#### TALLYGAROOPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067





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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT. HONESTY & INCLUSION

#### **NEWSLETTER**

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TERM 1 NO.3 18th February 2013

Preps are not required at school on Wednesdays for all of February.
Their first full week will begin on Mon 4th March.

Cluster Science Permission Forms are due back ASAP. This is held at Katandra West PS on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Fosbury Flop Forms are due. Athletics practice is on every Tuesday – good shoes are needed.

#### Hi everyone,

It was really encouraging to see the amount of parents and children that were able to attend the Kidsmatter Launch and Information Night last Wednesday. As always, it is impossible to get 100% attendance because we all have such busy lives, but overall the night was a great success. Special thanks to the Kidsmatter Committee for assisting with the organisation of this and if any parents would like to join our small working group, please contact me ASAP. It is a really worthwhile initiative and I believe that we have made a great start with this. All parents and children from our school should have Kidsmatter wristbands now and a few lucky children received some extra goodies on the Wednesday night also. Today we announced the winners of our colouring competition – information in regard to this is in this edition of the newsletter.

Last week, we were also able to organise our Junior School Council for 2013. This will be led by Mrs Wallace and I know that the kids in this group will make a valuable contribution to our school with many fun and engaging activities throughout the year. Our first Munch N Crunch for the year is to be held on Friday 1st March and the theme for this day will be "Summer". More details will be available soon – stay tuned.

On Wednesday, straight after school, the Parents Club will hold their Annual General Meeting and I look forward to catching up with many parents at this time. Our parents are an instrumental part of our school community and their help and support allows the school to implement many programs at school for the enjoyment of our kids. Any parents who would like to go on School Council can also see me as well – we are always looking for fresh ideas.

Thanks to all of those families who returned all of those forms promptly last week. If we could get them all in by the end of this week it will help us enormously. Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie Teaching Principal

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL – PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

There is a late arrivals, early departures (students) and visitor's (parents) book that needs to be signed at the office counter on a regular basis if the need arises. This will aid our emergency management of the school.

#### **Pancake Day**

The Grade 2/3/4 class were very fortunate to make pancakes for the whole school to enjoy last week. Special thanks to our great Mum's for organising this day and we look forward to the next cooking day. We plan to rotate the cooking activities across the school so that all children in the school get an opportunity to participate.









#### **Kidsmatter Launch**

Last Wednesday, we had our Kidsmatter Launch and Meet and Greet night at the school. This was extremely well attended and some goodies were handed out on the night. Parents can contact class teachers if they need specific information in regard to classes for 2013.































PINK PARENT SURVEY FORMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BRIGHTLY COLOURED BOX IN THE PROJECT ROOM.

#### **Junior School Council**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as office bearers for the 2013 year. There are lots of fun activities which are planned for this year and we look forward to seeing all of these children shine in regard to leadership at Tallygaroopna Primary School.

Semester 1 Abby (President) Brock (Vice President) Haymish (Secretary) Brittany (Secretary Assistant) Connor (Treasurer)

Harri (Treasurer Assistant)

Whole Year Class Representatives for Grade 5/6:

Taylah, Zane, Tyson

Semester 2 Brock (President) Abby (Vice President) Brittany (Secretary)

Haymish (Secretary Assistant)

Harri (Treasurer)

Connor (Treasurer Assistant)

First Term Class Representatives for Grade 2/3/4:

Preston, Kelsie



What a way to end a week at school!!!!!!!!! - Gangnam Style





#### 1. Responsible Pet Program

This program is scheduled for Thursday 21st February. We will have 3 sessions beginning at 10.10am and concluding after two more sessions during the middle part of the day at school. All students will participate in this program which is conducted by a trained Pet Educator (Stacey Sprunt – Alicia's Aunty) and her temperament-tested pet (Dog – Hank). The Primary Program expands to educate the children on issues such as choosing an appropriate pet for the family, basic animal husbandry, pet health, confinement and the importance of registration and identification.

The program is currently free to all preschools and primary schools in the State of Victoria. If any parents would prefer that their children don't participate in this program, contact the school immediately. No permission forms will be necessary seeing that the program is held at school.

Specific Class Times:

Grade 5/6 (10.10am – 11pm) Prep/Grade 1 (11.30am – 12.10pm) Grade 2/3/4 (12.15pm – 12.55pm)

#### 2. CPR Update / Anaphylaxis

A brief professional development session will be held with staff from Tallygaroopna PS and other small schools tomorrow beginning at 4pm and concluding at approximately 5pm at our school. If anyone from the community would like to attend this session feel free to contact the school in regard to this.

#### 3. Grade 5/6 Camp

An expression of interest from has been sent home to all families for the Urban Camp which will be held from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Can this please be returned ASAP with a small deposit to assist with planning. At this stage, it is anticipated that the camp may be between \$200 - \$250. More details will be available soon.

#### 4. Accident Insurance

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the costs of medical treatment for injured students, including ambulance transport. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. In the event of a serious accident we will phone for an ambulance, so please check that your family has cover for such an event.

#### 5. Cluster Science Day

Our Science Cluster Day is scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. This will be held at Katandra West PS and we will travel to and from the venue by bus, leaving school at 9am and returning at approximately 3pm. Permission forms will go home this week for children in Grades 1-6 and will need to be returned before the day. There will be <u>no cost</u> for families for the bus – this will be paid directly from the Science Specialist Program Budget.

Specific details are below:

- The FFFFF stands for the Flowflyflashflickfloat and fun. www.funshow.com.au
- Schools will need to make their own transport arrangements bus costs should be sent to your banker schools.
- Students will need to bring normal lunch, snacks, water bottles, hats etc.
- School uniform is still required for this day.
- ❖ Prior to day students will be divided into 8 groups −4 groups of 1/2/3, and 4 groups of 4/5/6.

	YEAR 1/2/3	Year 4/5/6
9:45 am	Assembly	
10:00 sharp	FFFFFFun Show	Students rotate through 3 x 30
	90 minutes	minute science activities.
11:30	Recess	
12:00 sharp	Students rotate through 3 x	FFFFFFun Show
	30 minute science activities.	90 minutes
1:30	Lunch	
2:00	Final group rotation	Final group rotation
2:30	Pack up	
2:50	Final Assembly and Schools leave when ready	

#### 6. Prep Photos

These will be taken by the Shepparton News on Thursday 28th February at 12.20pm. This is an annual event and will feature in the newspaper soon after. Any queries in regard to this, contact the office please.

#### 7. Kidsmatter Colouring Competiton

Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of the Kidsmatter Coloring Competition that was held last week. All of these entries are now proudly on display in the Project Room at school. All students below received a free icy pole voucher.

Prep – Jake Grade 3 – Kyle Grade 6 - Abby Grade 1 – Alicia Grade 4 – Preston Grade 2 – Leah Grade 5 – Haymish



#### 8. Prep Information

Throughout the month of February, children in Prep WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on 20th and the 27th February. There may be some Wednesday's where Mrs Wallace may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but she will inform parents of this if there is a need. We will continue to implement a whole school buddy program on Friday afternoons, once every fortnight. The first full week for Preps will begin on Monday 4th March.

Prep for Parents - Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly Prep for Parents email. You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p.aspx

#### 9. Fosbury Flop Forms

Last week, Fosbury flop forms went home for parents to fill out if they are happy for their children to perform this routine (landing on back) when completing the high jump. Over the next few weeks, we will complete a lot of practice with the high jump and are hopeful that the majority of students will be able to perform this routine safely. If students do not bring this form back they will need to perform



the scissors routine (landing on feet). If the form is returned, they will have the option of both routines.

Athletic cards will be marked indicating which students are allowed to perform the Fosbury flop.

#### 10. Student Information

During the first week of school, we sent home data indicating general information about each student currently held on Cases21 at the school. Could you please check, update if required, sign the forms and return them to school as soon as possible so that we can update our data base. The following forms also need to be filled out, signed and returned:

\* Green Confidential Student Information

\* Acceptable ICT Use

\* Engagement Policy

Some families will also receive 2 Bus Forms, School Asthma Action Plans and EMA forms - could these be returned promptly to the office also.

#### 11. AASC Program

Our Active After-school Program began last week with some positive numbers, which was encouraging to see. Please consider this free program because it is very worthwhile and promotes an active and healthy lifestyle. AFL (Football) is on a Monday and Aerobics will be held tomorrow. Both sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm. Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. If your child/ren are interested, please contact the office. Andrea Walker will be our school supervisor during both sessions and staff will fill in Andrea is unavailable. Starting next week, a free icy pole voucher will be awarded at assembly to a student who participates in the program.

The session scheduled for Labour Day on Monday 11th March will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for more details. The session scheduled for tonight will be postponed to this Thursday, 21st Feb due to unforseen circumstances.

#### 12. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Dates for TERM 1 are:

February 20th – Parents Club AGM – 3.30pm February 19th – CPR Update / Anaphylaxis

February 21st – Responsible Pet Program February 27th - Science Cluster Day - Kat. West PS February 21st – Responsible Pet Program February 28th – Prep Photos (Shep News)

March 1st – Munch N Crunch

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sink or Swim (Lifeguard Session) March 5<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Visit March 11th – Labour Day Holiday March 13th - School Council 2 (AGM) - week 7

March 13th – Cluster Aquamoves Day March 24th – Bunnings Fundraising BBQ

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Sports March 26th – Athletic Sports Back Up Day March 28th – Term 1 Concludes

#### 13. Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week for week 3.

Prep /1 - Terrific Turtles - Jade Klein - for the great getting along skills she uses in the classroom and outside. Well done Jade



Grade 2/3/4 – Ashleigh Moore – for the fabulous and frumptious way she has been using her getting along skills in the classroom. Ashleigh is always willing to help anyone and is very respectful to all. A fantastic effort Ash!

Grade 5//6 - Mad Monkeys - Teagan Brett - for the great leadership she has shown so far at school and for the way she has utilized her time in class.

All students received a certificate and also a free icy pole voucher to use this term.

#### Values Vault winner – Brenton O'Brien

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

ONCE A WEEK. WE WILL BE SOUNDING OUR 2 ALARMS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO BECOME AWARE OF THESE IF THE NEED ARISES IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

#### **Asthma**

School Asthma Action Plan forms have been sent home to families with students with asthma. Could these forms be completed and signed as soon as possible and returned to school. This is to ensure that the school has the student's most recent Action Plan on file.

#### **Confidential Student Information**

A green Confidential Student Information form was sent home a couple of weeks ago. This form acts as a quick reference for the staff on excursions and ensures that the school has up-to-date information and signatures for a variety of issues and programs. Could this form please be filled out (please ensure both sides have been completed) and returned to the school Office as soon as possible.

<b>Keyboard and Guitar Lessons for 2013</b>		
Cliff Doorncamp will be conducting both guitar and keyboard lessons at the school in		
2013. Lessons are held each Monday with individual lessons lasting 20 minutes. The		
cost of the lessons is \$16 per session (payable at time of lesson). For more		
information, please contact Cliff on 5831 4270. Please return form below to the		
school office to express your interest.		
Name		
Grade		
Parent's Signature		
Phone		
Guitar Keyboard		
Lessons began a couple of weeks ago – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb		

#### **Spacers and Schools/Preschools: Reminder for Parents & Carers**

Schools/preschools in Victoria have been informed by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria about new guidelines regarding the use of spacers for children with asthma. Spacers are essential equipment when following Asthma First Aid best practice, however schools/preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students with asthma symptoms.

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a student does not have their own spacer available, if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Some schools/preschools may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer is always available to school/preschool staff. Please make sure your child always brings a spacer with them to school, or has one that stays at school.



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For more information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or email <a href="mailto:schools@asthma.org.au">schools@asthma.org.au</a>

# Financial assistance available to parents with children commencing school in 2013

#### **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms**, **excursions**, **textbooks**, and **stationery**. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013, the annual EMA amount is:

- \$200 for prep students
- \$150 for students in years 1-6.
- \$300 for year 7 students
- \$250 for students in year 8 until age 16.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA.

Closing Date: Parents/guardians need to lodge an EMA application form by 28 February 2013.

For more information about the EMA, visit <a href="www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/ema.htm">www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/ema.htm</a>

#### **Schoolkids Bonus:**

From January 2013, a new payment called the 'Schoolkids Bonus' will be introduced by the Commonwealth Government. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive:

- up to \$410 for each child in primary school
- up to \$820 for each child in secondary school.

For more information about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/information/schoolkids-bonus

#### **Critical Dates**

- 28 February 2013: Closing date for parents to lodge EMA application forms.
- 6 March 2013: Closing date for schools to enter EMA applications onto the web system.
- Mid-March 2013: EFT payments (to either school or parent) will be deposited into bank accounts.
- Late March 2013: EMA cheques expected to arrive at schools.

# Calling all Parents and Friends.....

Tally PS Parents and Friends Club is a group of parent helpers that get together every month or so to rally around and help out with making our school environment **more fun for our kids**. Sometimes that's achieved by organising special lunches 'munch & crunches' at our school where we don't have a canteen or lunch-orders; sometimes it's through fundraising activities, sometimes it's through hands-on activities with the students.

Last year the kids loved the cooking activities we organised; Anzac bics for Anzac day, and home-baked Father's day treats. With our fundraising profits we shouted the whole school on an excursion to see Bugalugs Bum Thief, brought some new Prep/1 readers, and held a sit down roast lunch for our Christmas in July event, and the kids had fun at our Italian themed cooked lunch. This year we'll fund a new school veggie garden for the kids to enjoy and learn from.

These events come together with the **help of assorted parents** at different times. No one member is expected to attend all events throughout the year, but if we can gather up a great group of helpers to come and give a hand on the days they might have a spare couple of hours, it really helps our kids and our school.

followed by the AGM
Wednesday 20th February at 3.30pm
(straight after school).

We'd really love to see some new members come along for a brief meeting to quickly organise our first munch n crunch for the year, and set in place some ideas and dates for the coming year. Hope to see you there  $\odot$ 



# MUNCH N CRUNCH - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March BEACH THEMED BBQ LUNCH

Parent's Club will be holding a BBQ lunch in conjunction with "Board Shorts out of uniform day" on Friday 1st March.

For \$4 or \$5, students can order a cooked BBQ lunch of sausage/s in bread, frog in a pond jelly, and a prima drink.

Please see order form attached to newsletter, and return your order by next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you ©.

If you can help out with setting up, cooking or serving on the day (somewhere between 12noon til 1.30pm) please let us know: Karen at the school office, or text Jill 0439 737 876.







#### Mooroopna Primary School is proud to present

## "How to recognise Anxiety in Children"

with **Dr Natalie Flatt** Ph.D BSc., Post.Grad.Dip.Psych., M.Psych.,

MAPS from On Psych www.onpsych.com.au

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 9.30am to 11am. at Mooroopna Primary School, O'Brien Street Mooroopna.

**Dr Flatt** will be talking about how to identify anxiety in your child and some creative parent strategies on how to manage this. This session is suitable for parents, carers, professionals, welfare staff and school Principals.

There is no cost but please let us know if you can make it by RSVP to: Wendy Fulton Ph 58252060 or <a href="mailto:fulton.wendy.e@edumail.vic.gov.au">fulton.wendy.e@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>



#### Are your kids interested in getting into a sport?

The Shepparton Sports Stadium is offering the opportunity for kids to develop skills in soccer, basketball and netball.

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#### Futsal Fun - introduction to soccer

- Ages 4-8
- Wednesday nights starting February 13
- 4.00pm 4.45pm for 7 weeks
- \$65.00 per child
- Shin pads and indoor shoes must be worn

#### Aussie Hoops - introduction to basketball

- Ages 5-10
- Thursday nights starting February 14
- 4.00pm 5.00pm for 7 weeks
- \$60.00 per child for first time (includes ball, backpack, t-shirt, water bottle and sweatband) or
- \$50.00 for returning children

#### Aussie Net - introduction to netball

- Ages 5-10
- Friday nights starting February 15
- 4.15pm 5.00pm for 6 weeks
- \$50.00 per child for first time (includes a netball) or \$42.00 for returning children

All programs will be running at the Shepparton Sports Stadium, 120 Numurkah Rd Shepparton. For more information please contact 5832 9480.

The Shepparton Sports Stadium is proudly provided by Greater Shepparton City Council.

Have your child learn
one of life's
great pleasures and
a skill for life







Childrens Learn To Sew classescommence Friday 1st March 4.pm - 5.30pm The class runs for 4 weeks



Shepparton Sewing Centre 36 Benalla Road, Shepparton Ph 58212000 www.sheppartonsewing.com.au shelly@sheppartonsewing.com.au

# Fishing in the Park

Bring a picnic and your fishing rods to Victoria Park Lake and try your luck at catching a big one!



Fishing in the Park will be held on the following days:

Saturday 26 January 2013: Thursday 21 February 2013: Friday 22 March 2013:

6.00pm - 8.00pm 6.00pm - 8.00pm 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Register from 5.30pm under the blue tent (located behind the Shell Service Station). All participants who register will go into the draw to win one of four \$50 vouchers from local fishing stores.

\*Bring your own fishing rod, bait, picnic and chairs \*Browse local fishing and boating stalls \*Free Health Checks available

For more information contact the Greater Shepparton City Council Leisure Facilities Branch on 5832 9431.

BBQ available for purchase on Australia Day

A Recreational Fishing Licence is required, however those aged under 18 years of age and those over 70 years of age, plus some card holders are exempt. For more information visit www.

































### **CONGUPNA NETBALL CLUB** JUNIOR TRAINING

Training commences on Monday 18th February 2013 at 6pm at the netball courts. Players invited for 12 & Under and 13 & Under age groups.

Enquiries - Wendy Sidebottom (58 298385)

# OCCASIONAL CARE FRIDAYS

**HELD AT** 

# TALLYGAROOPNA CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Children 0 – 3 Years 9am to 12 noon

Children 3 – 6 Years 9am to 12 noon or

9am to 3pm or

12 noon to 3pm

Cost 3 hours - \$15

6 hours - \$30

Please contact the Tallygaroopna Children's Centre

on 5829 8274 for more information



## **Positive Parenting Telephone Service:**

Are you the parent or carer of a child or children aged 2 - 10 y



Are you looking for ways to have more positive communication with your child/ren?

Do you have other commitments that prevent you from attending regular group parenting courses?

#### Well, how about this?

We are running a fantastic parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 - 10 years that you can do from the comfort of your own home.

It is called the Positive Parenting Telephone Service and you get a weekly telephone appointment at a time that suits you (day or evening) with a trained parent educator for 6 - 10 weeks.

Our program educators aim to assist you in developing a stronger and more positive relationship with your children, as well as offering some practical suggestions on how to manage everyday behaviour problems such as disobedience, temper tantrums and disruptive behaviours.

#### Interested?

For more information or to enroll phone **FREECALL 1800 880 660** 

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Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime



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#### NEW SEASON-WINTER 2013

The Winter basketball season will commence in the week beginning Monday 29th April 2013.

Tigers Basketball Club will be holding their registration day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (Grand Final Day) which will also include a uniform collection and the return of uniform deposits.

Players will not be permitted to take the court unless payment is received prior to the first game or unless otherwise arranged.

We ask all parents to please consider joining the committee. Without our wonderful group volunteers our children would not be able to take the court each week. All are very welcome!! Please contact Michelle McNab if you are interested (0414 958 528).

Warm-up tops will be available to order at registration day for \$45.00 CASH ONLY

Socks are available for \$10.00 CASH ONLY

ALL ENQUIRIES:

BOYS: Leanne Collins 0427 07 33 55 GIRLS: Michelle McNab 0414 958 528

# Body Balance in the Park

Come and enjoy FREE Body Balance classes!



All sessions will be held at the Victoria Park Lake in Shepparton (look for the flags) from 8.00am to 9.00am on the following days:

Saturday 16 February 2013 Saturday 2 March 2013 Saturday 23 February 2013 Saturday 9 March 2013

Simply bring yourself, a Yoga Mat and a drink bottle.

For more information contact Aquamoves on 5832 9400.































