

TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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1. COVID-19 Update - As stated last week, from 11.59pm on Wednesday 12th October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 have ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health **strongly recommends** that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health. We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community. We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases. Parents and carers will continue to be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school. Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so. To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures.

2. Flood Closure - School was closed today and will also be closed on Tuesday and we will have further updates in regard to this difficult situation via Skool Loop and Class Dojo. Again, we will be guided by advice from emergency agencies and the Department of Education. We have been asked by the Education Department to also check on families wellbeing and note any impacts- flooding inundation, road blockages, etc. Please contact the school as needed in regard to this.

3. School Review - Our first day is held next Tuesday 25th October. Other dates involve Tuesday November 8th and Monday November 14th - there will obviously be some staff unavailable on these days when they are involved in this process. Thanks to Kelly McPherson and Steve Kemp for representing School Council with this review.

4. Staffing for 2023 - We are continuing to work through this process which is taking a little longer than normal. We appreciated your patience with this matter and the school community will be informed ASAP. We do have a new Music teacher for 2023 - we hope to make this public next Monday.

5. Swimming Program - This program is cancelled this week and we will endeavour to organise another week before the end of the year if possible.

6. Tally's Got Talent - This day is scheduled for Friday 25th November from 6.30pm to 8pm. Entry is only \$2 - see further details on Class Dojo.

7. Munch N Crunch - There has been rescheduled to Monday 24th October because of the school closure yesterday. If you can help on this day contact the office please.

8. Orientation Program (Foundations - 2023) - Tomorrow's session has been cancelled and all relevant families have been contacted. The next day is scheduled for Thursday 10th of November and we will continue to liaise with families as needed. Other remaining dates have been published on Skool Loop and are on our Facebook page and are important for beginning school. Please contact the school if any clarification about the dates is needed.

9. Nick Bamford - This support will not occur tomorrow because of the school closure. We anticipate that Nick will be at our school for all of next Tuesday to make up for time lost tomorrow.

10. Last Curriculum Day - Our final Curriculum Day for the year will be held on Monday 31st October. Staff will be working on school reports on this day so no students will be required at school and there will be no OSH Care available.

11. Division & Region Athletics - Congratulations to the students who participated in the Division Athletics last Monday 10th October. Ellie Sidebottom has qualified for the Region Athletics which is a fantastic accomplishment - this has been rescheduled to Monday 24th October.

12. Absence Error (Skool Loop) - The Absence Error on iPhones for Skool Loop is now fixed (see Skool Loop for information last week) - families will need to do a simple update via the App store.

13. School Council Meeting - This will be held next Monday 24th October (change of day) - members will get further information before the end of the week.

14. Parents' Club Meeting - The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st November beginning at 3.30pm - all are welcome.

15. Mental Health Fund - Specific dates remaining are provided below and it is essential that attendance at school occurs on these days.

Nick Bamford	Occupational Therapy	Speech Therapy
Tuesday 25th October - all day	Wednesday 26th October	Thursday 27th October
Tuesday 8th November	Wednesday 9th November	Thursday 10th November
Tuesday 15th November	Wednesday 23rd November	Thursday 24th November
Tuesday 22nd November	Wednesday 7th November	Thursday 8th December
Tuesday 29th November		
Tuesday 6th December		

16. 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 16th 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 available on Skool Loop and in the full edition of the newsletter. Confirmation of spots was due on Monday 12th September to confirm your spot for this trip - please let us know if your child will not be attending ASAP please.

17. End of Year Events - Families should pencil in the following dates for the end of year: Christmas Concert (Tuesday 13th December) and Graduation Night (Wednesday 14th December). Further details will be available later on in the year.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. Specialist Programs - These may be cancelled this week because of the flooding situation around the local area.

21. 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).

22. 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