

## 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 many 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. Parent Opinion Survey** - Information regarding this was sent home last week. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is conducted from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. It would be appreciated if this is completed by each family in the school and we look forward to your feedback. If for some reason, the PIN number does not work - contact the school and a new one will be sent home.
- 3. Bike Education Program** - This began today and concludes next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August for the Grade 3/4 class and next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September for the Grade 5/6 class - all specific dates are in the full edition of the school newsletter. We are in need of some help for the On Road Test - if you can assist with this please contact the school. If we don't have enough helpers this won't be able to go ahead because of the need for supervision when riding around the streets in Tallygaropna.
- 4. Mental Health Fund** - We are 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.
- 5. 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 along with further information.
- 6. 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 a few weeks ago. There is no school or OSH Care on this day.
- 7. 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 sharp. 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.
- 8. Chocolate Fundraiser** - The Parent's Club are running a Chocolate Fundraiser for Term 3. Boxes have been sent home and are valued at \$60 each - to be returned ASAP. If you are unable to sell your entire box, return it to school please with any relevant money for chocolates sold.
- 9. 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.
- 10. School Hats** - School hats are again compulsory for all staff and students when outside. 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 whenever they are outside from mid-August to the end of April or when UV levels reach 3 or above. New hats can be purchased at the office if needed.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Orientation Program (Foundations - 2023)** - This has been announced and dates 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.
- 13. 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.
- 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. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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.
- 22. Specialist Programs** - This week is a busy one. We have Music and Library on Wednesday and our whole school rotation day on Thursday.
- 23. 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).
- 24. 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. If any families are also planning on leaving the school can you let us know please - confidentiality will be respected.

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)