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

## NEWSLETTER

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**School Captains will receive their badges at assembly next week & Junior School Council will be announced.**

**An Information & Meet and Greet Evening will be held tomorrow night. The night will begin at 5.30pm and conclude at 6.30pm.**

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

**All students need to please bring their green reader bags back to school ASAP as they will be used this year to hold their readers,**

**Our first School Council Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Information will be sent home to School Council Members**

Dear Parents,

Our building has arrived and we are all very excited that finally there is some evidence of the work and planning that has occurred during the last 12 months. We now have to wait patiently for minor works to occur before we are able to successfully occupy the building. Throughout the next few weeks, I will keep everyone informed of progress in regard to this.

All students and teachers have settled into school well after our first full week. Today at assembly we were able to announce our School Leadership for 2011. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers to represent Tallygaropna PS: School Captains – Darcy Collins, Samahna Humphrey & School Vice Captains – Justin Lindrea, Ella Sidebottom. I know they will set a good example to our whole school community.

Our Active After School Communities Program began today with Basketball and Lawn Bowls will be on tomorrow. We have had a terrific response to this program again and I am sure the children will enjoy this opportunity throughout the whole year.

Staff will be attending a Athletics PD session on Wednesday after school at Kialla West PS to assist with implementation with this program. I taught today and will be taking the Grade 2/3/4 class tomorrow because Mrs Haberfield will be at a VIT Briefing session to support Miss Bicknell. Karen will be away on Thursday and Friday this week, but I will be available in the office on these days to assist with any matters that need addressing. I look forward to catching up with some parents tomorrow night at the Information Night. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

New School Building



### 1. New Building

Our new building now sits proudly at our school. We are currently waiting on Sub Contractors to come into the school to complete electrical, plumbing, plastering and carpet work. Some staff have had the opportunity to walk through the building and we were pleasantly surprised about the size of the building, which will be a fantastic learning environment for our children in the near future. STAY TUNED!!!

### 2. EMA - reminder

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**1 February 2011**) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**18 July 2011**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28 February 2011** for the first instalment and **5 August 2011** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$230** for primary students and **\$460** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

### **Payment Amounts**

| <b>Instalment</b> | <b>Portion</b> | <b>Primary school*</b> | <b>Secondary school*</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>One</b>        | <b>Parent</b>  | <b>\$ 80.50</b>        | <b>\$ 161.00</b>         |
|                   | <b>School</b>  | <b>\$ 80.50</b>        | <b>\$ 161.00</b>         |
| <b>Two</b>        | <b>Parent</b>  | <b>\$ 34.50</b>        | <b>\$ 69.00</b>          |
|                   | <b>School</b>  | <b>\$ 34.50</b>        | <b>\$ 69.00</b>          |
|                   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 230.00</b>       | <b>\$ 460.00</b>         |

\*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **28 February 2011** and prior to or on **5 August 2011**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.

### 3. Grade 6 Uniform Prints

Grade 6 students wishing to have uniforms printed need to have these at the office with money enclosed by this Friday. These will be then taken to Spectrum in Shepparton for a school print. This will be similar to what was done last year. Each print will cost \$8 and we are hopeful that these will be returned to students by the end of February. This is voluntary only for Grade 6 students. Families will still need to make sure that school uniform is still adhered to during this time.

#### 4. PING – Music / IT Program

Last week, we had a successful meeting with Joel Muston in regard to this program. Joel will be visiting our school every fortnight, starting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and working with the Grade 2/3/4 and 5/6 students with Music and Information Technology. Joel is new to the program as well, but he is young and enthusiastic and I have no doubt that the children at our school will quickly warm to him.

Ping is a social networking site that makes learning music fun, simple and accessible, and provides creative musical opportunities for rural middle year school students in Victoria, Australia. Using Web 2.0 technologies, the emphasis is on student centered, self-directed learning, exploring a range of musical styles. Ping incorporates video resources with online classrooms, master classes and real-time concert streaming. Perhaps the most attractive aspect of Ping is that it is completely free!

<http://pingmusic.com.au/about/>

#### 5. School Fees - reminder

At School Council last year, we were able to approve our new school fees for 2011. There were obviously some changes that occurred but we made these still affordable and in line with other schools in the local area. Keep in mind that last year's fees for one student were \$150 - which included \$90 for Excursions and \$60 for fundraising. We have also been able to rely on our Bingo account and Drought Relief Funding to support excursions and programs in the past, both of these will not be available this year.

#### **2011 School Fees Structure per student:**

**Subject Levy \$140**

**Excursion Levy \$45**

**Total of \$185 (increase of \$35)**

The subject levy includes many programs which are implemented at school including MACC Van, MARC Van, Mathematics, etc.

The Excursion Levy includes the following (whole school activities):

Life Ed. Van

Cluster Days

\* Term 1 – Aquamoves

\* Term 2/3/4 – Cluster Days at other small schools

\* Performance at Wanganui Park SC

\* Athletics Sports

Please note that these fees are both compulsory fees. We have decided to not put Swimming under the umbrella of the Excursion Levy because of the cost associated with this program. This year, this program will again be held at Aquamoves for 1 week in Term 3. The cost for this program is \$42 per student and families will have a choice in regard to whether their children participate in this program. Other excursions that happen throughout the year will not be whole school activities, so there will be a pay as you go policy implemented as well. Examples of these are Sailing, Kanga 8s and the Richmond Footy Clinic.

Parents are able to pay school fees in one payment or organise a plan which would involve partial payments throughout the school year. If you have any queries in regard to this please feel free to contact David or Karen at the office. These fees are now due.

#### 6. Book City Sponsorship

We have been very fortunate to receive some sponsorship from Book City. This will enable all of our children who receive Student of the Week (You Can Do It Award) to get a book voucher to the value of \$5. Special thanks to Joe & Helen Sofra for this fantastic initiative.

#### 7. Music Lessons

These began today and there are places still available for anyone interested. Lessons are on an individual basis for 20 minutes each and they cost \$15 a session. Families would have to commit to 5 weeks and the program would cost \$75 for term 1. We would be hopeful, that this would then continue for the whole year. Lessons are conducted in the morning. Guitar Lessons are also available. A student would need to own their own guitar to participate in guitar lessons (tuition guitars cost \$80 to \$90). Expressions of interest need to be at the school by Friday 18th February.



## 8. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 1 are:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| February 15 <sup>th</sup> – Information & Meet / Greet Night | February 21 <sup>st</sup> - School Photos             |
| February 23 <sup>rd</sup> – School Council                   | February 23 <sup>rd</sup> – PING Begins               |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup> – World Maths Day                      | March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Prep Photos – Shepparton News |
| March 3 <sup>rd</sup> – R.E. Begins                          | March 4 <sup>th</sup> – Aquamoves Day                 |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Holiday                  | March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – School Council (AGM)         |
| April 4 <sup>th</sup> – Athletic Sports                      |   |

## 9. Headlice

Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair for lice. We were relatively 'lice-free' last year and would like to continue in this vein this year. Thanks for your cooperation.

## 10. Medicine at School

For those students required to have medication whilst at school, a Medication Request Form is required to be filled out, signed and returned to the school office prior to the student be administered medication. A form was attached to last week's newsletter. Further copies are available at the Office. This does not apply to children with asthma with their puffer, although the office must be informed of the child's needs in this regard. Any change to the child's medical condition should be relayed to the office ASAP.

## 11. Frozen Fruit Freezes

Frozen fruit sticks will be available for sale each Friday at lunchtime for 50 cents each. This will begin this week.

## 12. Kids & Fruit

Kids and Fruit is once again offering our students the opportunity to enjoy fresh and tasty fruit and vegetables 5 days a week. Cost will be \$10 per term. Please complete the form and return to school with the money by this Wednesday morning, 16th February. The program started today.



### Kids & Fruit Program Term 1 2011

| Student Name | Class | Comments – Allergies? |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------|
|              |       |                       |

NB# From time to time, Kids & Fruit Inc. will introduce new fruit and vegetable varieties to the program and therefore it is imperative that you inform the school of any allergies your child suffers which will be forwarded onto Kids & Fruit Inc. (eg. allergy to citrus fruit or strawberries). If a fruit or vegetable is provided that your child is allergic to, Kids & Fruit will compensate accordingly.

## 13. Conveyance Allowance

To be eligible to receive conveyance allowance, a student must:

- Be aged between 5 years by the 30<sup>th</sup> April and 21 years;
- Live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended.
- Be enrolled at the nearest government primary school.
- Have NO access to bus travel

Those people eligible need to obtain an application form from the office and return it to school by the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

## 14. Student Information

Last week, we sent home forms indicating information currently held at the school. Could you please check, complete and sign these forms and return them to school as soon as possible.

## 15. School Council

The first school council meeting for the year will be Wednesday, 23<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. The Finance Committee will meet beforehand at 6.30pm. **This year, there will be a couple of positions available for parents to be a member of school council. If anyone is interested in being part of School Council for 2011 could you contact David at school.**

#### 16. School Photos

The 2011 School Photos will be taken on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February in the morning. Please ensure that all school children are in school uniform. We will be taking a Grade 6 photo and a School Captain photo (Special Groups) and Family Photos will be available as well – envelopes available at the office. Please contact the school if you want either or both of these photos. Photo order envelopes have been sent home last week and all envelopes and money needs to be at the office on the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> February.

#### 17. Information Evening

An Information and Meet the Teachers evening will be held at school tomorrow from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. At 6pm Mrs Wallace will speak to Prep/1 families for approximately 30 minutes. This year there will be no evening meal as we have found that very few families have made use of this facility in recent years.

#### 18. I.T. – Acceptable Use - reminder

Last week, all families received information in regard to acceptable use with the Ultranet, Internet and other Digital Technologies. Although, there is a lot of information in this document, page 2 is all that is needed to be returned to school. Could this be done by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February please.

#### 19. Engagement Policy - reminder

Only new families should have received the schools Engagement Policy. This document was approved in 2010 and it is a living and breathing document so new additions / alterations may occur throughout the year. Could Prep parents return the last page of this document to the office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February please.

#### 20. School Bus / Safety - reminder

At present, the bus route has been extended until official approval at School Council. This will be in a couple of weeks. All families should have received information about the School Bus for 2011. Could information regarding Safe Travel and Bus Rules please be returned to the school office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February please.

**I am also currently seeking approval from the School's Regional Director to allow for Bus Travellers to be dismissed at 3.20pm. These students will still receive the standard 5 hours of instruction at school per day. If approval is granted buses will arrive home 10 minutes earlier than what was outlined in the Bus Time Table. This is to cater for Zeerust PS whom we share the bus with.**

#### 21. Art / Library Van

The mobile Art Van will visit fortnightly on Fridays commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February. Children will need an art smock with a name on it (most already have one) eg. old shirt, etc to protect their clothes from paint, glue, etc. The Library Van will also visit the school on a fortnightly basis commencing on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Children are asked to bring a library bag (either cloth or strong plastic) to protect the library books.

#### 22. Soccer Teams

Any children wishing to play soccer this year can leave their names at the office. The Northerners Club is hoping to have 3 teams this year for Under 6's, 7's and 8's. More information will be available soon.

#### 23. Zone Sport

Zone Swimming and Tennis Trials are coming up soon. If any one is interested in these could they see Mr Brodie ASAP.

#### 24. Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

Parents are reminded that the Education department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment of injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or Private Health Insurance.

#### 25. School Website

This resource now includes two new pages – New Building & Forms. Information about our new building will be regularly updated and the Forms page has some downloadable items which are available to parents.

<http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/building.html>

<http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/forms.html>

## 26. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

**P/1 Cohan Hall** for the enthusiasm he shows in class and his great getting along skills.

**2/3/4 Brock Austin** for his excellent getting along skills that he has shown in the playground and classroom and for the wonderful use of identifying the school values.

**5/6 Rhiannon Florence** for showing beautiful manners and respect towards her classmates and her teachers.



## Second-hand Uniforms

If anyone has any small sized uniforms that they no longer require could you please send them along to school. Bev Montgomery (Uniform Coordinator)

## Tally Netball Team

Any children interested in playing Saturday morning competition (11 & Under) Registration Night is 21<sup>st</sup> March. Names need to be in to Bev Montgomery (ph 0400 914 464) before this date. Other children interested in playing netball please see Stadium notes below or speak to Bev.

### JUNIOR STADIUM NETBALL Programs for 2011 Indoor Netball - Shepparton Sports Stadium

SUMMER SEASON TERM 1 – 7weeks

“Learn as you Play” Fridays (7, 8 & 9 years old)

Games for players having done Net-Set-Go or Modified Netball last season. New Players - No experience needed.

9 & Under - Non Modified Thursdays

11 & Under & 13 Under Thursdays

Programs commence Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. 4.00 & 4.45 games. Program Fee Friday & Thursday - \$47. No weekly fees.



NEW WINTER INDOOR NETBALL PROGRAM SATURDAY MORNINGS COMMENCING APRIL  
(15 weeks )rain,hail or shine...

**AUSSIE NET** for 5,6 & 7 year olds a skills based introduction to Netball.

“**LEARN AS YOU PLAY**” Program for 7,8 & 9 year olds new to netball. No experience needed. Teaching umpires to guide the players through the game. Parents/Players can come Indoors out of the winter elements. Registration Fee \$40.00 – Weekly fee \$3.00 per player.

**NON MODIFIED NETBALL 9 & UNDERS** with previous game experience. Experienced Umpires provided. Registration Fee \$40.00.

Weekly fee \$3.00 per player

School Teams/Individual Teams & Individual Players welcome. Enquires/Registration : Kylie Hutchings 0419 998190 or 58212572

Shepparton Stadium: Kylie Devine 58329481



The Shepparton Sports Stadium offers a variety of activities for primary school age children to participate in a safe and friendly environment. During term 1 the following programs will be held:

- Aussie Net (Introduction to Netball for 5-7 year olds)  
**Tuesday nights**
- Futsal Cup (Indoor Soccer)  
Under 7's, 9's, 11's & 13's  
**Wednesday nights**
- Little Tacker's Table Tennis  
(Introduction to Table Tennis)  
**Wednesday nights**
- Aussie Hoops (Introduction to Basketball)  
**Thursday nights**
- Mini-Minton (Introduction to Badminton)  
**Friday nights**
- Stadium Junior Netball  
(Learn as you play for 7-9 year olds)  
**Friday nights**

For more information on any of these programs, contact  
Council's Program's Coordinator  
Kyleigh Devine on 5832 9481,  
stadiums@shepparton.vic.gov.au or drop in to the Stadium  
at 120 Numurkah Rd, Shepparton.