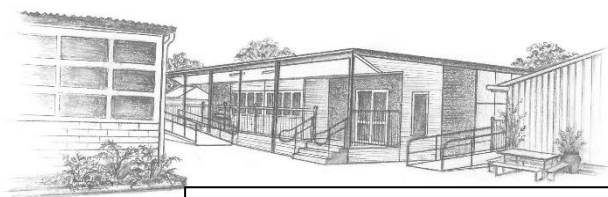


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News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

We have had a fantastic beginning to the school year. All students have settled into normal class activities extremely well and are getting accustomed to new teachers for 2021. It has been wonderful to see some parents come into the school again so far despite restrictions in line with COVID-19. Please remember that only one family can be in the office at one time and pre-arranged meetings must be organised with classroom teachers. Facemasks are also mandated in all public indoor spaces which would include such areas as: the office, classrooms and the project space where assemblies are held. Fingers crossed these things are lifted again in the not too distant future!

A reminder that our Child Safe Code of Conduct will need to be signed for any volunteers who are actively involved. We are currently updating our register for all members of the school community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any help with the Parent Portal for Grade Expert or Skool Loop as it would be great to get all families connected to both of these ASAP. Hopefully, new families have received an email about the Parent Portal - this is where reports are kept along with other items such as Student of the Week awards. We have 57 families at our school with an enrolment of 80 students currently - almost everyone is on Class Dojo which is encouraging as well.

This week, staff will be putting the finishing touches to Information Night presentations which will be recorded and made available via Class Dojo for families to watch in the comfort of their own homes. This new method will also enable more families to receive this information as we are constantly aware of the busy lives that we all have. These presentations are an important aspect of the link between home and school and we hope many families can view these and hear about specific information in regard to how individual classrooms will operate.

You will probably notice that this edition of the newsletter is much smaller than the 1st one for the year. I encourage all families to keep referring back to the 1st newsletter if needed if you have forgotten something in regard to the return to school for the 2021 year. These are accessible on our school website which is constantly being updated throughout the year.

Finally, our school has committed to some professional learning again with all our staff, to complement the new approach to reading that we are implementing in 2021. There are 2 courses which staff are going to be involved in and these are listed in this newsletter in case any families wish to pursue them as well and further develop their knowledge. This is an exciting time for our school and I hope you continue to support our school as we prioritise reading as a big focus across the whole school now and into the future.

Karen will be at the school for most of the week again to attend to any matters that arise. I look forward to catching up with some parents ASAP.

David Brodie (Principal)

Karen will be away on Wednesday this week.

A REMINDER TO FAMILIES THAT ASSEMBLY IS HELD EACH FRIDAY AT 3PM - THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE PROJECT SPACE (FACE MASKS ARE MANDATED - MASKS SHOULD BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES)

PLEASE FREQUENTLY CHECK SKOOL LOOP BECAUSE MANY SPECIFIC EVENTS ARE PUT ON THIS RESOURCE INSTEAD OF THE NEWSLETTER. ALL FAMILIES WILL NEED TO JOIN NEW BOXES FOR 2021.

CAN ANY OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR 2020 BE PAID FOR ASAP PLEASE.

Absence forms can be submitted on Skool Loop.

Please note the change of the school email address

OLD STUDENT TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES FOR A SIMPLE DONATION TO THE SCHOOL. THESE CAN BE COLLECTED NOW IF INTERESTED - FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!

ICY POLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE (50 CENTS EACH) EACH FRIDAY - ICY POLES WILL NOT BE CUT IN HALF AS THERE IS NO SHARING OF FOOD.

STAY TUNED FOR SOME PHOTOS OF OUR NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY - IT LOOKS GREAT AND I KNOW OUR CHILDREN WILL GREATLY BENEFIT FROM THIS. THIS IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT READING IS A HIGH PRIORITY AT TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL.

DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

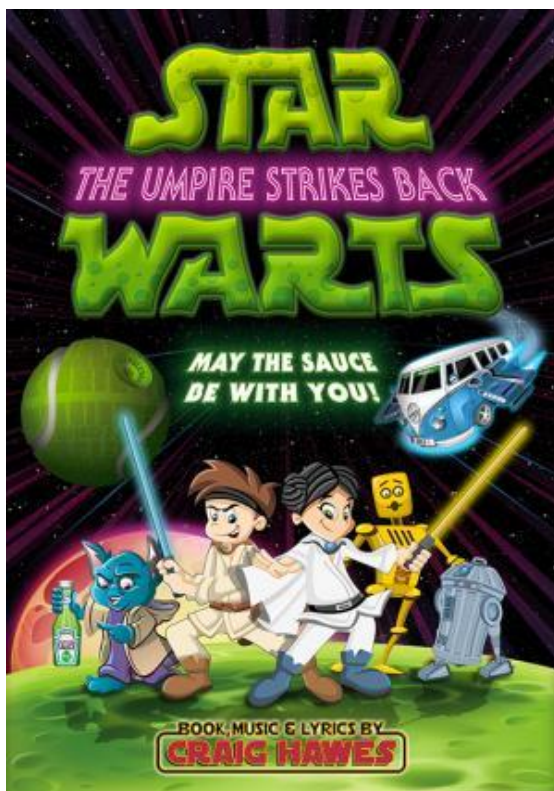
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Congratulations to Karen Collins & Robert on the birth of Rylan Ashley James Best born 27th January weighing 6lb 8oz
A wonderful little brother to Devina, Ryder, Aria & Hunter

No bikes are to be ridden around the school buildings to skid on concrete areas during school hours or while there are after hours school activities. Bikes may only be ridden on the court area once all staff have left the school.

Key Changes to COVID-19 Operational Guidelines from DET

COVID safe guidelines & school processes (to assist with contact tracing if needed)

Masks will be mandatory in public indoor spaces (ie: office, classrooms, assemblies). If you have visitors in your home, it is strongly recommended that masks are worn during the visit. Masks must be worn in indoor public spaces apart from when eating or drinking

Welcome back to a new school year. As you may be aware, the Department of Education & Training have COVID safe guidelines for schools, which they regularly update. We will always try and keep you informed of any changes via our Skool Loop app - which we encourage all families to join ASAP. We are all very glad to know that we can welcome parents, grandparents and visitors into school again! We have certainly missed you. However, there are still some extra regulations that we must all adhere to, to keep us all safe.

- Students can arrive at school from 8:30am each day. The bell to come into class is at 8.45am. Hand washing occurs at 8.45am.
- Students can be dropped off at the front of the school or via the car park if dropping and going. Please be aware of the school bus if using the car park.
- At the end of the day there will be no staggered finish time or walking out of classes by staff. Parents/carers can arrange to meet their child in the grounds, at the gates or at their car. Please confirm with your child, where you will be picking them up at 3:25pm.
- We are maintaining an enhanced cleaning schedule at school, with all high touch areas being cleaned.
- Students will still be washing their hands at the start of the day and at the end of morning and afternoon recess
- Drink bottles are still strongly encouraged, but there are bubble taps available along with water in the project space to fill drink bottles.
- Remember that we all need to stay home if unwell- students and staff- and get tested if we have any COVID symptoms.

Parents/carers can come into the school grounds, but with restrictions that help to keep us all safe:

- Face masks must be carried at all times.
- Face masks are recommended when 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- There are limits on the number of visitors that can be inside the buildings at any time, so visits to classrooms are discouraged and must be pre-arranged.
- When visiting the Office - only one visitor (family) may be in the Office at a time.
- Where possible, continue to communicate via email, our Skool Loop app or by phone. Class teachers can be contacted via Class Dojo - info will go home soon.
- Parents who choose to drop their children off within the school grounds are asked to do so outside the classrooms.
- If there is a chance that a parent or visitor will remain within the school grounds for longer than 15 minutes, they must sign it at the office. An alternative is to use the QR codes that are displayed around the school. All visitors are encouraged to sign in when visiting and wear a visitor badge which can be collected at the office.

CAST LIST

N.B. In the following list, the bracketed number shows the number of spoken lines each role has.

An asterisk () before the character's name indicates that this character ALSO has solo or featured sung lines.*

The Rebels

*Daft Ada	(88)
*Luke Warmwater	(66)
*Princess Nebula	(64)
Qwerty	(40)
*Zak Solo	(34)
Nigel The Nookie	(25)
*Toby Wonky Nosebleed	(37)

The Umpire's Court

*The Umpire	(50)
Spocky McSpock	(26)
Alexi	(6)
Sira	(6)

The Jelly Nits

*Lord Yoga	(31)
Anne Dromeda	(8)
Alfie Centauri	(7)

The Trekkies

Cosmic Ray	(7)
Photon Phil	(6)
Romulan Rose	(6)
Buck Quasar	(6)
Buzz Wormhole	(5)
Jaffa The Nut	(5)
Stella Artois	(5)
Flash Ultra	(4)
Luna Orbit	(4)
Aurora Rocket	(4)

The Cosmic VIPs

Doctor Woo	(31)
King Basil Oregano	(10)
Queen Saffron Oregano	(8)

The Space Rangers

Ranger Roger	(39)
Ranger Over	(31)
Ranger Out	(33)

The Racketeers

Borg	(5)
Becker	(5)
Venus	(4)
Graf	(4)
Mack	(11)
Roe	(11)

The Diddly Squits

Commodore Nintendo	(19)
Amiga	(5)
Atari	(4)
Sega	(3)
Snez	(4)
Pong	(2)
Kong	(2)
Pixel	(2)
EC	(2)

The Apprentices

Axe	(1)
Bax	(1)
Crax	(1)
Drax	(1)
Fax	(1)
Max	(0)
Quax	(0)
Sax	(0)
Trax	(0)
Wax	(0)





LIST OF PROPERTIES

Star Wars Scroller	Fluffy Dice
Nebula's Cut out Ship	Wings x2
Imperial Cut out Ship	Large Torches x2
Steering Wheel	Crossing Patrol Sign
Handheld Control Panel	Tennis Ball Galaxy Display
Junction 51 Signpost	Sira & Alexi Computer Screens
Feather Duster	Rockets x7
Ada's "Star Wares" Stall	Hand Mirror
Bunch Of Flowers	Cosmic Cloth
Cosmic Crystals	Wig
Blast Proof Underwear	Humanoid Phrase Book
Baby Space Suit	Diddy Joystick
Baby Dennis	Squitty Squirter
Phone Box	Newspaper
Medical Bag Containing Cream & Spanner	Bottle of Sauce
Small, Medium & Large Gordon	Cell Door
Plinth	Way Out This Way
This Way Up Box	Radios x3
R-U-1-2	Binoculars
Galaxy Necklace	Tiny Trousers
Saxophone	Bling Blades x2
Space Ship	Giant Tennis Ball
Steering Wheel	Giant Gordon Leaf

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

– Term 1 / Week 2

All students received a certificate and a free icy pole voucher to use later on in the year.

Found. / Grade 1 - Mrs H's Little Friends Ivy 	<p>Ivy is receiving this award because of the fantastic way she has started the school year off. Ivy is being a great role model for the foundation students in our class and has been trying her hardest in the classroom. It is wonderful to have such a kind and caring helper in the classroom. Thank you, Ivy!</p>
Grade 1/2 - Mrs Fitz's Blooming Bunch Dan 	<p>Dan received this award for setting a good example and being a kind and helpful friend to our new class members.</p>
Grade 3/4 - Miss R's Superstars Jodie 	<p>Jodie received this award for getting off to such a brilliant start in grade 4! For working hard, contributing to all class discussions and completing all of her work to a high standard. Well done, Jodie!</p>
Grade 5/6 – Miss L's Fruity 5/6's Caitlyn 	<p>Caitlyn received this award for making an excellent start to Year 5. Caity has worked hard to learn new routines and has been completing her tasks to a fantastic standard. Well done, Caity!</p>
<p><u>Sport Awards</u></p> <p>Jordyn - for participating in Phys Ed with such a positive attitude. Well done!</p>	<p><u>Sport Awards</u></p> <p>Abbie - for your fantastic effort at the hurdles giving it 100%. Well done, Abbie.</p>

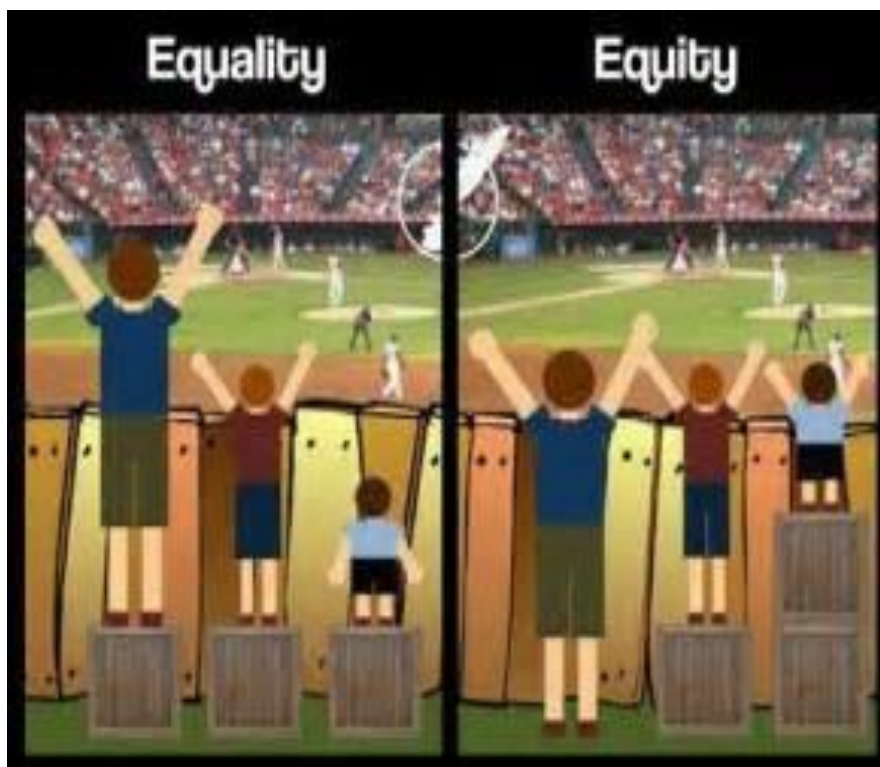
VALUES VAULT (Inclusion, Honesty, Respect – WEEK 2; Ayla

All students are asked to bring their green reader bags back to school ASAP if these are at home. These will be used this year to hold their readers and homework as per normal.

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.

Music Lessons – 2021

Cliff Doornkamp is offering individual guitar and keyboard lessons to be held on a Monday morning. Each lesson runs for 20 minutes and will cost \$20. Interested families should contact Cliff on 0474 769 963 for more information.



ANYONE INTERESTED IN NETBALL TRIALS – SEE MR B ASAP.
Registrations will close on March 1 2021

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.



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.

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Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

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 up to date guidance and advice, the Education Department has a dedicated coronavirus (COVID-19) phone 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.

SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=560547707944476>

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/178/Enrolment>

Northerners Soccer 2021

If anyone has children interested in playing soccer this season could they please get in touch with Julie Mawson on 0419 150 460. If I have enough interest for certain age groups I will enter a team under the Northerners name otherwise I will pass your child's name onto another club to boost their numbers. Age groups include:

Under 6 Under 7 Under 8 Under 10 Under 12

If you would like further information feel free to get in touch with myself.

Thank you
Julie Mawson

1. Code Red Days

I am informing the school community of the recent changes to the Department of Education and Training's (the Department) Code Red day pre-emptive closures policy and procedures. The Department has refined the Code Red Policy to pre-emptively close Category 4 education facilities at risk of bushfire or grassfire in a weather district determined to be Code Red by the Emergency Management Commissioner. The Department also intends to cancel all school buses traversing Code Red weather districts on these occasions.

Our school, according to The Department's School Bushfire Risk Assessment Methodology, is listed as a Category 4 school. This rating means that on a determined Code Red day our school will now be required to pre-emptively close on Code Red days.

What will happen on a Code Red day.

- Decision to determine Code Red day will be made by the EMC by 1pm the day before.
- This determination will be communicated to the Regional Director and then to schools.
- Schools will then undertake the closure procedures and notify the Region when complete and/or work to resolve any issues.
- Communication will occur via text messaging by the Principal with a confirmation message to be sent back.
- The Principal will be at site from 8.30am -9.15am to ensure that anyone who has not confirmed will not be at school on this day.

2. Prep (Foundation) Photos

This will be held on this Thursday 11th February at 12.10pm. It would be great to have all of our new Foundation students at school on this day for this formal photo, which will be published in the Shepparton News. If you would prefer for your child to not be in this photo contact the school ASAP please.

3. Bravehearts

Students in Grades F-2 will be participating in a Bravehearts Personal Safety Show on Tuesday 4th March at midday in the Computer Lab / Library. The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show' is to teach children protective behaviours in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion. Bravehearts' Education teams deliver the show's messages into schools, day care centres, shopping centres, sporting clubs and other facilities (relating to the care of children) to provide students, parents, teachers, carers and the general community with specialised child sexual assault awareness and education.

'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure' Education Program aims to continue communicating essential personal safety messages and works tirelessly to reach children across Australia. Since reaching the 200,000 safer kids milestone in March 2012, the amount of children that have seen Ditto continues to grow.

The show's main contents address:

- * Yes and No Feelings
- * Private Parts and Privacy
- * What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure
- * Warning Signs
- * Scared and Yucky Feelings
- * It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe

No permission forms will be sent home for this show – please contact the office if you would prefer your children to not participate in this performance.

4. Aquamoves Day

We are looking into a whole school excursion if possible at Aquamoves on Tuesday 23rd February. We hope this date will be confirmed ASAP – more details to follow. The Aquamoves activities will be free play in the olympic pool, wading pool and splash park – strict supervision for junior students. Some inside activities may be available: The water slide and tarzan rope. **All parents are encouraged to apply sun cream to students before arriving at school, but this will be applied and re-applied at Aquamoves by school staff. Some parental assistance with this would be appreciated because this is very time consuming and parents are welcome to attend to assist with supervision.** We would leave school by bus at 9.45am at the latest and assemble at Aquamoves at 10am for an introduction to the day and provide further information to students and teachers as to how the day will unfold. The day will finish up at around 2:00 -2:30pm. **Permission forms will need to be returned ASAP.**

No students are to buy things from the canteen and parents are discouraged from buying things for their children from the canteen.

5. Information to Return

Could the following information be returned ASAP please – these can be handed in at the office.

- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Green Confidential Student Information Details & Consent Form
- Asthma Action Plans for relevant families – please collect one at the office if applicable
- Medication Request Form – please collect one at the office if applicable
- Chaplaincy Consent Form
- MARC Van Borrowing Agreement
- Parents Club Survey – to assist with scheduling a meeting

6. School Council

There are a couple of openings with school council this year, with a couple of membership terms expiring. If you would like to be part of school council for 2021 an expression of interest needs to be made to the Principal by Friday 12th February. If there is interest with this, we may need to conduct some elections.

7. Fosbury Flop Forms

The Fosbury Flop technique with high jump is appropriate if the teacher/instructor is experienced in this technique and if students have had instructions in, and lead up activities on the run up, take off, flight and landing phases of the jump.

Children will need parental permission to use this technique. Schools should issue permission notes prior to the sports. Due to the regulations with regard to high jump, we are seeking your permission to allow or not allow your child to perform the Fosbury Flop technique of high jumping. We ask that you only grant permission if you know that your child is proficient at the skills needed. Eg. learnt at little athletics **OR during P.E. lessons with Mrs Montgomery**. A permission form has been sent home in regard to this and we ask that parents sign this if possible as this technique will be carefully monitored and safety will be paramount (students landing on their back).

8. Production

We have started working on our school production which will be held in Term 3 this year. As you could appreciate, a lot of time and effort goes into this program and we look forward to our students leading from the front again. Some auditions took place last week and the cast will be announced in the next couple of weeks. We ask that all students and their families accept any position that they are given and do their best with this opportunity.

The cast list with speaking parts and the props list is published in this newsletter – if you can assist with any of this let us know please.

9. Professional Practice Days

In the Education State, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of learners across Victoria, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach. The most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

The Victorian Government will continue to provide opportunities to develop professional, passionate teachers and principals and equip them with the right knowledge and skills to meet the needs of their students. To ensure we support the learning and development of not only our students, but our teachers too; we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our teacher workforce. Teachers will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school priorities. Students will directly benefit from these improvements in their daily learning.

Casual Relief Teachers will be provided on any of these days.

The professional practice days are part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017. Each full time teacher is entitled to one day per term (four days per year), to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning. We know children sometimes find it challenging when their teacher is away from the classroom. Equally, it's important that teachers take the time to focus on improving their professional practice because their learning directly impacts on your child's learning experience. There is a learning plan in place to ensure that your child's education continues as usual. We are scheduling the days ahead of time and have planned the day so that there is minimal impact.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
David Brodie (Principal)

10. Student Headphones

In past years, students have supplied their own headphones to use at school. We are encouraging this again in 2021 for students in Grades 1 to 6 so that these can be used daily by students with a variety of ICT programs utilised at school. All Foundation students will be supplied with a particular type of headphone. This is part of the Foundation school fee.

11. Personal Property

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to school property. Therefore, staff, students, parents and guardians should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

12. 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.

13. Teacher Professional Learning

As a follow on to evidence based professional development that some staff participated in during 2020, we will be extending our knowledge across the whole school in regard to our new reading approach in Term 1 and at the beginning of Term 2. These courses are listed below in case any families want to take a look.

Introduction course -

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/short-courses/the-science-of-language-and-reading-an-introduction>

Intermediate course

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/short-courses/the-science-of-language-and-reading-intermediate>

14. BYOD Program - 2021

We will be offering families in Grade 5/6 the BYOD program again this year. We have plenty of information on our website so families may be able to make an informed decision by looking at the link below. Information available online is summarised as:

- iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement for 2021
- App List
- iPad Information
- iPad Information Night Presentation (VIMEO).

An updated Bring Your Own iPad Policy & Acceptable Use Agreement (2021) was sent home before the holiday break – return ASAP please so students choosing to have their own iPad in class can start using these.

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/228/BYOD-Program---Grade-5/6>

15. Information Evening

Information and Meet the Teachers evenings will not be held at school this year. Instead, we are recording specific information relevant to classes and making this available to families by Monday 15th February. Over the last few years, we have noticed that attending such a session has been difficult for some families so we hope that this change will allow all families to view information when it suits them at an appropriate time. Of course, class teachers can be contacted via Class Dojo for any clarification which is needed.

16. Bunnings BBQ

If you can help out with the Bunnings BBQ please reply via Skool Loop or let the office know ASAP. We need a few families for each session to make the day run smoothly. We generally make about \$1,000 for this day, which will go towards buildings and grounds so your support would be greatly appreciated. The BBQ is scheduled for Sunday 14th February.

8-10.30AM	BRODIE
10.30-1	ADAMS, SCOTT
1-3.30	KEMP, PEARCE, BURGESS
3.30 – CLOSE	LOTHIAN, HABERFIELD, BRODIE

17. Accident Insurance - reminder

Our school does not have an accident insurance policy to cover student injuries or ambulance transport. A reminder to parents and guardians that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment and ambulance attendance/transport. We recommend all families arrange ambulance cover in case of emergency. There are also a variety of commercial insurance policies available that would cover accidents at school.

18. Conveyance

The Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school or campus.

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:

- the least expensive public transport fares and/or
- a distance based allowance when travel is by private car or private bus.

Parents applying for the allowance are required to complete an application form – contact Karen if needed.

19. Music – Grade 3/4 students

We are looking forward to our Music program continuing in 2021 with Mrs Tucker. Students in Grades 3 & 4 will need to purchase a recorder from the school for \$15 each if they don't already have one. Payment for this will need to be added to their school fees if required. Recorders are to be left at school but will obviously be owned by the students. Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will focus on percussion instruments, which the school already has. Grade 5 and 6 students will utilise ukuleles which the school has as well. Students will need their own recorder because of hygiene reasons. Music will begin on Wednesday 10th February. Please let the school know ASAP if you can supply your own recorder as an alternative.

20. Foundation Student Information

Throughout February children in Foundation WILL NOT attend school on Wednesdays. They will remain at home on 10th, 17th and 24th of February. There may be some Wednesdays where Mrs Haberfield may require your child to attend a certain time for specific testing, but she will inform parents of this if there is a need.

The first full week for Foundation students will begin on Monday 1st March – extra days can be negotiated if needed.

21. School Council meetings for 2021 - These are summarised below and are open to change if needed. We are mandated to have 8 meetings a year. There are a couple of openings for this year if anyone would like to join School Council – feel free to contact David for any clarification.

Term 1	Week 4: Tuesday 16 th February	Week 9: Tuesday 23 rd March - AGM
Term 2	Week 4: Tuesday 11 th May	Week 9: Tuesday 15 th June
Term 3	Week 3: Tuesday 27 th July	Week 10: Tuesday 14 th September
Term 4	Week 3: Tuesday 19 th October	Week 9: Tuesday 30 th November

22. Medicine at School

For those students required to have medication whilst at school, a Medication Request form is required to be filled out, signed and returned to the school office prior to the student being administered medication. Further copies are available at the office. This does not apply to children with asthma with their puffer, although the office must be informed of the child's needs in this regard. Any change to the child's medical condition should be relayed to the office ASAP.

23. Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5829 8264 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

24. School Fees – Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021 have been sent home to families and are also available on the school website under Information < School Fees. These fees were approved at school council on 20th October 2020 and are summarised below:

Foundation	-	\$215	Grade 1/2	-	\$150
Grade 3/4	-	\$135	Grade 5/6	-	\$140

We would appreciate payment by the end of term 1, 2021. As stated in the Parent Payment Arrangements forms, these fees do not include camps, excursions, swimming, uniforms or bus fees (if applicable). For more information, please contact Karen Armstrong or David Brodie.

<https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/239/School-Fees>

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

CAR PARK SAFETY

A reminder to all families about using the car park safely at the start and end of the school day. Schools are busy places and if we all follow these guidelines we will have no major incidents. The main points from the School Car Parking Policy are:

- 1. Parents may drop off children at the walking path in the car park every morning.**
- 2. At the end of the day, children are only to enter the car park once they have been collected by their parents. Children will assemble in the senior playground area and be monitored by staff.**

TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 1 2021 (ALL DATES TBC)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
25	26	27	28	29
		Teachers first day	Students first day OSH Chaplain	OSH Chaplain
1	2	3	4	5
OSH Chaplain	OSH Cricket at School	OSH Art / PE Prep Rest Day	OSH No Preps – English Online	OSH Respect. Rel. No Preps – English Online
8	9	10	11	12
OSH Chaplain	OSH Chaplain	OSH Library / Music Prep Rest Day	OSH Rotation Day	OSH Bunnings BBQ 14
15	16	17	18	19
OSH Chaplain	OSH School Council 1	OSH Art / PE Prep Rest Day	OSH	OSH Respect. Rel. Cricket at School
22	23	24	25	26
OSH Chaplain	OSH Chaplain Aquamoves Day - TBC	OSH Library / Music Prep Rest Day	OSH Rotation Day	OSH Red Balloon Day

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH Bravehearts F-2	OSH Respect. Rel.
8	9	10	11	12
Labour Day Hday	OSH Chaplain	OSH Library / Music	OSH Rotation Day	OSH
15	16	17	18	19
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH	OSH Respect. Rel.
22	23	24	25	26
OSH Chaplain	Student Led Conference Day - TBC School Council 2	OSH Library / Music	OSH Rotation Day	OSH Athletic Sports
29	30	31	1	2
OSH Chaplain	OSH	OSH Art / PE	OSH Term 1 Ends Dismissal 2.25	Good Friday

MARCH / APRIL