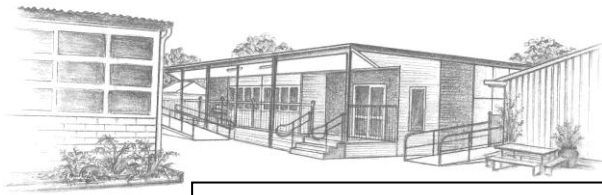


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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone,

Last Thursday was our annual End of Year Excursion and it was wonderful to see many parents come along and join in and have fun. I must say ice skating was definitely an experience and I did seem to wake up a little sore the next day. It was good to see that there was no actual evidence of my falls throughout the day though. Apologies to the families who could not attend for a variety of reasons - we hope to offer a different activity next year after consulting with as many parents as possible. Your input is always valued.

In this edition of the newsletter there is some important information relating to specific end of year activities which are fast approaching. Spade computers have again been able to offer a Scholarship to a grade 6 student and applications need to be handed into me by Friday this week. Staff at school will then have the difficult task of selecting the award winner. I encourage all Grade 6 students to have a go at this application. Typing up something formally is very reflective and it is a good experience just having a go at something such as this. All children will be encouraged to read out their applications at buddies on Friday.

The Christmas Concert / Graduation Night is also planned for next Tuesday and we are offering an informal tea for any families who may be interested. Please complete the form attached to assist with catering ASAP.

Our final Orientation Day for the year is on tomorrow and we again welcome our new Foundation students into our school. It won't be long until they are coming to our school 5 days a week, although they have split weeks for the month of February next year.

In this edition of the newsletter, there is also information relating to End of Year Reports and School Fees for 2015. Please read these items carefully and feel free to contact me if you need any clarification in regard to these matters.

Finally, many families have mentioned that they have seen some of the official housing development plans for the township of Tallygaroopna. The blocks look quite large and it was encouraging to see that potentially a playground may be built in that area as well. This development has many positive elements and I am sure that the school will benefit from these plans for years to come as well.

Karen will be here all week until Thursday to attend to any matters that arise. I look forward to catching up with some parents tonight at the Aussie for an informal meal and at the Bus Meeting on Thursday night at 7pm.

David Brodie (Teaching Principal)

NEXT WEEK WILL BE A MINI NEWSLETTER EDITION.  
THIS WILL BE PUT ON TIQBIZ AND OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

**PLAYGROUP HAS FINISHED FOR 2014.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING  
WITH THIS PROGRAM AGAIN IN 2015.  
DATES WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY  
NEXT YEAR.**

***A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES TO  
FREQUENTLY CHECK TIQBIZ BECAUSE  
MANY SPECIFIC EVENTS ARE PUT ON THIS  
RESOURCE INSTEAD OF THE  
NEWSLETTER.***

**Permission forms for more than one child going  
to the same event can be completed once if you  
wish on Tiqbiz**

***IGA REWARDS PROGRAM  
SHEETS CAN BE HANDED  
INTO SCHOOL. YOUR  
SUPPORT WOULD BE  
GREATLY APPRECIATED.***

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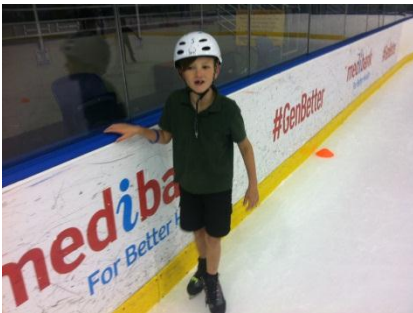
**SCHOOL STARTS ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY FOR  
ALL STUDENTS FROM FOUNDATION TO GRADE 6.**

**FOUNDATION STUDENTS WILL NOT ATTEND SCHOOL  
FOR EVERY WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY.**

A morning tea will be held on Thursday, 29th January 2015 to welcome new and existing families into the new school year.

This will be held in the new school kitchen straight after assembly from about 9.15am to 10am. Could families bring a plate to share if possible and tea and coffee will be provided.

## Photos of the Week – End of Year Excursion



**When your child misses school,  
they miss out.**

Support your child's success. Make sure  
they attend school all day, every day.

every day counts





## Photos of the Week – AASC Program (BMX in Shepparton)





## Photos of the Week – RE Breakup



## Photos of the Week – Water Safety Day



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term 4 / Week 8

All students received a certificate and also a free icy pole voucher to use this term.

### Foundation / Grade 1 Clever Cliffords Sam



**Sam Haberfield for the persistence he has shown in all areas of his work. We are all pleased that he is enjoying his Zac Power books. You are a star Sam!**

### Grade 2/3/4 Spy Kids

**Jessica**



**Taylah**



**Jessica Bassett for her awesome work she was doing in Maths. Great persistence!**

**Taylah Groves for the wonderful work she did in her Big Write!**

### Grade 5/6 Crazy Clowns Brittany



**Brittany Meyland for being the dux of our class with a Mathletics Average Test score of 83%. Fantastic effort!**

**Values Vault Winner – Declan Jones**



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term 4 / Week 9

All students received a certificate and also a icy pole voucher to use this term.

### Foundation / Grade 1 Clever Cliffords Nate



**Nate Austin for the confidence he showed while out on the ice rink on our end of year excursion. Nate tried really hard to skate. You are a star Nate!**

### Grade 2/3/4 Spy Kids Tayla Harvey



**Tayla Robertson for coming and enjoying herself at the excursion and having a go at ice skating.**

**Harvey Walker for the skills he displayed at ice skating and for the great persistence he has been showing in his schoolwork.**

### Grade 5/6 Crazy Clowns Brock



**Brock Austin for the leadership that he has shown this year in and out of the classroom as School Captain.**

**Values Vault Winner – Jade**

### **1. Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance**

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria's neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools' core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage. The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools' Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms. The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to Mr Brodie or Mrs Armstrong

### **2. School Fees**

Next year, school fees will remain the same at \$150 for the school year. These fees includes subsidizing school supplies along with many programs which are implemented at school including the MACC Van, MARC Van, Music, Athletics, Reading Eggs, Ziptales, Skoodle, Spelling City, Language Nut etc. Next year we are also introducing a \$50 computer levy for each family which will assist with the up keep of our student computers as well. **These fees will be due at the beginning of next year and it would be appreciated if they could be paid as soon as possible.** Again, there will be no set Excursion Levy included for next year. As a result, families will have 2 options – either to pay for excursions throughout the year as they occur or, pay an amount upfront which will be allocated to excursions as they occur. This system allows families to be able to track what excursions are held and paid for.

Whole School Excursions / Incursions Planned for 2015 – Amounts are Estimations only and are subject to change.

Life Ed. Van-\$6.00

Cluster Days

\* Term 1 – Aquamoves-\$5.00

\* Term 2/3/4 – Cluster Days at other small schools-\$7.00

\* Performance at Wanganui Park SC-\$7.00

\* Athletics Sports-\$6.00

\* Swimming Program-\$55.00

Possible Individual Grade Excursions – Amounts are Estimations only.

Yachting-\$27.00

Kanga 8's Carnival-\$5.00

End of Year Excursion – Venue to be decided -\$40.00

A number of specific programs will be offered to families as they arise. As a result, the list above with specific costs is subject to change.

### **3. Shirt Signing – Grade 6**

Only Grade 6 students will have an opportunity to sign some of their school shirts if they have **written permission by their parents. This will need to be handed into Mr Brodie.** This will occur on the last day of school in the morning and all shirts to be signed should be placed in a plastic bag. The last day of the year is a Casual Day so no school uniforms will be required on this day. Please take into consideration if you would like to use these uniforms into the future. The day gives students the chance to take away a souvenir from their time at Primary School – not compulsory.

### **4. End of Year Excursion**

A huge thank you to the many families who attended the Melbourne excursion and helped with supervision. This was an enjoyable day overall. Consultation will take place early next year in regard to the 2015 excursion, but at this stage we hope to perhaps do something different. Feel free to give the staff any feedback in regard to the day and we will take this on board when we begin planning next year.

## **5. School Reports**

As stated previously, school reports will be distributed in sealed envelopes next Monday. If parents would like some more feedback about individual student performance at school feel free to contact class teachers to arrange an informal meeting once reports are distributed to families. Teachers spend a lot of valuable time putting these together so please take the time to read these before the school year ends. Remember that these reports can be placed in the green report folders which every student at school should have.

The report cards have:

- \* a chart with an A-E rating, showing your child's current progress against the expected state-wide standard as well as the progress they have made since the previous year
- \* a chart showing your child's level of effort and class behaviour
- \* details about attendance
- \* easy to understand comments from teachers outlining what your child knows and can do, any areas in which your child needs to be given further help or extended, and how this will be done
- \* suggestions for how you can help at home

## **6. Grade 5/6 Class**

Grade 5/6 students have decided to participate in Kris Kringle for Christmas. These will be handed out to students on second last day of school – Thursday 18th December. Details are below:

- \* Presents can be things you have at home, which you don't use but are wrapped and not opened. The other choice is to buy something.
- \* Minimum limit of about \$10. You can spend more if you wish – personal choice.
- \* Try and get something suitable for the person you have drawn – Mr Brodie has details about this.
- \* Who you draw out should remain secret to add a little bit of fun.
- \* You can tell them if you like when they receive their present.
- \* You can add your own flavour to this – poem, photos, stories, funny moments
- \* To make it fun as well – you can over the next couple of weeks give them little treats (small lollies, toys, treats). You will need to be sneaky and clever with this.

Our Final Spelling and Tables Test was held last week and The Big Spelling Test was held today. There will be no homework and tests for the last couple of weeks of school. Home Reading is still strongly encouraged.

Next week we will have our Class Party on Wednesday 17th of December (a movie will be included – either G or PG) and Grade 6's will have an opportunity to sign shirts for souvenirs on the Friday – last day of school.

## **7. Grade 6 Scholarship**

Spade Computers has kindly offered a Scholarship for a Grade 6 student again. The scholarship awarded is to be negotiated with David Steigenberger on behalf of Spade Computers. All students are encouraged to submit an application which will need to be given to Mr Brodie by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Scholarship will be awarded to the student on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Concert / Graduation Night and presented by David Steigenberger from Spade Computers. A lot of consideration has been made in regard to making this process fair for everyone, but to make it meaningful only one award will be given. Staff at school will have the hard task of selecting the recipient of this scholarship and Spade Computers will be involved in the decision process as well. This partnership began in 2014 and we hope that it may continue for years to come.

The application should be between 250 and 500 words and typed up. The application should be completed at home and students will need to follow the guidelines below:

Application:

1. Comment on your time at Tallygaroopna Primary School.
2. Comment on what have been your highlights at Tallygaroopna Primary School.
3. Comment on what makes Tallygaroopna Primary School unique.
4. Comment on how you have demonstrated behaviour and a work ethic that reflects our school values of Respect, Honesty and Inclusion.





### **8. 2015 Preps**

During the month of February, students in Preps will not attend school on Wednesdays. The first full week will begin in the week starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All students will be required to attend school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **9. Bus Meeting**

There is an informal bus meeting to be held at school this Thursday night beginning at 7pm. We hope this will be a quick meeting to discuss the logistics around the bus run for 2015. It will give all families an opportunity to hear how the bus is funded and organised as well. All families who use the bus in the morning and afternoon are requested to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend contact Mr Brodie please.

### **10. No water**

We have been informed from the local council that we won't have any water on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am until 1pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring lots of drinking water from home for this day - particularly if it is going to be hot.

### **11. Thank you**

A huge thank you to the O'Brien and Fleming families who assisted with some ground maintenance around school last week. This involved planting some shrubs, tidying the garden near the carpark and spreading some granitic rock around the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **12. After School Sport Program - 2014**

At School Council a couple of weeks ago, we discussed the possibility of funding this program ourselves for the beginning of the year until the Sporting Schools Program begins in semester 2. We have consulted some relevant stakeholders and the advice we have been given is to wait for the new program to begin because of the potentially logistic nightmare in organising our own program (ie: insurance, policies..etc). I am sure that all families although disappointed, will be supportive in this decision.

### **13. Outside School Hours Assessment**

Last week, we received some positive news in regard to our Out of School Care Service. We have received a draft assessment and rating report and our service has been classified as meeting all the required standards.

A summary of specific comments is provided below:

- \* The overall rating for Tallygaroopna Primary School (OSHC program) is Meeting National Quality Standard.
- \* The service demonstrated strong relationships with children, families and the community and provided a safe and welcoming environment that supported children's learning, confidence and sense of belonging.
- \* In future quality improvement planning, the service is encouraged to strengthen educators' educational programming and their practices to further support children's learning and development across all outcomes of the approved learning framework, My Time Our Place.
- \* The educator and approved provider are thanked for their positive participation in the assessment and rating process.

**This service will be operating on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday again in 2015. No families have made contact with the school in relation to altering these days of operation.**

### **14. Student Teacher**

We again are fortunate to have the services of a student teacher who will work with our staff and children at the beginning of the 2015 school year. As a result, Naomi Lambert will be in the Grade 3/4 class (Mrs Haberfield) beginning on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January and concluding on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. We are sure that the children in our school will benefit from having another responsible person in our school assisting with class programs during this time.

### **15. Orientation Program / Transition**

The final Orientation Day for the year will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is the State-wide Orientation Day with current Grade 6 students spending the whole day at their new Secondary School for 2015. At Tallygaroopna PS, all students for 2015 will spend the whole day in their new classes for next year. Therefore the Grade structure above will be implemented for the whole day.

**16. School Parents Tea –** This is scheduled for tonight at 7pm at the Aussie. All parents are welcome to come along to this informal social night. Can numbers be given to Karen at the office please.

**17. School Council / Finance** – The following dates have been sent for School Council for 2015. If any parents are keen to be part of School Council contact the school ASAP.

Term 1	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb (W4)	25 <sup>th</sup> March (W9)
Term 2	6 <sup>th</sup> May (W4)	10 <sup>th</sup> June (W9)
Term 3	5 <sup>th</sup> August (W4)	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept (W9)
Term 4	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct (W4)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec (W9)

### **18. Parent / Community Helpers**

The staff would like to thank all parents and people from the community who assisted in the following areas during 2014:

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

Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support in 2015

### **19. Term Dates for 2015**

These dates have now been confirmed at School Council. Please keep these in a handy spot as you may wish to book your family holidays during the school holidays. All staff at Tallygaroopna PS will be involved in CPR Training on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January in the morning and in the afternoon all staff will be involved in a Planning Day for the start of the School Year. As a result, all students will start on the Thursday.

Term 1 – January 28<sup>th</sup> until 27<sup>th</sup> March (all students from F-6 to start on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January)

Term 2 – 13<sup>th</sup> April until 26<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 – 13<sup>th</sup> July until 18<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> October until 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **20. Outside School Hours Care**

OSH Care (After School Hours Care) continues this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room. Each session begins at 3.25pm and concludes at 6pm. Prices are summarised below:

**Permanent Enrolment \$18**

**Casual Enrolment \$20**

**If collected before 4.30pm \$11**

### **21. AASC Program**

This program continues again this week. Basketball will be on Monday and BMX will be on Tuesday. The last session of BMX will be held at the BMX track in Shepparton and participating students will travel by bus on this day.

As always, sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm. Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. A participation voucher for a free icy pole will be handed out at assembly each week as well. Participation voucher winners for weeks 8 and 9 were Eloise and Zoe.

On behalf of the whole school, I would like to acknowledge Megan Carr who has been our program coordinator for a number of years and has assisted with grant applications and sourcing activities to be implemented at school. Her support and assistance has been really appreciated. Also it is important to recognise Andrea Walker, Gill O'Brien and Jill McFarlane for their role as our school supervisors over a long period of time. Without their involvement in the program, such activities would not be implemented well and your willingness to help out has been fantastic and really appreciated as well.

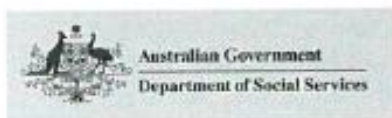
**A REMINDER THAT THE ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FINISHES UP  
AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND SPORT PROGRAMS AFTER SCHOOL WILL  
NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE SECOND SEMESTER 2015.**

**SPORTING SCHOOLS WEBSITE - <http://www.sportingschools.gov.au/>**





## TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING A COMMUNITY SCHOOL



### Schoolkids Bonus

#### Important update about the Schoolkids Bonus

Legislation has passed to end the Schoolkids Bonus payments. The Schoolkids Bonus will continue until the end of 2016. This will allow families time to adjust to the change. The last instalment will be paid in July 2016.

An income test will also apply to the Schoolkids Bonus starting on 1 January 2015.

Any updates and news will be published here on the DSS website and the [Australian Families](#) Facebook page.

The Schoolkids Bonus aims to help eligible families and students with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies, such as school fees, uniforms, books and sports, music or other lessons.

Each year, eligible families and students will receive up to:

- \$422 for each child in primary school (two instalments of \$211)
- \$842 for each child in secondary school (two instalments of \$421)

Half is paid in January and half in July

**More information** about the Schoolkids Bonus visit the [Human Services website](#).

### Second-hand Uniforms

If anyone has any small sized uniforms that they no longer require could you please send them along to school.

Thank you Bev Montgomery (Uniform Coordinator)



# Tallygaroopna & Congupna Community Christmas Break-up

**Sat. 20th Dec. 2014**  
**Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve**  
**From 6:30pm till late**

*All are invited to join in the festivities of this great event.  
 Plenty of entertainment for children.  
 This promises to be a great evening out for the whole family.*

**Fully catered with a BBQ Dinner and salads**  
**Drinks at bar prices**  
**(Strictly no BYO)**



**Visit From Santa!**  
**Face Painting!**  
**Show Bags!**  
**Miniature Train Rides!**  
**Jumping Castle!**  
**Free Entry!**  
**Plus Major Raffle!**



We would like to thank the following sponsors for their support...

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### Northerners Cricket Report

Under 12s played their last game before the Christmas break on Friday night. We managed a win over Numurkah thanks to some great running between the wickets by all the kids! Also, a great caught and bowled effort by Kelsie, and some fabulous fielding with a direct hit run out by Kyle!! More amazing bowling with wickets from Declan, Kyle, Daniel and Harvey's 1/2 off 2 earned him the Sports First award! Under 14s also had a win over Katandra with Brock and Harvey both contributing with their tight bowling. Well done guys!

A special mention to both Declan and Cohan who filled a spot in the field for the under 16s!! They looked so little amongst the big boys. Cohan even managed a catch which he is still smiling about! Declan then headed over to Kyabram to field for B grade!! That's a super effort Deci!!





END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT / GRADUATION NIGHT  
TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL



We have scheduled this night for Tuesday 16th December beginning at 6.20pm with tea if families wish. This will be a very informal night with some Christmas Carols at 7pm and presentations to Grade 6 students at 7.15pm followed by Powerpoint presentations at 7.30pm. **A BBQ will be provided (sausages / hamburgers) on the night** – families will need to bring their own salad to share and drinks if they wish. Santa will be arriving on the night at about 8.00pm and we are hoping to invite new children and families who will be at our school next year. **Families should receive a small note about the night this week in a sealed envelope.**

**For Catering Purposes could the following be filled in and returned to the office before Friday 12th December.**

Our family.....will be coming to the  
Family BBQ night before the Christmas Concert  
/ Graduation Night on Tuesday 16th December.  
We will need to be catered for ..... people.



Signed.....

# TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 4 2014 / TERM 1 2015

					Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 AASC Basketball Kids Helpline	2 AASC BMX – Shep. Kinder Day Water Safety Day	3 OSH Library	4 End of Year Excursion Kinder Day	5 CURRIC. DAY PUPIL FREE – Report Writing Cricket at Tally	2 Music Newsletter	3	4 OSH Kinder Day No F Students	5 OSH Kinder Day Lunch Orders	6 OSH Art
8 AASC Basketball Parents Tea – 7pm @ Aussie	9 AASC BMX – Shep. Kinder Day Orientation Day – Statewide	10 OSH Kinder Day	11 OSH Kinder Day Lunch Orders	12 OSH Art No water 9.30 – 1pm Grade 6 scholarships due	9 Mini Newsletter	10	11 OSH No F Students	12 OSH Kinder Day Lunch Orders Library	13 OSH Northerners Cricket
15 Reports Home	16 Kinder Day Christmas / Graduation Night	17 OSH	18 OSH Kinder Day Lunch Orders	19 OSH End of Term – 2.25pm Dismissal Munch N Crunch	16 Music Newsletter	17	18 OSH School Council No F Students	19 OSH	20 OSH Art Northerners Cricket
26 IAN	27	28 Teachers First Day	29 Students First Day OSH	30 OSH	23 Mini Newsletter	24	25 OSH No F Students	26 OSH Kinder Day Lunch Orders Library Playgroup - TBC	27 OSH
CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS									

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