

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

A reminder about the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. So far, we have only had 10 surveys submitted and it would be appreciated if we have a few of these completed before the end of Term 3. This data is invaluable especially with a School Review taking place later on in the year. Feel free to contact us if you need to use a device at school or if your PIN number isn't working for some reason. Soon we will attempt to engage some families with some further surveys in regard to our School Review – we are also looking for anyone from our school community to be involved in this process. If you are interested – please contact me ASAP: dates are in this edition of the newsletter..

Last week was an enjoyable one with a number of extra curricular events taking place. These included the Bike Education Program, Book Parade, the Father's Day Stall and the Grade 1/2 Activity Night and Sleepover. We pride ourselves on giving our children not just an exciting curriculum at school, but also an engaging and enjoyable environment. It was fantastic to see many smiles on our kids' faces last week and even better to see all of our Grade 2's survive their sleepover at school. This will hold them in good stead in the future – camps for 2023 have been announced and further details will be available before the end of the year.

Thanks again to Mrs Monty for running the Bike Education program and we will have our fingers crossed for some fine weather on Thursday, so that the On Road Test and Grade 6 Bike Ride can go ahead. If you can assist with the former – please let us know because we need some assistance so that this program can go ahead because of safety reasons. Bikes need to be collected by the end of the week also.

Our end of year excursion to Funfields at Whittlesea is fast approaching and we need to finalise numbers before the end of the term, so that our booking can be confirmed. Information is provided in this edition of the newsletter and we will send home a form early this week which will need to be returned ASAP. If you have any queries about this event – please ring the school and seek clarification if needed.

Finally, we had an OSH care compliance visit a couple of weeks ago and this gave our school an opportunity to tidy up some formal processes in regard to our service. Soon, enrolment forms for 2023 will be sent home with children currently in the service – if you would like one of these contact the office and we will send one home for each child which is a requirement.

Karen will be at school all week to attend to any matters that arise. I look forward to seeing some parents throughout the week. Thanks to all of the families who have returned chocolate money so far.

David Brodie (Principal)

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 MUNCH N CRUNCH AND THE FATHER'S DAY STALL WHICH WAS HELD LAST FRIDAY.

SPECIFIC DATES TO REMEMBER:

**WHOLE SCHOOL
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY
– MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER.**

**END OF YEAR EXCURSION AT
FUNFIELDS (WHITTLESEA)
– FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

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.

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REMINDER

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

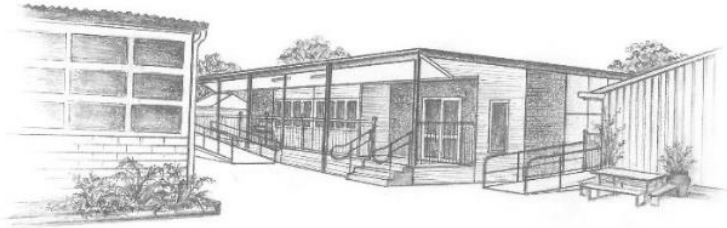
A reminder that Schools do not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance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

OSHC August Newsletter

We broke our record last week. 15 students on Tuesday night. That's right, maximum capacity. It was so great to see a new face this late into the year. Tuesdays are our busy night so remember to book early as there is a chance you might miss out.

Pancakes have been a bit of a staple for us in OSHC for a while now but this will change next term. I can't wait for the assortment of fruit that comes into season in the warmer weather.

Forts are the in thing at the moment. If ever I find myself homeless, I will certainly be enlisting the OSH crew to knock me up some accommodation. They would give some of the local builders a run for their money.

Next term will also see more outside activities, chalk drawing, ball games maybe even some picnics.

I sent a survey home last week, just to gauge what activities are popular and also for some ideas on what activities you would like to see your child do. I have a couple back and so far it seems everyone is happy with what is on offer.

Following are a few snaps from the last couple of months.



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – GRADE 1/2 ACTIVITY NIGHT



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – FATHER'S DAY STALL



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – BOOK WEEK PARADE



SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF VALUES

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – BOOK WEEK PARADE



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – BOOK WEEK PARADE



SAFEMINDS AT HOME – PARENT RESOURCE

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – BIKE EDUCATION: GRADE 5/6



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK – BIKE EDUCATION: GRADE 3/4



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.

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.

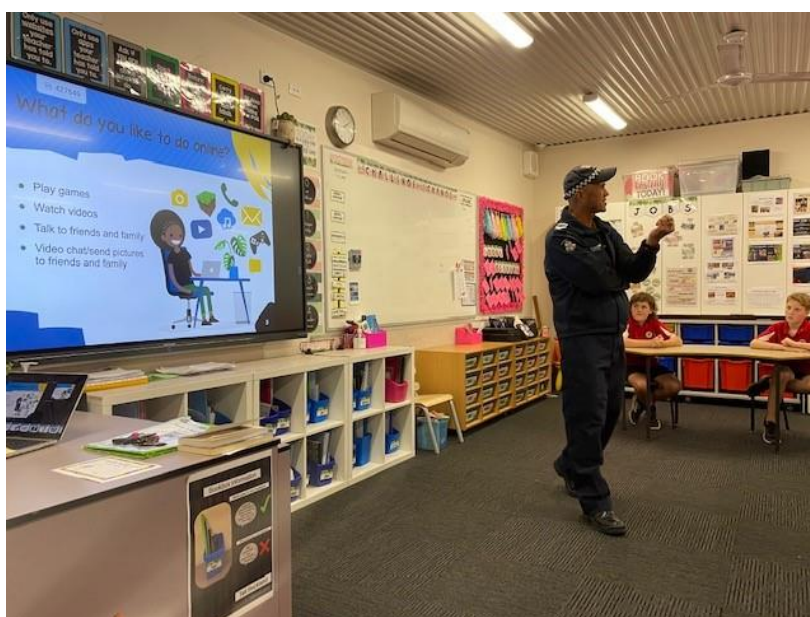
This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this exemption period was 12 weeks.

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 – POLICE IN SCHOOLS



Twilight Netball Comp. 2022

SECTIONS: 9&U, 11&U, 13&U (Primary), 13&U (Secondary), 15&U, 17&U & Open

TEAM REGISTRATIONS DUE BY: Saturday 10th September 2022

SECTIONAL ANNUAL MEETING/ INFORMATION NIGHT - Tuesday 13th September at 7pm
(A representative from each team must be present at this meeting)

GAME TIMES: 6pm, 7pm & 8pm (TBC)

GAMES: 4 x 10 min quarters

TEAM ENTRY FEES: \$180

COURT FEES: \$30p/w = \$210 for 7 weeks

Twilight Netball Comp Dates:
 Week 1 - Tuesday 4th October (STARTING DATE)
 Week 2 - Tuesday 11th October
 Week 3 - Tuesday 18th October
 Week 4 - Tuesday 25th October
 NO NETBALL - Tuesday 1st November
 Week 5 - Tuesday 8th November
 Week 6 - Tuesday 15th November
 Week 7 - Tuesday 22nd November
 Grand Final - Tuesday 29th November



ALL Players, Umpires & Coaches must be VNA registered.

Twilight Convenor - Marilyn Wall - contact Ph: 0417 343 538

For information / Registration pack please email Lis Fletcher sheppnetball@outlook.com



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

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:

 saverplus@bsl.org.au

 saverplus.org.au

 1300 610 355

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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 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

Please Help Financially Support Your School... Join Today!



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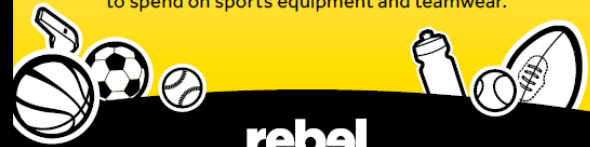
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SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

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.



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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 6

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

<p>Foundation - Mrs H's Super Friends Jaxon</p> 	<p>I have been so impressed with the way Jaxon has been trying so hard in his learning. He is making some great progress and I love the way he is so switched on. He is always ready to learn. Great effort, Jaxon!</p>
<p>Grade 1/2 – Miss P's Persistent Poppets Penny</p> 	<p>Penny consistently demonstrates our school value of 'inclusion'. She is extremely accepting of everyone and ensures that everyone in the classroom is included in tasks which require partners or groups. I am very proud of you, Penny! Keep being an amazing and kind person. The world needs more people like you!</p>
<p>Grade 3/4 - Miss R's Thriving 3/4s Savannah</p> 	<p>Savvy received this award for the persistence that she showed whilst working on her Essential Assessment. It was great to see Savannah shift her mindset from 'I can't' to 'I can't yet'. Savvy pushed herself, tried her best and was able to extend upon her learning in the process. Well done, Savvy!</p>
<p>Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Lively Leopards Devina</p> 	<p>Devina received this award for the excellent work she has been completing in class. Devina's writing has improved significantly since the beginning of the year and I have been impressed by her use of descriptive language and punctuation. Keep up the great work, Devina!</p>
<p>Sports Awards</p> <p>Pippa: for always offering to help out and guide others. A real leader.</p>	<p>Sports Awards</p> <p>Zain: for his continued persistence and willingness to have a go during Physical Education. Well done, Zain.</p>





VALUES VAULT – Pippa

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 7**

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

<p>Foundation - Mrs H's Super Friends Nate</p> 	<p>I have been SO impressed with how Nate has been really concentrating in class, he is a child who always tries his best and he will happily play with anyone. He has been trying very hard with his writing and I love to see how he is improving. Great job, Little Nate!</p>
<p>Grade 1/2 – Miss P's Persistent Poppets Ben</p> 	<p>Ben has been focused and determined with his learning this week. It has been great to see him producing his best work and contributing to class discussion. Keep up the amazing work!</p>
<p>Grade 3/4 - Miss R's Thriving 3/4s Bailey</p> 	<p>Bailey received this award for the effort and determination that he has demonstrated this week and for displaying a positive attitude towards his learning. I have been really impressed with the quality of the work that Bailey has produced this week and have loved the way he is becoming more responsible for his learning and is moving away from distractions in the classroom. I have been really happy with Bailey's overall efforts this week. Well done!</p>
<p>Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Lively Leopards Hamish</p> 	<p>Hamish received this award for displaying excellent focus, control and persistence during our initial Bike Ed sessions this week. As a skilled rider, it was fantastic to see Hamish being so sensible and following Mrs Monty's instructions closely. Great work on beating those cones, Hame!</p>

VALUES VAULT – Zoey, Alira**[Mobile Phone Policy Reminder](#)****[Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#)**

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



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

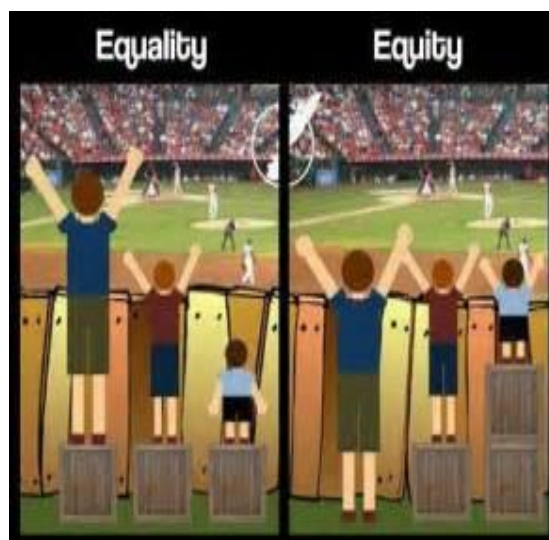
'Skool Loop' & choose Tallygaroopna Primary School once installed.

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

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 15th August to Friday 16th September**. **Information has gone home with the eldest child in each family and is also 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

This program continues this week – please collect bikes at the end of the week from the Sports Shed.

Permission forms for the On Road Test and Grade 6 Bike Ride need to be returned by Thursday please – see Skool Loop for details if needed or request another form from the office. Mrs Montgomery will be coordinating this program as per usual.

Week 8

Monday 29th August

9.00am > 12.30pm (5/6)

12.30pm > 3.25pm (3/4)

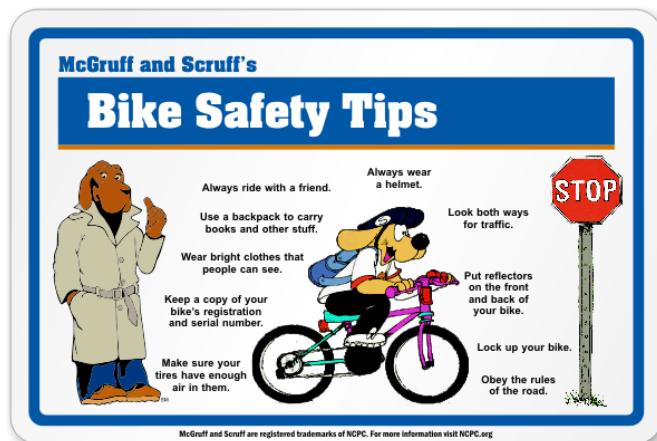
Bike Sessions

Thursday 1st September

9.30am > 11am (5/6)

12pm > 1.30pm (5/6)

On Road Test / Grade 6 Bike Ride



3. Camps for 2023

We have booked these for 2023 for Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students. More information will be available in Term 4 and we will probably be asking for a deposit to assist with number finalisation.

Grade 3/4 Camp – Echuca

Date: Wednesday 26th April to Friday 28th April

<https://www.billabongranch.com.au/school-accommodation/>

Grade 5/6 Camp – Canberra

Date: Monday 23rd October to Thursday 26th October

<http://canberrastudentlodge.com.au/>

4. End of Year Excursion – Fun Fields

Planning for the trip to Whittlesea Fun Fields is progressing well and we can confirm that this day will be held on Friday 16th December 2022. Park entry cost is expected to be \$29 per student and \$29 per parent / guardian – this will be confirmed ASAP and can be paid to the office now. Normal general admission ranges from \$48 to \$55 per person.

The Parents' Club have kindly offered to pay for a bus. Bus arrangements are limited and will cater for 1 x 57 seats and will seat staff and students who will not have an attending parent/guardian first. **Please book your spot now to avoid disappointment.** The Fun Park is open from 10am until 4.30pm, so we anticipate leaving Tallygaroopna PS at about 7.30am and the Fun Park at 4.30pm. We should arrive back at school by about 6.30pm. Alerts regarding arrival will be updated frequently via Skool Loop.

This day is strictly for students of the school and parents / guardians. If families wish to bring other siblings, other arrangements will need to be made in regard to travel and entry to Fun Fields – but please consult with the school Principal in regard to this. If anyone is attending but is not part of the school group – normal gate prices will apply. Students can be supervised by staff on the day if parents / guardians are unable to attend – please let us know ASAP.

Can all families return this excursion slip with payments enclosed. Numbers need to be confirmed by Monday 13th September. We plan to send this form home this week.

5. School Review

As stated previously, this is an important piece of work that occurs every 4 years for the school. We are looking for a family member of our school community to be involved with this process – if you can assist contact the Principal ASAP please. A summary of specific dates is below:

- Preparation Meeting: Tuesday September 13 (Week 10 – Term 3)
- Validation Day: Tuesday October 25 (Week 4 – Term 4)
- Fieldwork: Tuesday November 8 (Week 6 – Term 4)
- Panel Day: Monday November 14 (Week 7 – Term 4)

6. 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 12th 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.

7. Chocolate Fundraiser

Parents' Club are running a Chocolate Fundraiser for Term 3. Boxes were distributed to most families a few weeks ago 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.

8. School Council

The next School Council meeting will now be held on Wednesday 7th September to hopefully accommodate some members who have been previously unavailable. Further information will be made available to School Council members by the end of the week.

9. Father's Day Stall

This was held last Friday and the majority of students have taken their gifts home for the weekend coming up. A handful of gifts remain at the office – please pay your \$5 by the end of the week so that your gift can be sent home – contact the office if you would like to decline your gift please.

10. RATs Available

A reminder that boxes continue to be available to be picked up at school. Please ring the school on 5829 8264 if you would like a box sent home with your child.

11. 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 13th 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.

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 6th 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. Information regarding COVID-19 needs to be returned to the school ASAP please – this will then be sent to the coordinating school.

14. Swimming Program

Our Swimming Program is scheduled to be held from Monday 17th October until Friday 21st 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. 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.

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. 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:

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

20. 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.

21. 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.

Smoking and vaping

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

[Research from the Royal Children's Hospital](#) shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education and Training has collated [resources](#) to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping, and some suggestions about how to talk to your child about vaping, and where to get support.

This includes a [video](#) from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne with tips for parents for starting a conversation with teenagers about vaping.



TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 3 / 4 2022 (ALL DATES TBC)

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
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
26	27	28	29	30
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
3 Term 4 starts OSH	4 OSH	5 Library / Music OSH	6 OSH Rotation Day	7 MARC Day – Congupna PS OSH Men's Shed
10 OSH Division Aths	11 OSH Orientation Day 1	12 Art / PE OSH	13 OSH	14 Respectful Relat. OSH Region Aths
17 OSH Munch N Crunch	18 OSH Orientation Day 2	19 Library / Music OSH	20 OSH Rotation Day	21 OSH Men's Shed
SWIMMING WEEK				
24 OSH	25 OSH	26 Art / PE OSH School Council 7	27 OSH	28 Respectful Relat. OSH

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