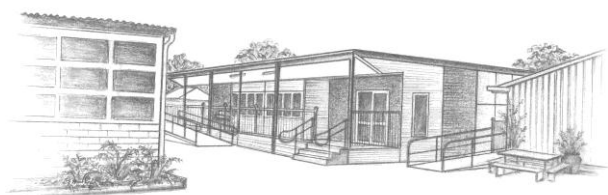


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NEWSLETTER

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**RETURN PERMISSION FORMS
FOR THE EXCURSION TO
WHITTLESEA ASAP PLEASE.**

**School Council and Finance will now
be held on Wednesday 14th Dec. The
2012 Draft Budget will be presented.**

**The next Parents Club Meeting will
be held this Wednesday night in the
new building at 7.30pm.
All Welcome**

Hi everyone,

A big thank you to the members of the community who attended the Official Building Opening last Thursday. This was very informal, but a great opportunity to acknowledge the work of many people in relation to Building Projects which have occurred during the last 12 – 18 months. It was great to get some publicity through Win TV – Mrs Wallace has a copy of this if anyone is interested.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to congratulate Ella Bicknell on her appointment at Grahamvale Primary School. Ella has been appointed to teach a Prep Class next year and we wish her well for the future.

There are many extra curricula activities taking place this week. Our Bush to Beach program is on tomorrow and the Grade 5/6 students will be having our Birds and the Bees talk on Wednesday morning also. We have been very lucky to get a free Robotics lesson this week also, so feel free to drop in and take a look if you wish. This should be very engaging and extremely interesting – something to look forward to next year. Everyone is really excited about the upcoming excursion to the Whittlesea Fun Fields and I pray that we get a fine day which will make our trip a wonderful one. Please be prompt for the bus in the morning (leaving at 7.30pm sharp) and **all students should have school uniform on to easily identify Tally PS at the beginning and end of the day. Remember to be SunSmart throughout the day as well – some sort of hat will be required when children change into casual fun clothes for the day.**

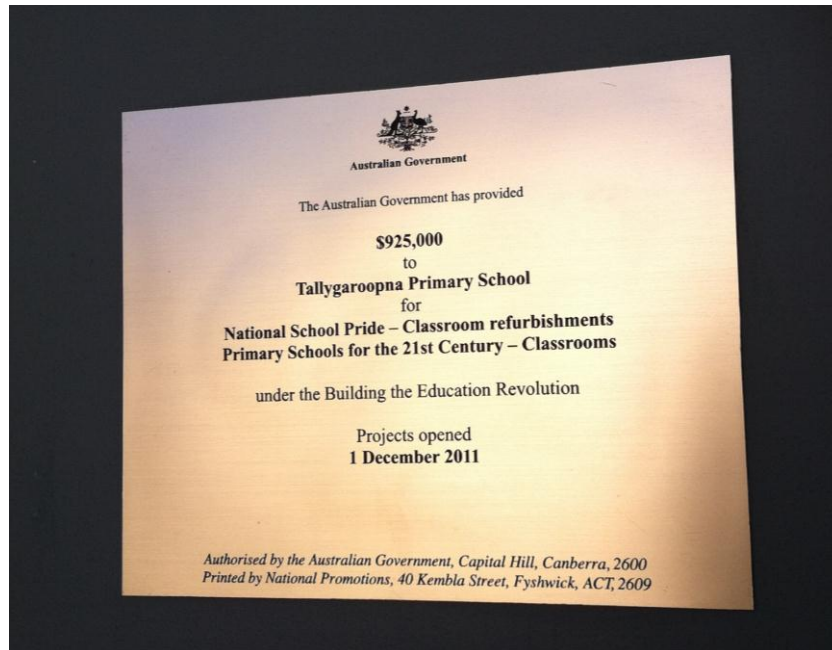
Karen will be at the office until Thursday this week. She will be away at CASES training tomorrow morning and be unavailable obviously. I taught today and will be also tomorrow. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

Fun at Tallygaroopna PS – Gymnastics (P.E.)



Building Opening



Permission to Shine Award



Last Friday, I attended a Hume Region Permission to Shine Ceremony with some other Principals from our cluster to receive an award which recognised curriculum initiatives in small school settings that demonstrate improved provision and outcomes for students. It was fantastic to be acknowledged for the work that our great staff have been involved in over the last couple of years.

Keyboard and Guitar Lessons for 2012

Keyboard and guitar lessons will continue next year for interested students. The cost will be \$16 per 20 minute session (student will need to have their own guitar for guitar lessons). Lessons will start on Monday, 6th February, 2012. For more information please call Cliff Doornkamp ph 58314270.

1. End of Year Excursion – Thursday 8th December

Thank you to all of the families who have paid for the trip on Thursday. This is really appreciated and assisted with planning. Details are included below and permission forms are due ASAP. These went home last Thursday.

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

The Whittlesea Fun Fields is open from 10am until 4.30pm.

Whittlesea Fun Fields – 2365 Plenty Road. Phone Number (9716 1078)

Details about the trip are below:

To Melbourne	To Shepparton
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depart Tallygaroopna Primary School at 7.30am.• We aim to arrive at Whittlesea by 10.30am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depart Whittlesea at 3.30pm• We aim to arrive back at Tallygaroopna Primary School at 6.30pm.
<p>We will be travelling by bus. One bus will be a 56 seater and the other bus will be a 34 seater. Both buses should have toilet facilities. Families will need to either bring their own snacks, drinks and meals or they will be able to purchase their food at the venue. The Park does not allow food purchased from other food outlets to be brought into the Park ie pizza, KFC, McDonalds, etc. <u>SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HATS WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE DAY.</u></p>	

2. Bus to Beach Program

Tomorrow, our whole school will participate in the Telstra Beach to Bush program. This will go from 9am until 10am and is free for all involved. A lifesaver dressed in uniform will cover the following topics:

- Open water awareness – in particular beach awareness
- Surf safety hints
- Sun smart messages
- Key water safety messages

3. Puberty Session – Grade 5/6

As part of the physical, personal and social learning strand of the VELS Sexuality Education Curriculum, students learn about significant transitions between life stages, particularly the changes associated with puberty. We have again arranged for a session to be held this year this Wednesday 7th December by Chelsea Pohlner who is the Year 12 Coordinator at GV Grammar School. Chelsea has worked in consultation with Irene Crawford (Primary School Nurse, Department of Human Services). There will be two sessions, one for boys and one for girls and each session will go for one hour. Miss Bicknell will accompany the girls during this session and Mr Brodie will be with the boys.

Students will have an anonymous question box available to them which will allow them to submit their concerns prior to the lesson. Specific rules are discussed, such as respect and the correct information will be presented rather than “misinformed tid bits” from peers.

No permission forms will be sent home – if you would not like your child to be involved in this session simply send in a note to Mr Brodie please. Feel free to contact the school if you require any more specific information about the program.

4. Orientation Day Arrangements

Next Tuesday 13th December is the State-wide Orientation Day. Students will be in their new grades for 2012 for the whole day – including new Preps for 2012. Mr Brodie will be teaching future Grade 5/6's in preparation for next year also. Miss Bicknell will spend this day at Grahamvale PS meeting her new students for next year. Good luck to our current Grade 6 students who will attend Wanganui Park SC for the whole day.

5. Robotics Visit

Tomorrow, the Grade 2/3/4 students will be having a visit from Chris from Modern Teaching Aids at 11.30am for an hour in regard to a robotics workshop. He will have 10 sets of robots to utilise with suitable software and do an hour long session with the class to get the students started for next year. Exciting news!!!

6. Emergency Drill

Last week, we practiced an emergency drill as part of our Emergency Management Plan. This year, we have already had an evacuation drill where we assembled onto the oval, but this time we had a Lock Down. This involves getting everyone in the school to assembly in the Project Room and is necessary if a danger may occur outside opposed to this being inside. Discussion regarding this brought up such things as lightning, storms, snakes and dangerous dogs. All of the staff, students and visitors completed this drill efficiently and promptly.

7. Bus Service for 2012

I am currently in the process of organizing the new bus route for the start of 2012. This takes some time to organize and I will be contacting families over the holiday period to inform them of specific times and drop off and pick up points. Currently, I have the following students probably using the bus for the beginning of 2012.

Ebony Mills
Mikayla Church
Harri Ring
Dan Klein – **New Prep**
Liv Burgess
Zoe Collins – **New Prep**

Kyle Montgomery
Nicolas Church – **New Prep**
Abby Klein
Harvey Walker
Daniel Collins
Daniel Bagley

Shae Montgomery
Campbell Steigenberger
Bill Klein
Eloise Walker
Leah Collins
Jamie Woodley

If any of this information is incorrect, could you contact me ASAP so that the bus run can be finalized and organized without any problems.
Mr Brodie

8. School Council

School Council and Finance will have their final meeting for the year next Wednesday. One of the main items on the agenda will be passing our draft budget for 2012 and looking at our School Fees. The budget will be confirmed at the end of February after our census is completed.

9. Whooping Cough

The number of children aged 5-14 years old catching whooping cough has increased dramatically in Victoria over the last four years. Whooping cough, also known as Pertussis, is a highly infectious disease causing a severe, persistent cough. Whooping cough is spread by coughs and sneezes from an infected person. While most children and adults eventually recover, often after weeks or months of illness and household disruption, there is a serious risk if infected people pass the disease to young babies. Around one in every 200 babies under six months of age who catch whooping cough will die. Some babies will suffer permanent disability from brain and lung damage. Family members, including siblings and parents, are the main source of whooping cough infection in babies. Timely immunisation offers the best chance of preventing the spread of whooping cough. Whooping cough vaccine is provided free for children at two, four and six months, at their fourth birthday, adolescents in Year 10 of secondary school and parents of newborn babies. The two month vaccine can be given early at six weeks to start protection earlier. Parents are urged to ensure their children are vaccinated on time and to consider their own whooping cough vaccination needs. Vaccination is recommended for all adults caring for or working with young children, including school teachers, as well as all health care workers. Parents should talk to their doctor or nurse if they have questions about the whooping cough vaccine.

For more information search 'whooping cough' on www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

10. School Improvement Program

We are expecting our new veranda outside the administration building to begin construction any day now. Some new seating under the concrete undercover area should begin soon as well and we are looking at purchasing 6 new netbooks which will be utilised during class activities as well.

We were expecting our Maths / Science and Robotics equipment to arrive today as this newsletter went to print – a full update will be in next week's newsletter.

11. School Recipe Book

We have had a couple of hard working parents do a great job on this and we hope to have this available for families to purchase ASAP. A huge thank you to the many people who have contributed to the Recipe Book and this resource will be a terrific Christmas present. The Recipe Book will be available for \$12 each. This is a worthwhile fundraiser for our school and contains drawings from all students which we are sure you will enjoy. Please fill out the attached order form if you would like to purchase some Recipe books.

12. Christmas Concert / Santa Visit

We have scheduled this night for Wednesday 21st December. This will be a very informal night with some Christmas Carols and presentations to some students leaving our school. BBQ facilities will be available on the night – families may bring their own food and drinks if they wish. Santa will be arriving on the night and we are hoping to invite new children and families who will be at our school next year. **Families received a small note about the night last week.**

13. Parent Helpers

The staff would like to thank all parents who assisted in the following areas during 2011:

Reading	School Council	Grounds	General Jobs
Transport	Swimming	Classroom Projects	R.E.
Excursions	Book Covering	Munch & Crunch	General Maintenance
Parents Club	Sport		

Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support in 2012

14. Rotary Club Scholarship

There is an opportunity for a Grade 6 scholarship (currently undertaking Year 6) from the Rotary Club of Shepparton South. The closing date for the 2012 school year scholarship is Tuesday 13th December. If interested in the Graeme Cross Memorial Scholarship could you contact the office ASAP please.

15. Active After School Communities Program

The last basketball session will be held tonight from 3.45 to 4.45pm. Golf will continue tomorrow night and finish next week on Tuesday, 13th of December.

Last week's participation award winner was Stephanie Fleming - \$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.

Next year, we are looking at sessions beginning at 3.35pm and concluding at 4.35pm. This will allow children only 10 minutes of eating time before specific activities begin.

16. Term Dates

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

December 6 th – Bush to Beach Program	December 7 th – Puberty Talk – Gr. 5/6
December 8 th – End of Year Excursion	December 13 th – Orientation Day
December 14 th – School Council Meeting	December 16 th – School Disco
December 17 th – Milo Cricket at Tally PS (5pm – 6.30pm)	December 19 th – Reports Home
December 21 st – Christmas Concert / Graduation Night	December 22 nd – Munch N Crunch
December 22 nd – Last Day of Term 4 (2.25pm dismissal)	February 1 st – Teachers Start School
February 2 nd – Students Start School	

17. School Disco

Our student leaders (Darcy, Samahna, Justin and Ella) have started to plan the School Disco which is scheduled to be held at school on Friday 16th December in the Multi Purpose Room. If any parents can assist with the organisation of this night, could you see David ASAP. More specific details will hopefully be available next week after the Parents Club Meeting.

18. You Can Do It Awards

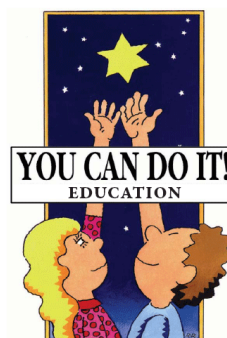
Congratulations for the following students for week 8 – Term 4

Prep / Grade 1 – **Leah Collins** for the confidence she shows in all areas, especially Maths. Leah has completed all tasks in Mathletics. Great work Leah.

Mrs H's Super Students – This week I am giving the Student of the Week to **Brittany Meyland**. It is great to see how Brittany uses her excellent getting along skills in the playground and classroom. Excellent work Brittany!

Grade 5/6 – **Corbie Humphrey** for the effort he puts into his getting along skills and also for his great sense of initiative in the classroom. Brilliant work Corbie!

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



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



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Tallygaroopna Primary School Recipe Book Order

Family Name:

Number of Copies:

Total Cost:



CHRISTMAS EVE TALLY HOTEL

As many of us are very busy this time of the year and will be planning for the next **BIG DAY** things get a little crazy and stressful let alone costly, so we have decided to offer our generosity to share the Christmas Spirit ☺

Roslyn Oxley & Mellissa Robertson are having a,

KIDS EAT FREE NIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE (0-8YRS, 1 meal per child) SANTA WILL BE STOPPING BY @ 6.30 TO VISIT ALL THE KIDDIES AND HAND OUT LOLLIES ☺

- Adult meals will be full menu at normal prices
- Meals will run from 5.30pm till 8.00pm **SHARP**
- **Bookings would be greatly appreciated** (Now Taking)
- Kitchen will be closed from 25th december and will re-open on First schnitzel and parm night back 4th January 2012 from there on fortnightly. Friday and Saturday night back to normal.

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank you all for your support.
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR ☺

