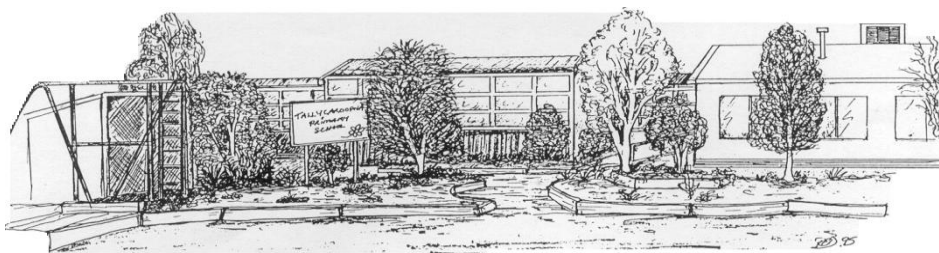


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***SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY AT 7.30PM.**

***THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL
MEET PRIOR TO THIS AT 6.30PM**

*** Information will be emailed to all
members. Contact the school if you need
this printed out.**

**THE NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING
WILL BE ON THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST.**

**THIS INVOLVES WRAPPING GIFTS
FOR THE FATHER'S DAY STALL.**

Dear Parents,

Last week, I had the opportunity to work with the students in Grades 2 – 6 talking about 'You Can Do It' strategies along with positive and negative habits of the mind. This was a worthwhile session and this will continue on a weekly basis so that emphasis can be placed on values such as tolerance, integrity, respect, understanding...etc. These sessions enable students to focus on specific themes which may form the basis of our new Strategic Plan and involve group work and collaboration in a positive and non threatening environment. As a follow up from our School Support Program with Karen McNamara, we are looking at reviewing and re-establishing teaching practice linked to the You Can Do It program. This will take place over the next few months and specific items will be addressed in future newsletters.

Last week, I met with Gary Fletcher (Regional Network Leader) and Linda Smithett (Workforce Bridging Officer – School Budget) and discussed the future directions of Tallygaropna Primary School. Both meetings were very positive. Tonight, I will be attending a Finance Training Session for School Councillors, which should be very informative also. Karen Armstrong, David Bagley and Tim Ring will be attending as well.

A final reminder about the 'All Shook Up Performance' this Thursday, which all students will attend. We will have an early lunch and leave at 11.15am and we should return to school by about 3pm. Some students in the Senior Grades will be participating in Zone Sport on Friday also – leaving at 9am and returning at approximately 2pm. School uniform is still required on both days and permission forms need to be returned.

I will be teaching until Wednesday this week and Karen will be in the office until Thursday to attend to any specific needs. Have a great week everyone – hope to see some friendly faces at the Working Bee on Sunday.

David Brodie – Principal

1. Working Bees

I have decided to schedule 3 working bees on consecutive weeks, so that we can prepare our school for our new building by the end of August / early September. There are number of things that we need to do ranging from: replanting and pulling out trees, sorting out furniture, relocating the Grade 5/6 class, sorting science and maths equipment...etc. This will be discussed by School Council as well.

Working Bee 1 – Sun. 1st August Working Bee 2 – Fri. 6th August Working Bee 3 – Sun. 15th August

These working bees will be held mostly on Sunday's from 9am until midday and will conclude with a BBQ. The second working bee will be held on a Friday (party food) after school at 3.30pm and conclude at 5pm. If you are able to assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and return it for catering purposes. If you have any tools which could be useful, bring them along as well.

2. Building Project

Our Building Project sign now sits proudly at the front of the school and our storage container was delivered promptly last Monday afternoon. The container will always be locked and students are requested to stay well clear on this over the next few months – unless assisting staff. Can you reinforce this at home please. Over the next few weeks, staff will begin moving furniture and equipment. Once we have emptied portables, it will take up to 2 weeks for them to be removed from the site and for services to be functioning again. Therefore, the sooner we get started the better. **Unfortunately, our building project has been put back now until October/November, so we anticipate students to be in the new building for the beginning of the 2011 school year.**

Last Friday, I attended a building expo with Karen Armstrong. We are presently reviewing what we currently have and need in regard to furniture for the future, but we are positive that the building will be bright and attractive while being a great open learning space for our children. Our school has received a grant of \$21,000 to furnish the new building and the department is responsible for establishing suitable Information Technology resources in the new building as well. This will include 3 new interactive whiteboards, so we will have a total of 6 in the school to utilise.

A great video is able to be viewed by the school community, to put into perspective the actual building that we are going to receive in Term 3. I encourage everyone to have a look at this.

Website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/buildingrevolution/latestnews/Grove.htm>



3. Information Technology Plans for 2011

Obviously, it will be an exciting time for our school community with the construction of our new building towards the end of the year. As a result of this, all student classrooms will be in the one building and this will allow for us to move all of our school desktop computers into Mrs Haberfield's room to create a computer lab – 15 computers. Next year, we will invest in information technology resources and I am hopeful that we will be able to invest in up to 30 netbooks (10 per classroom) as part of the funding that we will receive from the State Government's School Improvement Program. Watch this space!!

With the establishment of a computer lab, this resource will be able to be used by the local community.

4. Bike Education Program

Mrs Sidebottom will be completing a Bike Education Training Course this term. We are hopeful that we will then be able to implement a suitable program for students in Grades 2 – 6 in Term 4. Watch this space for more details.

5. Kinder Transition Visits

Normally, our Kinder Transition program begins in Term 4 for a 4 week period, implemented by Mrs Wallace. This term, we will begin some informal visits with the Kinder beginning this week so that prospective students have an opportunity to experience what School Life is like at Tallygaroopna PS. Students in Grades 5/6 will be involved in these sessions which will involve: playground activities, reading, P.E. and use of the school computers.

6. Jeans for Genes Day – Casual Day

Junior School Council will be holding a casual day on Friday 6th August, which will involve a gold coin donation. Jeans for Genes is a major fundraiser of the Children's Medical Research Institute. Chances are you probably know someone who has a genetic disease, because one in twenty children are born with some form of genetic fault. There are children with leukaemia, muscular dystrophy, genetic defects and many other disorders. The scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try to prevent these diseases before they occur in our children, or where that is not possible to develop better treatments.

7. Pupil Free Day / The Ultranet

Monday the 9th August is a Statewide Pupil Free Day. Staff at the school will be focusing on the implementation of the Ultranet as a teaching tool on this day at Katandra West PS. Karen will be in the office at school on this day, if any parents need any matters attended to.

New external information has been relaunched and this new website will help schools communicate with parents and the wider community. Visit Ultranet information at – www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet

8. Newsletter available via email

We have received a few requests for the newsletter to be emailed which is great to see. If any families wish to have the newsletter emailed to them could they please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and return it ASAP. Families wishing to have this emailed to them will not receive the normal newsletter which is sent home each Monday.

9. Grade 3/4 Camp – begins next week!!

All students in Grades 3 and 4 should have received all of the information relating to the camp at Curumbene. This will be held from Monday 2nd August until Wednesday 4th August and the cost for camp is \$125. **This is the discounted price after a subsidy from Drought Relief Funding. The Confidential Medical Form, Parental Permission Form and Camper's Agreement were due to be completed and returned to school today.** The cost of the camp must also be paid in full by this time unless other arrangements have been made. Mr Brodie will be attending the camp on the Monday and Miss Williams will be attending the camp on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Haberfield will be having the Prep and Grade 1/2 students for the duration of the camp.

10. Passions Program – Term 4

Next term, I am hoping to implement a Passions program for about 4 to 5 days. This will give students an opportunity to participate in a range of activities which they are passionate about. This could range from such things as photography, scrap booking, knitting, cooking, lawn bowls, badminton, woodwork....etc. I am looking for assistance from the school community, so if anyone believes they have a special talent or interest which they would like to share with students at Tallygaroopna Primary School could you contact me ASAP.

11. Active After-School Care Program – starts next week!!

Our Active After School Program for Term 3 began today. Cricket will be held on Mondays concluding on the 13th September. There will be no session on the 9th August because of the Pupil Free Day – this will be rescheduled. Dance will be held on Tuesday's concluding on 10th August. Dance will be for 3 weeks and this will be followed up with Netball for the next 4 weeks.

Could parents please return the sheet which was attached on the last newsletter of term 2, if you would like your children to participate in this program for this term. Alternately, new forms are available at the Office. At assembly, I am continuing to hand out some small prizes for any students who participate in this great program so I would encourage all students to be involved. This week's prize winners were Mitchell Bassett, Lachie Karl. Brooke Voss, Taylah Lindrea, Abby Klein, Kyle Montgomery and Zane Newbound.

12. Music Lessons

Keyboard lessons will continue this term at a cost of \$15 per session. Guitar lessons are also available for those interested. Students will need to bring their own guitar.

13. EMA Information for Semester 2 2010

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance payment is due to be paid from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year. Parents who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment but their concession card must be current on 12 July 2010. Parents who have obtained a concession card since 26 February 2010 will need to submit an application for Semester 2 (Eligibility 12 July 2010). Applications close 6 August 2010. Parents who have chosen the cheque option will receive their payment from late August/early September. Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm.

Contact School Office for application form and further information.

14. Staff Professional Development

Last week, staff participated in an information session on Mandatory Reporting at Lemnos Primary School. It is the role of teachers to be able and willing to recognise children and young people who appear to be abused or neglected or their parents/carers have not protected them from harm, and to act decisively on their behalf as soon as possible.

Immediately after school on Wednesday, staff will again be participating in a Cluster Professional Development session with other small schools. This will be held at Congupna PS and will focus on Spelling. Any of our normal CRT staff are welcome to attend as well if they wish.

15. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 11 (ending 23rd July)

Prep / Grade 1 **Mitchell Bassett** for the confidence and hard work he has been putting in to his writing, and also for his fantastic 'getting along' skills.

Grade 2/3/4 **Ebony Mills** for the lateral thinking she displayed in the matchstick activity with Mr B on Friday. A sterling effort Ebony!

Grade 5/6 **Christiaan Van Taarling** for his positive attitude during PE lessons and the leadership he has shown with laps out on the oval.



GO FOR YOUR LIFE

Our school has registered for this State Government funded program which promotes healthy eating and physical activity daily.

The program focuses on 6 healthy messages for students. These will be introduced during the PE lessons over the term. Our first message "TAP INTO WATER EVERYDAY" looks at drinking water (and not sweet drinks). Students are encouraged to bring a drink bottle to school, especially on PE, sport and days when classes do running.

Leaflets have been attached to the newsletter recently informing parents of these 6 messages. If you need any there are some in the office. A poster is in the multi as well.

Road Safety Tips – visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

1. Supervise children in or near traffic
2. Walk or cycle to school with your child
3. Respect the road rules and parking signs
4. Wait on the same side of the road as your child
5. If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors and ensure your child is using a booster seat or correctly adjusted seatbelt.

'Aussie Hoops'



Where: Shepparton Sports Stadium

Address: Numurkah Rd

Age: 5-9 years

When: 4-5pm

Starts : Thursday 22nd July

Finish: Thursday 16th September
9 week program

Cost: \$50.00 per player

Each player receives an Aussie Hoops ball, drink bottle and shirt

Contact Shepparton Basketball on
58222923, registrations on the
night is fine.

Northerners Football

Northerners 9.11.67 def Gramhamvale 0.0.0

Goal Kickers – Kobe Currie – 2, Lachlan Karl – 2, Alex Ring – 1, Justin Lindrea – 1, Daniel Bagley – 1, Connor McNab – 1, Teagan Brett – 1 Awards – Christiaan Van Taarling – Footy Korner, Corbie Humphrey – Star Bowl, Kobe Currie – Wendys, Daniel Bagley – Sportspower, Harri Ring – Video Ezy

A very consistent game by the whole team. Can everyone be at the ground next week by 8.30 so we can get a team photo?

Northerners Soccer

Under 6 – Northerners defeated Grahamvale Victory 10-1. Another great game played this week by our under 6's.

Awards went to Kyle, Campbell, Nick and Alyssa. Keep up the good work!

Summer Sport

If anyone is interested in playing with the following teams, names need to be in by the end of this week.

TALLYGARROOPNA JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

ENQUIRIES TO YVONNE SPRUNT 58298523 HM

NAME.....D.O.B.....
ADDRESS.....
PHONE.....
HOME.....MOBILE.....
E-MAIL.....
PARENTS.....
SIGNATURE.....

NORTHERNERS JUNIOR CRICKET

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

ENQUIRIES TO SUE LAU 58 298428

NAME.....D.O.B.....
ADDRESS.....
PHONE.....
HOME.....MOBILE.....
E-MAIL.....
PARENTS SIGNATURE.....

TALLYGARROOPNA TENNIS **CLUB A.G.M.**



TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST 2010
7 P.M. @ CLUBROOMS
SMITH ST, TALLYGARROOPNA
ENQUIRIES TO
YVONNE SPRUNT
58298523

INTERESTED PERSONS NEED TO ATTEND

School Dates for 2011

Term 1: 4 February (students start) to 8 April
(teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February)

Term 2*: 27 April to 1 July **

Term 3: 18 July to 23 September

Term 4: 10 October to 22 December

* (25 April is Easter Monday - a public holiday - as well as ANZAC Day. 26 April is a public holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day)

**Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3.

SHEPP NORTH TENNIS CLUB A.G.M.

Monday 16th August 7.30pm

All members welcome to attend.

Names for the coming season for seniors and juniors to be submitted.

Any enquiries – Wendy Sidebottom

58 298385 or mobile 0427 298385

Emailed School Newsletter

Iwould like to receive the school newsletter via email. I understand that the newsletter will no longer be sent home with my child every Monday afternoon.

Signed.....



School Working Bees

I/wecan assist with the working bee which will be held on: Circle below

Sun. 1st Aug

Fri. 6th August

Sun. 15th August

How many people will need to be catered for? 1,2,3,4,5

Signed.....



Junior Bushranger Camp



23rd & 24th September 2010
23rd & 24th September 2010

Low cost, high quality clinics

- Available for **boys & girls 9 - 14 years old**
- Great opportunity to have **specialised coaching** in small groups ensuring **individual attention & feedback**
- Coaching by qualified Cricket Victoria **Coaching Staff** covering all aspects of the game
- All participants go into the draw to win a bat signed by the entire Bushranger's Squad.

Maximum of 50 participants - Register NOW!

**** Based on last year's numbers it is highly recommended that you register as soon as possible to ensure a position ****

Where: Shepparton Indoor Centre, McGill St
When: Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th September 2010
Time: 10-00am to 3.00pm
Cost: \$80

CRICKET VICTORIA

Registrations close Friday 10th September or at 50 participants

For further enquires:
Travis Colley
Ph: 0408 562 704
Email: tcolley@cricketvictoria.com.au

Brendan Kenna
Email: kenna.brendan.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

School Values Night – Date to be confirmed

This will be held on Wednesday 18th August to discuss our school's purpose and specific values in preparation for our new Strategic Plan. The night will begin at 6pm and conclude at 7.30pm and a BBQ will be provided. The night will involve a fun problem solving activity and students in Grades 2-6 and parents are invited so that constructive discussion can occur. The following questions will be looked at:

- What is the school's fundamental reason for existence?
- What is the purpose of the school?
- What do we value in our school?
- What does the school stand for and how does it want to operate?
- What are the influences that will impact on our school community in the next 4 years?

Coldstream Primary School – same building which is scheduled to be built at Tallygaroopna Primary School



TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SCHOOL

“What happened at school?” “Nothing!” Does this sound familiar? You know that your child has had a full and engaging day at school; involved in many activities, experiences and social interactions. Often children feel that their school experiences are not important or interesting. Parents, on the other hand, do genuinely want to know how their school day was. This can result in a sort of cat-and-mouse game; the parent probes, the child evades, the parent asks again, the child evades again, and so on. Usually, it is the parent who gives up first.

Most children can be exhausted after a long day at school and discussing their day is the last thing on their mind. When they get home, they generally need a healthy snack and some ‘tune out’ time before they are ready to share some of their day with you. Listed below are some of the strategies that families use when asking the “What happened at school?” question.

- Create a family ritual in which everyone shares something about their day at dinner. Start by talking about your day. Make sure that everyone has a chance to talk, but also has the option of ‘passing’ if they don’t feel like contributing.
- Rather than posing a general question, ask about a specific event or class. For example, ‘How was the big assembly?’ or ‘What did your class do in sports today?’ Try to phrase your questions to invite answers that are longer than ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘OK’. Questions that begin with ‘What did you do in ...?’ are often better for this purpose than ones that start ‘How was ...?’ or ‘Did you ...?’
- When your child does respond, give them your full attention. Let them know that you’re listening by asking clarifying questions, such as ‘Do you mean that...?’ or ‘Let me make sure I understand...’
- Keep open channels of communication with your child’s teacher. Teachers who know that you are interested and friendly are usually glad to keep you abreast of what’s going on. You can also grease the wheels of communication by offering to help out in the classroom or on excursions from time to time.
- Respect your child’s privacy, but let them know that you are open whenever they feel like sharing their thoughts. When children don’t feel they are being continually ‘forced’ to talk about their whole day, they will often willingly recall special parts of their day.

