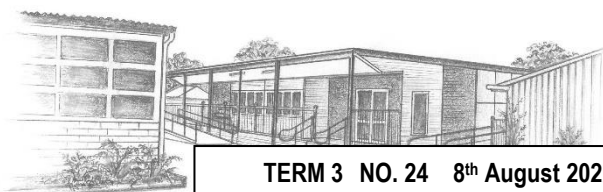


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 1. Face Masks / Exemptions for Testing and Isolation** - Specific information was sent out via Skool Loop a few weeks ago in regard to facemasks in schools and exemptions for testing and isolation - hopefully most families are aware of these changes. In a nutshell - it is strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has also been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks. See Skool Loop for more information.
- 2. Student Led Conference Day / Bookings Available** - This is planned for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Again, there is no school on this day and also no OSH Care - families will need to make alternative arrangements on this day, hence the early notice. Bookings were made available a couple of weeks ago and will close on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August - see Skool Loop. Please consult with class teachers via Class Dojo if you are unable to find a suitable time on this day and we will aim to make another time if possible.
- 3. Whole School Professional Practice Day** - The Department of Education received very positive feedback in relation to the option for schools to hold a common professional practice day in Term 2, 2022, including staff electing to use the day to collaborate with their colleagues. In response to this feedback, the department is recommending schools hold one of the 2 further 2022 professional practice days on the same day for all staff. This will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September and consultation took place at School Council last week. There is no school or OSH Care again on this day.
- 4. Grade 1/2 Activity Night / Sleepover** - On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, students in Grades 1 and 2 have the opportunity to attend a fun activity evening after school. This will begin at 5pm and will involve some fun indoor and outdoor games. This will conclude at 7.30pm for the Grade 1 students. The Grade 2 students will have the option of staying the night at school. Supervising staff will be Mr Brodie and Miss Puetz - some Education support staff may be present also. There will be no breakfast the following day. Grade 2 students will need to bring a bag with pyjamas and suitable sleeping equipment (ie: mattress, sleeping bag, rug, pillow, teddy...etc). Tea will be held at 7pm (pizza varieties - let the school know of any dietary requirements please) and pick up for the Grade 2s the following day will be at 7.30am. Other specific information has been put on Skool Loop and distributed to students in the Grade 1/2 class. Medical forms need to be returned ASAP and the cost for tea is only \$5 per student.
- 5. Munch N Crunch** - Munch N Crunch will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Orders are due back with payment by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Orders went home a couple of weeks ago with the eldest in each family - extra orders are at the office. Any queries, contact Renee Scott on 0407 099 050
- 6. Chocolate Fundraiser** - The Parent's Club have planned a Chocolate Fundraiser for Term 3. We anticipate that the boxes will go home this week. There are 50 boxes ordered to go home - if you would **not** like to take a chocolate box home please let the office know ASAP. The value of each box is \$60 - to be returned ASAP.
- 7. Bike Education** - We are planning to run this program for Grades 3-6 students for 2 weeks this term - more information is in the full edition of the newsletter. Permission forms and bike checklists went home last week and must be returned ASAP. Mrs Montgomery will be coordinating this program as per usual.
- 8. Father's Day Stall** - The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. All items will be \$5 - please pay your money to the office. If you do not want your child to participate - please contact the office. The Parents' Club are urgently seeking helpers to assist on this day to ensure that it can go ahead. The stall will run from approximately 9.30am - 11.30am.
- 9. School Hats** - School hats are again compulsory for all staff and students when outside beginning on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. This is in line with our Sun Smart & Heat Policy which states that children will be required to wear Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 8 cm rigid brim) whenever they are outside from mid-August to the end of April or when UV levels reach 3 or above. Some leniency will be applied for a couple of days, but everyone should have a hat by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August - new ones can be purchased at the office if needed.
- 10. Book Week Celebration** - On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August we will be celebrating Book Week. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite character. We will be having a Book Week parade just after lunch (12:00pm). Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade.
- 11. Orientation Program (Foundations - 2023)** - This has been announced and are in last week's full edition of the newsletter. These dates have also been published on Skool Loop and our Facebook page and are vital for beginning school. Feel free to contact the school if any clarification about these dates is needed.
- 12. School Council** - The next School Council meeting will now be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September to hopefully accommodate some members who have been unavailable. Further information will be made available towards the end of the term.
- 13. Enrolment Forms** - As always we start planning for the next school year as early as possible. To assist with this we need to have a good idea of future enrolments, so it would be appreciated if any enrolment forms for new students to our school are handed into the office now please.
- 14. Child Safe Standards** - These were approved at School Council before the holiday break and can all be accessed at the [following link found here](#).
- 15. Police in Schools Program** - Grade 5/6 students will participate in this program again on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August (final session) - further information has been included in past newsletters. Please contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not participate so that arrangements can be made if needed.
- 16. Tutoring Program** - This program will conclude on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August with all funding available being utilised. A big thank you to Bev Montgomery and Melissa Beer for implementing this program since the start of the year and thanks to any students and families that have persisted with this support program.
- 17. Somers Camp** - A couple of students from Grade 5/6 have been allocated spots for this camp which begins on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Relevant information and forms have been sent home.
- 18. COVID-19 Notifications** - Please be aware of these notifications on Skool Loop and take appropriate action as needed. Staff are currently using facemasks again inside and students especially from Grades 3-6 are encouraged to do this also. This is not a mandate - exemptions still apply as we try our best to control COVID-19 and the many illnesses across our school community.
- 19. Rapid Antigen Tests** - A reminder to families that RAT tests can be collected at school by parents at any time - contact the school if you would like your child to take some boxes home, please.
- 20. Reducing the Spread of Influenza** - To help reduce the spread of flu, colds and COVID-19, students are being encouraged to: wash and sanitise their hands regularly, avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze, get tested for COVID-19 if they feel unwell and follow the current [Department of Health isolation requirements](#) if a positive result is shown and finally if unwell, stay at home until their symptoms pass.
- 21. Face Masks (Bus Travel)** - Any Grade 3-6 students involved in bus travel related to school activities will still need to wear facemasks. Exemptions will still apply.
- 22. End of Year Excursion** - Funfields is booked for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - plenty of notice for any families needing to make arrangement with work.
- 23. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to submit an absence via Skool Loop when required please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent and be specific in regard to why your child is away from school. This may include such things as: medical, illness, COVID-19, appointments, family holidays and bereavements / funerals. The Education Department mandates that schools must record student attendance twice per day giving suitable reasons for each absence. This is necessary for schools to meet their legislative requirements and to enable school councils to report on student attendance annually. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
- 24. Specialist Programs** - This week is a busy one. We have Music and Library on Wednesday and our whole school rotation day on Thursday.
- 25. 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, icy pole).

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

**Tallygaroopna PS welcomes Connor Bentley and his family – Tahlia, Travis and Eliza – to our school community. Connor is in Grade 1. We hope that your time with us is both rewarding and enjoyable.**