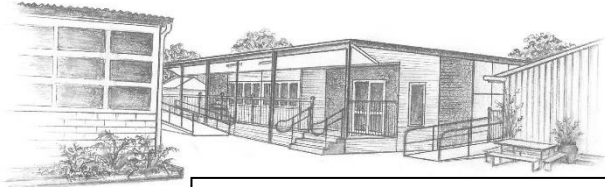


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. Remote & Flexible Learning - Sadly, we begin Remote & Flexible learning again this week. Today was really a planning a day, but staff have provided some brief work for children to complete. Further work for the rest of the week will be available at 5pm tonight at the office and also online. Please stay glued to Skool Loop because all information relevant this current situation is communicated here. This includes the Remote & Flexible Learning Program, Borrowing Netbooks, Onsite Supervision...etc. Families are reminded of the following: where there are two parents / carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for onsite provision. Work permits are also required for both parents / carers - this requirement is also now needed for staff at our school who are assisting with On Site Supervision at school. Some staff and families from our school are currently in quarantine and our thoughts are with everyone affected by this situation - stay strong everyone.

2. New Student Enrolment Forms (2022) - It would be appreciated if these are handed in ASAP to assist with planning for 2022. Please don't delay it considering the current uncertainty with COVID-19. We have only 8 in at present and are expecting 4 more which is pleasing. No school tours can be made at the moment, hopefully these will return and can be completed upon request depending on COVID-19 restrictions - please continue to promote our school as much as possible because we have a large cohort of Grade 6 students leaving the school at the end of the year.

3. Student Led Conference Day - This is scheduled for Friday 10th September. Unfortunately because of restrictions, we will be doing these via our online platform Webex and families and students will be required to be online on this day only for the duration of their conference (15 minutes). As a result, there will be no normal school and OSH Care on this day so families will need to make alternative arrangements. Bookings will be available next Monday 30th August at 3pm - information will be provided via the full edition of the newsletter. Specific Webex numbers will be provided when booking and also published in the newsletter.

4. Grade 3-6 Camp - We have finalised numbers for the Grade 3-6 camp - we have 45 students attending at present. The full cost of the Grade 3-6 camp has been finalised - this is \$260. This was our approximate cost to begin with - thanks to the families who have made some payments already. Can all payments for the camp be completed before the camp begins on Monday 6th September. If families are unsure of how much credit they have - please contact Karen at the office. We anticipate leaving from Tallygaroopna PS at 9am and returning to school at 2pm on Wednesday 8th September. A final reminders list will go home just before the camp begins and will also be published on Skool Loop and Class Dojo. **This camp will be in line with COVID-19 restrictions and may need to be rescheduled due to the current outbreak.**

5. Production - We had planned on being at the town hall for the next fortnight working on our school Production. As stated previously, we will not have an audience for this event - there will be no matinee and night show. We will be aiming to complete and record this production during school hours and then put it together as a movie for the school community. Because of the current uncertainty with COVID-19, we hope to have this completed ASAP - prior to the Grade 3-6 Camp was the initial plan, but this will now probably change. The recording should be available to families early in Term 4 - please be patient as it will take some time editing this.

- Education Department Operational Guidelines (School Productions)

No capacity or density limits apply if the facility is being used for the purpose of providing an exclusive venue for the **exclusive use of a single school at any one time** for educational or school gathering purposes. In this situation **only students and staff can attend** the event.

6. Curriculum Days - Our last two curriculum days for the year will be held on the following dates below. There will be no school on these days and also no OSH Care so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

Week 2: Monday 11th October - Numeracy (Essential Assessment), Assessment Plan and Calendars

Week 9: Monday 29th November - Report Writing (Semester 2)

7. Baby News! - Tahnee and Zac Fitzpatrick are excited to announce the arrival of their little blessing, Eli James Fitzpatrick. Born on August 16th at 6:48pm, weighing 3.535kg & 50cm long. Congratulations to them both - we hope to have a visit once COVID-19 calms down.

8. Father's Day Breakfast - We have had to cancel this event in line with COVID-19 restrictions. This is unfortunate, but we have to strictly adhere to departmental guidelines as they are updated over time. I hope all of the dads, special friends, uncles and pops have a great day on Sunday 5th September. Again, apologies for any inconvenience.

9. Parent Opinion Survey - These were distributed to families in a hard copy form and also via Skool Loop a couple of weeks ago. It would be appreciated if 1 person from each family completed this survey - this can be done anytime up to Friday September 3rd. At present we have only had 9 families out of 56 complete this survey - results are strictly confidential.

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 (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 was applied last week, but everyone should have a hat now - new ones can be purchased at the office if needed.

11. Swimming Program - We anticipate that our Swimming Program will be in Term 4 beginning on Monday 18th October. More information will be out hopefully before the end of term which will involve costs, permission forms...etc. This program is voluntary for all students from Foundation to Grade 6.

12. Chaplain / Consent Forms - Tim Ford will be at our school on Monday and Wednesday this week. A reminder to families to get consent forms in ASAP, so that students can interact with Tim in small groups or individually. These were sent home with report envelopes before the end of Term 2 and again a couple of weeks ago. Over the next few days Tim Ford, our Chaplain, may give you a call to introduce himself. Feel free to contact him via text or phone on 0429 348 500. You can also meet with Tim on Webex, simply send a text or join a meeting with his Webex number 789 080 499.

13. Assembly - At present, this will be held via Webex (576 739 057) on Friday at 3pm unless restrictions change.

14. Consent - If families misplace consent or permission forms, this can be granted by sending a message on Skool Loop. Simply click on Contacts (bottom right corner) and then click on Send Email. This will go directly to the schools email - please indicate specific details of what you are giving consent for (ie: name of children involved, name of the excursion, date, costs...etc).

15. Absence Notes - A reminder to families to do an online absence via Skool Loop whenever required - this is the preferred method of notification. We have missed some of these of late - schools need to keep an accurate account of these as directed by DET. Please remember to have the correct date for any absence notification that is sent also please.

16. Specialist Programs - This week we will have Music and Library on Wednesday - some more information will go on Skool Loop this week.

17. 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). Please contact the Principal in regard to this, so that families can be informed (via Skool Loop / Dojo) and then make an informed decision in regard to participation.

David Brodie (Principal)

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