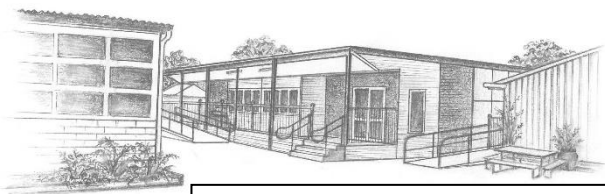


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

MINI NEWSLETTER

1. 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. At present, this doesn't seem to be the case so this service may be temporarily suspended once discussed at the School Council level. Please keep this in mind, as this service is a great resource for our school but unfortunately it comes at a cost.

2. Skool Loop - We have transitioned to this communication app during the holiday period. Please send the Principal a text if possible when you have this communication tool working. This will just enable the school to track who has registered so far to aid formal processes. We will continue to investigate other alternatives into the future, but will utilise this app for the time being because it is free and generally user friendly.

Have you downloaded our school app yet?
Never miss important school information again!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips

Simple free download:
In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



3. COVID-19

Your continued 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 3 and what schools need to have in place so current processes will remain. I will continue to keep you updated as information is passed down from the Department.

4. 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, we will continue with a number of important changes to our school operations consistent with current health advice to all schools. This will apply until further notice. Over the next few weeks, we ask that families continue to minimise requests made to staff to allow them to focus on returning and resettling students.

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:

- Families are not to enter the school grounds at any times - see Staged Response to Return to School letter
- 8.45am arrivals to continue and potentially beyond depending on advice from DET.
- Family drop off and collection points to continue and potentially beyond depending on advice from DET:
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 icy poles.
- Extensive extra cleaning to continue for Term 3.

5. Grade 3/4 Camp - An email came through late in Term 2 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. We will be aiming to make a final decision on this camp by the end of the week because of the uncertainty that still exists with COVID-19.

- 6. School Reports** – School reports that were not collected before the holiday break will be sent home with children today in sealed envelopes. If any students are away, could families please collect these ASAP.
- 7. Supervision** – A reminder to families in regard to important points with the Yard Duty & Supervision for Staff Policy. Some minor alterations were made at the last School Council meeting in Term 2.
- Tallygaroopna Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.30am - 9am (currently 8.45am-9am because of 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 /Skool Loop).
 - 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 Tallygaroopna 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
- 8. Outdoor Learning Space** – The outdoor learning space is finished. We have still some work to do around this area, but the construction on site has been completed. Our next plan is to gradually add to this space. Initially, we would like to add some of the fine gravel to fill in front of the learning space and compact this down. If anyone has any large logs or boulders that they could transport and donate to this project - this would be greatly appreciated as well. Feel free to contact the school, if you have any ideas in regard to this or if you can support this project in anyway.
- 9. Curriculum Day (Term 3)** – Our next Curriculum Day will be held on Monday 20th July. All staff will be involved in First Aid training so no students will be required at school - families will need to make alternative arrangements. There will be no OSH Care on this day also.
- 10. Welcome** – Our school welcomes Courtney Higgins to our staff team. Courtney will implement the MACC Program (Art) and I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her for the second semester. Courtney comes with terrific Art Specialist and classroom teacher skills from the Independent and Catholic Services both in NSW and Victoria. A huge thank you to Bob Boyer who stepped up as the short term replacement with Art over the last few weeks in Term 2.
- 11. 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. 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 outside school hours in Term 3 again. We hope normal school tours during school hours will be available at some stage 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. If any families plan on leaving Tallygaroopna PS can you also please let us know.
- 12. Student Teacher** – Next week, we welcome Chloe George to our school. Chloe will be completing a three week teaching round which concludes on Friday 7th August. Chloe will be working in the F/1 class with Mrs Haberfield and we hope that her time at our school is enjoyable. The Department recognises the need for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) providers and the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) to work together to maintain the pipeline of teachers entering the profession. It is vital that during the COVID-19 period, schools maintain the professional experience component of ITE, especially for pre-service teachers (PSTs) in their final year of study. Supervised PST placements will go ahead as planned, within the operating guidelines and other coronavirus guidelines previously circulated to schools.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Specialist Program** – This week we have Library and P.E. on Wednesday and Music on Friday.
- 15. Guitar Lessons** – These will begin again in Term 3 each Monday. Contact the school if interested please.
- 16. Student of the Week** – This resumes this week and will be awarded each Friday at assembly by staff. Certificates and icy pole vouchers will continue to be presented. Icy pole vouchers will be kept for later on in the year.
- 17. Major Works** – We had some major works completed to the school grounds over the holiday period. Thanks to the school community for staying away from the school site during this time.
- 18. JSC** – This first semester group will continue for a few more weeks because of the interruption with COVID-19. We hope to announce our new JSC group later on.
- 19. Readers** – These will go home again this term and families can still utilise the PM Readers online resource for students in Grades F-2 if they wish - this is a great resource which we purchased during the time of Remote & Flexible learning.

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!



SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

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<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/178/Enrolment>