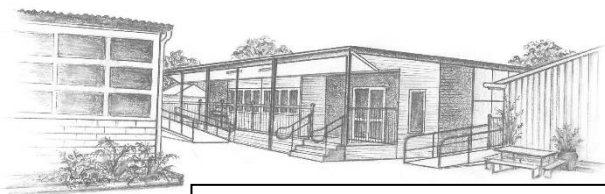


TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

MINI NEWSLETTER

1. COVID-19

I am very proud of the way in which everyone has transitioned back to onsite learning. We are still going 'through' this experience and we are still encountering our 'stumbles and trips.' However, together we are helping each other to get back up again which is allowing us to continue to move forward. Your support is very much valued and appreciated and again I would like to thank you for this as we have continued to 'weave' our way through these unprecedented times. At this stage I have had no further information regarding Term Three and what schools need to have in place. I will continue to keep you updated as information is passed down from the Department. Enjoy the holiday period everyone.

2. School Policies - At School Council last week, we reviewed and endorsed a number of School Council policies. These included Anaphylaxis, Asthma, the COVID-19 Return to School Policy and Yard Duty & Supervision for Staff. The latter has the following important elements that families need to be aware of - these include:

- Tallygaropna Primary Schools grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.30am - 9am (currently 8.45am-9am because of extensive cleaning with COVID-19), 11.00 - 11.40am, 1.25pm - 1.45pm and 3.25pm - 3.45pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students. Our School will inform parents/carers each term of the precise times during which the school's grounds will be monitored (e.g. in the school newsletter / Flexibuzz).
- Staff will monitor the school grounds before and after school. Staff will also monitor the school grounds during morning and afternoon recess. During morning recess, the multipurpose room will also be supervised for inside play.
- Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Tallygaropna Primary School outside of these hours. Families are encouraged to contact the Principal on 58298264 or refer to the school website for more information about the after school care facilities available to our school community

3. Flexibuzz Ceasing - We have just been informed today that Flexibuzz will be ceasing as of 30 June 2020. Therefore, for the time being we will transition over to an app called Flexischools - please download this ASAP. The communications functionality of the Flexischools app is free for the time being. Given Flexischools has now incorporated the communications functionality of Flexibuzz into the Flexischools app, given the challenging environment and costs of necessary updates which are required to the Flexibuzz app, our previous communications supplier (Flexibuzz) is unable to continue to make the app and service available beyond 30 June 2020. The communications functionality of the Flexischools app allows schools to communicate with newsfeed posts and push notifications, customise with your school logo and add images and PDFs (including your school newsletter). Please note that the Flexibuzz chat functionality is not available in the Flexischools app. More details to follow ASAP and we will make some more queries into the future.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

4. Grade 3/4 Camp - An email came through last week in regard to the Grade 3/4 Camp at Billabong ranch at Echuca. School camps can reopen from 21st June with health and safety precautions required. As a result, I have temporarily booked this camp for early Term 3. This is from Monday 27th July to Wednesday 29th July - more details to follow. We hope all students will still be attending this camp - if not contact me to discuss ASAP please.

5. CD's - Mrs Tucker is looking to expand the music listening library at the school to use in class for SQUILT activities (Super Quiet Un-Interrupted Listening Time). If you have any CDs that are gathering dust and would like to donate them to the school please collate them over the school holidays and there will be a box at the office for students to put them in. Music of any genre is welcome but world music, jazz, classical and early rock would be great. Thank you!

6. Casual Day - This will be held on Friday 26th June and there will be no cost for this day.

7. Dismissal - As per usual, dismissal will be at 2.25pm on Friday - being the last day of the term. Please be prompt with pickups. School resumes for Term 3 on Monday 13th July.

8. Online School Tour – Our sensational School Tour has been released on Facebook and on our School Website 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> / <https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/178/Enrolment>

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Unexplained absences – Thanks to the many families who have returned unexplained absence forms over the last couple of weeks – 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.

12. Strict Guidelines Continuing – 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. Over the next few weeks, families need to continue to minimise requests made to staff, to allow them to continue to focus on retuning and resettling students also.

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.

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
- Pick Ups / Drop offs – to remain the same for Term 3 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.
- Family Drop Off and Collection points are: A-L: front car park, M-Z: back of the school gate.
- No sharing of food between students and staff – no birthday treats, pie warmers or icypoles.
- Extensive extra cleaning to continue for Term 2 and Term 3.

13. Plovers – Our friendly birds (Plovers) are still on the football field and this area will still be out of bounds for the foreseeable future. Hopefully, this changes early in Term 3 and we can open up this area again for student use.

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. If any families plan on leaving Tallygaroopna PS can you also let us know to assist with planning.

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 Science and Art on Wednesday and Italian on Friday.

18. Guitar Lessons – These will begin again in Term 3 each Monday.

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

Help Design Our Bottle Lid Mural



**We need
your help!**

For quite some time, our school community has been collecting bottle lids. We plan on recycling these lids to create a mural for our school.

We would like **your** ideas about what this mural should look like. It needs to represent Tallygaroopna Primary School in some way ...

For the chance to have your ideas featured in this mural - get drawing!

Entries close July 17th, 2020

Submit entries to Mrs H

Entries can be submitted as hardcopy or a photo of your drawing can be sent through on Class Dojo!

