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**Money for the End of Year
Excursion needs to be paid by
Friday 18th November.**

**Grade 5/6 Students attending the
Yachting program will need to pay
\$25 by Friday 11th November.**

**Parent assistance is needed for the
Kanga 8's Tournament on 18th Nov**

Hi everyone,

Wow!!!, what a day we had last Tuesday at our School Fete. This was a great success and there is already talk of this being an annual event. Special thanks to all of the great parents who assisted with the day and the Organisation Committee who did a great job after a few sleepless nights. We anticipate a profit of about \$2,000 and the Parents Club will discuss how these funds will be utilised at their next meeting.

In next week's edition of the newsletter, we will hear how Zane Newbound went at the State High Jump Championships in Melbourne – held today. This was a terrific effort and we know that he would have done his family and school proud. A reminder also about the money which is due for the Yachting Program (\$25 per student) and the End of Year Excursion (\$25 each for students and \$40 each for parents). We are trying to finalise both of these programs ASAP and your attention would be greatly appreciated.

I have also pencilled in a couple of important dates in December, which still need to be confirmed. These are for the School Disco which is traditionally organised by the School Leaders and the Xmas Concert which will also be the Graduation Night for the nine Grade 6 students who venture onto Secondary College next year. Please have a look at these two dates and let us know if any of them do not suit. We would love as many parents to attend the Xmas concert as possible so don't hesitate to contact the school if this day isn't appropriate. Our new building opening is not far away also and we will put some more flyers out to the school community soon advertising this event.

Karen will be at the office until Thursday this week. I will be teaching on Tuesday and Friday this week. I also have a Sub Regional Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday this week at Mulwala, so unfortunately I will be away from school for 3 days this week. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

Tallygaroopna Primary School Fete



For the school community's information, Tally Takeaway now has fuel available for sale. Poppies are available from the office for a Gold Coin Donation to commemorate Remembrance Day on 11th November.



1. Pupil Free Days -2012

Next year, staff will begin school on Wednesday 1st February. This day will be a Pupil Free Day for students, as staff at Tallygaroopna PS organise classes for the first day for students. This will be held on Thursday 2nd February. In 2012, schools will be provided with a lot more flexibility in regard to Pupil Free Days. These days must be used for Professional Development or Assessment and Reporting. As a result, three further Pupil Free Days have been endorsed by School Council. These will be held on:

Monday March 19th - Curriculum Day focusing on Kagan PD – Team building / Engagement

Wednesday June 27th - Parent / Teacher Interviews

Monday 5th November - Report Writing Day for Staff

Parents are encouraged to make family arrangements ASAP.

2. School Fete Raffle

Congratulations to all of the winners of our School Fete Raffle. Special thanks to all of the people who made donations to enable the raffle to be a great one to win. If you have not picked up your prize could you contact the school ASAP.

1st Trish Moss – Dinner for 4 (2 adults, 2 children) at Victoria Hotel - Tallygaroopna

2nd Brock Austin – IGA Voucher

3rd Tait Collins – Large Patio Clock

4th Bryan Stannard – Large Patio Clock

5th Charli Mellington – Tallygaroopna Takeaway Family Meal Voucher

6th Taylah Lindrea – Campbell Soups Food Hamper

7th Pete Healey – Campbell Soups Food Hamper

3. LOTE Program - 2012

Next year, we will be endeavouring to implement a LOTE program at school. LOTE stands for Languages other than English and we will be implementing Italian across the whole school in line with what is taught at Wanganui Park Secondary College. Italian lessons will be conducted by classroom teachers using a valuable online resource which is very interactive and engaging. Students will learn the basics such as numbers, greetings, colours...etc. Lessons will be very brief and will go for approximately 45 minutes each.

Website – <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/italian/italian.htm>

4. Parent Opinion Survey

The survey has provided valuable feedback to us and we would like to thank the families who participated. This survey has given parents the opportunity to highlight a couple of concerns and we will certainly take these on board for the future. It was great to hear some positive feedback in regard to PING, Information Technology and the Upgrade of the School Buildings.

5. Community BBQ - 2012

We have applied for a Community BBQ at Bunnings in Shepparton and we have been successful. This will enable us to continue to focus on fundraising to enable our school to have the best resources for our children at Tallygaroopna PS. The BBQ is set for Sunday 9th September 2012. This is a long way off and it may not suit families who have sporting or family commitments. There will be some training involved prior to this day and we will look for volunteers to assist when this day gets closer. Stay tuned!!!

6. Transition Program - Grade 6

Transition forms for students attending Wanganui SC will be handed over to the school this week. The blue student form must be returned ASAP. Staff are completing a transition form as well which will complete this process. Bus details went home a few weeks ago and are the responsibility of individual families.

7. Student Scholarships

Students in Years 4–12 are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the Department. Applicants will be required to submit their 2011 end-of-year results, which must be verified by their principals. Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criterion. Parents/guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance or students receiving the Youth Allowance meet this criterion.

Critical Dates

- Applications open on 14 November 2011.
- Students must lodge online applications by **31 January 2012**.
- Principals must verify students' 2011 end-of-year results by 3 March 2012.

Additional Information

- For further information on the student scholarships, see the attached documents or visit the website: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships

8. Science Specialist Program

Today, David was at Melbourne attending a forum with Rosemary Hepworth (Principal of Congupna PS), in regard to the Science Specialist Program. Two staff that are currently teaching in cluster schools have been appointed for a 2 year period to implement this program. These teachers are Peter Toy (Katandra West PS) and Rosalie Thomas (Currawa PS) and we look forward to working with them both over the duration of this program. Timetables and lessons are currently being coordinated and more details will be available soon. However, we anticipate one of these specialists being at our school for a whole day to focus on the teaching of science for the whole school. Stay tuned!!

9. End of Year Excursion

Discussion regarding the End of Year Excursion has been completed by School Council. There is still \$15 remaining from the Excursion Levy, which will go towards this trip. As a result, the balance owing is \$25 for each student for this excursion on Thursday 8th December. The cost for parents for this trip will be \$40 each.

Money will need to be in at school by Friday 18th November. Feel free to discuss this at school, because we can negotiate a payment plan if needed. At this stage, no Preschool children 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.

Website - <http://www.funfields.com.au/>

10. Yachting Program

Grade 5/6 students who have shown interest in the Yachting Program will need to pay \$25 to the school by this Friday 11th November. This money will then be sent on to the coordinators of the program. Parents will need to transport their own children to the venue on the day or share transport if necessary.

Information about the program:

Venue: The Shepparton Lake (known as Lake Victoria)

Assembly Point: You will need to drive around the back of the lake on Tom Collins Drive past Aquamoves to the green sheds.

Date: Thursday 17th November

Time: 9.30am – 11am.

Students need to bring:

- ❖ a pair of old sneakers to wear in the yacht and walking on land
- ❖ bathers and towel / sunscreen
- ❖ sunhat or woollen beanie depending on weather
- ❖ windproof jacket if cold
- ❖ plastic bag for wet clothing / change of clothes
- ❖ water bottle

Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) will be supplied by Yachting Victoria.

11. Kanga 8's Program

Students in Grades 5/6 will participate in the Kanga 8's Tournament in Shepparton on Friday 18th November. This day is invitation only and some Grade 4 students may be invited if there is a need to fill spots for teams. **If any parents can assist with transport for this day could you let the school know ASAP. Otherwise, there will be a cost of \$4 per student to cover bus costs. More details to follow!!**

A regional carnival generally runs along the following timeline:

- 9:30am: Schools arrive at local venue
- 9:45am: School briefing and rules refresher
- 10:00am: Round 1
- 11:00am: Round 2
- 12:00pm: Round 3
- 1:00pm: Finals
- 2:00pm: Presentations
- 2:15pm: Schools depart

(Please note: some carnivals may vary slightly from this schedule)

12. School Improvement Program

Our two new couches arrived last Friday and these now sit proudly in the project room which parents can utilise as much as possible. My old couch has now been relegated to the Computer Lab, but I can assure you that the kids will still make good use of this during IT lessons. We are expecting our extra signs to go up this week along with the upgrade of our phone system as well. We are hoping to get some more permanent seating in the new concrete undercover area along with a large rubbish bin also in the next few weeks. Apologies for the delay with the synthetic cricket wicket. There have been some issues with delivery and we hope this gets resolved by the end of the week.

We will be having our building opening on Thursday 1st December, so please keep this date free if you can because this will be a celebration of all of the work that has taken place over the last 12 to 18 months. There will be an official ceremony at 10.30am followed by a morning tea at 11am and we look forward to promoting our school on the day with the local media.

13. Public Speaking Competition

This is on again this term if students are interested. Our school will run our own competition on Monday 14th November, with speeches being presented at assembly. There would be a Grade 2/3/4 Section and a Grade 5/6 section. This is very informal, a good chance for students to speak in front of an audience out of their comfort zone.

Information below:

- Topics are open and students can work on these at school and I encourage all parents to assist with these at home also. Some topics discussed by children have been: The Titanic, Jim Stynes and Steve Irwin.
- We hope to decide who will represent schools by the middle of November for the Grade 2/3/4 and 5/6 classes and students will present their talks at assembly.
- All students who participate will receive certificates and prizes will be awarded to both Grade winners.

School Competitions – need to be finalised by the middle of November.

- Only two students can represent each school – 1 for each category (Grade 2/3/4 and Grade 5/6)
- Topics are (5 Minute Maximum) – 30 second warning bell.
- Grade 2/3/4 – Open Topics
- Grade 5/6 – Open Topics

Finals

- Venue: Tallygaroopna Primary School
- Date: Wednesday 7th December
- Time: 6pm to 9pm (Grade 3/4: 6pm – 7.15pm, Grade 5/6: 7.45pm – 9.00pm)
- Tea will be provided between the two sections – bbq, tea & coffee
- The same format and topics would be presented – from individual schools.
- 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.

14. Prep Orientation

New Students who begin Prep in 2012 will have their next Orientation Program next Thursday 17th November. The third day will be held on Wednesday 30th November with the State wide Orientation Day being held on Tuesday, 13th December. The handover of Transition Statements to Primary Schools is scheduled for Friday 2nd December from 2pm until 4.30pm. This session will enable both Kindergarten and Primary teachers to discuss students and it will be held at the COGS Community Room at Riverside Plaza.

15. School Funding

The biggest review of school funding in over 30 years finishes in December. On Tuesday November 15th, parents, teachers and principals across Australia are invited to send a final message to the head of review about the importance of investing more in public schools. Send your message to www.forourfuture.org.au

16. Active After School Communities Program

Sessions continue as per normal over the next few weeks with Basketball being held on Monday and Golf on Tuesday. Sessions begin at 3.45pm and conclude at 4.45pm. Last week's participation award winner was Campbell Steigenberger - \$5 Book City Voucher, Drink Bottle and Beach Ball provided by Narellan Pools. Andrea Walker is our supervisor on a Monday and Jill McFarlane will fulfil this role on a Tuesday.

17. School Recipe Book

Work on this fundraising book has begun. The Parents Club are planning to sell a School Recipe Book during the term 4. This book will comprise of favourite recipes by students. **Each student in the school will need to bring in 2 recipes which will be either a main, sweet or cake biscuit or slice. Recipes can come in now!!!** More details will be available soon.

SOME RECIPES HAVE COME IN WITH NO NAMES ON THEM. IF THESE BELONG TO YOU COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO THAT YOUR NAME CAN BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN OUR BOOK.

18. You Can Do It Awards

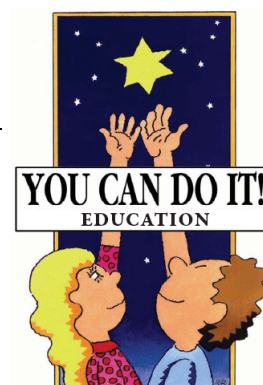
Congratulations for the following students for week 4 – Term 4

Prep / Grade 1 – **Liv Burgess** for the persistence she showed in her running last week. Great work Liv.

Mrs H's Super Students – This week I am awarding Student of the Week to **Bill Klein** for the tremendous effort & persistence he put into his story writing – very impressive Matey!

Grade 5/6 – **Jamie Woodley** for the brilliant effort and persistence he demonstrated last week during our wind-powered car task. His creation was brilliant! Well done Jamie.

- All of these students receive a \$5 Voucher kindly donated by Book City in Shepparton



19. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 4 / TERM 1 2012 are:

November 17th – Yachting Program
November 30th – School Council
December 6th – Bush to Beach Program
December 8th – End of Year Excursion
December 16th – School Disco (TBC)
December 19th – Reports Home
December 22nd – Munch N Crunch
February 1st – Teachers Start School

November 18th – Kanga 8's Tournament
December 1st – Building Opening / Morning Tea
December 7th – Public Speaking Competition at Tally PS
December 13th – Orientation Day
December 17th – Milo Cricket at Tally PS (5pm – 6.30pm)
December 21st – Xmas Concert / Graduation Night (TBC)
December 22nd – Last Day of Term 4 (2.25pm dismissal)
February 2nd – Students Start School

Book Club

Book Club Issue 8 order forms went home today. If you would like to place an order please return form and payment by Friday the 18th November.

Grade 5/6 Homework Task – Due 14th November (NEXT WEEK!!!)

Your task is to create a mystery box of primary sources that reveal something about your life so far. It is hoped that you will keep this box for many years and when you open it again one day, you will enjoy the memories and treasure your younger day efforts! Your Primary Sources (about 5), will be things that existed, were made or written at some time during your life. They might include recent and baby photos of you or a special person/people/ place/object, a lock of your hair, a special toy, a drawing, medal, badge, certificate, autograph, special collectable, souvenir, ticket stub, book, sports equipment etc. Before you discuss and explain each item to the class, you will give some clues about what it is before you explain why it is of importance to you. Some preparation is needed with this. Put some thought into this and make your things in a box original and unique.

Kindergarten & Fun Group Enrolments 2012

If you have a child or know of a child who would be interested in attending Kindergarten or Fun Group for 2012 @ Tallygaroopna Children's Centre.
Please enquire @ the centre on ph; 58298274

St. Brendan's Parish - Sacramental Program 2012

Families belonging to St. Brendan's Parish with children in Year 2 or higher who would like their child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2012 **are asked to contact St. Brendan's Parish during office hours to register their interest in participating in the 2012 Parish Sacramental Program.** By registering your interest you will receive all relevant information prior to the Information & Enrolment night on Wednesday 29th February 2012.

Laura O'Sullivan

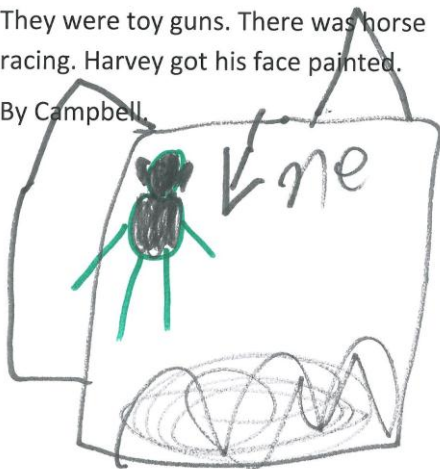
St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Coordinator.

03 58 212633

Fete Report

The fete was from 11.00am to 3.30pm. I got a mystery jar. I did the darts twice. I got 2 kittens. I did apple bobbing. I went on the jumping castle. I got lots of things. They were toy guns. There was horse racing. Harvey got his face painted.

By Campbell



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