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Dear Parents,

Hi everyone. The Grade 5/6 students along with Mrs Sidebottom left for Phillip Island this morning. The camp promises to be a great experience and there is the chance of warmer weather later on in the week which is encouraging. I know that all the students attending will adapt to the learning environment well and challenge themselves with specific activities which are planned.

I got an interesting phone call last week about our Building Project. Work on this will start at the beginning of November and we are extremely excited about the prospect of starting the New Year in a brand new, modern building. Details about this are in this edition of the newsletter and we will endeavour to make the rest of 2010 as normal as possible for everyone from our school community – students, parents and teaching staff.

There is no Bike Education this week, because of the Grade 5/6 camp. This program will begin again next week on Monday 25th October and we are hopeful of more suitable weather, compared to what we had last week. A reminder also about the Public Speaking Competition. Please encourage your children to have a go with this, because it would be a great experience going through this process. We hope to know who will represent our school by the end of October.

I will have an opportunity to catch up on some administration work this week, but I will be teaching the students from Prep – Grade 4 on Wednesday until lunchtime. Karen will be away on Monday and Tuesday at eduPay training, but I can assist parents with any specific matters at this time. Karen and I have an Occupational Health and Safety Inspection on Thursday morning until lunchtime.

David Brodie – Principal

“The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer someone else up.”

1. Building Project Update

Our new school building will be up for all to see before the end of the year. There are a number of plans which we have in place to make this project run smoothly. These can be summarised below.

* Staff will be meeting with Furniture Companies on Monday and Tuesday this week to organise an order for the building. This will cater for the 3 new classrooms and the Project Room which will be the main entry point into the new building. We have received extra funding to accommodate this.

* **Next week (beginning Monday 18th October), we will be moving all furniture and equipment out of the vacant Portables. There are two of these and a lot of work will be completed on Thursday afternoon.**

* **In week 4 (beginning Monday 25th October), we will be moving all furniture and equipment out of the Grade 5/6 Portable and the Sportshed. A lot of work again will occur on the Thursday. Assistance is needed, so if anyone can assist with this contact the office ASAP.**

* Students in Grades 5/6 will have a classroom set up in the Multi Purpose room until the end of the year. The students will be in this building from Monday 1st November.

* Three Portables and the Sportshed will be removed from the Building Site. We hope this work will commence on Monday 1st November, but it may start on the Wednesday after Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

* The Building Site will be prepared by Grove – our builders. This is anticipated for Tuesday 9th November.

* The Building arrives at school on Tuesday 16th November

* The Building is scheduled to be finished on Tuesday 21st December.

Although the time line for this project is short, we are very positive about this and we are sure that the whole school community will be as well. However, some of the time lines mentioned above may change so please be patient and tolerant over the next couple of months. If we all model this behaviour, I am sure the children at school will cope with the alterations fine. **January next year, will be a busy time as we get the building ready for the beginning of the new school year.**

Photos from Coldstream PS – these are displayed in the Multi Purpose Room for all to see



IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY WITH MOVING FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. YOUR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, CONSIDERING THE SHORT TIME FRAME WE HAVE TO VACATE OUR PRESENT BUILDINGS. THE CONTAINER WILL BE UTILISED A LOT TO STORE A LOT OF EQUIPMENT ALTHOUGH SOME MAY BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

2. Prep Enrolments for 2011

We hope to finalise Prep enrolments by the end of this term. Please contact the office if either you or a friend plan to enrol your child/ren at Tallygaroopna for 2011. **To assist with planning for 2011, we also need to know of any students who will be leaving our school at the end of the year.**

3. Melbourne Excursion

Plans have begun for our end of year school excursion. I am endeavouring to make this trip a special one, so we are looking at going to the Melbourne Zoo by train on Thursday 25th November. **Please keep this date in mind, because we are hopeful of inviting all parents if they wish to attend, to make this day a special one with your children at school.** Details about the trip are as follows:

- * Leave Shepparton Train Station at 6.57am and return at 6.33pm.
- * Train tickets for students, teachers and parents are \$17.60.
- * Melbourne Zoo Ticket Prices: Students - \$12.10, Adults - \$18.50

This excursion will be discussed at School Council and more details will be available in the next few weeks.

4. Public Speaking Competition

Our school is entering in a Public Speaking Competition for students from Grades 3 - 6. This is being organised by the Tallygaroopna Lions Club and is a great opportunity for some of our students to extend themselves in regard to Oral Language. Nine local primary schools have been invited to participate in this competition and I would encourage all students in these grades to have a go at this, especially any students who may have a leadership role at school (ie: School Captains, Junior School Council). This program is voluntary, but students wishing to enter this competition can get assistance from home. Details about the competition are listed below:

School Competitions – need to be finalised by the end of October.

- Only two students can represent each school – 1 for each category (Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6)
- Topics are (5 Minute Maximum) – 30 second warning bell.
 - **Grade 3/4 – Which place in the world would you love to visit and why?**
 - **Grade 5/6 – Why is Australia such a lucky country?**
- Schools to use their own initiative in regard to how they go about this – marking, judging.
- School certificates will be awarded for any students prepared to have a go with this.

Finals

- Venue: Tallygaroopna Community Centre (to be confirmed)
- Date: Wednesday 17th November
- Time: 6pm to 9pm (Grade 3/4: 6pm – 7.30pm, Grade 5/6: 7.30pm – 9pm)
- Supper may be provided at the end of the night – tea & coffee
- 9 Presenters for each category (Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6)
- The same format and topics would be presented.
- Students to be judged by independent panel selected from the Lions Club – Rubric utilised
- At the completion of each Category a spontaneous question is given to students.
 - They will have 10 minutes to prepare a 2 minute speech.
- All participants to receive certificates
- Winners to receive awards organised by the Lions Club – book vouchers and perpetual shields have been mentioned.

5. School Production Organisation

Things are moving along well for the School Production. We have organised sound and lighting for the night so the students are starting to get really excited and beginning to realise that the night is only a few sleeps away. **On Tuesday 26th October, staff will be setting up the hall after school so if you can assist in any way contact the office.** The whole school will be down the hall most of Wednesday 27th October, preparing for the night. We ask that parents don't come down to the hall on this day, so that the night is full of surprises for families who come along to witness the school concert.

6. Outstanding School Fees

Statements for outstanding school fees were sent home last term. Could parents address these as soon as possible. Contact Karen at the office if you have any queries in regard to these.

7. Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 2nd November is a public holiday across the State of Victoria because of the Melbourne Cup. The school will be closed on this day and no students will be required at school.

8. Orrvale Primary School Visit

Next Wednesday morning, Mrs Haberfield and Mrs Wallace have an opportunity to go to Orrvale PS to observe some of the literacy and numeracy programs which are implemented at this school. They will also have an opportunity to observe some of the teaching approaches which are used by staff and we are hopeful that some of these techniques may be implemented at our school in the future. Our new building plan should enable us to do this with all the classrooms being in close proximity. I will be supporting them both on this day, by teaching the Prep - Grade 4 students until lunch time.

9. Ultraset

At our school, we have started to implement the Ultraset, the Victorian Government's new online learning environment. The Ultraset is a state-wide, secure site that teachers, parents/guardians and students can access via the internet. It provides a new learning space for our students and teachers and, importantly, as a parent or guardian, it will allow you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about your child's learning at school.

Over the past few weeks, our teachers have been learning to use the Ultraset. We are creating some interesting and exciting ways to use and learn in this online environment and we're almost ready for our students and parents to log in and start using it.

The timeline for bringing students and parents onto the Ultraset is:

- Students in Years P-6 will be progressively brought on from Monday 1st November 2010
- Parents of students in Years P-6 will be invited to register for the Ultraset on Monday 8th November 2010.
- A Parent Information Night is planned for perhaps early 2011.

As implementation progresses, our students and teachers will start working together in the Ultraset using online tools such as wikis, blogs and discussion forums. Your child will use the Ultraset to create their own online learning portfolio and take part in online learning activities. You'll be able to see this information to help keep up to date with your child's progress. Our teachers will also use the Ultraset to access and share valuable teaching resources across Victoria.

Initially we will focus on student learning goals and portfolios and create our school community page. This will start in 2011. This means when you first log into the Ultraset you will be able to see the following information about your child and our school:

- Your child's attendance data
- Your child's learning goals
- Your child's learning tasks
- Your child's portfolio of digital work
- Our school community page and other general pages
- Our school newsletter
- Our school calendar of events for 2011.

Overtime, we will build up information in the Ultraset, creating an ongoing record of learning progress for your child. These records will travel with your child from year to year and school to school (within the Victorian government school system).

In the coming weeks, all families will receive a booklet outlining the main features of the Ultraset for parents, how to access the Ultraset, privacy for you and your child, safe and responsible use of the Ultraset, and where to go for additional resources or support. An extended version of this booklet will be available online from the end of October via www.education.vic.gov.au/ultraset. This will include step-by-step instructions and video tutorials on how to register for and use the Ultraset, how to manage your account and a glossary of terms and frequently asked questions.

Accessing the Ultraset

In December, we will send you a Welcome Letter inviting you to register for and log into the Ultraset. Please keep the enclosed copy of *The Ultraset: An introduction for parents* to assist you to register at this time.

10. Cricket Clinics – Milo / Kanga 8's

The students in Prep – Grade 4 had an enjoyable Milo Cricket Clinic last week. I am sure some of these children have already registered for the Milo Cricket Program which is available out of school hours. On Friday 29th October students in Grades 4-6 will participate in a Kanga 8's Clinic from 2-3pm. This is in preparation for the Kanga 8's Tournament which will be held in Shepparton on Thursday 11th September at the McEwen Reserve in Shepparton. More details will be available soon – Mrs Sidebottom will be attending this day.

11. Student Scholarships for 2011

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development administers 30 different student scholarship categories for this round which equates to approximately 175 scholarship awards (as some scholarships have more than one award). For scholarships that the Department administers, a student must apply for a scholarship at the same year level that they are studying in 2010, e.g. a student in Year 8 in 2010 would apply for a Year 8 scholarship. Scholarships for students at relevant 2010 year levels will be granted and paid early in 2011. The scholarships are offered to primary, secondary and tertiary students and range in value from \$250 to over \$2,000.

They are generally awarded to students who:

- * demonstrate excellent academic achievement,
- * demonstrate outstanding participation in their school and local community,
- * are in financial need (determined by the parents/guardians being in receipt of the Education Maintenance Allowance or the students themselves receiving the Youth Allowance).

Further information on the scholarships available and how to apply can be found at the following link:

<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/default.aspx>

12. Active After School Care Super Site Ceremony / Term 4 Program

This Friday, we will be holding a special assembly to recognise our nomination as a Super Site for the Active After School Communities Program. This will begin at 11.30pm with a presentation by our local member of Parliament, Sharman Stone, and Megan Carr (AASC Regional Coordinator) and Matthew Calf (AASC Regional Manager) will be attendance as well. A number of local media outlets have been organised for this day, so we are hopeful that many parents can attend this ceremony to promote our school in a positive way. A morning tea will be provided at the conclusion of this ceremony.

I was extremely impressed with the number of students who attended the program last week. We had almost half of our school involved in the Touch Footy session and this speaks highly for the program. Taekwondo began today and Touch Footy / Multi Sports will continue as planned. As per normal, it will begin straight after school with a fruit break with the sessions to begin at 3.45pm and conclude at 4.45pm.

Taekwondo – Monday – starts 18th Oct – finishes 29th Nov

Touch Football – Tuesday – starts 12th Oct to 26th Oct – 3 week break – 23rd Nov to 14th Dec

Participation winners for last week were – Harvey, Chrissie, Preston, Jordan, Alyssa & Shae

13. Grade 5/6 Camp

Just a reminder that the students are expected to arrive back at Lemnos PS on Thursday at about 6pm. I would like to thank all families for being so prompt with payment for the camp along with getting specific forms returned to the office. This makes the organisation of such programs run smoothly.

14. Dates for 2011

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for next year are:

February 4th - Students first day

February 21st - School Photos

April 4th – Athletic Sports

May 10th > May 12th - NAPLAN

June 6th > June 8th - Urban Camp for Grade 5/6

July 25th > 27th – 15 Mile Creek Camp for Grade 3/4

15. Passions – 2011

I have decided to not have a Passions Program this year because of the rescheduling of our school building. I would like to thank those parents who offered to assist with this program and I will endeavour to implement it in the 2011 School Year.

16. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

- P/1** Kyle Montgomery – for confidence he shows in his school work. I have noticed a huge improvement in his handwriting, speed maths and number of laps he runs. Well done Kyle.
- 2/3/4** Brittany Meyland – for the persistence she has been showing in Bike Ed. and for the effort she always puts into her schoolwork!!
- 5/6** No awards from last week. Two awards will be handed out next week focusing on the Phillip Island Camp.



MISSING EARRING

A silver and diamond clip-on earring has been lost in the playground closest to the car park. This earring has great sentimental value to it's owner and they would greatly appreciate it being found. If anyone has picked up an earring from the playground could they please return it to the school office.

Congratulations to Alex Ring & Lachie Karl for being selected into the Representative Squad for U / 13's Cricket. Well done boys and we look forward to hearing about your progress with this in the next few weeks. No Cricket was played over the weekend because of the wet weather.

Prep Orientation Program – new students for 2011

Some informal visits occurred last term involving the Kindergarten and the senior students of Tallygaroopna PS. However, the formal part of this program begins tomorrow with the first visit planned from 9am until 11am. Other visits are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday 9th November – 9am to 11.30am**
- **Wednesday 24th November – 9am to 2pm**
- **December 7th December (Statewide) – All day**

Farm Visit

Prep / Ones hope to visit the Pedretti farm this week. If weather and hay cutting commitments allow, it could be Thursday 9am until 11am. We will send home a note home confirming this the night before we go. Permission forms must be returned to school also. Parents are welcome to attend. The children will need to bring a change of footwear, like gumboots.

Mrs Wallace

Munch 'n' Crunch

Thursday 28th October

The menu will be:

Fried Rice & 2 steamed Dim Sims, a packet of chips and Prima drink for \$5

Alternately, students can have just Fried Rice, chips and drink for \$4.50

or

4 steamed Dim Sims, chips and drink for \$4.50.

All orders with payment need to be in by Friday, 22nd October.
Please complete the following form and return with your payment.

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Munch 'n' Crunch Order – Thursday 28th October

Family:

Student 1: Option:

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Total Cost:



McDonalds Kids Go Tri It Triathlon

Come on kids give Tri a try!

Saturday November 13, 2010

Kialla Lakes, Shepparton, Victoria

Don't just let mum &/or dad have all the fun racing on the Campbell's Shepparton Half Ironman weekend

Age Categories: 7 – 9 Years 50m swim/2km ride/400m run
10 – 15 Years 100m swim/4km ride/800m run
When: Saturday November 13 – 2010
Where: Kialla Lakes – Gordon Drive, Shepparton
Time: 5:30pm
Cost: \$25 per child or \$20 for Tri Vic Members
Entry: www.sheppartontriclub.com.au or you can enter on the day
Enquires: info@sheppartontriclub.com.au
More Info: www.sheppartontriclub.com.au

Get in now & score yourself some freebies as well as have fun participating



NORTHERNERS CRICKET CLUB

MILO IN2 CRICKET



REGISTRATION DAY

Milo in2 Cricket is a fun way for kids to learn how to play Cricket and is designed to give boys and girls the chance to enjoy in a variety of activities to develop cricket skills and improve physical fitness. Each activity helps kids to develop social skills, sportsmanship and an understanding of the game with an emphasis on fun and involvement.




Milo In2 Cricket will run from 5pm on a Wednesday starting the 27th of October at the Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve and will not run during school holidays. All equipment will be provided including an individual start up pack! Participation will incur an upfront registration fee of \$60 to cover costs of Milo In2 Cricket.

If you are interested to learn more about Milo In2 Cricket please come along to one of our registration days to be held at the Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve on the following:

Wednesday the 13th of October from 5:00pm

Wednesday the 20th of October from 5:00pm

Or please feel free to contact one of the following:

-  **Ken Makin (Program Co-ordinator) – 0403 528 223**
-  **Sue Lau (Junior Co-ordinator) – 58 298 428**
-  **Kieran Humphrey (Club President) – 0422 919 834**