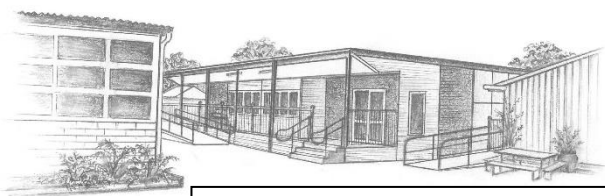


## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

**1. Remote & Flexible Learning** - We continue with Remote & Flexible learning for most of this week with students in Grades 3-6. Students in Grades F, 1 and 2 are back onsite with normal learning for the whole week.

Remote Learning will take place on:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October for Grade 3/4/5/6
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October for Grade 5/6 (Grade 3/4 will be onsite)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October for Grade 3/4 (Grade 5/6 will be onsite)

All classes will resume onsite learning on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This has been advised via Skool Loop and Class Dojo.

We have a number of families who are going through some tough times at the moment and our thoughts are with all members of our school community who are going through hardship at present.

**2. Face Masks** - Information was provided to families via Skool Loop yesterday in regard to the wearing of face masks for Grade 3-6 students. It is also encouraged that students in F to Grade 2 wear a mask. We ask you to provide a mask for your child however the school has a supply on hand that students may use (although we have certainly seen some great masks from home over the past few weeks). All students in Years 3-6 will be required to wear a mask unless the school has received notification from parents that a lawful exception applies. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception must provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask at the school. This may be followed up with the Department of Education.

**3. Regular Communication** - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop in regard to disruptions at school in line with COVID-19. We are obviously going through an extreme situation at the moment and specific measures will need to be put in place to regularly communicate to our families updates in regard to any lockdowns, closures, remote learning...etc. As always, we will follow DET guidelines and advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

**4. Road Maps to Returning to School** - These can be found at the link below.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/returning-to-onsite-learning>

**5. Curriculum Days** - Our last curriculum day for the year will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November (Report Writing). There will be no school or OSH Care on this day so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

**6. Public Holiday** - A reminder about the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. There will be no school or OSH Care on this day so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

**7. Cancellations** - Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Swimming Program and the Echuca Camp because of COVID-19 restrictions. Families will continue to be informed of any other changes in line with the calendar at the end of the full edition of the newsletter.

**8. Tutoring Program** - We are currently planning on how this may look in the new year and are aiming to contact specific families if possible in regard to student involvement in 2022. Stay tuned for more details.

**9. Class Structures** - We are currently discussing staffing and grade structures for 2022. This takes some time and we will be aiming to announce this mid Term 4.

**10. Reports - Semester 2** - We are anticipating some changes to Semester 2 reports again in line with the disruptions with COVID-19. Families will be informed of these as soon as these are discussed at a school level - hopefully this week.

**11. Orientation Program** - We have set a number of days for this transition process for new Foundation students for 2022. These have been published on Facebook and also on Skool Loop and all families with children starting their first year of schooling have been informed. Unfortunately, our 1<sup>st</sup> day on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> October was cancelled and we anticipate contacting families in regard to the next day before the end of the week. Day 2 is scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**12. Sue Muston** - It was great to welcome Sue back last week as a volunteer. Sue will be assisting in classrooms 3 times a week on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and her assistance is again greatly appreciated in the F/1 and 1/2 classrooms.

**13. Pre Service Teacher** - This week we welcome Niamh Lowe to our school as she completes a teaching round for the next 4 week weeks. Niamh will work with Mrs H in the F/1 classroom and we hope that her time at our school is an enjoyable one.

**14. Returning Materials** - There is a box out the front of the office for any learning materials to be returned during Remote & Flexible learning. It would be appreciated if these are returned promptly as much as possible. Students are encouraged to send through completed tasks on Class Dojo. This will enable staff to provide additional feedback beyond Webex sessions.

**15. School Council** - The last meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. More specific information will be delivered via email closer to the meeting.

**16. New Student Enrolment Forms (2022)** - It would be appreciated if these are handed in ASAP to assist with planning for 2022. Please don't delay it considering the current uncertainty with COVID-19. No school tours can be made at the moment, hopefully these will return and can be completed upon request depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Please continue to promote our school as much as possible.

**17. Production** - This has also been postponed and we will look into recording this performance when we return to normal onsite learning. Further details will be available when we have a clearer picture of what Term 4 may look like.

**18. School Hats** - School hats are again compulsory for all staff and students when outside. This is in line with our Sun Smart & Heat Policy which states that children will be required to wear Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 8 cm rigid brim) whenever they are outside from mid-August to the end of April or when UV levels reach 3 or above. Some leniency has been applied, but everyone should have a hat when we return to normal onsite learning - new ones can be purchased at the office if needed.

**19. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to do an online absence via Skool Loop whenever required - this is the preferred method of notification. We have missed some of these of late - schools need to keep an accurate account of these as directed by DET. Please remember to have the correct date for any absence notification that is sent also please.

**20. Specialist Programs** - This week we will have Library and Music on Wednesday - some tasks will go on Class Dojo this week. Music (576 261 178) will be held on Wednesday at 9am on Webex for Grade 5/6 - please attend to make these sessions worthwhile.

**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). Please contact the Principal in regard to this, so that families can be informed (via Skool Loop / Dojo) and then make an informed decision in regard to participation.

David Brodie (Principal)

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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)