tuesday's). This will be very exciting and promises to be a lot of fun. Because children will need to be competent and confident riding a bike, enrolment will begin with Grade 6's and work down to Preps. There will be a first in best dressed policy applied because the program will only be able to accommodate 20 children. The first 5 sessions will be held at school and then the last 2 sessions will be held at the BMX track in Shepparton. We will be able to utilise a bus for the last 2 sessions which will take children to the venue and then back to school – arriving at approximately 5.30pm. Mr Brodie will travel on the bus during this time as well. More details will be available early next term but the program will continue to be free to all children.

Our Bike Education Program was only for children in Grades 2 – Grade 6. However, students in Prep and Grade 1 will be able to participate as well – this will be up to the discretion of parents (no training wheels). Bikes, helmets and gloves will all be provided – **all children will need to have a long sleeve top, long pants and enclosed shoes.**

**The Enrolment Form is now available on the School Website to download if needed.**

On Monday's, we will be having Taekwondo at our school. This is very popular as well so it will be first in first dressed. The last session will be held at the Koryo Taekwondo Centre at 415 Central Avenue in Shepparton also and a bus will be provided to and from this venue as well (see details above).

Koryo Taekwondo Centre - 415 Central Avenue Shepparton 0405 659 684

Shepparton BMX Track – Packham St, opposite Wanganui Secondary college (near Shepparton Velodrome)

[www.sheppartonbmxclub.com](http://www.sheppartonbmxclub.com)

### **10. Grade 3/4 Camp**

The cost for the school camp is **\$200** which includes the camp and bus costs. If any families would like to discuss a payment plan could you contact Karen at the office please. We hope to have some more information out to parents ASAP.

This camp is scheduled to be a 3 day camp from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and the camp will depart from Congupna PS at 9am. The camp will be a Cluster camp so 5 cluster schools will participate. Mrs Haberfield will be attending the camp and the Grade 2's will be split at school for the duration of the camp. They will have a small booklet to work through during this time.

Camp Website - <http://www.campcurumbene.com.au/>

### **11. Casual Day on Friday**

This Friday will be a casual day to celebrate the end of the first semester. If students would like to participate a gold coin donation is required for each family. Proceeds will go towards State School Relief.

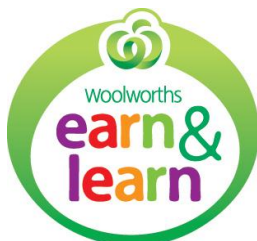
### **12. Junior School Council**

Congratulations to all of the children who have been actively involved in JSC for the first semester. Early next term, there will be some more children in Grades 3-6 involved in this group which will allow them to develop their leadership qualities at school. Mrs Wallace will continue to coordinate JSC.



### **13. Prep Enrolments for 2013**

A couple of weeks ago, we put our enrolment banner out on the school fence again to promote our school and encourage enrolments for 2013. Currently our school is thriving with an enrolment of 53 students and we look forward to aiming to continually build on this over the next few years. Parents can enrol their children for 2013 now and request a tour of the school if needed. I look forward to discussing the many advantages of our small school.

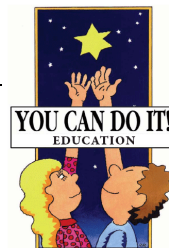


Earn & Learn Vouchers Finish on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Sticker cards must be received by Woolworths by **27<sup>th</sup> July 2012** for verification. No sticker cards received after 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 will be accepted.

Schools can collect vouchers in store from **June 13th to August 14th 2012.**

#### **14. Student of the Week / Values Vault**

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week last week.



Term 2 – Week 10

**P/1 – The Rock N Roll Kids – Jack Fleming** for the confidence he shows in his school work, especially his spelling words. Well done Jack.

**Jhett Cannon** for the persistence he displays in his school work. We have enjoyed his reading. Well done Jhett.

**2/3/4 – Mrs H's Brainy Bunch – Campbell Steigenberger** for the fabulous effort he has put into the dancing and **Taylah McKenzie** for her excellent getting along skills. Taylah is a cheerful person who is always happy to play in the playground with everyone. Good work you guys!!

**5/6 – The Grade 5/6 Rebels – Brenton O'Brien** for the fantastic semesters work in all areas and the great attitude that he has shown in all aspects of school life – English, Maths, PE, Science, Buddies, etc

All students receive a certificate and a Nando Voucher.

Last week's Values Vault Winner was: Campbell Steigenberger

#### **15. Term Dates**

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Dates for TERM 2/3 are:

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Reports Sent Home

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Dance Festival (Gr. 3-6)

June 29<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term 2 – dismissal at 2.25pm

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Parents Club Meeting

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Interschool Footy & Netball - **TBC**

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Taekwondo Begins (AASC)

August 1<sup>st</sup> – Finance & School Council 5

August 1<sup>st</sup> – Wanganui SC Performance – Fame

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Subzero School Visit

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Father's Day

September 7<sup>th</sup> – School Disco

September 10<sup>th</sup> > 14<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Program

September 21<sup>st</sup> – Last Day of Term 3

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Information Technology Night

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews – Pupil Free

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Term 3 Begins

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Christmas in July

July 27<sup>th</sup> – London Olympics Begin

July 31<sup>st</sup> – BMX Begins (AASC)

August 1<sup>st</sup> > 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 3/4 Camp Curumbene

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Book Day at Katandra West PS

September 5<sup>th</sup> – Finance & School Council 6

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Community BBQ (Bunnings)

September 19<sup>th</sup> – School Production

#### **Netball Results**

Netball Results 13 Under Round 9

Well done girls back to back wins. After much hard work things are coming together and the results are showing on the score board. A great team effort from everyone to beat Guthrie St Red 14 - 3. Award Sophie Bell - Congupna P.S. We will train this week although we have the bye and no Saturday netball until after school holidays, so it will be a long break.

#### **Northerners Soccer**

Under 9 – Northerners defeated Toolamba 4-1. It was a chilly 9 o'clock start on Saturday. Toolamba was the first team to score a goal, followed shortly after by Northerners. At half time the score was 1 all. In the second half with everyone warmed up we scored another 3 goals. A great game was played by all team members. Well done and keep up the great work. Goal kickers were Mitchell 1, Jordan 1, Kyle 1 and Bailey 1. There is no training this week, no soccer on Saturday. The next training session is on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July followed by the first game back on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July.



	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Program</b>	<b>Netball + AFL</b> Dress up and support your team	<b>Deb Sims Musical Play</b> From 1pm	<b>Boxes</b> What can you create? Rockets, cubbies or a bus	<b>Movie Day</b> Enjoy and relax with some popcorn and a selection of G rated movies	<b>Celebrity Heads</b> Dress up as your favorite celebrity and let's see if we can guess
<b>What to bring</b>	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle
<b>Excursions</b>	NA	Incursion	NA	NA	NA

	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Program</b>	<b>Kites + Planes</b> How high and far can they fly?	<b>Mosaics</b> Using different materials like bird seeds and tissue paper	<b>Village Cinemas Ice Age 4</b> Time TBA (no food to be bought at the cinema)	<b>Mini Olympics</b> Not just your average games!	<b>Friday the 13<sup>th</sup></b> Dress up as a scary character
<b>What to bring</b>	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle	Warm clothes, Lunch, Drink Bottle
<b>Excursions</b>	NA	NA	Excursion	NA	NA

A variety of craft activities and games for indoors and outdoors will be set up and provided for the children to enjoy as well as the special daily activity.



Please note Vacation Care will only be run from  
**Bourchier Street Primary School**  
(NEW LOCATION IN LAST PORTABLE  
NEXT TO THE SCHOOL OVAL)

Vacation Care operates from 8.00am – 6.00pm  
For Bookings or Enrolments, please call  
1300 665 699

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**WE WILL TURN FAMILIES AWAY AS WE HAVE LIMITED PLACES. PLEASE BOOK NO LATER THEN 1PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WOULD LIKE CARE.**



GOTAFE's Diploma of Sport and Recreation students proudly present the

## 2012 Sports Holiday Program

Parents can either sit back and relax or join the kids in an action packed day of fun filled activities.

**Where:** SPC Ardmona KidsTown Adventure Playground  
**When:** Monday 2nd July to Friday 6th July (First week of the School Holidays)  
**Time:** 11:00am to 3:00pm (BBQ each day from 12:30pm - 1:30pm)

### The schedule of events includes:

**Monday:** Mixed Games and Tee Ball  
**Tuesday:** Hockey and Soccer  
**Wednesday:** Mini Tennis and Mixed Games  
**Thursday:** Netball and Football  
**Friday:** Mixed Games and Kanga Cricket  
The lunch time event each day will be Radar Throw.

### Gold Coin Donation. Prizes to be Won!

For more information visit the KidsTown website at [www.kidstown.org.au](http://www.kidstown.org.au) or phone 5831 4233.  
Please note: Side Show Alley and the Miniature Train will be operating all week (11:00am to 3:00pm daily)

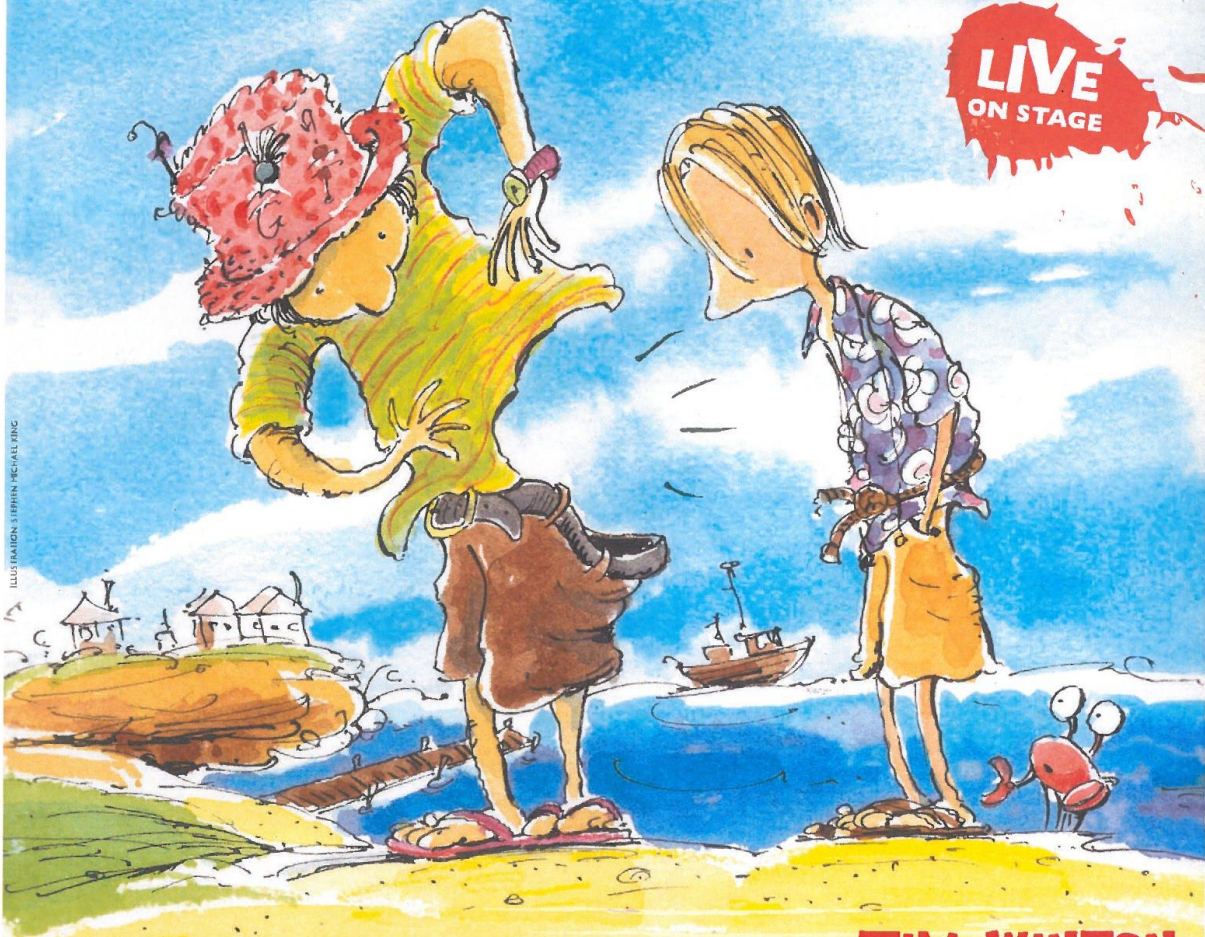
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**VACATION CARE PROGRAM**  
**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2012 – FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012**

**CHILDREN MUST BRING HATS & DRINK BOTTLES**

**Assistance available Through Centrelink: Ph: 136150**

**Our Vacation Care Provider No: 555 011 070 T**

**Ph: 0428354459**

**Time: 8:00am to 6:00pm**

**Venue: 10-14 Parkside Drive, Shepparton, 3630**

**Cost: from \$5.72-\$38.00 per day**

	MONDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> JULY	TUESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> JULY	WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> JULY	THURSDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> JULY	FRIDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> JULY
8:00-10:00	Colouring and drawing	DVD's/Colouring	Quiet activities	Puzzles and board games	DVD's/Colouring
10:00-10:30	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA
10:30-11:00	Meet the staff make new friends	Craft: Making Placemats	Colouring Competition	Craft: Making Bookmarks	Parachute Games
11:00-12:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:30-1:30	Bobas & Statues	Indoor Free Time	Duster Hockey	Musical Games	Relay Races
1:30-2:30	Bobas & Statues	Indoor Free Time	Duster Hockey	Musical Games	Relay Races
3:30-4:00	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA
4:00-6:00	Colouring and puzzles	Construction	DVD's/Quiet Games	Drawing/Board Games	Parachute Games

	MONDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> JULY	TUESDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> JULY	WEDNESDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> JULY	THURSDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> JULY	FRIDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> JULY
8:00-10:00	Colouring and drawing	Quiet Activities	DVD's/Colouring	Puzzles and board games	PJ DAY!!! Dress in your pyjamas
10:00-10:30	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA
10:30-11:00	Cooking: Biscuit Decorating	Simon Say's Bingo	Craft: Finger Drawings	Craft: Calico Squares	Movie & Popcorn
11:00-12:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:30-1:30	The Paper Game	Freeze games	Pass the Parcel	Poison Ball	Indoor Free Time
1:30-2:30	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA
3:30-4:00	Construction	Drawing/Board Games	Find a word/puzzles	Parachute Games	Drawing/Board Games
4:00-6:00					

**NO HAT NO OUTDOOR PLAY**

- Remember to Bring Drinks, a Healthy Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea unless advised
- Make sure children have an old shirt for clothes protection on craft days.
- All lost property will be donated to an opportunity shop one week after the program
- Please remember that if Children are bringing things from home they bring them at their own risk

Extra's Fees and Times are Subject to change



## Prep for Parents: Getting The Most From Your Child's School Reports

Student reports provide you with a clear picture of your child's progress. They are used in all Victorian government schools to report student achievement in Prep to Year 10.

You will receive a report twice a year and be invited to a parent-teacher interview to discuss your child's progress.

A parent-teacher interview enables you to:

- discuss how your child is progressing, both academically and socially
- see examples of your child's work
- get to know your child's teacher
- stay informed about plans for your child's future learning.

Interpreting services are available for parents from non-English backgrounds to attend the parent-teacher interviews. Your child's school will be able to assist with access to this service.

If your child has a disability, check with their teacher for more information on how school reports will be structured for your child and what information their report will contain.

### What's happening at school

Schools send their student reports to parents. Some schools send them home with their students. Other schools email or post reports directly to the parents. Your child's school will then follow up the reports by inviting you to a parent-teacher interview. Most schools will schedule these interviews within a few weeks of sending out the student reports and will generally be flexible around the time the interviews are conducted.

Many schools send parents a student report before the end of this term or early next term, followed by parent-teacher interviews.

Schools encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's education and welcome discussions between teachers and parents so that everyone is working together to support your child's learning.

### Student reports

Your child will already have undergone a range of assessments earlier in the school year and you may already have had some discussions with your child's teacher about how your child is settling into school and the results of these assessments.

But now it's time for the formal student reports.

You will receive two formal student reports on your child each year. The first student report is generally done around now.

Your child's reports help everyone to have a clear picture of your child's current achievements and the progress they have made.

Every student report contains an A-E scale to ensure consistent reporting against common state-wide standards. The A-E scale is linked to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) for Preps. This means that the A-E ratings your child receives in their reports have the same meaning at every school. In every school:

- a 'C' rating means that a student is at the standard expected for Preps at the time of reporting and that their learning is on track
- a 'B' rating means that a student is above the standard expected for Preps at the time of reporting
- an 'A' rating means a student is well above the standard expected for Preps at the time of reporting
- a 'D' rating means a student is below the standard expected
- an 'E' rating means a student is well below the standard expected for Preps.

A 'C' does not mean that your child is 'just adequate'. It indicates that your child has met the state-wide standard expected for students in their age group for that subject and that their learning is firmly on track.

Your child's report will have clearly written comments that tell you what your child knows and what they can do. The report may also identify areas in which your child needs further help or can improve. The report clearly describes what the school will do to support your child.

It includes a plan for your child's future learning. If your child is having difficulties at school, or is performing well above expectations, the teacher will implement an educational program to assist and extend your child.

## **So what more can you do?**

Here are tips for getting the most out of your parent-teacher interview after you receive your child's school report:

### **Before the interview:**

- Look over your child's report and determine what information you'd like to know more about.
- Ask your child if there are any areas they would like followed up (for example, where they feel they need extra help or have concerns) and share this information with your child's teacher during the interview.
- Talk to other family members and enlist their help in developing things that need to be covered during the interview.
- Write a list of specific questions you wish to ask your child's teacher.
- If you need a translator, arrange this with the school before the interview.

Some things you might explore include your child's progress in reading and writing; how you can support any specific actions for improvement through the learning you child does at home; discuss your child's developing interests, how they are doing with discipline and social skills.

### **During the interview**

- If you want to know about a specific area of your child's progress (for example, how well they are reading) let your child's teacher know this at the start so you can focus the interview on this topic.
- Take notes so you can share what's discussed with your child.
- Discuss how your child is participating in classroom activities and whether, for example, there are any general issues with behaviour or discipline that need discussing.
- Ask your child's teacher to clarify any extra support or extension activities that may have been mentioned in your child's report.
- Ask for suggestions or more details about how you can help your child at home.

### **After the interview**

- Keep in regular contact with your child's teacher and follow up on any mutually-agreed plan.
- Talk with your child about what you discussed with their teacher and tell them about the things you've agreed to to improve their learning.

You can also request interviews with your child's teacher at any other time, especially if you are concerned about your child's progress.

## **Related links**

- [Student reports](#) – student reports provide you with a clear picture of your child's progress
- [Being involved](#) – supporting your child, staying informed and getting involved in their learning and school life.