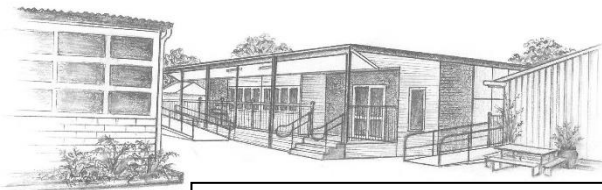


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. Code Red Day** - Well done to all of our families and staff for being so responsive to the FlexiBuzz alert last Wednesday night. This worked extremely well and everyone should be applauded for this. The Education Department has asked for feedback in regard to this process and hopefully schools can be altered earlier in the day of a school closure in the future. Apologies for any inconvenience - but obviously our school communities' safety and well-being is of the utmost importance.
- 2. Placement Letter** - These will go home next Monday 2nd December, indicating which students will be in the F/1 class or 1/2 class. Please make an appointment before the end of the week to discuss placements if required.
- 3. Speech Therapy** - This support has finished for this year and Jess Sim has been fantastic to work with. Jess will be taking maternity leave and we will wait for a replacement in the new school year - stay tuned!
- 4. Orientation / Transition (Secondary College)** - There are many things coming out in regard to Grade 6 students for secondary schooling before the end of the year. We have students going to Notre Dame SC, St. Mary's of the Angels (Nathalia), McGuire College (Greater Shepparton Secondary College) and Numurkah SC, so any of this information will be sent home and also put on Flexibuzz when it arrives. Please pay strict attention to any of this information.
- 5. Kluwell Reading Trial** - We have had some limited use with this trial, so we are at present thinking of creating our own reading diaries for student and family use for next year. Thanks to those families who have provided some feedback in regard to the online version so far - keep using it if you wish.
- 6. 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 made to the office now. Bus arrangements will cater for 57 seats - **Please book your spot now to avoid disappointment.** The Fun Park is open from 10am until 4.30pm, so we anticipate leaving Tallygaroopna PS 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 were needed by Monday 25th November.**
- 7. OSH Care - costs.** - 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 a couple of weeks ago.
- 8. Orientation Program** - This continues this week with the following dates remaining for our new Foundation students for 2020.
Day 4 - Wednesday 27th Nov (9am - 1.55pm) Day 5 (Statewide) - Tuesday 10th Dec (all day)
- 9. Christmas Concert** - This will be held on Monday 16th December. All families received a formal letter about this evening a few weeks ago and it went on Flexibuzz also - please RSVP to assist with catering by Friday 6th December. We currently don't have the prices that Tally Lions will charge for the BBQ and drinks on the night so please be prepared with change if you wish to partake. Please make sure you also open the special envelope that has been sent home and address the information inside as soon as possible.
- 10. Graduation Night** - Plans are in place for the Grade 6 Graduation Dinner. We will have this event at school in the Multipurpose Room on Tuesday 17th December and the dinner will involve Grade 6 students and current and long standing staff at Tallygaroopna PS. The tea will be provided by the Parents' Club and would begin at 6pm (lasagne, salad and chips) and we hope that some of the Grade 5 students will be able to come to the evening and act as waiters (white shirt and black pants required). The formal Graduation Ceremony will begin in the Project Room at 7pm and the whole school community is invited to attend. We hope to wrap up the night by 8pm at the latest.
- 11. Northerners Cricket (Use of Toilets)** - A reminder to any school families who are using the school facilities during cricket to make sure the toilets are kept clean, lights are turned off and bins are put away. Please ensure any rubbish is picked up as well and placed in the correct bin.
- 12. School Council** - This is scheduled for next Wednesday 4th December. The Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm and the final meeting for the year will then begin at 6.45pm - note the time change please. There will be an informal meal during the last meeting of the year.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Bus Costs for 2020** - Ineligible families who utilise the school bus on either Run 1 or Run 2 will have bus fares to pay again in 2020. These have increased slightly to 40% of normal bus fees and these were approved at School Council a couple of weeks ago. More specific information will be delivered to families during the Christmas holiday period as we have done previously.
- 15. 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.
- 16. School Fees** - School fees for 2019 are due. All families received individual student letters which documented parent payment charges for 2019 so your attention with this matter would be appreciated. **School fees for 2020 have been approved at School Council and will be Foundation - \$217, Grade 1/2 - \$170, Grade 3/4 - \$150, Grade 5/6 - \$155. A letter itemising these fees will go home early in 2020. These fees will be due at the end of February 2020.**
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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
- 19. 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.
- 20. Specialist Program** - This week we have Art and P.E on Wednesday, Science on Thursday and Music and Italian on Friday.
- 21. Playgroup** - This will be held on Thursday from 9-11am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome.
- 22. Bunnings BBQ (2020)** - We are fortunate to receive another BBQ for next year on Sunday 29th March.
- 23. Swimming Certificates** - We are following up these with Aquamoves and hope to send these home to families in the next couple of weeks. We will make a copy for student files as always.
- 24. Men's Shed Visit** - This will be held again on Friday as we try to squeeze in all of the children who have returned a permission form. Please contact the office if you need to check whether this form has been returned.
- 25. Staffing (Ed. Support)** - We are pleased to inform the school community that we will be able to retain all of our fantastic support staff for 2020. These wonderful people are Dee Palmer, Beck Wayman, Sarah Trimble and Stephanie Mansfield. Some minor alterations have been made to their time at school, but we look forward to having our support staff continue to support and extend all our children at school.

David Brodie (Principal)

Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".
Karen will be away on Thursday at CASES training