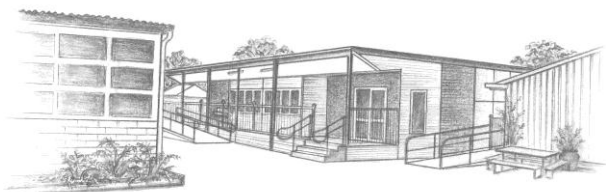


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NEWSLETTER

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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. This money is due now.**

**Please check the Lost Property Box
for any lost belongings. This is
starting to overflow.**

Hi everyone,

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to welcome Taylah McKenzie and her family to Tallygaropna Primary School. Taylah will be in Grade 3 this year and we look forward to her little brother Brock joining us in 2012.

Congratulations to Zane Newbound who competed in the State High Jump championships last week. We like to recognise any of our children's achievements as much as possible throughout the year and this certainly was a great one. Zane jumped a very respectable 1.42 metres with the winner jumping 1.57 metres. A great effort.

This week is a busy one for our Grade 5/6 students with the Yachting Program on Thursday and the Kanga 8's on Friday. A big thank you to all of the parents who have been able to assist with transport on these days. Parents are responsible for organising their own transport for the Yachting Program, while some volunteers have offered to assist with the Kanga 8's program on the Friday. Details about transport for Kanga 8's are in this edition of the newsletter.

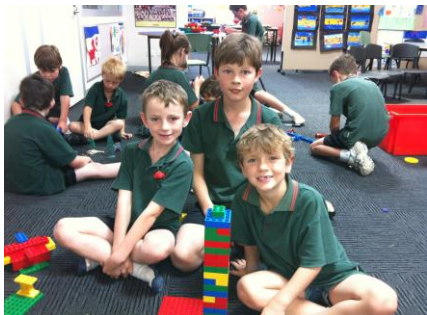
We will confirm the two dates for the School Disco and End of Year Christmas Concert in next week's newsletter. Thanks to some parents who have indicated that these two dates look fine at this stage. This really helps us with planning, especially considering how busy it is at this time of the year. Last but not least, I was extremely moved by a couple of public speaking speeches which were made by Grade 5/6 students today. Rhiannon and Daniel Bagley did a terrific job and I look forward to hearing three speeches from Grade 2, 3 and 4 students next Monday.

Karen will be at the office until Thursday this week. I will be teaching on Wednesday and Friday this week. I will be away tomorrow as will Mrs Wallace, who will be attending a Literacy Leaders Meeting in Shepparton. Have a great week everyone – HOW GOOD DOES OUR ENROLMENT BANNER LOOK OUT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL!!!

David Brodie – Principal

Out and About at Tallygaroopna Primary School





1. Sub Region Meeting

Last Wednesday and Thursday, I attended a Principals meeting at Mulwala. The day focused on Emergency Management and Critical Incidents and it was very informative and a chance to reflect on some of the practices which we use at Tallygaroopna PS as we move forward.

2. Transition Program – Grade 6

On Wednesday at 12.30pm, the senior students will have a Transition Visit from staff and students from Wanganui Park Secondary College. This visit will go for 30 minutes and will be an opportunity for students to ask specific questions in regard to Year 7 for 2012. Any important information will be sent home promptly to individual families.

3. Graduation Night

This year at our Christmas Concert, we will again say farewell to our wonderful Grade 6 students as they begin a new journey at Secondary School next year. As per last year, some Christmas songs will be sung and a few small speeches will occur before children receive their Graduation Certificates. At present, we are working on a Powerpoint Presentation which will be shown on the night which will reflect on children's journey through their Primary years. Planning is still occurring with this, but right now it looks terrific. Copies will be available to parents at no cost – A CD will be required.

4. eSmart – Cybersafety

The Victorian Government has provided funding of \$2000 for all Victorian government schools and some Catholic and independent schools to implement eSmart. There are currently 262 Victorian schools working toward becoming eSmart. eSmart is a cybersafety and cyberbullying initiative developed by The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to assist school communities to manage cybersafety and deal with cyberbullying and bullying. Evidence suggests that one in four students in Australia is bullied over a period of several weeks and one in 10 is cyberbullied. All Victorian government schools will commence eSmart by 2013 and can access funding once enrolled in the program. The grant will enable selected staff to participate in eSmart training and to cover any related costs in becoming eSmart. eSmart will provide support to schools through face-to-face and online training, a starter kit, help desk and regular e-newsletters. At this stage, we will be starting to implement this program in Semester 1 next year.

Last week, students in Grades 2/3/4 watched a short film called "Tagged" which focused on the issue of cyberbullying. Children in Grades 5/6 will watch this next week.

Website - <https://www.esmartschools.org.au/Pages/eSmartPortal.aspx>

5. AFEA Testing

Today, all students in the senior grades began testing for the AFEA. This program focuses on individual fitness, flexibility and co-ordination. The aim for all students is to improve on their own performance over time. The testing will be conducted over a few weeks and will indicate progress in relation to general fitness. If you would like to know more about this program please contact me. It is now a major part of the Physical Education and Health Assessment for this year and results will be put into Student Books. All student results will remain confidential.

6. 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.

7. Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all of the Grade 5/6 students who completed individual speeches last week in class. It was great to hear that all of the children participated and this will hold them in good stead going forward. Daniel Bagley won the Grade 5 section and Rhiannon Florence won the Grade 6 section. Both of these children presented their speeches at assembly today and they were both excellent. The student who will represent our school next week will be announced at next week's assembly. We look forward to hearing the 3 speeches for the Grade 2, 3 and 4 students next week.

Planning is currently taking place for the Finals of the Public Speaking Competition which will hopefully involve a number of schools from the region. **We hope to hold this event on Wednesday 14th December. Please note the change of date for this.**

8. 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/>

9. Yachting Program

Grade 5/6 students who have shown interest in the Yachting Program will need to pay \$25 to the school for this program. This money is due now and 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 – permission forms are due now.**

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.

10. Kanga 8's Program

Students in Grades 5/6 will participate in the Kanga 8's Tournament in Shepparton this Friday 18th November. This day is invitation only and **permission forms are due now.**

Travel Arrangements (notes went home regarding this last week)

Mr Brodie (3) – Kaleb Oxley, Darcy Collins and Jamie Woodley

Bev Montgomery (4) – Shae Montgomery, Rhiannon Florence, Emily Stivala, Shannon Keenes

Deb Bagley (3) – Daniel Bagley, Zane Newbound, Samahna Humphrey

Deanne Lindrea (4) – Justin Lindrea, Corbie Humphrey, Ella Sidebottom, Christiaan Van Taarling

Brendan Mills (2) – Ebony Mills and Olivia Meyland

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)

11. School Improvement Program

Last week, we had some extra signage put around the school and we are currently looking into some more seats and a large bin for the Undercover Area outside the Multi Purpose Room. We have also enquired about a veranda outside the administration building and some laser light covering the gap between the kitchen servery and the undercover area. Our Phone Upgrade is scheduled to be completed tomorrow and there should not be any interruptions to our phone service during this time. Apologies for the delay with the synthetic cricket wicket. There have been some issues with delivery and we hope this gets resolved as soon as possible.



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.

12. Prep Orientation

New Students who begin Prep in 2012 will have their next Orientation Program this 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.

13. School Funding

The biggest review of school funding in over 30 years finishes in December. Tomorrow, 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

14. Active After School Communities Program

Activities 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 **(with a healthy snack inside)**. Last week's participation award winner was Brock Austin - \$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.

15. 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. **If your child has not yet submitted a recipe, could you please email it directly to Deb Bagley (debbagley@bigpond.com). We would like to finalize this by the end of this week.**

16. Tissues

Our stocks of tissues are running a little low. If each family could donate a box of tissues to school before the end of the year it would be greatly appreciated.

17. You Can Do It Awards

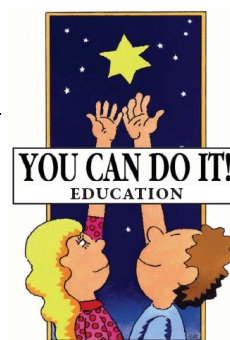
Congratulations for the following students for week 5 – Term 4

Prep / Grade 1 – **Jhett Cannon** for the confidence he displayed in the fabulous police car he made at home.
Great work Jhett.

Mrs H's Super Students – This week I am giving the Student of the Week award to **Mikayla Church**. I really appreciate the way Mikayla has been using her persistence in the classroom and her getting along skills in the playground. A fabulous effort Mikayla.

Grade 5/6 – **Ella Sidebottom** for the wonderful effort she has been putting into her writing tasks. Your persistence has definitely paid off! I have thoroughly enjoyed reading your work and watching your literacy skills develop throughout the year – particularly in the last few months. Great work Ella!

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



18. 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 29th - Last RE Lesson

December 1st – Building Opening / Morning Tea

December 6th – Bush to Beach Program

December 13th – Orientation Day

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

November 30th – School Council

December 8th – End of Year Excursion

December 14th – Public Speaking Comp. at Tally PS - change

December 17th – Milo Cricket at Tally PS (5pm – 6.30pm)

December 21st – Christmas 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 last week. If you would like to place an order please return form and payment by Friday the 18th November.

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

Festival of Books

Festival of Books

Celebrating 50 years of Public
Libraries in Numurkah

24th November 2011

Where: Numurkah Library / Newman Square

Times: 10 am to 4.30 pm

Meet and greet local & famous authors

Wendy Orr (Skype), Margaret Clark,

Shirley Barber (DVD), Rod Kilgour,

Lorna Morris, Adrian Twitt,

Valissa Enever & more

Free Event

See window displays in Melville Street and the
Display at the Historical Society.

Lions BBQ lunch available

Collect your timetable for the day
from the Numurkah Library



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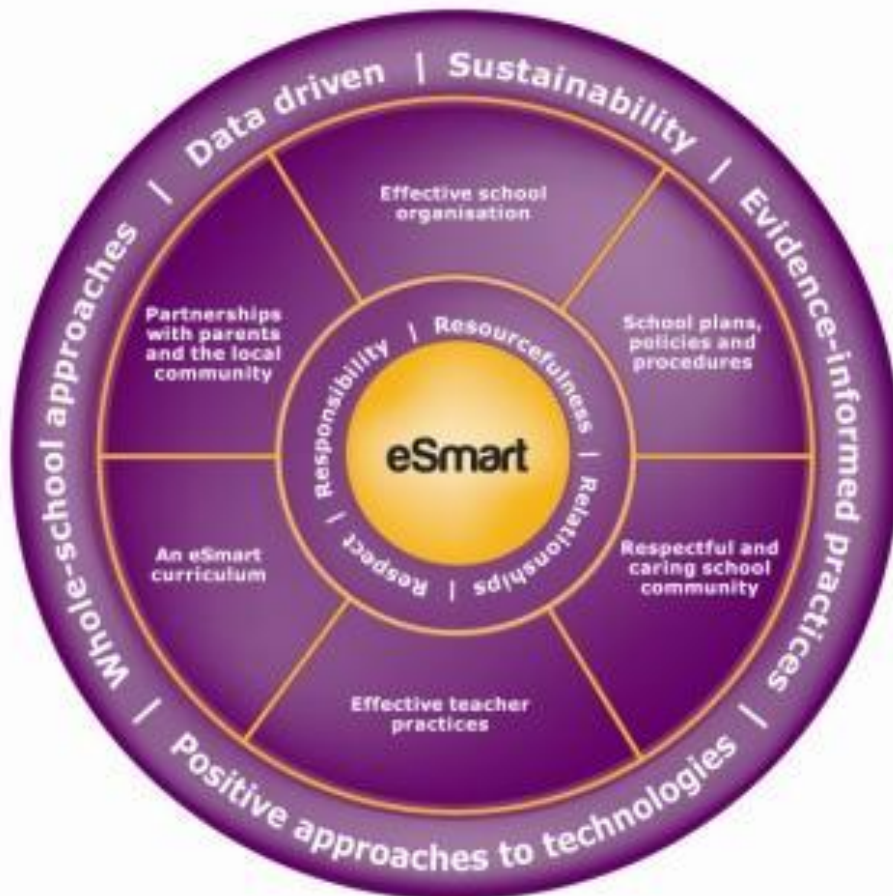
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WHAT IS BULLYING?

Any situation where a student feels unsafe in school because of bullying is not tolerated in our school. We are committed to providing safe, secure and stimulating environments for all students. As part of this commitment we have policies and guidelines to prevent and manage bullying.

Unfortunately, the word 'bullying' conjures up many varied definitions that are sometimes not very helpful in resolving any unpleasant experience a student has. Clarifying the definition of bullying is vitally important so that children, parents and staff at school approach and resolve any 'incident' in an appropriate manner.

Bullying is when one or more people deliberately upset or hurt another person, their property, reputation or social acceptance, and this action is **repeated over time**.

There are three broad categories of bullying:

- Direct physical bullying - Examples include hitting, tripping or damaging property.
- Direct verbal bullying – Examples include name calling, insults or verbal abuse.
- Indirect bullying - This form of bullying is harder to recognise and is designed to harm someone's social reputation. Examples include spreading rumours, encouraging others to socially exclude someone and cyber-bullying. eg. use of text messages, e-mail

Many distressing behaviours are not examples of bullying even though they are unpleasant and often require teacher intervention and management. There are three socially unpleasant situations that are often confused with bullying:

- Mutual conflict - There is an argument or disagreement between students but not an imbalance of power. Both parties are upset and usually both want a resolution to the problem. However, unresolved mutual conflict sometimes develops into a bullying situation with one person becoming targeted repeatedly for 'retaliation' in a one-sided way.
- Social rejection - Unless the social rejection is specifically directed towards someone and involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others, it is not bullying.
- Random acts - Single episodes of nastiness or physical aggression are not the same as bullying. If a student is verbally abused or pushed on one occasion they are not being bullied. Nastiness or physical aggression that is directed towards many different students is not the same as bullying

Solutions to the above variety of 'bullying' and 'non-bullying' behaviours differ greatly. It is therefore important that you contact the school with your concerns and then work with us to resolve the issue. We are committed to the happiness and well-being of every student at our school and we have different solution focussed responses to each of the above situations.

