



Tallygaroopna Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1 #2 - February 5th 2024

>> NOTES / PAYMENTS DUE <<

Please finalise any outstanding payments

1. 1st Newsletter – Families are encouraged to go through the 1st newsletter of the year and address any items which are essential at Tallygaroopna PS. The newsletter can also be accessed at our [School Website which is found here](#).

2. Roadworks – Greater Shepparton City Council wishes to advise of upcoming resurfacing works in Victoria Street, Tallygaroopna, between the Goulburn Valley Highway (east side of the railway crossing) and east of Tallygaroopna Primary School. The asphalt road resurfacing works will be undertaken between Tuesday 6th February and Friday 9th February, between the hours of 7am to 6pm weather permitting. Victoria Street will remain open to traffic, however there will be lane closures in place. Access to the properties adjacent to the works will be maintained, however traffic delays are to be expected. Associated works, including line marking reinstatement, will occur over the following week with minimal disruptions to vehicle traffic.

3. Shep News - Foundations – Photos for our new Foundation students will be taken on Tuesday 13th February at approximately midday. Hopefully, all of our brilliant new little ones are at school on this day.

4. Leadership Conference – This is scheduled to be held next Thursday 15th February for our new school leaders (Olivia, Ayla, Diesel and Nate). Permission forms will go home this week and students will need to bring their own lunch, snacks and drinks on this day.

5. Mooroopna Pool – A whole school excursion will be held next Friday 16th February. The cost for this day is \$11 and permission forms need to be returned ASAP. We will travel by bus leaving at 10.15am and returning at approximately 2.15pm. Hopefully, we get some warm weather!

6. Steve Rogers Visit – Today, I had a visit from Steve Rogers (Senior Education Improvement Leader) and he was really impressed with our school environment and the calm and supportive atmosphere around the school. Great job everyone - Steve will make regular visits throughout the year.

7. Parents' Club – New and existing parents are always welcome to join this club which constantly supports the school. In previous years some great fundraising has occurred and the school was able to utilise some funds to go towards school programs and excursions which was greatly appreciated. The next Parents' Club Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th February 2024 straight after school.

8. Grade 3/4 Camp – Information for this camp was distributed to families last Thursday – could all relevant forms be returned by Friday 16th February please. The camp begins on Tuesday 5th March and Mr Brodie and Miss Puetz will be attending. The first day on Monday 4th March will be an induction held at Tallygaroopna Primary School followed by 4 days at the Camp returning to school on Friday 8th March. The cost for the camp is \$210 per students.

9. BYOD Program – We will be offering families in Grades 5/6 the BYOD program again this year. Acceptable Use agreements are now due and we plan to send home an APP list this week. Apple iPads are the preferred devices for our classrooms but these are not compulsory as some will be provided for student use as per usual. [Other specific information is found here.](#)

10. Student Information Forms – Last week a number of forms went home to all families to be filled out, signed and returned. These forms are essential for the general operation of the school and it would be appreciated if these are returned by Friday, 9th February. These include the green Confidential Student Information form, Photographing Annual Consent, Parent Payment Arrangements and MARC Borrowing Agreement.

11. Information Evening – The Information and Meet the Teachers evening will be held at school again. This is planned for Tuesday 13th February from 6pm – 7.30pm. Class times are: F1 (6pm), 23 (6.20pm), 45 (6.40pm) and 56 (7pm). We look forward to seeing our families on this night.

12. Student Profile Folder – Students may purchase this to store their reports. Cost is \$15.00 per folder.

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
[The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at this website](#)

**RESPECT
HONESTY
INCLUSION**

13. OSH Care – OSH Care is available for 5 days a week (excluding term holidays, public holidays and curriculum days). This service is from 3.25pm until 6pm and late fees are in place (\$5 per 10 minutes per child). An enrolment form is a requirement for each student in the service. There is now a flat rate of \$25 per session for each child.

14. Rest Days - Foundations – Throughout February, children in Foundation WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will be at home on the following remaining days - 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of February. There are some days where Miss McDonald will require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing (English Online Testing) – parents were informed of these times last year and reminders will be sent prior to these days. The first full week for Foundation students will begin on Monday 4th March – extra days can be negotiated if needed.

15. School Council Meetings – We are mandated to have 8 meetings a year. There are a couple of openings this year if anyone would like to join School Council – feel free to contact David for any clarification. The 1st meeting is set for Monday 19th February – this will be our Annual General Meeting. Nominations for School Council need to be received by Monday 12th February.

16. School Payments – When making payment to the school bank account for multiple items, please make one direct deposit for the total amount with your family name listed and email the school a message detailing the breakdown of the payment.

17. Student Headphones – In past years, students have supplied their own headphones to use at school. We are encouraging this again in 2024 for all students so that these can be used daily with a variety of ICT programs utilised at school.

18. Late Arrivals / Early Departures & Visitors – There is a Late Arrivals/Early Departures book at the office, which needs to be signed for late arriving or early departing students. This needs to be signed by parents (or whoever is dropping off or picking up your child). There is also a Visitor's Book to be signed by all visitors to the school (this includes parents who stay for Parents' Club activities, etc). This will aid our emergency management.

19. Sharing of Food – We would like children at our school to continue to not share food for special occasions (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop, cupcakes). Please contact class teachers and the Principal in regard to this, so that families can be informed (via Class Dojo) and then make an informed decision in regard to participation.

20. Green Reader Bags – Students will need to purchase this if new to the school or have lost their previous bag. Cost is \$15.00 per bag.

21. Absence Notes – The preferred method to notify the school is via Skool Loop. A written note will also be accepted so that we have something in writing

22. Borrowing Agreement – Can these be returned ASAP if families are happy for their children to borrow from the MARC Van. Our first library session will be held next Wednesday 14th February.

23. Parent Payment Arrangements for 2024 – These were approved at school council on 16th October, 2023 and are set at \$200 per student for 2024 to cover student supplies, online subscriptions and MACC & MARC costs. Payment can be made by direct bank transfer, cash or cheque. Further details are now available on the school website and [can be found here](#).

24. 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 being administered medication. 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.

25. Tutoring Program – At present, we anticipate that this support program will begin later February / early March. This will allow our school to make reasonable judgements on children who would benefit from this program. Consent forms will go home with specific children involved soon.
















26. Mental Health Fund – There will be a number of services available to individual students again this year to support the needs of our children. This support will begin in the next few weeks and will involve Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Lego Therapy – more information will be available soon.

27. CSEF Applications – The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. [Further information is found here](#).

Thanks for reading – have a great week everyone!
Mr B



Student of the Week & Other Awards

<p>Grade F/1 Miss M's Blossoming F/1s</p> 		<p>Eliza B</p> <p>What a fabulous start to the year, Eliza! You have shown increased focus and an eagerness to learn during learning time. Super proud of your two sentences you wrote during our Writing session. You showed persistence when sounding out each word! Fantastic work, Eliza, keep it up.</p>
<p>Grade 2/3 Miss P's Tremendous 2/3s</p> 		<p>Izzi</p> <p>Izzi has made a fantastic start to Grade 2! She has settled in perfectly to the routines and expectations of the 2/3 classroom. Additionally, Izzi has shown she is able to uphold the school values of our school by displaying an act of honesty this week in class. She has already been a great role model to her peers in so many different ways! Keep it up, Izzi.</p>
<p>Grade 4/5 Mr D's Dazzling 4/5s</p> 		<p>Ivy</p> <p>Ivy has shown a willingness to help out her peers at every opportunity in the classroom and has shown a positive attitude upon her return to school. She has been eager to help with anything her teacher has needed. She has also demonstrated she can be an exceptional role model in the classroom with her happiness and has been a great support for our new student, Grace. Well done, Ivy!</p>
<p>Grade 5/6 Mrs Ash's Flashy 5/6s</p> 		<p>Allegra</p> <p>Welcome to Tallygaroopna Primary School, Allegra. You are settling into the school year well and always have a positive attitude. You are showing great enthusiasm towards your learning and are a role model to other students. Well done, Allegra, keep up the good work!</p>
<p>GEM Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness</p>		<p>Zayne</p> <p>Zayne was awarded the GEM Award 2/2/24 for making sure all his classmates were being included and also for looking after our new Foundations. What a GEM!!!</p>
<p>SPORT</p>	 	<p>Asora</p> <p>Asora was awarded the sports award in week one for his great display of sportsmanship and willingness to share the ball around to his teammates. Well done, Asora.</p> <p>Nate</p> <p>Nate was awarded the Sports Award in week 1 for encouraging his teammates and showing great sportsmanship throughout the basketball game. Well done, Nate.</p>
<p>SCIENCE</p>	   	<p>Lachie W</p> <p>For sharing his knowledge of and interest in dinosaurs with the class.</p> <p>Tommy</p> <p>For excellent attention and sharing of ideas in class.</p> <p>Asora</p> <p>For his great effort and fantastic ideas.</p> <p>Olivia</p> <p>For great questioning techniques, polite manners and sharing of information.</p>

School staff have a right to be safe at work

Safe and respectful school communities create a healthy and safe workplace for school staff and a better environment for students to thrive.

Professional, collaborative relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

The following behaviours are **not** acceptable in our school:

- Threats
- Harassment
- Aggression
- Violence
- Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- Intimidation
- Rudeness
- Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online platforms.

If you experience any of these behaviours, or are concerned about the risk of this occurring, please report in eduSafe Plus and inform your elected Health and Safety Representative:

For more information refer to: [Work-Related Violence Policy and Procedure](#).



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Supervision – Parents are reminded that grounds supervision does not begin until 8.30am so please do not send students early to school for the sake of it or to play. [This is documented in our staff supervision policy.](#)

Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.



NEW SKOOL LOOP GROUPS ARE NOW SET UP FOR 2024 – JOIN THESE ASAP TO RECEIVE RELEVANT NOTIFICATIONS

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE CONNECTED ON CLASS DOJO ALSO TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM CLASS TEACHERS – CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU NEED ANY HELP.

[Child Safety Training for School Volunteers can be accessed here](#)

TALLY P.S. CALENDAR

(all dates TBC)



Term 1 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
JAN 29 Teachers Start	30 Chaplain All Students Start	31 PE / Music & Science Foundation – Rest Day	FEB 1 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	2
5	6 Chaplain Safer Internet Day EOL Testing – F1	7 PE / Music / Art & Science Foundation – Rest Day Cricket at School	8 RR & RP Parents Club Mtg. Chaplain (1-3pm)	9 Cricket at School
12	13 Chaplain Meet & Greet Night EOL Testing – F1 Prep Photos – Shep News	14 PE / Music / Lib & Science Foundation – Rest Day Cricket at School	15 RR & RP GRIP Conference Chaplain (1-3pm)	16 Mooroopna Pool Excursion Grade 34 Camp Forms Due
19 School Council 1 EOL Testing – F1	20 Chaplain	21 PE / Music / Art & Science Foundation – Rest Day	22 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	23 Cricket at School
26	27 Chaplain EOL Testing – F1	28 PE / Music / Lib & Science Foundation – Rest Day Cricket at School	29 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	MARCH 1
4 15MC – Induction Day EOL Testing – F1 1 st Full Week - Foundations	5 Chaplain 15 MC Camp – 34 Bravehearts – F1	6 PE / Music / Art & Science 15 MC Camp – 34	7 RR & RP 15 MC Camp – 34 Chaplain (1-3pm)	8 15 MC Camp – 34
11 Labour Day - Holiday	12 Chaplain	13 PE / Music / Lib & Science Student Conferences	14 RR & RP NAPLAN Starts – 3&5 Chaplain (1-3pm)	15 Athletic Sports
18 Student Conferences	19 Chaplain	20 PE / Music / Art & Science	21 RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	22
25 NAPLAN Ends – 3&5 School Council 2	26 Chaplain	27 PE / Music / Lib & Science Athletic Sports – Back Up Day	28 Term 1 Ends RR & RP Chaplain (1-3pm)	29

DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT - Account Name: Tallygaroopna Primary School
BSB: 063—527 / Account number: 0090 7788