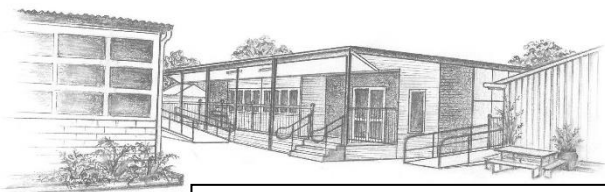


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MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. Curriculum Day** - Our last Curriculum Day has been confirmed at School Council for Monday 25th November. This will involve report writing, planning for 2020 and staff health & wellbeing. This is a pupil free day and families will need to make alternative arrangements - there will be no OSH Care on this day.
- 2. Grade 5/6 Camp** - We leave for Canberra tomorrow at 7am. By now all families should have received a last minute reminders form (3 pages) and students are also encouraged to bring some bathers and a towel as we may be able to utilise the pool where we are staying. Full linen is supplied and no sleeping bags or pillows are needed - students can bring their own if they wish. If anyone has any PG movies to bring for the trip can you please do so on Tuesday morning. Hopefully, all medication was brought in today to assist with getting away on time. It would be appreciated if the camp cost of \$350 is paid for ASAP please. Stay tuned for Flexibuzz updates for arrival times on Friday.
- 3. Community BBQ (Halloween night)** - The Parents' Club are organising a Community BBQ night at the Larsen Reserve this Thursday night from 5.30pm - 8pm. People from the local community will be trick or treating throughout the evening and they are welcome to stop by. Sausages and soft drinks will be available - these are all \$2 each. If you are happy for trick or treating to come to your house - please put out a balloon or decoration. Specific information has been put on Flexibuzz.
- 4. End of Year Excursion** - This day will be held on Friday 6th December. The Parents' Club have kindly offered to subsidise some of the entry fee to Fun Fields along with the bus. As a result, tickets will be \$25 per student and \$35 per parent / guardian (same price as 2018). Please indicate on any forms returned whether travelling on the bus or by personal car. Payments can be paid to the office now. Bus arrangements will cater for 2x 57 seats - **Please book your spot now to avoid disappointment.** The Fun Park is open from 10am until 4.30pm, so we anticipate leaving Tallygaropna P5 at about 7.30am and leaving at 4.30pm. We should arrive back at school by about 6.30pm. Alerts regarding arrival will be updated frequently via Flexibuzz. This day is strictly for students of the school and parents / guardians. We are also inviting any students who are currently enrolled at our school for 2020 as we now consider these children a part of our school with our Orientation Program in full swing. **Numbers need to be confirmed by Monday 25th November.**
- 5. OSH Care - staff / costs.** - Toni Marie returned to work last Friday after nearly a 3 week absence. We look forward to OSH being supported in the foreseeable future to make this financial affordable for the school. Next year, there will be a slight increase in OSH Care costs - these will be \$25 for a full session and \$15 for a session up to 4.30pm. These costs were approved at School Council last week.
- 6. Future School Camps (Deposits)** - The Urban Camp for 2020 (Grade 5/6) will go ahead. We are still awaiting on confirmation in regard to the Grade 3/4 Camp at Camp Kookaburra (Corop) and there is a possibility that we may look into another camp if the former doesn't eventuate - stay tuned. Families were asked to pay a non-refundable deposit rather than give an expression of interest. This would aid planning as the school has had to cover costs in the past with families withdrawing their expression of interest. The date for returning these has passed - please contact the office if you have any queries.
- 7. Orientation Program** - This continues this week with the following dates remaining for our new Foundation students for 2020.
Day 2 - Tuesday 29th Oct (9am - 11.40am) Day 3 - Wednesday 13th Nov (9am - 1.55pm)
Day 4 - Wednesday 27th Nov (9am - 1.55pm) Day 5 (Statewide) - Tuesday 10th Dec (all day)
- 8. Swimming Program** - This has now concluded and it was terrific to see the majority of the school again participate in this program. Could families pay the \$55 for this program ASAP please. We will be following up swimming certificates in the coming weeks and these will be sent home as soon as they arrive. Copies will be kept in student confidential files also.
- 9. Essential Mathematics / Essential Literacy** - Our school has received some funding to trial a new Assessment Program called Essential Mathematics. All students should now have specific passwords and usernames to access this resource online and families are encouraged to take a look at this program away from the school environment if possible. Feel free to contact the school if you need any help. We have also purchased the literacy component for this for students in Grades 3-6 for 2020 - this is active now so take a look.
- 10. School Payments** - When making payment to the school bank account for multiple items, please make one direct deposit for the total amount with your family name listed and either email or FlexiBuzz a message to the office detailing the breakdown of the payment.
- 11. Grade 1 Placements for 2020** - Grade structures for 2020 have been confirmed and we will be splitting our Grade 1 students (F/1 and 1/2). If you would like to discuss grade placements for Grade 1 students could you see Mr Brodie ASAP please.
- 12. Colour Run** - This is scheduled for Friday 8th November beginning at 2pm at school. Consent forms have been distributed and must be returned ASAP. We will be assuming that children will not be participating if this form is not returned so your attention with this would be appreciated.
- 13. Yachting Program** - Information was sent home with the Grade 5/6 students last week and if students would like to participate could they please pay \$29 to the office by Wednesday 6th November. Permission forms will then be sent home to students who have paid for the program - these will need to be returned by Friday and then transport arrangements will be made - if you can assist with this please contact the school ASAP.
- 14. Puberty Talks** - Senior students in Grades 5/6 have an opportunity to participate in two puberty talks with a Sexual Health Nurse (Suzanne Wallis) from GV Health on Monday 11th November and Monday 18th November. **If you would prefer your child to not participate in this program contact the school please - otherwise we will be assuming that all Grade 5/6 students will participate.** More specific information was in last week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 15. Bus Costs for 2020** - Ineligible families who utilise the school bus on either Run 1 or Run 2 will have bus fares to pay for again in 2020. These have increased slightly to 40% of normal bus fees and these were approved at School Council last week. More specific information will be delivered to families during the Christmas holiday period as we have done previously.
- 16. School Uniform Reminder** - A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A reminder to all families to reinforce this please.
- 17. School Fees** - School fees are due. All families received individual student letters which documented parent payment charges for 2019 so your attention with this matter would be appreciated.
- 18. Absences** - Any students away from school must be accounted for. We would appreciate a formal note or phone call in regard to any absences that occur throughout the year (ie: late arrivals, morning / afternoon or whole day absences). Absences can be submitted via Flexibuzz as well. Thank you to the many families who have responded to the absences so far this year.
- 19. Readers Workshop** - A reminder that we begin the Readers Workshop at 9am and it would be appreciated if students are punctual at school each morning
- 20. Early Arrivals** - A reminder that supervision is not available until 8.30am. Any students arriving early are only to do so because of family work commitments and families must consult with myself in regard to this please - thanks to the couple of families who have done so already. No staff are at school until 8am.
- 21. Specialist Program** - This week we have Music on Monday, Art and P.E on Wednesday and Science on Thursday.
- 22. Playgroup** - This will be held on Thursday from 9-11am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome.
- 23. Food Alerts** - It would be appreciated if any sharing of food (ie: birthdays) are given to staff with plenty of notice in fairness to other families who may have to make alternative arrangements.

David Brodie (Principal)

Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".