

# TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish Mrs Tucker and her family all of the best on the impending addition to their family. We say goodbye to Jannah on Friday and we look forward to hearing the exciting news early next Term. It has been absolutely fantastic to be able to offer a Music Program at our school over the last few years and to see this be embedded into our school curriculum has been very rewarding. We will be continuing with Music next term and hope to be able to offer this program again next year – further information is provided in this edition of the newsletter.

I would like to also congratulate Bev Montgomery and Melissa Beer for the work that they have done since the beginning of the year with the Tutoring Program at our school. Focus has been on explicit teaching with literacy and numeracy along with some formal assessment and it has been pleasing to see the progress made from children involved with this initiative. This program has now concluded for 2022 after all funding has been utilised. Whether this continues into the new year – we will just have to wait and see which direction the State Government goes after the election later on in the year.

Information regarding the Parent Opinion Survey will go home with the eldest child from each family today. As always, we value any feedback we receive from the school community and we hope families find the time to complete this online – it only takes 20 minutes. If you would like to use our facilities at school to complete this survey don't hesitate to contact the office. The survey is open until the end of Term 3 – contact the office if your pin doesn't work and a new one can be sent home if needed.

A big thank you to the many families who attended the Student Led Conference Day last Friday as well – we hope you found this time rewarding with class teachers. Goals for Semester 2 were handed out on this day and these will go home this week to any families who were unable to attend this day.

Finally, in this edition of the newsletter there is specific information in regard to the Bike Education Program for Grades 3-6 students. This begins next Monday – your assistance in returning relevant forms and making sure that bikes are in good working order would be appreciated. Please don't forget about other items which are featured in this newsletter as well – these include the Chocolate Fundraiser, the Grade 1/2 Activity Night, the Father's Day Stall and the Book Day.

As you can tell, there are many extra-curricular programs in place so please read the information provided carefully and don't hesitate to contact the school if any clarification is needed.

Karen will be at school all week to attend to any matters that arise. I look forward to seeing some parents throughout the week – unfortunately I will be away on Tuesday.

David Brodie (Principal)

*SCHOOL HATS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED AGAIN BEGINNING ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AS PER OUR SUN SMART POLICY.*

**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 been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks.**

**CAN ANY OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS BE PAID PLEASE BY THE END OF THE WEEK IF POSSIBLE. THIS MAY INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS THE KYABRAM FAUNA PARK WHICH WAS \$15 PER STUDENT AND MUNCH N CRUNCH WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY.**

## **SPECIFIC DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**BIKE EDUCATION PROGRAM  
FOR GRADE 3-6 STUDENTS  
BEGINS ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**

**WHOLE SCHOOL  
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY  
– MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

**DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT**  
Account Name:  
Tallygaropna Primary School  
BSB: 063—527  
Account number: 0090 7788

**Please ensure you include family name and payment description as reference.**



How is **YOUR** head today?  
What **THOUGHTS** are taking  
up most of your  
headspace?  
It's okay not to be **OKAY**.  
Remember, **HELP** is just a  
phone call away.



An initiative of the Goulburn Health & Wellbeing Project



### Facebook a Reminder

Just a friendly reminder not to post photos of students that you have taken at school events on your own Facebook page, without notifying the child's parent first. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school.

A reminder that Schools do not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

# Orientation Program for 2022

– new Foundation students in 2023

## Tallygaroopna PS



The following days have been scheduled for new Foundation students for 2023. This Orientation Program is essential to starting school. Dates are below:

Day 1 – Tuesday 11th October (9am – 11am) Kinder Day – walk kids back at 11am

Day 2 – Tuesday 18th October (9am – 11.40am) Kinder Day – walk kids back at 11.30am

Day 3 – Thursday 10th November (9am – 1.55pm) Kinder Day – pick up from school at 2pm

Day 4 – Thursday 24th November (9am – 1.55pm) Kinder Day – pick up from school at 2pm

Day 5 (State-wide) – Tuesday 13th December - TBC (all day)

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

**AND NEED TO BE CONFIRMED.**

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2023 SHOULD NOW BE RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING.**

### Music Term 3

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Tally PS school community for their support during my teaching time here. I have really loved being part of the amazing team of staff at this school. It is very rare to find such a committed group of teachers who are really passionate, thoughtful and professional. I will really miss working with them. You of course will still see me around with my “mum” hat on, although I may have bags under the eyes from being up through the night and maybe my hair will be a little bit all over the place! Although I am greatly looking forward to the arrival of our little one, I will miss being with your children and enjoying music making with them.

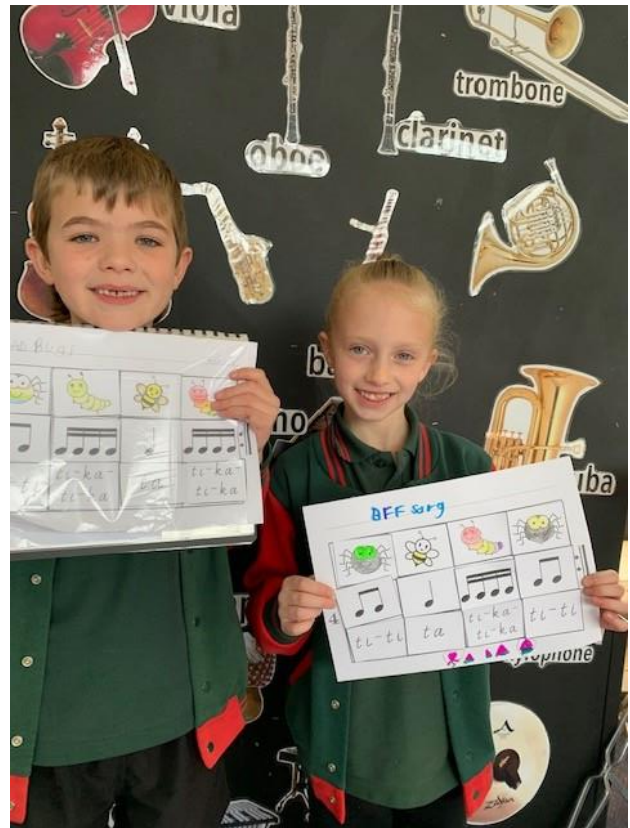
This term we have been learning about many different music artists; Ella Fitzgerald, John Lennon, Stevie Wonder, Prince etc. They have continued to learn and play music on many different instruments; we are so lucky to have a growing collection of quality instruments for the kids to enjoy. Some classes have also been exploring composition and creating their own music. Next term I hope they will have some further opportunity to sing some Christmas songs and I really look forward to hearing them at the Christmas Concert.

All the best Tally students with your music making! Keep on playing music, singing and dancing. You know the basics now, and I encourage you to continue to build on the music experiences you have had with me in whatever learning opportunities you have in the future!

Mrs Tucker



## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – MORE MUSIC PHOTOS



## **Face masks / Exemptions for testing and isolation** **- UPDATE as of 18th July 2022**

Dear families

I write further to the recent announcements by the Victorian government about public health measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses, especially influenza, throughout the remainder of the winter season.

### **Face masks**

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.

What does this mean in practice for schools?

It is the department's expectation that, through to the end of winter, students aged 8 and over and staff will wear masks when in class, except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask.

Masks are not required to be worn outdoors but can be worn when physical distancing is not possible. This expectation should not constrain student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We understand that parents and carers will play an important role in supporting this expectation. A short letter is attached, available, which explains this will be a consistent expectation across all schools in Victoria this winter. .

Schools are not required or expected to sanction students or staff who do not meet this expectation, but are asked to communicate this expectation to the whole school community and seek their support for this collective effort.

Wearing masks is a simple step we can all take this winter to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases and ensure our schools are as safe as possible.

### **Exemptions for testing and isolation**

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks.

This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this exemption period was 12 weeks.

After the 4-week exemption period, students and staff members who are a household contact of a new COVID-19 case, must follow the rules for household contacts, including reporting this to their school.

As part of this they must take 5 rapid antigen tests (RATs) over 7 days and receive negative test results and wear a face mask (if over 8 years old) in indoor spaces.

Families and staff will also have to report being a household contact to their school after this 4-week period.

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – PAWS IN SCHOOLS



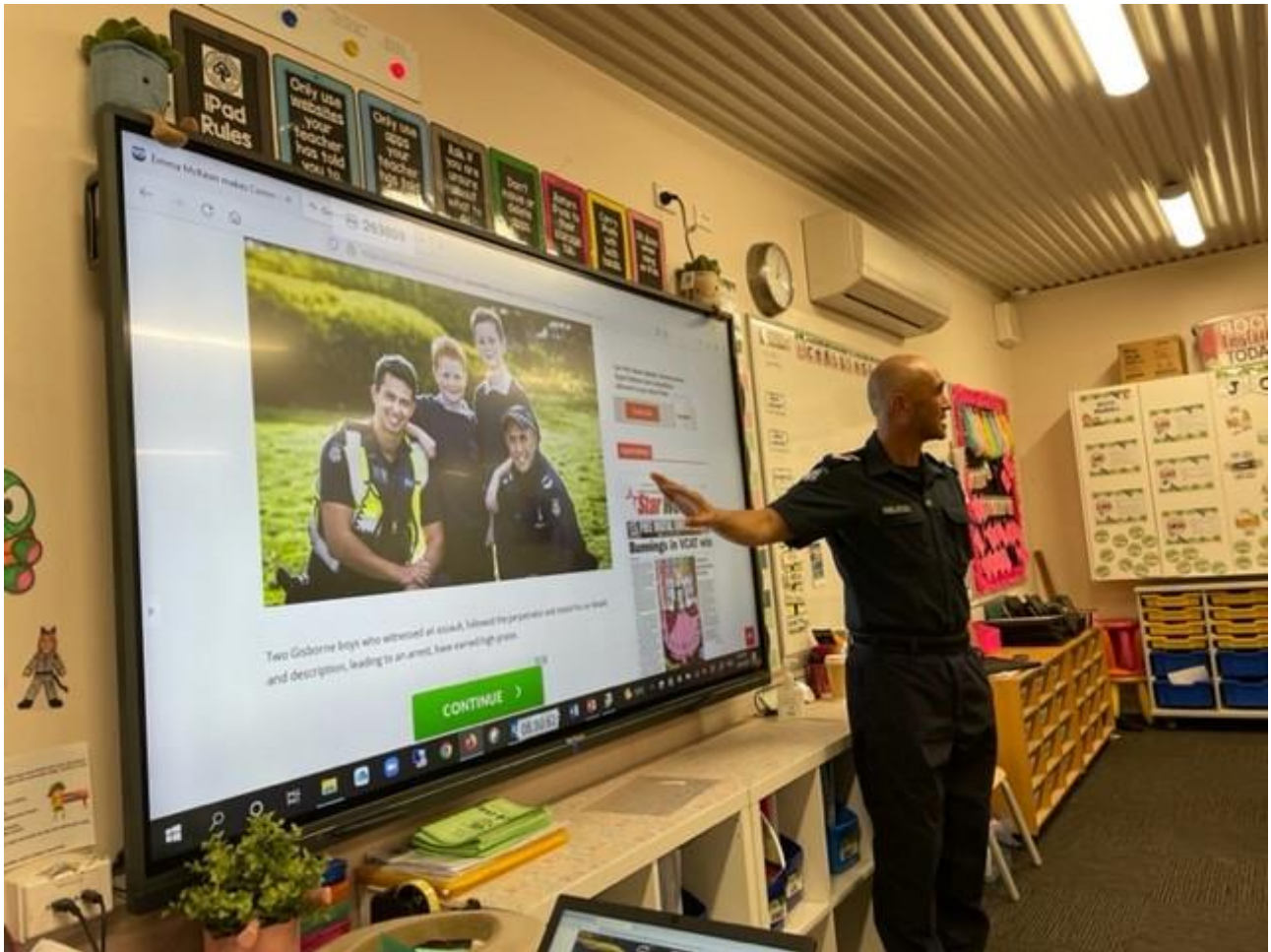
### SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF VALUES

### Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

### Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy

**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 as soon as possible.

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – POLICE IN SCHOOLS





# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

### To join, participants must:

- Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

### Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

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| <br>laptops & tablets  | <br>uniforms & shoes     | <br>books & supplies  |
| <br>sports fees & gear | <br>lessons & activities | <br>camps & excursion |

### For more information, please contact Saver Plus:

 [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)

 [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

 1300 610 355

 @SaverPlusAU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



## TIME TO UPDATE!

Our school uses The Skool Loop App to communicate and send important information. Please check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version and receiving all school news.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. Check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version!







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## COMMUNITY GIVEBACKS PROGRAM – REBEL SPORT IN SHEPPARTON

*We are proudly partnering with Rebel in their Rebel Community Givebacks program which entitles our school to receive 5% of all our members purchases at Rebel back as credit to spend instore on sports equipment or teamwear! To support our school all you need to do is join the Rebel Active Loyalty Program and link your member account to our school next time you visit your local Rebel store. A friendly team member can help you do this instore and you'll also receive some great benefits like exclusive member offers and access to VIP experiences, rewards and competitions for being a Rebel active member. Just remember to swipe your Rebel Active Loyalty card instore or log into your account online when making a purchase at Rebel and our school will receive 5% back as credit to spend on sports gear!*

*Thanks for your support.*

### **When can my members choose to support our sports club or school?**

- Members or students can join Rebel Active at any time, however they will only be able to nominate their sports club or school (instore only) once your sports club or school has registered for the Rebel Community Givebacks program.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. The standards provide a framework for schools to review existing policies and practices and all other aspects of child safety, to ensure a 'zero tolerance' approach to any form of child abuse. You can access our policy on the school's website.

### **COMMON QUESTIONS**

#### **How does my sports club or school start earning credits?**

- Your members or students need to sign up to be a rebel active member instore or online at [www.rebelsport.com.au/account/register](http://www.rebelsport.com.au/account/register) and head into their local store to link their account to your sports club or school.
- If your members or students are already a rebel active member, they simply need to head into store to link their account to your club or school.
- We recommend you regularly communicate the benefits of the program to your members or students to ensure they sign up and link their rebel active account to your club or school.

#### **How do my members benefit?**

- By joining rebel active, your members or students will enjoy a range of great benefits such as exclusive member offers and access to VIP experiences, rewards and competitions.
- In addition, when your members or students link their rebel active loyalty membership to your sports club or school, this will ensure that EVERY dollar they spend at rebel is helping to support your sports club or school!

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**Fairleys Supa IGA Community Rewards Program**

Our school is registered for the Fairleys Supa IGA Community Rewards program. Families can register in-store. Funds generated by customer point donations are converted to cash and handed over at the end of the financial year.

*Introducing*  
**FAIRLEYS SUPA IGA** *Community REWARDS*  
 FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

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**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

Thanks to our partnership with rebel Community Givebacks 5% of what you spend at rebel comes back to us to spend on sports equipment and teamwear.



**rebel**

Simply link your **rebel active membership** to our club next time you shop at rebel

Not a member? Joining is free & easy. Ask instore for details.

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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### – Term 3 / Week 4

All students received a certificate and a free icy pole voucher.

<p><b>Foundation - Mrs H's Super Friends</b> <b>Izzi</b></p> 	<p>Izzi received this award for the fantastic way she is really taking risks with her writing. She doesn't wait for me to help her with her spelling. She has a go and sounds out what she is writing and because of this is making really good progress. Great work, Izzi! Keep it up.</p>
<p><b>Grade 1/2 – Miss P's Persistent Poppets</b> <b>Chelsea</b></p> 	<p>Chelsea has done a fantastic job of showing whole body listening this week. She has put more effort into her work and has shown that she can be helpful to everyone in the classroom. Keep putting in the amazing effort, Chels!</p>
<p><b>Grade 3/4 - Miss R's Thriving 3/4s</b> <b>Sofia</b></p> 	<p>Sofia received this award for her awesome efforts whilst working on our Procedural Projects in Writing. I have been really impressed with the focus and independence that Sof has shown and the way that she has utilised class time to complete her work to the best of her ability. Keep up the great work, Sof!</p>
<p><b>Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Lively Leopards</b> <b>Mitchel</b></p> 	<p>Mitchel received this award for the resilience and persistence he has shown this week with his learning during a different week. Keep up the great work, Mitchel, and continue to stay positive. Mr Brodie</p>
<p><b>Sports Awards</b></p> <p>Mitchel - for his impressive display of eggbeater skipping. Well done, Mitchel!</p>	<p><b>Sports Awards</b></p> <p>Nate P. - for offering advice and helping his fellow classmates master a skipping skill. Well done, Nate!</p>

## VALUES VAULT – Caius





### SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=560547707944476>  
<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/178/Enrolment>

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### – Term 3 / Week 5

All students received a certificate and a free icy pole voucher.

<p><b>Foundation - Mrs H's Super Friends</b> <b>Ryder</b></p> 	<p>Ryder received this award for the fantastic way he has been trying his very best in his schoolwork. I also have been really impressed with his class participation. He is happy to work with anyone in the classroom and play with anyone at playtime which is great to see. Well done, Ryder</p>
<p><b>Grade 1/2 – Miss P's Persistent Poppets</b> <b>Connor</b></p> 	<p>Connor has made a great start to Tallygaroopna Primary School. He has already begun to make positive relationships with his peers and has fit into the 1/2 classroom seamlessly. We are so happy to have you as a part of our classroom, Connor! I can't wait to see how well you progress throughout the remainder of the year.</p>
<p><b>Grade 3/4 - Miss R's Thriving 3/4s</b> <b>Amelia</b></p> 	<p>Amelia received this award for the enthusiasm that you show towards your learning. You take your time, try your best and are always up for a challenge and eager to learn more. You have settled back into our school and the 3/4 classroom so seamlessly! Well done, Amelia.</p>
<p><b>Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Lively Leopards</b> <b>Imogen</b></p> 	<p>Imogen has settled into the 5/6 classroom beautifully. I have been very impressed by her enthusiasm towards her learning and her consistent effort. Imogen has also produced some high quality writing recently - I look forward to reading more of your stories, Immy! Keep up the fantastic work.</p>

### VALUES VAULT –

**Tait, Benjamin, Hamish, Kaedyn (Table Tennis Table)**

**Book Week Celebration** - On Wednesday the 24th 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.

# Tallygaroopna Primary School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Tallygaroopna Primary School Skool Loop App please email [Content@skoolloop.com](mailto:Content@skoolloop.com)



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search

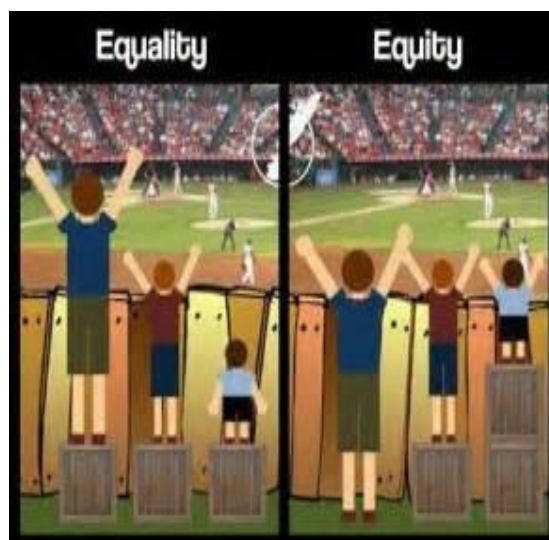
'Skool Loop' & choose Tallygaroopna Primary School once installed.

## Three Vs: Ventilation, Vaccination and Vital COVIDSafe Steps



\*Exemptions will only be for staff with a signed medical certificate

**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 of the school.**



#### **Supervision – before and after school hours**

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.

#### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) phone advice line**

For immediate questions and up to date guidance and advice, the Education Department has a dedicated coronavirus (COVID-19) phone advice line (9am-5pm Monday to Friday). The advice line is available for school leaders as well as all staff, and parents on 1800 338 663.

***STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS SUNCREAM  
ON A REGULAR BASIS IF NEEDED.  
THIS SITS IN THE CUPBOARDS NEAR THE SINK IN THE PROJECT ROOM.***

***COLD WATER IS READILY AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE AS WELL AT THE LARGE MIRROR  
IN THE PROJECT SPACE. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A WATER BOTTLE TO UTILISE  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY.***

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)

#### **Second-hand Uniforms**

If anyone has any uniforms that they no longer require could you please send them along to school.

### 1. 2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey – confidentiality will be respected. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. **Information will go home with the eldest child in each family today and will also go on Skool Loop.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

### 2. Bike Education Program

We are planning to run this program for Grades 3-6 students for 2 weeks this term. Permission forms and bike checklists have gone home and must be returned ASAP. Mrs Montgomery will be coordinating this program as per usual.

## PLEASE INDICATE ON THE PERMISSION FORM IF YOU WILL BE USING YOUR OWN BIKE OR ONE FROM THE BIKE TRAILER.

#### Week 7

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

9.00am > 12.30pm (5/6)

12.30pm > 3.25pm (3/4)

Class & Bike Sessions

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

9.00am > 12.30pm (3/4)

12.30pm > 3.25pm (5/6)

Bike Sessions

#### Week 8

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August

9.00am > 12.30pm (5/6)

12.30pm > 3.25pm (3/4)

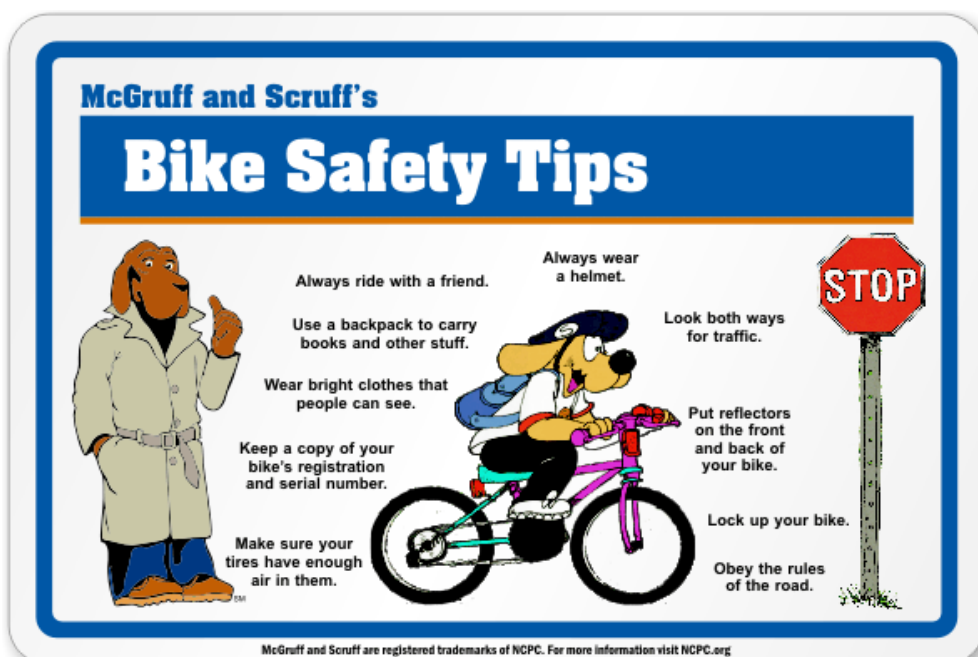
Bike Sessions

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

9.30am > 11am (5/6)

12pm > 1.30pm (5/6)

On Road Test / Grade 6 Bike Ride



### **3. Andrew Fuller PD – Teaching the teachers**

Educators from across Greater Shepparton, including our school, enhanced their skills in student wellbeing recently at the Woolshed at Emerald Bank. Renowned clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller presented a full-day workshop in improving student engagement and behaviour, as well as understanding how young people concentrate and build strengths in planning and learning. Our teachers also spent time looking after themselves, with discussion on managing their time, energy and stress levels. Andrew works with schools and communities across Australia and internationally and is the author of a number of books, including *Tricky Behaviours and Tricky Teens*.



### **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.

At the end of the school day, all students will need to go home and then return to school for this program if they desire at 5pm. Participation is not compulsory, this program is an introduction to the camping experience, giving students the opportunity to be away from home for the night. This will hold them in good stead for the future. **The cost for tea is \$5 per student and specific information has been sent home and will need to be returned before Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – please indicate if your child will be staying for tea and staying for the night.**

### **5. Professional Practice Day**

The Education Department received very positive feedback from principals 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 has been confirmed after consulting with School Council. This will be a student-free day and there will be no OSH Care. Families will need to make alternate arrangements on this day. Discussions are already in place to make non-school days more practical for families in 2023.

### **6. Chocolate Fundraiser**

Parent's Club have planned a Chocolate Fundraiser for Term 3. Boxes were distributed to most families last week and the value of each box is \$60 – to be returned as soon as possible. If families are having difficulties with selling these items return the box ASAP with any money from sales please. Funds from this fundraiser will go towards the Sailing Program for Grade 5/6 students. This fundraiser is normally used for the Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra.

### **7. 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.

### **8. Father's Day Stall**

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 26th 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. Music Program**

Miss Lothian has kindly offered to implement the Music Program each fortnight on a Wednesday for Term 4 and Mr Brodie will be teaching the Grade 5/6 class most of these mornings before these students begin their specialist program in the afternoon. The Music focus during Term 4 will be on Christmas with our end of year concert planned for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will be advertising for a new Music teacher in Term 4 for the 2023 school year and are quietly confident that this program will continue next year – stay tuned for more details soon.

### **10. 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.

### **11. Book Day**

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.

### **12. Mental Health Funding**

The Victorian government has invested \$217.8 million over four years to support student mental health and wellbeing, including \$200 million over four years and \$86.9 million ongoing to create a Schools Mental Health Fund (the Fund). Underpinning the Fund is the evidence-based Menu (the Menu). The Menu is a list of evidence-based programs and initiatives across the three tiers of intervention designed to give schools confidence in identifying programs, staff and resources that will improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for their students. An interim Menu has been developed to support the initial 2022 cohort of rural and regional schools.

We currently looking into some services to support our children at school – if you would like to opt out of this support contact the school ASAP please. We are hoping that all staff will be involved in some Professional Development relevant to this initiative. Teachers and school staff play a crucial role in identifying mental health concerns early, assisting students to build their resilience and wellbeing.

### **13. 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 and we are expecting some further information to be available to families soon in regard to travel arrangements.

### **14. Swimming Program**

Our Swimming Program is scheduled to be held from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (week 3 – term 4). This program is not included in school fees and it is an optional program – cost available soon. Generally, this program is of great value considering what it would cost for 5 swimming lessons away from the school environment. This year we will be swimming for 5 consecutive days. All students will swim for 45 minutes each day - there will be 2 specific groups again this year to make the time in the water more effective – these will be from 1pm – 1.45pm and 1.45pm – 2.30pm. We will leave school at 12.20pm and return at approximately 3pm (lunch will be eaten at the normal time of 11.45am).

**15. 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.

### **16. RATs Available**

A reminder that boxes continue to be available to be picked up at school – one per student and it would be appreciated if these are picked up by families. Please ring the school on 5829 8264 if you would like a box sent home with your child.

### **17. Building & Grounds**

We are expecting some major building works to be completed over the next few months. This includes our new Shade Sail being erected at the outdoor learning space. The local council have also indicated that there will be some footpath works out the front of the school during the holiday break – we are currently looking into the entry and exit points into the school carpark also. We are also hoping for some major works on our Multipurpose room with the windows which would be planned during school holidays to make it less disruptive for all involved.

### **18. Orientation/Transition Days – Foundation students (2023)**

These have been announced and are listed in this edition of the newsletter. These dates have also been published on Skool Loop and our Facebook page and are important for children preparing to start school. Feel free to contact the school if any clarification about these dates is needed.

### **19. Police in Schools**

This program will continue for Grade 5/6 students on the following dates – all sessions are from 2-3pm. If you would prefer for your child to not participate contact the school ASAP please.

Session 3 (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August): Look at Cyber Safety/Bullying under the 'Think U Know' Cyber education banner.

### **20. Help Needed**

We have a number of minor maintenance jobs throughout the school and would like to support local contractors where possible. If any families could assist with any electrical, plumbing or building works please contact the school – your support would be appreciated. This was discussed at School Council a number of weeks ago.

### **21. Parents' Club Dates – some changes**

A number of dates have been set by the Parents' Club. Dates remaining are summarised below and are subject to change depending on parent helpers:

26th August – Father's Day Stall

17th October - Sausage Sizzle Munch n Crunch

2nd December - Wraps and Sushi Munch n Crunch

The Parents' Club are excited to bring activities to the students after a few quieter years due to COVID. Dates for 2022 have been locked in and support from families will be required for coordinating, volunteering time, shopping, cooking and more. If you can assist with any of these activities, please text Renee on 0407099050 or speak with Karen or David

### **22. Daily Absences**

Can families submit any daily absences via Skool Loop please. Families can always submit multiple days on one message on Skool Loop as well. Mrs Armstrong will be texting families to follow up any daily absences and your assistance with this would be appreciated to allow for our formal processes to be improved.

### **23. School Uniform - reminder**

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A reminder to all families to reinforce this please. From May until the end of August, school beanies and scarves are permitted to be worn outside – beanies can be purchased from school in line with our uniform policy as well – we would appreciate green or red beanies and scarves only.

**School uniforms promote a feeling of community**

• Whether the child is poor or rich, black or white, high-cast or low-cast, when they are in school, everyone is equal. All the students are in the same community. A school uniform makes every student feel the same and equal.

**CAN APPROPRIATE UNIFORMS BE REINFORCED PLEASE – BLACK SHORTS OR PANTS. UNIFORMS INSTALL A SENSE OF SCHOOL PRIDE SO YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**

# TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 3 2022 (ALL DATES TBC)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18 OSH	19 OSH Tutoring Day 21	20 OSH Art / PE	21 OSH Police in Schools	22 OSH Respectful Relat.
25 OSH Parents Club Mtg	26 OSH Tutoring Day 22	27 OSH Library / Music	28 OSH Rotation Day Com Games Start	29 OSH Men's Shed
1 CURRIC. DAY School Council 5	2 OSH Tutoring Day 23 Paws 4 (F) - TBC	3 OSH Art / PE	4 OSH Police in Schools	5 OSH Respectful Relat.
8 OSH Com Games End	9 OSH Tutoring Day 24	10 OSH Library / Music	11 OSH Rotation Day	12 STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
15 OSH	16 OSH	17 OSH Art / PE	18 OSH Police in Schools Munch N Crunch	19 OSH Respectful Relat. Music

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
22 OSH HATS again! Bike Ed 1	23 OSH Bike Ed 2	24 OSH Library Book Day	25 OSH Rotation Day	26 OSH Men's Shed Father's Day Act. Grade 2 – Sleepover / Act.
29 OSH Bike Ed 3	30 OSH	31 OSH Art / PE	1 OSH Bike Ed 4	2 OSH Respectful Relat.
5 OSH	6 OSH Somers Camp Start	7 OSH Library School Council	8 OSH Rotation Day	9 OSH Men's Shed
12 PROFESSIONAL PRACTIC DAY -	13 OSH	14 OSH Art / PE Somers Camp End	15 OSH	16 End of Term 3 Dismissal – 2.25 OSH – 5pm Respectful Relat.
19	20	21	22	23
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>				

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