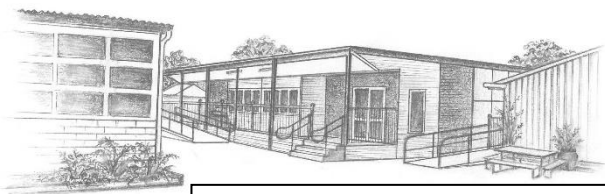


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MINI NEWSLETTER

1. Online School Tour - Last Friday our sensational School Tour was released on Facebook featuring our School Captains along with other students and staff. Please share this with others - we will hopefully be able to do more formal tours in Term 3. Special thanks to Miss Lothian for her work with this which involved a number of hours putting this together.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=560547707944476>

2. School Council - This will be held tonight (Tuesday 16th June via Webex) - information was sent to School Councillors a couple of weeks ago. The Finance Committee will meet at 6pm followed by School Council at 6.45pm.

3. School Photos - Today we took some formal school photos which we will use for Semester 1 reports. Unfortunately, our School Photo day with a professional photographer was rescheduled so we hope these photos will be sufficient and will reflect students in the current state. Once professional photos are taken, we plan to use these for Semester 2 Reports.

4. School Reports - During the time of remote and flexible learning, schools must provide the opportunity for parents/carers and students to discuss the school report with teachers. Reports will be distributed on Thursday 25th June and families can arrange a phone call with classroom teachers on Friday 26th June to address any concerns or seek specific clarification. This is not compulsory, but is a directive from DET. Families will be contacted by class teachers via Class Dojo in regard to this on Friday.

5. Survey 2 - The Victorian Government invites you to share your experiences with Remote & Flexible learning. The specific link can be found here - <https://engage.vic.gov.au/lessons-remote-and-flexible-learning>

6. Curriculum Day (Term 3) - Our next Curriculum Day will be held on Monday 20th July. All staff will be involved in First Aid Training on this day so no students will be required at school - families will need to make alternative arrangements as well. There will be no OSH Care on this day also.

7. Unexplained absences - Thanks to the many families who have returned unexplained absence forms last week - these can still be returned this week. These absences have almost been cut in half and we have updated many of these to reflect students being present during specific days with Remote & Flexible learning. Obviously, recording attendance has been difficult during Term 2 and this is an opportunity for us to tidy up some absences and ensure that this data for our school is not compromised too much. As always, demonstrate honesty with this - if children were away indicate reasons why and also if they were present during Remote & Flexible learning dates do the same.

8. First Week Back - It was terrific to see our students ease back into normal schooling without any major issues last week. A big thank you to all of our families for preparing our students with the return to school and we look forward to a rewarding end to Term 2. Over the next few weeks, families need to minimise requests made to staff, to allow them to continue to focus on retuning and resettling students also.

Strict guidelines still in place include the following unfortunately:

- 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 26th May (A-L: front car park, M-Z: back of the school gate) - see Staged Response to Return to School Letter

9. 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 to school recently because parents have noticed that children are feeling unwell. This is really appreciated and is in line with DET guidelines.

- Restrictions / Alterations as of Tuesday 9th June will be:
 - Limited sports equipment available – tubs for the classroom (students not to access equipment from the shed). Students can use equipment from home.
 - Pick Ups / Drop offs – to remain the same for Term 2 and potentially beyond depending on advice from DET.
 - 8.45am arrivals to continue for the remainder of Term 2 and potentially beyond depending on advice from DET.
 - Senior Playground to open up again.
 - No sharing of food between students and staff.
 - Extensive extra cleaning to continue for Term 2 and Term 3.

10. 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 18th May and was also emailed directly to families yesterday. We look forward to your feedback as always.

11. Student Work during Remote & Flexible Learning – Can any work that has been completed at home be returned to teachers please, so we have a better understanding of how students have completed Remote & Flexible learning tasks. This will assist with Reports as well for Semester 1.

12. Sharing of Food – Just a reminder that that as per DET guidelines - sharing of food should not occur at present, so no birthday treats should be brought to school to be shared by students. There will be no Pie Warmers and Icy Poles until further notice also.

13. Plovers – Our friendly birds (Plovers) have arrived back on the oval. We may have to restrict some use of the oval during this time for the safety of our students and staff at school.

14. New Enrolments (2021) – Information has been sent to the Kinder in regard to future enrolments for 2021 and was also posted on Flexibuzz and Facebook. Obviously, planning for the new year begins early. Some restrictions are in place with what we can and can't do at the moment in regard to tours during school hours. However, we can show families around our school if needed outside school hours in Term 2. We hope normal school tours during school hours will be available early in Term 3. Enrolment forms and information can be collected at the office now - it would great if these are back by Friday 7th August to assist with planning for 2021.

15. OSH Care – Could families planning to use the OSH service please let us know as soon as possible so that we can book in Toni-Marie. It would be appreciated if this service is supported so that it is financial viable for the future.

16. Assembly – This will continue for the foreseeable future each Friday at 3pm via my Webex number which is displayed below. Parents are welcome to join this if they wish.

17. Specialist Program – This week we have PE and Library on Wednesday and Music on Friday.

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

Principal Webex Meeting ID - 576 739 057 (Assembly each Friday at 3pm)

- Please note the change of the schools email address
- To assist with the cleaning of the school, students will be required to take home their food scraps / waste in their lunch boxes