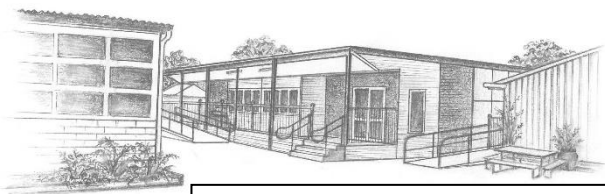


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

### MINI NEWSLETTER - please keep referring to the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter of the year if needed.

- 1. COVID-19 Restrictions** - Many of these have been lifted and were communicated via the newsletter last week. A summary of these will again be on the front and back of the school grounds for families to refer to.
- 2. Start of the Year Forms** - There are a number of forms going home with the eldest child in each family. It would be appreciated if these are all returned together ASAP to assist with our start of the year processes. These forms were listed in last week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 3. Prep Rest Days** - A reminder to families that our new Foundation (Prep) students will have rest days on Wednesdays for the month of February. Starting school is draining and tiring for the little ones and as all schools do, we want to ensure that the wellbeing of our children is paramount as they begin their education journey. Rest days occur on the following days - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February. Further days can be organised if needed.
- 4. English Online Interviews** - A reminder that English Online Interviews for all Foundation students will be conducted on Thursday and Friday this week. Information was handed out last year - don't hesitate to contact the school if you need this clarified. Please arrive promptly for your interview time over these two days - children are to be picked up after the completion of these assessments.
- 5. Code Red Days** - Our school is a Category 4 school in relation to Bushfire Assessments with the Department of Education. In short, this means that if we have a Code Red Day - the school will close. Further information will be in next week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 6. Statement of Values** - A reminder about our Statement of Values which are what our whole school community should abide by. These are listed in our Student Engagement Policy and are essential to making Tallygaropna PS a productive working environment for everyone.
- 7. BYOD Program** - Participation in this program is now due (Acceptable Use Agreement) for Grade 5/6 students who would like to utilise their iPad for the 2021 school year. Consult with Liss Lothian if needed in regard to this - relevant Apps were in the newsletter last week.
- 8. Class Dojo & Skool Loop** - Thanks to the families who have connected with Class Dojo and Skool Loop - this is really appreciated. We will no longer be using Flexibuzz for any communication for 2021 - can all families do the same please.
- 9. Respectful Relationships** - This program begins on Friday with myself and I look forward to getting back into the classroom this year more often. In Term 1, we will be focusing on the themes of - Emotional Literacy & Personal Strengths.
- 10. Absences** - Schools need to keep an accurate account of these. Our preferred method is through Skool Loop and we would appreciate notifications on the same day of the absence if possible. If having technical issues - we will accept a note or phone call.
- 11. Classroom Information** - Over the next couple of weeks, class teachers will be putting together online presentations in line with the Information Nights which have been run in the past. We hope these will be available to the school community by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February and will ensure that most families at our school receive this important classroom information in regard to expectations, rules and specific classroom processes.
- 12. Bus Run** - We are currently looking into some minor alterations with our Bus Route because of some safety concerns on the GV Highway. This may also affect some pick up and drop off times slightly - families will receive this information before these alterations are made hopefully by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- 13. Production Auditions** - These will begin in the next week or two, so students in Grades 5/6 should keep working hard on those scripts. We hope that our children will have a positive attitude with any part they are fortunate to receive and do their best to make this program an enjoyable one for all.
- 14. School Council** - Our first school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February and there are a couple of vacant positions for anyone keen to see this part of the school. I would highly recommend this to any family, we are mandated to have 8 meetings a year and we look forward to some fresh and new ideas. Some meetings will be held online via Webex in 2021 in the comfort of your own home.
- 15. Fosbury Flop Consent Forms** - These will go home soon in regard to consent with children doing the High Jump. This involves children landing on their back on the high jump mat under close supervision and instruction.
- 16. School Library** - We have started turning the computer lab into a school library. We are busily trying to get this set up by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February and we will show how great this new area is in the next full edition of the newsletter.
- 17. Building Works** - Unfortunately, this work will go on for a few more weeks. We have a new container at school which will assist with this, but organisation of the portable resource room may continue until the end of Term 1. We may need some assistance putting this room together in the near future - let us know if you can assist.
- 18. OSH Care** - New enrolment forms for 2021 are mandated - 1 for each student. Please support this service to ensure that it is financially viable going forward.
- 19. Specialist Programs** - This week we have Art and PE on Wednesday.
- 20. Book Club** - If you wish to order from Issue 1, please return payment or order on LOOP by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school and COVID-19 protocols.