

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 1. COVID-19** - We have had some positive cases of Covid at school, as have most schools. This has been communicated via Skool Loop so it is vital that families have these notifications turned on with their devices. Please read the signage around the school and adhere to the rules that are in place to enable our school community to remain as safe as possible during this difficult time. A reminder to families that the Education Department are encouraging RA Tests to be taken twice throughout the school week. A second box for each student should be available for collection on Monday.
- 2. Rest Days** - Rest days continue this Wednesday for Foundation students and will continue for the following dates - Wed 16th and 23rd February. These children are not required at school on this day unless they are completing specific testing (English Online). The first full week for Foundation students begins on Monday 28th February - but extra rest days can be negotiated.
- 3. English Online Testing** - This begins this Wednesday 9th February and will continue on 16th and 23rd February. This testing is mandated for Foundation students and children are only required at school for the duration of the assessment - which tends to take about 45 minutes to an hour. Families will be reminded of their date the day before (Tuesday), but information was sent home before the end of 2021.
- 4. Camp Information** - This was sent home last Monday 31st January and will need to be returned by Monday 14th February, so that we can finalise numbers. There may be some processes to implement in regard to COVID-19 - we are currently discussing this with the camp and hope to announce these to the school community ASAP. Current camps need to implement 2 RA Tests during the week and this may continue to be in place during our camp.
- 5. Foundation Photos** - The Shepparton News will take these this Thursday at 12.30pm.
- 6. Class Information** - We hope to have these presentations available to families next Monday 14th February via Class Dojo to summarise routines, expectations and class programs...etc for each class teacher. This was introduced last year in order to have this information more accessible to our school community and because of low numbers attending on-site sessions. Please consult with class teachers if any of this information needs to be clarified via Class Dojo.
- 7. School Council** - This is scheduled for Monday 14th February via Webex (because of COVID-19 restrictions). Information will be available hopefully by Wednesday to members - can any apologies be emailed to the Principal please in order to formalise attendance at these meetings.
- 8. Parents' Club Meeting** - This will now be held on Thursday 17th February outside at school at 3.30pm - all families are invited and we are looking forward to seeing some new families come on board to assist with activities throughout the year. We hope to have a Colour Run on Friday March 11th - but helpers are needed for this event to get off the ground.
- 9. Start of the Year Forms** - A number of forms went home with the eldest child in each family last Friday. It would be appreciated if these are returned together by Monday 14th February to assist with our start of the year processes. These forms included the Student Information Sheet (Green), MARC Borrowing Agreement and Child Safe Code of Conduct for any volunteers in the school which we like to update on an annual basis.
- 10. MARC Borrowing Agreement** - This will need to be returned by Wednesday in order for children to borrow from the Library (MARC) Van this week.
- 11. Chaplaincy Consent** - This will need to be returned ASAP, so that children can actively engage with Tim Ford at school. Information was sent home last week for new students in the school and last year's consent will be carried over to 2022. Contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not engage with our Chaplain.
- 12. 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 2022 school year. Consult with Liss Lothian if needed - relevant Apps were in the newsletter last week.
- 13. Assemblies** - These will be held at the Outdoor Learning Space each Friday afternoon at 3pm until further notice. All families are invited to attend if they wish - Student of the Week is handed out at each assembly and families will continue to be notified.
- 14. Fosbury Flop Consent Forms** - These will go home soon regarding consent with children doing the high jump. This involves children landing on their back on the high jump mat and learning takes place under close supervision and instruction. Our Athletics carnival is scheduled to be held at the McEwen Reserve on Friday 25th March.
- 15. Skool Loop** - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop in regard to disruptions at school in line with COVID-19. New groups for 2022 have been set up, so join these ASAP please.
- 16. Junior School Council** - We hope to announce our JSC group to the school community next week - this will be published in the school newsletter.
- 17. School Production Link** - If families have not had an opportunity to view our School Production from last year - [this can be accessed here](#). Please contact the school for a password to access this performance.
- 18. OSH Care Enrolment Forms** - A reminder that no children will be allowed to utilise the OSH Care service unless enrolment forms are returned for each child - there have been constant reminders so far via the newsletter. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions to this - please support this service to ensure that it is financially viable going forward.
- 19. Restrictions / Vaccinations** - A reminder to families about the vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers. This is in line with COVID-19 vaccination information collection and recording procedures (Department of Education) where schools are required to sight specific vaccination status. As stated previously, facemasks are still needed for staff and students in Grades 3-6, but staff no longer need to wear facemasks outside. Parents are still encouraged to not enter school buildings but if they do, QR codes and digital certificates are needed. Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, QR code check-ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- 20. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to do an absence via Skool Loop daily please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent. Karen will follow up any daily absences via a text message so being prompt with this would be appreciated.
- 21. Specialist Programs** - This week we will have Music & Library on Wednesday. We are hopeful of starting rotations on Thursday, but this will depend on staffing in line with COVID-19.
- 22. Sharing of Food** - The updated guidelines state that sharing of food is not permitted (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop). Please contact the Principal in regard to this, so that families can be informed (via Skool Loop / Dojo) and then make an informed decision in regard to participation.
- 23. Book Club** - If you wish to order from Issue 1, please return payment or order on LOOP by Tuesday 15th February.

David Brodie (Principal)

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

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school
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