

## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 1. 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 two 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, so families will need to make alternative arrangements.
- 2. Parent Opinion Survey** - Information regarding this was sent home a couple of weeks ago. 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 has concluded - could all bikes be collected from the Sports Shed at school ASAP please. Thanks to Mrs Montgomery for implanting this program again this year although we unfortunately lost 1 day because of inclement weather. We hope to provide this opportunity to students again in 2023.
- 4. School Council** - All members received information regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the year last week. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September with the Finance Committee meeting at 6pm followed by School Council at 6.45pm.
- 5. Mental Health Fund** - Some children are currently involved in Speech Therapy support and we hope to announce some more services involving Occupational Therapy and visits from a Psychologist soon. Families will be contacted via a phone call in regard to involvement with the former and consent forms will be sent home to relevant families involved. I will be meeting Nick Bamford (Psychologist) before the break to discuss a relevant program to support the Mental Health of our families and children at school - stay tuned for more details.
- 6. IGA Cheque** - Last Wednesday, I attended a presentation at the Shepparton RSL to receive a cheque in from the Fairley's Supa IGA Community Awards Program. Our school was fortunate to receive \$1,000 from support from the local community - this is greatly appreciated. These funds will go towards buildings and grounds at school and we look forward to further support in 2023.
- 7. School Review** - This begins soon and 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 past editions of the newsletter.
- 8. End of Year Excursion** - Planning for the trip to Whittlesea Fun Fields is progressing well and we can confirm that this day will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Park entry cost is \$29 per student and \$29 per parent / guardian - now confirmed. This can be paid to the office now. Further information was on Skool Loop last week and in the full edition of the newsletter - please return the flyer by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September to confirm your spot for this trip. Space on the bus may be limited so get in quick please.
- 9. Front of School (Holidays)** - There will be some major work at the beginning of the holidays at the front of the school. This will involve excavating for a new footpath and also at the entry and exit gates of the school car park with concreting to follow. These areas will be impassable at this time. No vehicle can drive on the new entrance/exit for a week after it is completed and no heavy vehicle can drive on them for a month after completion. Please reinforce this around the local community - hopefully this work is not halted by inclement weather.
- 10. Somers Camp** - Good luck to Mitchel and Ryder who head off to the Somers Camp tomorrow morning. We are sure that this will be a wonderful opportunity and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return to school the following week.
- 11. R U Ok Day** - This day will be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September and we will be incorporating some fun activities into our Specialist program. A colouring competition will probably be implemented and we will be aiming to publish some of these in future newsletters.
- 12. Prep T Shirts** - Thanks to Shaye Burgess for organising these for new Foundation students for 2023. If you have handed in your enrolment form for 2023 and have not received your free T-shirt yet, please pop into the office to receive one.
- 13. End of Term 3** - The last day of the term is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of September with dismissal at 2.30pm as per normal. Assembly will be at 2pm and OSH Care will finish an hour earlier on this day also at 5pm.
- 14. End of Year Events** - Families should pencil in the following dates for the end of year: Christmas Concert (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December) and Graduation Night (Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December). Further details will be available later on in the year.
- 15. 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). Because our swimming program hasn't been implemented in the last couple of years because of restrictions with COVID-19 this program will be free to all families for 2023. This program normally costs about \$55 per student so we are delighted to offer this program at no cost thanks to funding from the Education Department.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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 the dates is needed.
- 18. COVID-19 Notifications** - Please be aware of these notifications on Skool Loop and take appropriate action as needed. Staff are currently using facemasks again inside and students especially from Grades 3-6 are encouraged to do this also. This is not a mandate - exemptions still apply as we try our best to control COVID-19 and the many illnesses across our school community. We have had 49 cases so far this year.
- 19. Rapid Antigen Tests** - A reminder to families that RAT tests can be collected at school by parents at any time - contact the school if you would like your child to take some boxes home, please.
- 20. Reducing the Spread of Influenza** - To help reduce the spread of flu, colds and COVID-19, students are being encouraged to: wash and sanitise their hands regularly, avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze, get tested for COVID-19 if they feel unwell and follow the current [Department of Health isolation requirements](#) if a positive result is shown and finally if unwell, stay at home until their symptoms pass.
- 21. Face Masks (Bus Travel)** - Any Grade 3-6 students involved in bus travel related to school activities will still need to wear facemasks. Exemptions will still apply.
- 22. 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.
- 23. Specialist Programs** - We have Library on Wednesday and our whole school rotation day on Thursday. Music will begin again when school resumes after the Term 3 holiday break.
- 24. 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).
- 25. 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)

**Face Masks / Exemptions for Testing and Isolation Information: see previous newsletters**