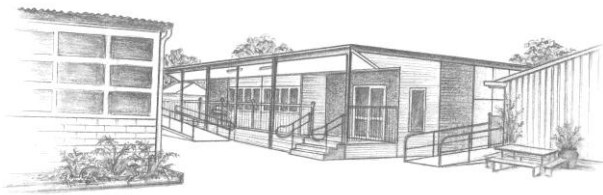


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 NO.33 29th October 2012

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Forms and Payment (\$320) for the Grade 5/6 Queenscliff Camp need to be returned to school ASAP.

The next Parents Club Meeting will be on Wed 31st October at 7.30pm

A Pupil Free Day will be held at school on Monday 5th November. Staff will be working on reports throughout the day.

Hi everyone,

Last week, the Grade 5/6 students were fortunate to have an Excursion at Ecolinc at Bacchus Marsh. I attended this day and it was great to see the creative flair and team work come out in our kids. I am hopeful that this trip may occur again next year and that a new bunch of children may get this opportunity in 2013. Again thanks to our great parents for setting the clocks early and getting all of the students at school nice and early in the morning. I must say there were some tired bodies when we got home on Wednesday night – me included!!!

Numbers for our end of year excursion are filling up fast, so parent names must be in ASAP to avoid disappointment on this day. There are only a few spots remaining so be quick. It was a terrific gesture by School Council funding all of our children for this day and this will enable all families to benefit from this excursion.

There is an item in this edition of the newsletter about Tabloid Sports as well. Mrs Wallace and I have been running these sessions during Physical Education sessions and it has been really great to see the kids working together and assisting each other with respect. Inclusion is one of our main values at Tallygaropna PS School and this is definitely evident during this time. Once the Grade 5/6 camps have concluded the senior students will be responsible for organising the stations. I encourage all parents to come along and have a look (Tuesday's 11.50am until 1pm) and see our great kids working well together.

Finally, we are in the process of registering for an initiative called Kidsmatter. An item is highlighted in this edition of the newsletter so I encourage all parents to have a read of this and also refer to the website for more information. I will be addressing this at the Parents Club meeting next Wednesday and seeking some parental support as well – stay tuned!!

Karen will be at the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. I will be away on Thursday and Friday unfortunately again!!!. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Teaching Principal

Parent Numbers for the end of year excursion are filling up fast. Don't be disappointed and miss out – these were needed last Friday.

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.

GREAT FUNDRAISING ANNOUNCEMENT

READ ON TO GET MORE DETAILS!!

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.
An alternative is to go to our school website.
Enrolments for 2013 can now be made. Tours of the school can be requested as well.**

1. Ecolinc Excursion

The grade 5/6 students had a terrific day at Ecolinc at Bacchus Marsh on Wednesday. There were many interactive and hands on activities during the day and the behaviour of the children was exceptional as always. Special thanks to Mrs Thomas and Mr Toy (Science Specialists) for providing this opportunity to our kids and for all the parents for making the effort to getting there nice and early for the bus.



2. Fundraising Announcement

At School Council last week, we decided to subsidise all of the school children for the end of year excursion at Fun Fields in Whittlesea. This has occurred because of the large amount of fundraising that has occurred throughout the year. Well done everyone!!!

We have also decided to use the money raised (\$1400) from the School BBQ at Bunnings to go towards urgent works from the school. Some of the things that have taken place this year are: new fence, new lawnmower, arborist visit, other OHS requirements..etc. A lot of this money has to be generated by the school because unfortunately Department funding is not sufficient.

If any member of the school community has any other suggestions regarding the implementation of school fees for the future please contact Mr Brodie.

3. Kidsmatter

Tallygaroopna PS is looking at implementing an initiative called Kidsmatter in 2013. This has a clear focus on mental and physical health and involves the whole school community as students, staff and parents work together as one. Staff have already looked at an informative DVD in regard to this and this will be shown to the Parents Club next Wednesday night to hopefully entice some great parents to come on our new Kidsmatter committee. There will be 2 days of formal training in December which will involve a member of staff and we are hopeful that a parent from this committee will be able to attend this training as well. The goals of this initiative are listed below, but more information can be found at the website - <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary>



- A school community that promotes mental health and wellbeing
- Respectful relationships, belonging and inclusion
- Effective social and emotional learning (SEL) curriculum for all students
- Opportunities for students to practise and transfer their social and emotional skills
- Collaborative working relationships with parents and carers
- Support for parenting
- Parent and carer support networks
- Understanding mental health difficulties and improving help-seeking
- Responding to students experiencing mental health difficulties

4. Somers Camp

All of the medical and permission forms have been passed onto Grant Hicks (District Secretary of Somers Camp – teacher at Mooroopna Nth. PS). As a result, all the requirements before this camp have now been fulfilled. Any medication for this day should be brought along and passed onto Mr Hicks at the bus pickup. Students selected for his outdoor camping experience will be **leaving the car park opposite the Shepparton library (Princess Park) at 8:00am on Tuesday November 6 and returning there at 2:30pm on Wednesday November 14**. Hard to believe that this camp is only just over 1 week away. Please refer to the clothing list which was distributed a while ago and pack for all weather conditions – just in case!!!

Mr Hicks can be contacted at Mooroopna Nth. PS on 5829 0141 if you require any further details.

When the children return from Somers, there will be an expectation that they attend school although the rest of the class will be at the Grade 5/6 camp at Queenscliff. Children will be in Mrs Haberfield's class during this time, working through a small work booklet.

5. Sun Smart

All children are required to wear school hats during term 4 as stated in our Sun Smart Policy. Children will also be provided with sunscreen during recess and lunch time and are encouraged to apply and reapply this form of protection throughout the school day. Sunscreen will be near the mirror in the Project room and taken outside at 11am.

6. Kanga 8's

Children in Grades 2-6 will be participating in a Kanga 8's clinic this Wednesday 31st October from 2-3pm. This clinic is in preparation for the tournament which will be played in Shepparton on Wednesday 21st November. Students in Grades 5/6 will be invited to attend this day and some Grade 4 children may be invited as well to field teams. We have entered a boys and a girls team for the Kanga 8's tournament.

7. End of Year Excursion

After the success of last year's school excursion, it was decided that we would make the Whittlesea Fun Fields the venue for our End of Year Excursion again this year. This will be held on Thursday 6th December. We are looking at taking 2 buses to the venue and all parents will be invited – first in best dressed. Because we are taking 2 buses we are positive about everyone being able to attend. Last year, all students were supervised by parents and if possible we would like this to occur again.

Parent numbers are due now. At this stage we expect all school children to attend, but behaviour will be closely monitored leading up to the event. All school children will be free and parents attending will be \$45 each. The money will need to be in at school by Friday 23rd November. Feel free to discuss this at school, because we can negotiate a payment plan if needed. At this stage, no Preschool children or older brothers or sisters will be invited because we would like parents to see this trip as an opportunity to spend some quality time with their children who are presently enrolled at Tallygaroopna PS.

Conditions of Entry and Height Restrictions can be found here - <http://www.funfields.com.au/>

8. Grade 5/6 Camp

A couple of weeks ago, all children intending to go to the Queenscliff camp received medical, clothing and permission forms. These need to be returned ASAP to assist with planning. Forms and **final payment of \$320** will be due on Friday 2nd November. The camp is scheduled from Tuesday 13th November until Friday 16th November. Mr Brodie will attend the 4 day camp and any Grade 5/6 students at school during this time (ie: returning Somers Campers), will have a small work booklet to work through with Mrs Haberfield.

Website - <http://www.geelong.ymca.org.au/index.php/ymca-camp-wyuna/general-information>

9. Active After School Program – Term 4

Our Active After School Program began last week with tennis, circus tricks will be on a Tuesday. Both sessions begin at 3.35pm and conclude at 4.35pm and a fruit snack will be provided before each session. Andrea Walker will be our supervisor on a Monday and Jill McFarlane will fulfil this role on a Tuesday. Special thanks to Gill O'Brien for filling in last week and assisting as always. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office or accessed from our school website. A participation award will handed out at each assembly – this will involve an icy pole voucher.

A reminder that school hats are always required during this after school program.

10. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Dates for TERM 4 are:

October 31st – Kanga 8's Clinic
November 1st – Bravehearts Safety (P-3)
November 6th – Melbourne Cup Holiday
November 8th – Transition Day 2 (9-11.30am)
November 13th – Kindergarten Visit
November 21st – Finance & School Council 8 – **week 7**
November 23rd – Motor Bike Safety Program
December 4th – Kindergarten Visit
December 11th – Orientation Day
December 18th – Christmas Concert

October 31st – Parents Club Meeting – 7.30pm
November 5th – Pupil Free Day (Reporting)
November 6th – Somers Camp Begins
November 13th – Grade 5/6 Camp
November 17th – Rotating Dinner
November 21st – Kanga 8's Tournament
November 28th – Transition Day 3 (9am – 2pm)
December 6th – End of Year Excursion
December 17th – Reports Home
December 21st – Last Day of Term 4

11. Bravehearts

Students from Prep – Grade 3 will be participating in a Personal Safety session at school on Thursday 1st November from 12.15pm until 1pm. This session is an integral part of our wellbeing program and has been held at Tallygaroopna PS for a number of years. **No permission forms will be necessary – however, if you wish your child to not attend this session can you contact the school ASAP.** Specific information is included below:

Information: Personal Safety Program

Keeping children safe is one of the most important things we do as parents, educators or other caring adults. To do this, we must equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to avoid risky situations and give them an understanding of their rights to protect their own body. Bravehearts is aiming to achieve this through our education and prevention stream, bringing one of this country's most innovative and proactive programs to schools across the country.

Teaching children personal safety helps young people learn the skills to identify their vulnerabilities while devising strategies to both protect themselves and get help if unable to cope alone. While talking to children about sexual assault may be uncomfortable for some parents, personal safety can and should be taught to all children - even preschoolers. Thankfully, very young children can be taught personal safety without ever hearing frightening terms like "sexual assault". Heightened media coverage has ensured parents and caregivers are more aware of the threat to children by sex offenders than ever before. We have learned a lot including how devastating child sexual assault can be to the health and wellbeing of our children. This increased awareness has raised alarm for many families as they grapple with finding ways to protect their children.

The purpose of 'Ditto's Education Program' is to teach children the skills to keep safe from sexual predators. We are taking these proven, safe, fun, effective and interactive messages, rules and tools into schools, day care centres, shopping centres, sporting clubs etc in order to provide children, parents, teachers, carers and the general community with specialised child sexual assault awareness and education.


So far, 'Ditto's Education Program' and its vital personal safety messages has reached more than 200,000 children. We are already inundated with expressions of interest from schools for 2012.

The live protective behaviours performance runs for 45 minutes. The star of the performance is Ditto himself. The program is fun, non-threatening and encourages student participation.

Segments include:

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| * Yes and No feelings | * Your body's warning signs |
| * Scared and yucky feelings | * Private parts (general discussion, includes our "Private Parts" song) |
| * It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe | * Good and Bad secrets (includes our "Good and Bad Secrets" song) |

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12. Student of the Week / Values Vault

Congratulations for the following students for week 3 – Term 4

Rock & Roll Kids – Nicholas Church for the persistence he has shown in his handwriting. It is a pleasure to read your diary each Monday. Well done Nicholas.

Mrs H's Brainy Bunch – This week the award goes to **Brittany Meyland** for the persistence she displays in her schoolwork and for her excellent getting along skills. Great job!

Grade 5/6 Rebels – Brenton O'Brien for the way that he is always organised and focused in class and for the way that he always strives for high quality work.



All students received a free icy pole voucher

This week's Values Vault winner was– Zane Cannon

Parent's Club News

Parent's Club would also like to put a feeler out for interest in resurrecting the **ROTATING (PROGRESSIVE) DINNER** of years past. This is an event where small groups of school parents progress from host house to host house, eating 1 course of a meal at each home, throughout an evening. So that each host would prepare just one course of a meal, for a small group, and then move on to enjoy themselves at another host's home. A proposed date for this has been suggested: Saturday 17th November, when the weather is warmer, but before the Christmas rush. Please let a parent's club member or Karen at the office know if you'd be interested in being a part of this fun social event.

2013 TERM DATES – to be confirmed

Please keep these in a handy spot as you may wish to book your family holidays during the school holidays.

Term 1: 30 January (students start) to 28 March

Term 2: 15 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

Farm Visit.

On Wednesday, Mrs Wallace's class is off to visit the Pedretti farm. We will need our fruit snack and a farm pair of shoes to wear there (and change when we get back). We will be leaving at 9.00am and returning approx. 11.00am. Parents are welcome to join us.

Fantastic Mr Fox.

Last week Mrs Wallace's class finished reading the story of Fantastic Mr Fox. This week we would like to watch the video of it but as it is PG we need parent permission. Please let me know if you do not wish your child to watch it.

Mrs Wallace.

Northerners Cricket

Northerners Cricket Club have very generously donated \$150 to Tallygaroopna PS for the use of the school oval for under 12s cricket matches for 2012. This money was the profit from last Friday evening's teas and has been donated in appreciation of the Club being able to make use of the school oval and toilets.

Northerners Under 12 Results – Round 3 vs Numurkah at Numurkah. Northerners batted first and made a very good score of 87. Brock and Preston opened well and got the team off to a good start, some of our little guys, Cohan and first gamers Eloise and Kyle also held their own. Numurkah made 63 in their innings. Some great fielding and bowling by all the team. Special thanks to Numurkah for allowing 2 of their players to help us out.

Care Package Donations

Thanks to the many families who made valuable donations for the Aussie Troops. Your contribution and thoughts are really appreciated. Special thanks to Mrs Haberfield for organising this great initiative which focuses on respect.



Solar Boat Challenge



Tabloid Sports at Tally PS

PE activities this term have focused on Tabloid Sports. These fun activities have linked to our school values of inclusion and respect and honesty. For the first 4 weeks, Mrs Wallace and Mr Brodie have run the activities and after the Senior Camps in early November, the Grade 5/6 children will be responsible for running the stations. Tabloid sports involved 8 teams and each team completes 8 different stations which involve different skill sets.





WANGANUI NETBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 @ 7PM
VISY CENTRE MEETING ROOM, WPSC**
If your child is attending WPSC in 2013 you are invited
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Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

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Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit

www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student



2011 Census Results and Geography Information Session

for the family and children's services sector

December 7th 2012 12.30 pm – 2.30pm

Greater Shepparton City Council Boardroom

Welsford St Office Shepparton

Session Content

The ABS is changing the statistical geography that data will be released on for all ABS collections. Collection Districts and Statistical Local Areas will no longer be available as they are replaced by Statistical Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4.

If you need more information on the new geography and how to covert data to the new geography, then this free session will assist you. The data examples used will draw on family and child related data.

2011 TableBuilder Professional is a charged Census Product, TableBuilder Basic is free – we will explain the difference. This session will demonstrate TableBuilder Professional so you can make an informed decision if this is the product for your organisation.

This session is sponsored through the Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2011-2014. An aim of this plan is to promote better use of local and national data sets to inform local planning and service development for children and families.

RSVP: Jenni Harris jenny.harris@shepparton.vic.gov.au phone 58329779

By When: November 30th 2012. Please note places are limited so we encourage early registrations.

A light lunch will be available from 12.30pm. The Information Session commences at 1pm.



Prep for Parents: Talking to Your Child's Teacher

There are two types of conversations you could have with your child's teacher: a short discussion over a relatively simple, minor thing; or a more in-depth discussion over an ongoing issue or something more serious, which will usually require an appointment with the teacher.

Some common issues which are raised with teachers include:

- how well my child is doing with their school work
- improving my child's reading
- identifying my child's strengths
- improving subjects that my child is not strong in
- how my child gets on with other children
- concerns about things going on in your family.

Some things you can do to prepare for these discussions include finding the right time to talk to your child's teacher and doing some thinking and possibly research beforehand.

Some schools prefer that you contact them by telephone or in person; others are happy for you to send an e-mail (most schools have a generic e-mail address). If in doubt, telephone the school.

When we asked teachers how they'd like parents to approach them; the teachers suggested that parents should:

- be clear about what they want to discuss
- have some idea of what they would like to happen or what outcome they would like to achieve
- talk about current issues, don't try to bring up things that happened a long time ago or are not relevant to what is happening right now
- come with a positive attitude. Approach things on the understanding that you and the school will work together in a way that benefits your child's learning
- aim to decide together what the teacher will work on in the classroom and how you can help at home. Decide how you will keep in touch with the school and your child's teacher – whether it's by phone, e-mail, or follow-up meetings.

Finding the right time

Always ask the teacher if they have time to talk, or better yet, when it might be convenient for them to do so.

It may not be practical to have a conversation lasting more than a minute or two with your child's teacher during drop-off and pick-up times at school. If your discussion is likely to last longer, it is probably best to make a time when you and your child's teacher can discuss things without other distractions.

Making an appointment

Contact the school office and make a time to talk to your child's teacher. Let them know how long you think you'll need and when the best time for you would be.

Let the school know what you'd like to talk to the teacher about. Be specific. For example, you might say, "Lucy's been having trouble with the book sent home last week. She struggled with the book and had a lot of trouble with some of the bigger words. We stopped reading after 30 minutes because she was getting so frustrated. I'd like to talk to Lucy's teacher about her reading?" This way everyone is clear about what will be discussed.

Also let the school office (and your child's teacher) know if this should be a face-to-face meeting or over the phone. If you are not sure which would be best, ask the school office for their advice.

Be flexible about the timing of the appointment and recognise that while the timing may not be ideal, the fact you and your child's teacher can discuss things is a great outcome for your child.

If you need a translator, arrange this with the school at the time you make the appointment.

Being prepared

Write a list of specific questions you wish to ask your child's teacher. Rank these questions in order of how important they are or which ones need answering first. This will help you focus your discussion with your child's teacher on what matters most.

Remember, the story you hear from your child may not be very accurate. Your child sees things very differently from how an adult would. We are not suggesting that you dismiss your child's story. Rather that the situation may require your child's teacher's perspective as well as your child's before the whole picture is clear and a solution can be formulated.

Think about what you would like to see happen. Knowing what you want to happen or what outcome you'd like to see, and how long you expect that to take, is something you should seriously consider when preparing for the meeting with your child's teacher.

Don't expect your child's teacher to propose all the answers. Be prepared to make suggestions and offer solutions by doing a bit of research or discuss the issue with your partner and/or other family members before you go.

Be diplomatic, tactful, and respectful. Teachers have feelings too. And they're more likely to be responsive if you remember that the purpose of your meeting is conversation, not confrontation.

And don't forget to listen. If necessary, take notes. Remember, the purpose of your meeting is to achieve an outcome that will help your child's learning.

Ask about specific ways you can help at home. Ask the teacher to define what your role should be and together make a plan for everyone – your child's teacher, your child and you – to have actions that will achieve the desired or expected outcome.



Positive Parenting Telephone Service:



Are you the parent or carer of a child or children aged 2 – 10 years?

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.

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