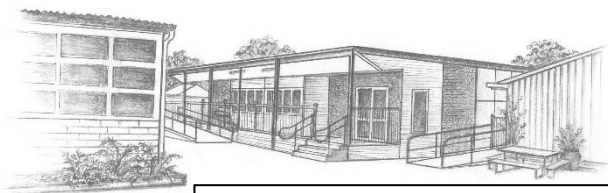


TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. Welcome** - A big welcome to Brody (Grade 1) along with his family into our school community. We will no doubt make them all welcome at some of the events over the coming weeks - our enrolments are currently 84.
- 2. School Fees** - Can school fees be paid by the 28th February please - contact the office if you would like to set up a payment plan. All families received individual student letters which documented Parent Payment Charges for 2018 so your attention with this matter would be appreciated.
- 3. Student Information Sheets (Green)** - These were sent home last week and it would be appreciated if they are returned before the end of this week to assist with our school management processes.
- 4. Chaplaincy Consent / Child Safe Code of Conduct (Volunteers)** - Information was sent home today to existing and new families. We like to update our volunteers register annually, along with the register in regard to support with Student Welfare (provided by John Hosking) and again it would be appreciated if these are returned before the end of the week.
- 5. Information Night (Meet & Greet)** - This night is planned for Tuesday 13th February. Teacher Information Sessions will begin at 6pm (F/1), 6.30pm (2/3), 7.00pm (3/4) and 7.30pm (5/6) and it would be great to see as many families attend as possible - babysitting facilities will be available on the night.
- 6. Unexplained Absences** - Any students away from school must be accounted for. We would appreciate a formal note or phone call in regard to any absences that occur throughout the year (ie: late arrivals, morning / afternoon or whole day absences). Absences can be submitted via Flexibuzz as well - which is very convenient and not time consuming for families.
- 7. Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund** - A reminder for eligible families to see Karen at the office in regard to this. More specific information was in last week's newsletter.
- 8. Parent Portal** - Many families have been able to access the Parent Portal which is fantastic. Weekly Student of the Week awards will be put on this and other items will appear over time. Please contact me if you need any help with this - it would be great to get all families connected and it is imperative that we have the correct email address to enable this Portal to work effectively.
- 9. Headphones** - A reminder to all students to bring in their own headphones by the end of the week. Students without headphones by Friday will have some basic headphones provided to them next week at a charge of \$5 each.
- 10. Flexibuzz** - Last year's grades have now been archived and will no longer be used. A reminder for all families to join the new 2018 Boxes to aid communication.
- 11. Class Dojo** - All new families and existing families who weren't connected to Class Dojo have been given invitations to join this to enable effective communication with classroom teachers. If you need any help with this - contact the school please.
- 12. Curriculum Day** - This is scheduled for Thursday 8th March and no students will be required at school on this day - families will need to make alternative arrangements. No OSH Care will be available on this day also.
- 13. Lunch Orders** - These begin this week and all lunch orders will need to be handed in to the office by 3.30pm on Wednesday.
- 14. English Online Testing** - All Foundation families should have received a note in regard to this testing which begins on Wednesday - this was on Flexibuzz also. If any times don't suit - contact the school ASAP so that alternative arrangements can be made. Can families please be on time so that this testing can be carried out within the times set. A reminder that this day is the Prep (Foundation) students Rest Day.
- 15. Emergency Management** - We discussed our 3 bells last week and today we conducted our first Emergency Management drill for the year. It was terrific to see all the students not panic and go about this drill with ease.
- 16. School Leaders Speeches / Announcements** - Speeches will be held at 2pm on Thursday for Grade 6 students - not compulsory, and we encourage all families to come along and listen to these. Votes will then be conducted for students in Grades 2-6 and leadership positions will be announced at assembly on Monday 12th February.
- 17. Breakfast Club Helpers** - This was held today for the first time of the year and again we would love to have some assistance with this initiative. Breakfast Club is held in the Multi-Purpose room every Monday from 8.30am just before assembly at 9am. All are welcome.
- 18. Music Lessons** - Lessons for guitar and keyboard began today. If anyone is interested in these lessons every Monday contact Cliff on 0474 769 963.
- 19. Bus Communication** - Any families not using the bus on any afternoon only, **must contact the school on 58298264 and speak directly to a member of staff.** Please don't leave a message on the answering machine as this may not be heard in time. If you cannot directly contact the school then contact the Principal on 0411960164 (Text Message or Phone Call). Your assistance with this is essential in making the use of the bus a positive experience for everyone.
- 20. Men's Shed Visit** - Small buddy groups will visit the Men's Shed again just behind the Kindergarten on some Friday's beginning on Friday 16th February. Permission is granted via the local excursion note on the Green Student Information Sheets - please return these ASAP.
- 21. Buddies** - We have tried our best to have some positive buddy groups for 2018. We have a lot more boys than girls in the school so some groups involve boys and girls together. We have emphasised that some buddy groups can join up together when we have buddies on a Monday every fortnight.
- 22. School Council** - The next School Council meeting is on next Wednesday 21st February. Finance will begin at 6.45pm followed by School Council at 7.30pm. Five School Councillors are about to finish their term so if you are interested in joining School Council contact me ASAP. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 28th March.
- 23. OSH Care** - This is available from Monday to Friday this week. **A new enrolment form is to be completed for each student - please be prompt with this.** Fees for these sessions are: \$22 for Casual places, \$20 for Permanent places and \$12 for places which conclude before 4.30pm.
- 24. Random Acts of Kindness (Shower Others with Kindness)** - This whole school initiative involves 3 students / teachers being picked out of a hat as the Givers and 3 students / teachers being picked as the Receivers. Kind acts (card, cupcake, and lollypop...etc) are due by the end of the week. This week's givers are Sienna, James & Jimmy.
- 25. Specialist Program** - P.E will be on Wednesday and Music and Italian will be held on Friday this week.
- 26. Parents Club Meeting** - The next Parents Club meeting will be held on Monday 5th February (tonight) straight after school. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing some new families help out with this great school community group.

David Brodie (Principal)

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Our general school rule is to "consider the feeling of others at all times".